



Newsletter Week 4 Term 2 - 2024

Kia ora e te whānau

With intent I have fallen behind with this week's newsletter as we had many events last week and I was hoping to capture everything in this newsletter.

This term our planned focus on local curriculum:

A localised curriculum reflects community values, culture and identity, and creates rich learning opportunities. It is often developed in partnership with parents, caregivers, whānau, local iwi, hapū and other organisations. At the heart of a local curriculum is the focus on what improves learning for the ākonga / students in your context.

As part of our studies this term we are hoping to reach out to our community to learn more about and experience local business and farming in and around Omarama. We are hoping to reach out to Ginger Anderson and have him enlighten our students about previous times at Omarama school.

If you feel you have experiences and / or information about schooling, business or history about our local community, please make contact as we would love to connect with local knowledge.

Reading Books: With reading resources being vital to student learning, I have been informed by classroom teachers that many reading books sent home for homework are not being returned. This impacts on our reading groups and requires teachers to have to photocopy books to ensure every student in a reading group has a book. This takes additional time and is a waste of money. We would really appreciate all families having a look around their homes to ensure all school resources are returned to school.

Attendance: As a courtesy to the school please ensure that you make contact with us if your child is going to be absent. With the current Ministry of Education focus on attendance please minimise any absences from school unless they are unwell.

Nga Mihi Nui
Alison Holden
Principal

Dates to Remember:

Mon 3rd June	King's Birthday holiday (school closed)
Tues 4th June	TOD - Teacher only day @ Waitaki Valley School -
Fri 7th June	Technology day at school 11am
Mon 10th June	Technology day (Snrs to Waitaki Valley, Jnr to Duntroon)
Fri 14th June	Speech competition at school 11am
Thur 20th June	Speech Competition
Wed 26th June	Netball with Hannah Soper
Thur 27th June	Matariki celebration with Play group
Fri 28th June	Matariki - Public Holiday
Tues 2nd July	Goal setting conferences
Wed 3rd July	Ice Skating at Tekapo
Fri 5th July	End of term assembly

Welcome to 3 new students

We would like to welcome 3 new students to Omarama School this term. These students are all in the Ahuriri classroom and have settled in nicely. Our students are excited to make new friends.

Thaveesha is a year 4 boy, Yemi is a year 3 boy and Sithmi Is a year 2 girl.



Aoraki Mount Cook trip

Omarama school is part of the ELC (Enriching local curriculum) programme and this allows us to visit Aoraki National Park and participate in learning programmes. On our visit last week we learnt about what a National Park is, Predators and Trapping and Stream Health. We were fortunate with the weather and a great day was held by all. Follow up activities from this trip have continued back in the classrooms. Matt, our DOC guide, commented on the good behaviour that our students displayed throughout the day.



Predator sketches by Ahuriri class



Pink Shirt day

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. Omarama School supports this and we celebrated by brainstorming kind messages, dressing up in pink, watching a video and playing collaborative games with their Whanau groups.



Hangi at Omarama station

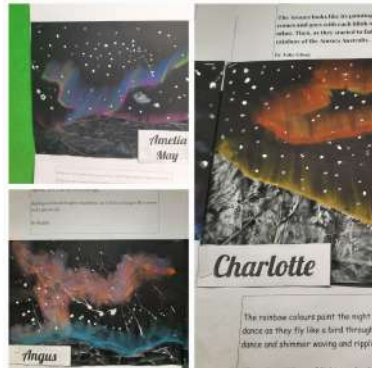
Omarama School was fortunate enough to be invited along to a Hangi at Omarama Station. Some of our students went along early in the morning to watch the kai being laid. At 12pm the whole school walked along and observed the Hangi setting and met with many locals from the community. Our students received lessons in working with flax (harakeke) from beside the local church building, to make flowers. They were also shown how to observe and identify bugs and this supported our learning up at Aoraki National park.

Our students sang a waiata before we ate and this was well received. We felt extremely proud of how our students conducted themselves and the respect they showed in attending such an event.



Aurora writing and pictures from Claycliffs

Following the recent aurora in the night sky, Claycliff students have been creating an aurora art piece accompanied by some fantastic descriptive writing.



PB4L - Values matrix to demonstrate our school values

As part of our PB4L journey (positive behaviour for learning) we have been reviewing our values, explicitly teaching our values and celebrating success when we achieve a certificate. The next part of this work is the design of a matrix that defines expectations for these values in various settings, eg, classroom, playground, school trip etc. This will enable our students to understand the importance of a shared understanding of what upholding our school values looks and sounds like. This forms the basis to our behaviour management system and I will share this document once it is completed.

Teacher only day

Our staff are attending Professional learning development from Jess about the science of reading. I have added the link if you would like further information about this.

[Science of Reading](#)

Goal setting & Conferencing Meetings

We will be holding these on Tuesday 2nd July, further information will follow. The bookings will be via skool loop and will start at 1pm.



A Waitaki Valley School fundraiser you don't want to miss!

<https://www.fannylumSDen.net/country-halls-tour>