



Newsletter Week 2 Term 2 - 2024

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back to term 2. I hope everyone enjoyed some family time and holiday adventures. This first newsletter for term 2 is to outline important dates to be aware of.

As you all know I have been away in Canada attending a Principal's conference with 200 other Principals from New Zealand. This was an amazing learning opportunity and I have shared some of my learnings with our students this afternoon, including a cultural "Smudge" ceremony.

Dates to Remember:

Mon 29th April	Term 2 begins
Wed 15th May	Whole school trip to Aoraki National Park
Thur 16th May	Pink shirt day (promoting kindness & inclusion)
Fri 17th May	Hangi at Omarama Station
Thur 23rd May	Board meeting - anyone welcome to attend
Mon 3rd June	King's Birthday holiday (school closed)
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
Wed 3rd July	Ice Skating at Tekapo
Fri 5th July	End of term assembly

Omarama School Strategic Plan 2024- (post community consultation - 2023)

- **Strategic Aim 1: Learning Partnerships**

Communication, Collaboration, Well - Being, Transition, Aotearoa NZ Histories

- **Strategic Aim 2: School Culture**

Te Ao Maori, Curriculum & Reporting, Professional Learning, Resourcing, Diverse Learners

- **Strategic Aim 3: Giving Effect to Te Tiriti**

Local Curriculum, Leadership, Te Reo, Growth & Employment, Equity

- **Omarama School Targets 2024**

Reading & Spelling - to continue to establish a structured literacy approach of explicit, systematic and sequential teaching of literacy.

Writing - to develop a love of writing and set high expectations for both surface and deeper features by engaging students in reciprocal and interactive experiences.

Maths - to build a collaborative approach to Maths where the teaching is ambitious and students experience equity through rich interactions.

Local Curriculum Term

This term we are focusing on Local Curriculum studies and Aotearoa New Zealand's histories in the New Zealand Curriculum. This will include the following studies:

- **ANZAC day** - remembering returned service men and the war
- **Hangi** - experiencing the rituals and preparation of a Hangi
- **Indigenous People** - celebrations from Canada
- **Local Business** - learning about opportunity and impact to the community
- **Te Maiharoa** - a prophet who was evicted from his ancestral homelands in Omarama
- **Te Aka Tawhito** - Performance (maybe nearer term 3)
- **Matariki** - celebrations and acknowledgement for Maori new year
- **Aoraki field trip** - Introducing to the National Park & Tourism presentation, Introduced predators - setting tracking tunnels and Stream Health hands on experience

Pink Shirt day - working together to stop bullying

Omarama School will celebrate this day on Thursday 16th May, due to Hangi outing on the 17th.

Conference meetings and goal setting interviews

Towards the end of this term we will be setting up conference times for goal setting with students and parents. We will send more information about how to book a conference, later in the term.

Seesaw

Some things have changed on SEESAW and so that is why we have held off offering parent information sessions about this. I am meeting with a lady next week to discuss this and then we can hopefully send parent invites home, so you can see your child's work, in real time.

Music

I am working with a connection at Twizel Area School, to try and get some music lessons up and running very soon. An external provider became too expensive, so we have had to rethink this.

School Values & PB4L

After much reflection with staff and students we have decided to retain our current school LIGHT values of learning, including, growth, happy helper and being truthful. The LIGHT value rewards have been redesigned and we are enjoying watching our students earn these through hard work and displaying a positive attitude. PB4L learning is still underway and the Ministry of Education providers are leading another workshop with staff tomorrow.

Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of PB4L at Omarama School is to build positive respectful relationships across the whole school community. PB4L will provide Omarama School with a set of tools to effectively manage behaviors, using a consistent relational approach.

PB4L aligns with our strategic goals around partnerships and culture and enables our school LIGHT value system to be upheld and valued. PB4L will develop a community where students learn and thrive together to create a safe and positive environment. Behaviour will be reinforced and recognised, allowing students to focus on their educational journey at Omarama school.

Board meeting - we welcome new faces, please make contact if interested.

Our next meeting is Thursday 23rd May where we will define our roles on the Board for 2024.

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