

Dates to remember	
Wed 22nd Oct	Tennis lessons begin at lunch time
Wed 22nd Oct	Parent consultation evening @ 5:30pm
Thur 23rd Oct	Teacher strike day - school closed
Thur 23rd Oct	Working bee at school
Mon 27th Oct	LABOUR DAY - school closed
Wed 29th Oct	School Photos
Mon 3rd Nov	North Otago athletics (for those qualifying)
Fri 7th Nov	Pet day
Mon 10th Nov	Year 8 - HPV (Health nurse)
Thur 13th Nov	Youthtown sports (Y3 - Y8)

Principal's Message	<p><i>'Mā muri ka ora a mua'</i>  <i>Those who follow give life to those who lead</i></p>
<p>In the school holidays I was fortunate enough to travel to Finland and learn about the Finnish education system. I also visited multiple schools (big and small), (city and rural) and that was very inspirational. Finnish children are renowned for their wonderful education and society is recognised as one of the happiest and content cultures in the world. My visit to the schools gave me much to think about and may generate some small changes to our learning journey next year.</p> <p>This term is another busy term with Athletics, Pet day, Production, Assessments and Report writing, William Pike challenge completion and of course our end of year whole school camp at Camp Columba in Gore.</p> <p>I am sure this term will fly by so fast and before we know it we will be celebrating the end of another school year. We are striving hard this term to increase our attendance figures and ask that parents make contact with school if their child is not able to attend due to sickness or appointments. I would also remind you to contact Lex or Jan of school if your child is not on the bus, otherwise there is a scramble after school to find children who have since made alternative after school arrangements.</p>	

## Omarama Athletics day

Such a fun afternoon!

Last Wednesday we held our very own Athletics day for everyone. This happened because Twizel Area School could not hold the senior athletics this year due to their new school building being under construction, covering the athletics field.

This was a successful and fun day for Omarama students, with some very pleasing results. We also managed to squeeze in 3 whanau group activities for fun (3 legged race, water race and tug of war).

As the weather was warm and sunny we finished off the day with a well deserved ice - block.

Thanks to Jacob Hannagan for his organisation for this athletics day. Thanks to all the parents that came along to enjoy our athletics event.

Omarama, Duntroon, Waitaki Valley and Twizel results now get collated and the top 2 contestants for each age group and event across our zone, go through to the North Otago athletics event on Monday 3rd Nov.

You must have met the criteria to be eligible to go through to the North Otago event.



Results are as follows

[Athletics House points](#) + [Athletics Qualifying results](#) (displayed at school)

### 1st Placements for our internal event.

Long distance	Y1 - Y2	Y3 - Y4	Y5 - Y6	Y7 - Y8
1st Girls 1st Boys	Ava Liam	Leona Max	Briar Toby	Charlotte Liam
Sprints				
1st Girls 1st Boys	Ava Liam L	Leona Max	Briar Toby	Charlotte Liam M
Discus				
1st Girls 1st Boys	Sienna Thorin	Leona Max	Maddie James H	Nicole James M
Shot Put				
1st Girls 1st Boys	Sienna Liam	Leona Max	Maddie Tom	Nicol Liam
Long Jump				
1st Girls 1st Boys	Ava Liam	Leona Max	Briar Tom	Nicole James M
High Jump				
1st Girls 1st Boys	N/A	N/A	Briar Toby	Nicole Liam & James

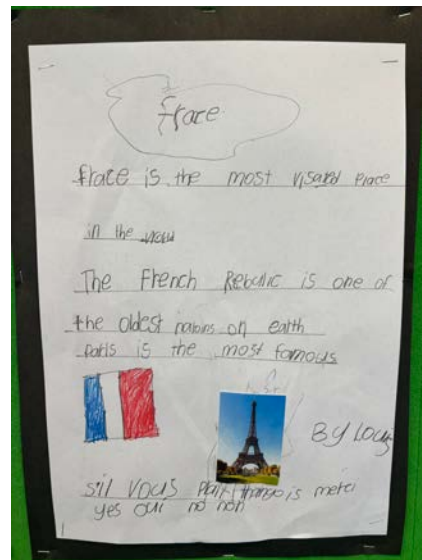
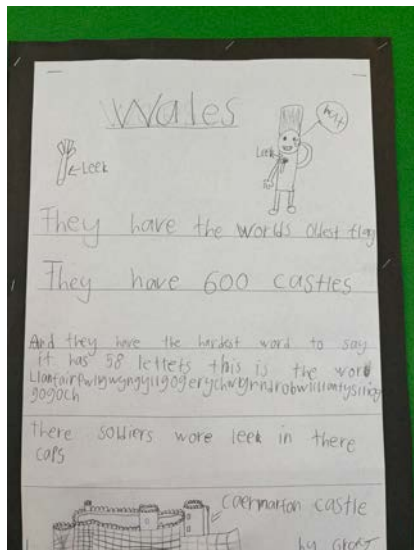
### Ahuriri sharing

