



ŌHAU School Pānui

Toro atu ki te Tamaiti, Hei whakaako te tamaiti.

"Reach each child to teach each child."

Respect
Whakanauia

Kindness
Ngākau aroha

Responsibility
Mana whakahaere

Determination
Manawanui

Honesty
Mahi pono

Rāpare 16 ō Whiringa-a-nuku

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break. It's wonderful to see our students return refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning.

Term 4 is always a busy time as we head towards the end of the school year. There are plenty of events, learning opportunities, and celebrations to look forward to.

We're excited for another positive and productive term together at ŌHAU School.

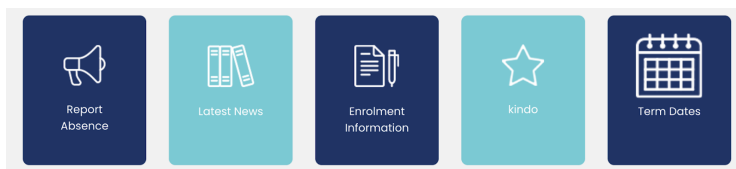
Enrolments for 2026

Help us plan our classes by enrolling any children who intend to start at ŌHAU during 2026. If you intend to join our school, or leave, please contact the school office.

[Enrolment Form](#)

You can find our school calendar of events on our website at <https://www.ohau.school.nz/>.

Several quick link buttons on our website home page are available too:



Important dates

- **Possible Teacher Strike**
Thursday 23rd October
- **Labour Day**
Monday 27th October
- **Teacher Only Day**
Tuesday 28th October
- **Ag Day**
Thursday 13th November
- **Term 4 ends**
Friday 19th December
- **Term 1, 2026 start**
Monday 2nd February

Possible Teacher Strike – Thursday 23rd October

You may have seen in the media that NZEI members are considering strike action on Thursday 23rd October. At this stage, we have not received formal notification from the union, but we want to keep our community informed.

If the strike does go ahead, our kura will unfortunately need to close for instruction on that day. While we would love to remain open, we cannot do so safely without our full teaching team.

However, we understand this may be difficult for some whānau. We will be able to provide limited supervision at school for families who have no alternative arrangements. Spaces will be very limited, so if your child will need supervision, please email or phone the office before Monday 20th October.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we await official confirmation. We will share more information with you as soon as it becomes available.

ŌHAU School is a Sun Smart School



At ŌHAU School we are proud to be a Sun Smart kura. With the warmer weather on its way, it's important we all work together to keep our tamariki safe in the sun.

A reminder that all tamariki must have a named, wide-brimmed sunhat at school every day in Terms 1 and 4.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing sunblock, and that t-shirts or dresses cover backs, shoulders and torso. Caps are not appropriate.

Tamariki without a wide-brimmed hat or correct clothing will be asked to play in the shade. Thank you for supporting us to keep our children Sun Smart and safe.

Please see the link below if you would like more information about being a Sunsmart school.

Sunsmart.org.nz

Water

We are a water only school. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle each day. We do have drinking fountains, if needed.

Students of the Week

A huge congratulations to all our awesome students who received awards at our Week 2 Hui! We are so proud of the effort, kindness, and values you show every day at ŌHAU School. It's always wonderful to celebrate the achievements of our tamariki and the positive impact you have on our school community. Ka mau te wehi!



Room 2: Mihana, Shamus

Room 4: Kara, Brooklynn

Room 5: Oliver, Kayleigh

Room 6: Xavier, Coen

Room 7: Braxton, Kyle

Room 8: Mason P, Sabella

Room 9: Lewis, Aamani, Peter

Principal's Award

Ms McKee recognises Reggie from Room 7 for showing the ŌHAU School value of kindness.

Manawatū Literacy Association: Poetry Award 🏆



It is with great pleasure that I announce that Mila Dyer, Year 7-8, ŌHAU School, has been awarded FIRST PRIZE for her poem 'My Wonder Bag', entered in the recent Poetry Competition held by the Manawatu Literacy Association (MLA) to celebrate International Literacy Day on 8 September.

On behalf of the MLA Committee, I congratulate Mila on her effort and creativity.

I also wish to acknowledge all participants for their wonderful contributions to the poetry competition. The judges thoroughly enjoyed reading each entry.

Ngā mihi

Erica Meads

President
Manawatū Literacy Association

[Mila's poem, My Wonder Bag](#)

Ag Day

Our school Ag Day will be held in the afternoon this year. Add **Thursday 13th November, 4-6pm** to your diaries. We will have Lamb and Calf judging, games, facepainting, and a BBQ so come on in!

ŌHAU Playcentre



ŌHAU Playcentre is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm. It's a wonderful place for tamariki to play, explore, and learn alongside their parents and caregivers in a fun, supportive environment.

There are spaces available, so if you'd like to join or find out more, get in touch at ohau@playcentre.org.nz.

Come along and see what Playcentre is all about!

Have a great weekend, from the ŌHAU School team.