



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

Thursday 20 November: Vision and hearing testing
Tuesday 25 November: Beach Day. Rooms 9,10,12
Wednesday 26 November: Science Road Show
Thursday 27 November: Beach Day. Rooms 14 & 1
Friday 28 November: Big Day Out
Monday 1 December: Board Meeting. 5.30pm Staffroom
Tuesday 2nd December: Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 3rd December: Interschool Athletics. Yr 7/ 8
Friday 5 December: Leavers Dinner
Wednesday 10 December: Final Assemblies
Friday 12 December: End of term 4



Pictured: Kapa Haka Cultural Festival

Principal's Message

We are just under four weeks out from the end of term! What an incredibly busy time it has been. Our learners have worked hard, shown real heart, and embraced every opportunity that's come their way. There is still plenty happening as we head into the final stretch, and we're excited for what's ahead. Teachers have been writing End of Year reports for your child and these will be coming out to you at the end of Week 9. We are also offering 3WC for learners and whanau who might like this on Monday 8 December after school (bookings will be open via Skool Loop). Our learners have made great progress and we look forward to celebrating this.

We are pleased to have been part of the Ministry of Education's trial using the new Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool or SMART. Our Year 3-8 are currently participating in this trial and we will report back to the ministry after this trial is concluded.

Final Assemblies

These will take place on WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER. Please pop this onto your calendar!

Junior Assembly will begin in the hall at 10:30

Senior/Middle Assembly will begin at 12:00

Cultural Festival

We are super proud of our Kapa Haka rōpū who performed at the recent Cultural Festival. They represented our kura with pride, strength, and mana. Thank you to Brenda, Rangi, Wayne, Mr Allen, Miss Kate, Chelsea, and Ropata for guiding and supporting our tamariki, and to the many whānau who stood behind them throughout the journey. Your commitment and aroha make all the difference. Thank you to Raetihi School for continuing to host this wonderful event. There will be an upcoming event to celebrate their mahi so watch this space.

Athletics

This week we are looking forward to our athletics events! Our junior event was held on Tuesday. They were supported by our House Captains and PALs leadership group. Looking ahead to Senior and Middle School Athletics ... We are just not sure what the weather is planning for us but we are hopeful that our competitive events can occur later in the week. These occasions are special to us and bring us together to celebrate our kids, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone cheering them on.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day is celebrated on Friday! This is an opportunity for our learners to share their mahi with whanau and a chance for us to honour the very special place that Grandparents/ Koro/Kuia hold in our young people's lives. Each classroom will be running this slightly differently so look out for communication from them on this!



Property Update

Property work has now begun on the long-awaited refurbishment of our junior school toilets. We're excited to see this project finally underway, and we don't expect it to cause too much disruption while construction is happening. You'll also notice ramping work starting in the technology area as part of our commitment to improving accessibility across the school.

It's great to see our kura continuing to receive these much-needed property upgrades. Even better—our long-awaited swing project is locked in to begin over the holiday break! This has been a true team effort, supported by multiple Ambassador teams over the years, our PTA, and the Board. Hooray!

Over the school holidays, additional projects will take place, including accessible ramping in our senior school and a new access entrance at the front of the school.

Recalled Sand

You may have seen the recent recall of certain magic sand products. We want to reassure you that we've carried out a thorough check of all brands used at school, and none of the recalled products are present here.

Educational Colours has issued a recall notice for EC Rainbow Sand (1.3kg) and Creatistics - Coloured Sand (1kg).

Other recalled products you may want to check for at home if purchased from Kmart.

14-piece Sand Castle Building Set (Batch no: 42975724)

Blue Magic Sand (Batch no: 42304364)

Green Magic Sand (Batch no: 432919650)

Pink Magic Sand (Batch no: 42304371).

Student Team Photo's

Student TEAMS photos have now been uploaded to the Photolife website and are ready to be viewed and ordered.

Photolife are trialling a new method of delivering Key Codes to whānau and caregivers. These codes will be sent via email throughout the day. As this is a new system, please check your junk, spam, or promotions folders, in case the message was filtered.

