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OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

Monday 27 April: Anzac Day observed. School Closed
Tuesday 28 April-1st May: Middle School Activity Week
Friday 1st May: Tough Kid
Monday 11 May: BoT Meeting
Tuesday 12 May: Year 5-6 Netball Whanganui
Wednesday 13 May-20 May: Bookfair
Monday 25 May: Tough Gal/Gay Year 8
Monday 7 June: King's Birthday. School closed
Wednesday 3 June: NYLD. Palmerston North
Monday 8 June: BoT meeting
Wednesday 10 June: Dance off
Wednesday June 17: Inter School Spelling Bee. Waiouru
Monday 29 June: Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 1st July: School photos
Friday 3 July: End of Term Two
Monday 20 July: Term Three begins. Powhiri (TBC)

Principal's Message

Welcome back to the new school term! We hope everyone has had a restful break and that our tamariki are feeling recharged and ready for what will be a longer term ahead of eleven weeks.

We are excited to welcome seven new tamariki to our school this term and look forward to getting to know them and their whānau. We also welcome Miss Lily Alabaster who is on placement in Rua class for 8 weeks.

We have plenty to look forward to this term! Our middle and senior school Dance programme has started up this week, so a warm welcome back to Mark Glastonbury. Save the date for our Dance Off on Wednesday 10 June!

Tough Kid is coming up on Friday 1 May—please get your entries in via Skool Loop if you haven't already.

Next week, our middle school will be enjoying an activity week, and we're also excited to have our Book Fair coming up in Week 4.

There is certainly a lot happening, and we look forward to a fun, busy, and engaging term ahead for our tamariki!

Celebrations

At the end of last term, we were incredibly privileged to host William Pike (pictured right) at our middle and senior celebration assembly. He was an inspiring speaker who shared his remarkable story of resilience, determination, and courage. His message truly resonated with our learners and staff, reminding us all of the importance of perseverance, gratitude, and making the most of every opportunity.

We also have a number of learners who participate in the William Pike Challenge each year, so it was particularly special for them to hear directly from William about his journey and the values that underpin the challenge. Thank you, William, for spending time with us.

Our Celebration Assembly was also a special time to acknowledge and celebrate the efforts and achievements of the term. We had so much to recognise and are incredibly proud of our tamariki. From our dedicated road patrol team to the many sporting events our students have participated in, our children continue to represent our school with pride.



We look forward to the term ahead as we continue to celebrate both academic progress and the many extracurricular successes of our learners. Ka pai everyone!



Celebrating Children's Achievements

**Rippa Rugby
Years 5-6 Winning Team**



**1st place male winner Jack Lilburn
Blazing Hills 11 Km**



**3rd place boy yrs 4-5. Jasper Deadman
Interschool Swimming**



Interschool Swimming Prize Winners 2026



2026 Road Patrollers

Cool school message

Differences in background or culture may affect the way people view or understand a situation.

Certificate of Achievement

Congratulations to Hannah Eley

Hannah entered the Waiouru School ANZAC writing competition and was awarded Highly Commended for her work. Hannah's writing demonstrated thoughtful reflection, strong personal voice, and a meaningful connection to the ANZAC kaupapa.



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Value of the Week Participation

When we take part in our learning, it means we are listening, sharing ideas, completing tasks and helping others to learn too.

Ngā mihi
Lisa Clark
Principal and the OPS team