



Newsletter Week 10 - Term 1 - 2024

Kia ora e te whānau

As we come to the end of the term we reflect on all the wonderful learning experiences that have taken place this term. Our main Inquiry for this term has been Science Investigations, where students have followed six scientific steps of a science inquiry. We intend on sharing these at the end of term assembly, where you will get to ask students questions and comment on their display presentation. The smaller unit taught this term was where students created a pepeha (a way of introducing themselves in Maori). This was an opportunity to practice oral language skills and to consider who and what is important to them.

In other curriculum areas we have focused on number and capacity in Maths and Explanation writing in Literacy. There have been many swimming opportunities this term, including water safety skills and a display of swimming skills. Other outdoor activities have included Bike Safety and a netball coaching session.

In these school holidays I am travelling to Canada to participate in a leadership opportunity for Principals from New Zealand and from other countries. I am attending this conference with many other Principals from New Zealand and as well as attending educational workshops, listening to international speakers, I have the opportunity to visit elementary schools in Calgary. I am attending this with around 50 other Principals from New Zealand and will return part way through week 1 of term 2. The end of term assembly will go ahead as usual on the last day of school (Fri 12th April) at 11am.

I wish to advise that Jemma Gloag has temporarily stepped down from the Presiding Member role on the board and that Karl French has taken up that position. We look forward to hearing from people that may have some interest in joining the board, as fresh ideas are always welcomed. Our next board meeting will be Thursday, May 23rd, if you would like to come along.

Nga Mihi Nui
Alison Holden
Principal

LIGHT Value Rewards

Woohoo...our first recipient for 2024!
Mazie Paton - 10 LIGHT value reward



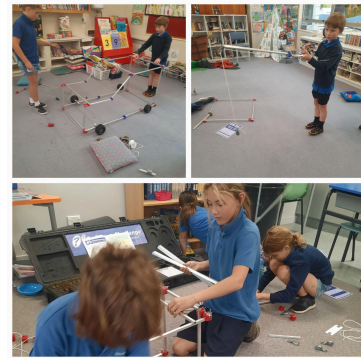
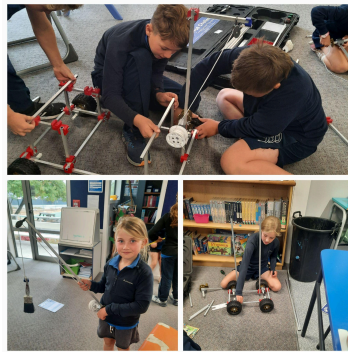
Whanau groups

Our 8 whānau group leaders are really stepping up and displaying leadership. This was evident the other week when we ran a sports afternoon organized a sports afternoon, showing leadership, management, preparation, and responsibility.



There will be many more opportunities for our leadership team to shine and today they have been leading younger students as they experiment with EPRo8 equipment.

EPRo8 is a problem-solving challenge where teams use basic electrical circuits, building materials and everyday objects to solve problems.



Cyber Safety

Constable Jay Morris visited last week and held lessons in both classes, discussing cyber safety. This was a good opportunity for both classes to think about the safety aspects of working online in a digital world. Jay shared a video with Ahuriri class and they enjoyed watching it. I have attached the link below.

<https://theinteryeti.govt.nz/>

Keeping Safe online information from Constable Morris - for parents.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox?projector=1>

Headstart



In Term 2 we will be welcoming 4 year olds to visit school on a Wednesday afternoon from 1:30. We will run a programme for 4 year olds to introduce them into school. Our current 5 year olds will join our visitors. This will be an afternoon of fun and learning opportunities. Please contact the school if you know of anyone that may be interested. We will also advertise in the Gazette, at our local playgroup and in Omarama Shenanigans.

Community Connections

Just a reminder that Omarama School is looking to build our connections with the community in term 2. Our whanau groups are hoping to visit people in the community that may enjoy the company of students for 30min, or need support to complete a household task. We are also looking for businesses who would welcome us to visit for 30 minutes to discuss with our students the skills required for running a business.

Please contact Alison or Ange if you have anyone or any business in mind. We would really appreciate your support in making these connections.



Term 2 learning

In term 2, we intend on focusing on Local Curriculum Learning. This will include local history and local science and technology opportunities. We have joined up with a programme called Enriching Local Curriculum at Aoraki and have a trip planned on

Wednesday 15th May. We will participate in a presentation to learn about Aoraki National Park and outside activities about Stream health.

As part of our local histories curriculum we are wanting to learn more about Te Maiharoa's journey and the walk that took place to recreate this event. This is very much part of our history here in Omarama so I have included the link below in the hope that it will jolt someone's memory in our local community. Please make contact if you have knowledge that may support our learning, or if you can put me in touch with someone who may be able to support us. ***Please copy and paste to view the link.***

<https://www.odt.co.nz/regions/north-otago/walk-re-creates-te-maiharoa%E2%80%99s-journey>

Science Investigation

Amelia has completed her science investigation and made a lovely presentation board. Her scientific question was "Which brand of chocolate melts the quickest"?

Amelia has put in a lot of hard work carrying out this investigation and the results were not as she thought. We encourage you all to come along to our assembly this Friday and support our students as they share their investigations with you, in the library straight after assembly. They are amazing and so much effort has gone into them all!



Skool Loop

Please remember to download the Skool Loop app, as this is now our primary source of communication.



Term 2 dates Ice skating date

Mon 29th April	Term 2 begins
Fri 9th & 10th May	Camp Iona for year 8 students
Wed 15th May	Whole school trip to Aoraki National Park
Fri 17th May	Pink shirt day (promoting kindness & inclusion)
Thur 23rd May	Board meeting - anyone welcome to attend
Mon 3rd June	King's Birthday holiday

Tues 4th June	TOD - Teacher only day @ Waitaki Valley School
Mon 10th June	Technology day (Snrs to Waitaki Valley, Jnr to Duntroon)
Thur 20th June	Speech Competition
Fri 28th June	Matariki - Public Holiday
Fri 5th July	Last day of term - assembly
TBC	Ice Skating at Tekapo

End of term assembly

11am - assembly

11.30 - opportunity to view the Science display in the library

12:30 - shared lunch

Teachers will be packing up classes and tidying away resources in the afternoon.