Please note: Free delivery is available for all orders placed before MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 25

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SKOOL LOOP

Morning Tea with the Principal Week 7

Kiwi: Sebastian Peipi-Jones	Tui: Maddox Hammond	Room 14: Jemma Pearson
Ruru: Louie Eves	Room 9: Neiva Mclean	Room 1: Te Onewa Hawira
Piwakawaka: Dezahn Wallace-Rippon	Room 10: Kaia Thrupp	S. Block: Preston Rush, Divyansh Bhandari
Kereru: River Simpkins	Room 12:	



Morning Tea with the Principal Week 8

Kiwi: Madeline Proude	Tui: Sayge Hawira	Room 14: Makaia Hansen
Ruru: Aliah Tahau	Room 9: Berlyn Edwards	Room 1: Brody Mabbott
Piwakawaka: Phillip Proude	Room 10: Reef Thompson	S. Block: Maia Waaka. Fontane Kayes
Kereru: Madison Fredricksen	Room 12:	



Junior Awards



Senior Awards



Middle School Awards



Principals award



Enviro Award



Ambassador Award

2026 Student Stationery Online Purchase Option

Available from 15 November 2025

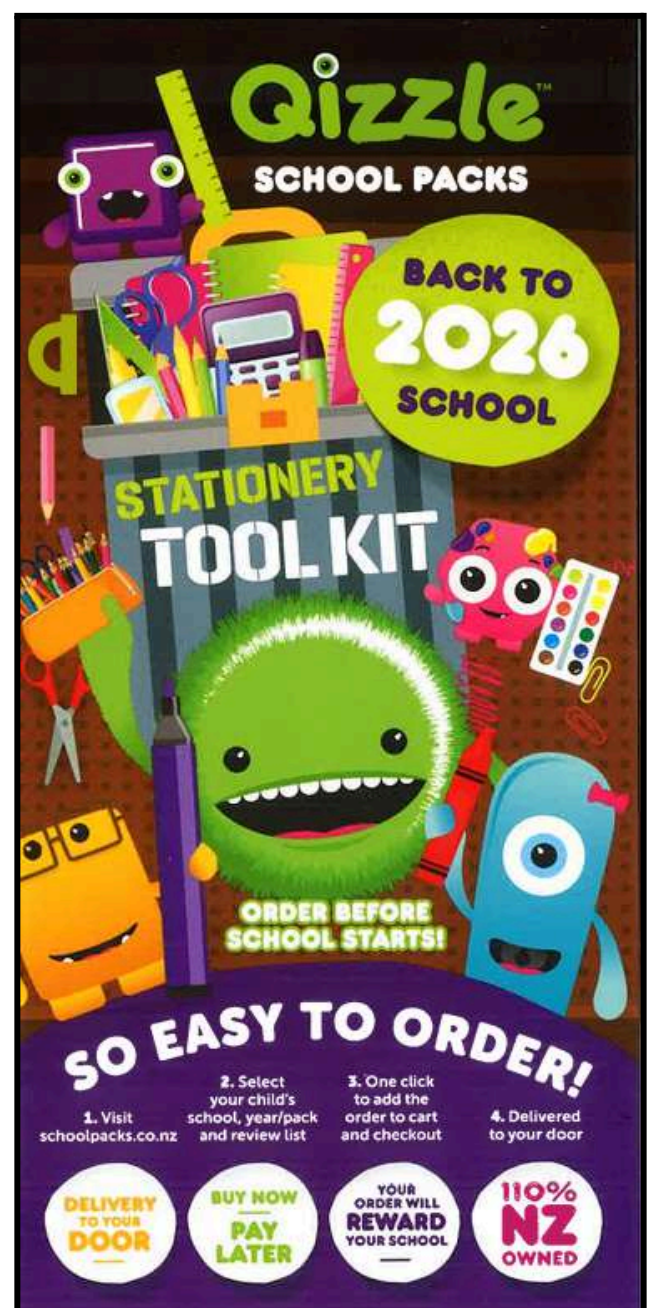
As the new school year approaches, we understand the pressures of preparing your child for a successful start. To make this process simpler and more efficient for our parent community, we're excited to announce our partnership with Qizzle Schoolpacks. Schoolpacks is a service that simplifies your child's stationery shopping experience.

We have uploaded our stationery requirements in year levels for you to view at Qizzle schoolpacks. Simply go to www.schoolpacks.co.nz and select your child's books.

How Does the Schoolpacks Website Works

- Simple Search: Begin by entering our school's name on schoolpacks.co.nz.
- Select the Year/Pack: Once you've located our school, you can select your child's year or specific pack to review the stationery list.
- One-Click Add: With a single click, the entire list contents are added to your shopping cart.
- Swift Checkout: The platform boasts a fast, single-page checkout process, making your experience hassle-free.

There's also an e-book here <https://view.flipdocs.com/schoolpacks> that explains it better.



Junior Athletics



Kapa Haka Festival



Value of the Week

Determination

This value is based around persevering in new learning, new relationships and taking on new experiences. We

support our learners by giving them the opportunity to develop the skills through targeted experiences and classroom learning and they are amazing.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Ngā mihi

Lisa and the OPS team

