



OHAU School Pānui

Toro atu ki te Tamaiti, Hei whakaako te tamaiti.

"Reach each child to teach each child."

Respect
Whakanuia

Kindness
Ngākau aroha

Responsibility
Mana whakahaere

Determination
Manawanui

Honesty
Mahi pono

Rāpare 20 o Poutū-te-rangi

Over the past couple of weeks, our kaiako have been engaging in professional learning. We undertake this learning to ensure we stay up to date with the current curriculum changes and to build on our existing teaching programmes in Maths and Literacy. One of the key areas of focus has been deepening our understanding of Structured Literacy. We have also been exploring the refreshed Mathematics Curriculum, examining strategies and content as we unpack the updated learning levels (Phases). Additionally, the senior teachers have been delving into Assessment for Learning, focusing on how we can further use assessments to guide and support each student's progress. It's been a productive time, and we're excited to bring these fresh ideas and strategies into the classroom.

Teacher Only Day - Monday 28th April (first day of Term 2)

Our next Teacher Only Day for staff to engage in professional learning on the refreshed Mathematics Curriculum will be on **Monday, 28th April**. Due to this, Term 2 will now begin for students on Tuesday, 29th April.



Important dates

- **Lakes Ranch Camp, Rotorua Rooms 2 & 4**
Monday 31st March - Thurs 3rd April
- **Life Education mobile classroom**
Monday 7th April - Friday 11th April
- **Celebration Hui, 1:45pm**
Friday 11th April
- **End of Term 1**
Friday 11th April
- **Teacher Only Day**
Monday 28th April
- **First day of Term 2 for students**
Tuesday 29th April



Recently, we have received some generous donations to put towards our school camp and breakfast club. These contributions will support the continued success of our breakfast club and contribute towards the financial cost of camp. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of our community and for the positive effect these donations will have on our students' experiences. Ngā mihi nui.

School Photos

Information on how to order online through the Clicks Photography website has been sent home with students. Children or family groups have a unique code that will allow you to login to view and order photos. Please give the office a ring if you have any issues with ordering. The last day for photo orders is Friday 28th March to ensure your order is delivered free of charge to school.

Subway Lunches

On Wednesdays parents/caregivers have the option to order their child Subway for lunch through www.subwayexpress.co.nz. Simply click on the school lunch programme button, create an account, then follow the instructions to place your order. Orders can be made the night before or early on Wednesday morning.





There is also a quick link to the [Subway Express on our website here](#).


Sports News


We have an exciting year of sports ahead at **ŌHAU School**, with plenty of opportunities for our students to get involved and compete!


 **Netball Update** – The Term 2 netball programme will now include a Year **4/5/6** team.


 **Basketball & Hockey** – Basketball is set to begin early in Term 2, and we are still waiting on final details. Hockey is also in the works—stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

 **Water Polo** – Our Year 5/6 water polo team will also start early in Term 2. Keep an eye out for upcoming notices with further details.

 **Rugby** – We are hoping to take part in Year 5/6 interschool 10 aside tackle rugby this year and will begin training next term.

 **Rippa Rugby** – Class sessions will take place in the last week of this term. To ensure we continue to receive expert coaching, a form will be sent out for classes to complete, indicating the number of students participating at our kura. The class with the most completed forms will win a prize! Forms will go out in Week 10.

 **Athletics Update** – Our School Athletics Day has been moved to Term 4 to better align with interschool competitions. This change allows students more time to prepare and perform at their best.

 **Get Involved!** – We love seeing whānau supporting our teams. If you're interested in helping with coaching, refereeing, or managing, we would love to hear from you! Our teams rely on community support to enter competitions.

 **Special Thanks** – A huge thank you to our Twilight Hockey coaches for your dedication and support this term. Your time and effort make a big difference for our players!

Thank you for your ongoing support—we're looking forward to another fantastic year of sport at **ŌHAU School!** Please contact Hoani if you have any sporting questions - hperigo@ohau.school.nz

Toys and Collectibles to remain at home

We are noticing a lot of children bringing toys and collectible items to school. These can cause problems in the playground if they become broken or lost. We kindly ask that these items remain at home. We have plenty of toys and outdoor activities available at school.

Sunsmart and Water-only

We have been so impressed with the number of tamariki who have consistently worn sun hats this term - please keep this up even as the sun is passing its peak. Tamariki are reminded to wear a **wide-brimmed sun hat** when outside, along with **clothing** that covers their upper back and shoulders, and daily application of **broad-spectrum sunscreen** of at least SPF30. Please note we are a **water only** school and water should be the only drink provided by whānau to have during the day. Thank you.



Dianne McKee & Rebecca Thomsen (Leadership Team)