### Finland mini study

Last week Ahuriri were learning about education in Finland, after Mrs Holden's trip to Finland in the school holidays. They were interested to see where Finland was located in Northern Europe and the travel path to get there. Ahuriri students learnt about a typical school day in Finland, discovered that Finnish people really enjoy taking a sauna and to learn that Finland is recognised as a happy and safe place in the world.

The year 1-2 group then made a poster to share the facts they learnt about Finland. The year 3-4 group identified a country of interest to them (generally with some family connection) and researched facts, flags, maps and figures in a poster form also.

They look amazing and are currently displayed in the Ahuriri classroom. Our older junior students are very good researchers and love to locate information.





It's been a busy and exciting start to Term 4.

Students have been exploring our Solar System in Science, beginning with Mercury and Venus. To help understand Mercury's cratered surface, they carried out a fun hands-on experiment using flour as the mantle and cocoa powder as the crust, dropping different-sized rocks to see how craters form and how the layers react.


Our student inquiry projects are also in full swing for the final term, with a fantastic variety of ideas taking shape. We have young scientists mixing and experimenting (a big thank-you to the Hales family for donating some great little science boxes!), three different languages being explored, chisels and drills being used to make a homemade golf club, dough and dye turning into colourful sculptures, Christmas planning already underway, and many more creative projects on the go.

It's shaping up to be a wonderful final term of learning, making, and discovery!



Consultation Meeting	Wednesday 22nd October
<p>We encourage you all to come along to our Consultation evening to help set the Strategic Goals and direction of Omarama School over the next 3 years. We hope you have completed the survey that was sent home last week, so that we can take onboard your input and understand what is important to you and your child's educational journey at Omarama School.</p> <p>Omarama School 5:30pm, students will be given some snacks and younger students will have supervision, whilst the meeting is taking place.</p> <p>Please come along and have your say and keep our partnership growing.</p>	

Pet Day	Friday 7th November
<p>This is going to be a fun family day at the community centre grounds, starting at 11am.</p> <p>Jo Golder and others have worked hard to create this event and we are fortunate to have the vet and Fire Brigade members attend to support, educate and judge events on the day.</p> <p>A notice with all the information has already been sent home and we will send another reminder home in the following weeks.</p> <p>Please remember to return your form to advise us of the animal you intend bringing along, to enable safe management of all animals.</p> <p>We have long awaited a Pet day at Omarama School and finally here it is. Please come along, invite your friends and help us enjoy a family fun day with the animals. I have shared the invite with Omarama Playgroup, Twizel Kindy, Twizel TELC and Waitaki Valley Pre-school.</p>	

Sun Hats	Term 4 requirement
<p>Please ensure your child has a suitable sunhat to wear for the warmer weather in term 4. The wide brim school hats offer the best protection. Please inform the office if you need to purchase</p>	
	

## School Visit

Ted, Elsie, Elora

We currently have 3 pre-schoolers participating in school visits, as they are due to start school officially in the new year.

Please let the school office know if you are aware of any other 4 year olds in the area that would like to join our Headstart pre-school programme on a Wednesday afternoon 2 - 3pm.

## LIGHT Value Celebrations

Congratulations to these students for receiving LIGHT awards recently. Well deserved and great to see you all upholding our school values! Keep it up.

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**Birthdays to celebrate this fortnight.**

**Max Gloag (9) Gray Warnock (9) Happy birthday to you both.**

## Headstart, Enrolments, Website, Facebook

- Headstart is on a Wednesday afternoon - 2pm - 3pm, all 4 year olds in the area are most welcome. Please contact the school if you intend on coming along.
- School Website at [www.omarama.school.nz](http://www.omarama.school.nz)
- School Facebook page is now being used
- Skool Loop app is our preferred means of fast communication or reminders.

Please **install the Skool Loop** app as we have now been using this form of communication for the past 18 months now for fast communication.