ŌHAU 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 2 ō Hōngongoi
Thursday 2nd July 2026

Kia ora whānau,

It is hard to believe we are half-way through our school year! This term has been a busy one, full of amazing experiences and activities for tamariki across the school.

Winter has really arrived with wet, cold weather setting in over the last few weeks. With more rain likely in term 3, our grassed areas get wet, slippery and boggy. We do not have supplies of spare clothing available at school, and ask that children keep a change of clothing in their bags in case of emergency (socks, undies, trousers/tights).

Along with wet weather, winter brings colds, flu, and viruses, and we appreciate you keeping your child home until they are well. Thank you to everyone who communicates their child's absence with us so that we can keep our attendance information up to date.

Your child's mid-year report will be shared with you via HERO after the student break. Whānau Learning Conferences will take place in Week 4 of term 3. We have extended the length of these conferences to allow time for more discussion between you and your child's teacher, and will have times available for you during the day as well as after school. Bookings for conferences will be opened after the student break.

Enjoy a safe and warm mid-year break. Term 3 starts back on **Monday 20th July** at **8:50am**.

ŌHAU School Staff

Important dates

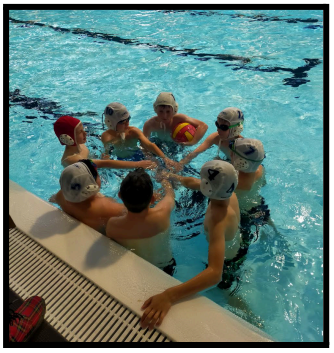
- **Matariki Lunch**
  All students, in the school hall
- **Whānau Singing Competition and Celebration Hui**
  1:50pm Friday 3rd July
- **Term 2 ends**
  Friday 3rd July
- **Term 3 starts**
  Monday 20th July
- **NZ Playhouse Show - Puss in Boots**
  Monday 27th July
- **Learning Conferences**
  Thursday 13th July
- **Scholastic Book Fair**
  Thursday 13th - Tuesday 18th July
- **Term 3 ends**
  Friday 25th September
- **Term 4 begins**
  Monday 12th October
- **Term 4 ends**
  Wednesday 16th December

Winter Holiday Boredom Busters

If you are at home over the school holidays, here are some suggestions to get your kids up off the couch and away from devices:

- Write a list of things you and your kids would like to do, and then take turns choosing something from the list.
- Plan a range of activities that interest different family members, including one special outing or treat for everyone to look forward to.
- Write a chores list and get your kids to earn a special treat or outing by helping tick the chores off the list.
- Get your kids involved in planning and preparing meals for the family: plan a menu, write a shopping list, set a budget, then take them to the supermarket to get the ingredients.
- Check out free events happening in the area such as the local library.
- Give them a stack of items from the recycling bin, a roll of tape and scissors, and see what their creativity can come up with.
- Encourage everyone to participate in daily physical activity such as a family walk, bike ride or scooter ride.
- Get involved in kitchen science: start with playdough, then try cookies or muffins.
- Plan your vege or flower garden for spring and gather supplies to grow your plants from seed.
- Learn a new skill such as knitting or crochet, or how to repair a bike tyre puncture.

Sports Update



Year 5&6 Waterpolo

A huge thank you to the parents and family members who supported our team this term. For many of our players, this was their first experience with the game, and they showed great enthusiasm and effort throughout. The team finished with an impressive record of 5 wins and 1 loss, a fantastic result for their first time competing.

Interschool Cross Country Results for ŌHAU School

We would like to acknowledge all ŌHAU students who participated in the 2026 Interschool Cross Country event. The students demonstrated determination, perseverance, and positive sportsmanship across all races.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 10:

Year 4: 3rd – Hunter Terekia, 4th – Bronson Rankin, 10th – Heath Simcox

Year 5: 1st – Louis Brooke, 4th – Sophie Page, 10th – Neive Wood

Year 6: 4th – Aiyah Apaapa-Nepia, 7th – Jimmy Terekia, 10th – Levi Bishop, 2nd – Alexia Farmer, 10th – Maddison Renner

ŌHAU School Cross Country

It was fantastic to see all students giving their best effort and showing great determination across our school cross country event. Congratulations to all students for their outstanding participation and effort on the day.

Year 1:

Boys:1st Rex Eagle, 2nd Jack Robinson, 3rd Grayson Te Rangi

Girls: 1st Mackenzie Franks, 2nd Eliana Buttar, 3rd Violet De Vre

Year 2:

Boys: 1st Mason Bouzaid, 2nd Lawson Renner, 3rd Boston Dearlove

Girls: 1st Maeve Howey, 2nd Anahera Rooney, 3rd Mabelle Stewart

Year 3:

Boys: 1st Jamie Heap, 2nd Mason Lowday, 3rd Braxton Boswell, 4th Cooper Mullins

Girls: 1st Luka Brooke, 2nd Elly Farmer, 3rd Mila Falvey, 4th Rose Latter

Year 4:

Boys: 1st Hunter Terekia, 2nd Lewis Lawry, 3rd Bronson Rankin, 4th Heath Simcox

Girls: 1st Gemma Buckingham, 2nd Mila Chalmers, 3rd Emma Griffith, 4th Autumn van Peer

Year 5:

Boys: 1st Louis Brooke, 2nd Conor Mitchell, 3rd Bryn Dyer, 4th Aryton Silk

Girls: 1st Sophie Page, 2nd Neive Wood, 3rd Sabella Rowe, 4th Addison McCallum

Year 6:

Boys: 1st Aiyah Apaapa-Nepia, 2nd Jimmy Terekia, 3rd Cooper Davey, 4th Levi Bishop

Girls: 1st Alexia Farmer, 2nd Scarlett Ogilvie, 3rd Lana Milson, 4th Maddison Renner

Year 7:

Boys: 1st Mason Mitchell, 2nd Elaijah Crombie, 3rd Caiden Strother, 4th Akxl Hardgrave

Girls: 1st Brooklynn Te Rangi, 2nd Mia Tuhou, 3rd Ayana Holden

Year 8 combined race:

1st Ameera Kaihau, 2nd Tane Drewry, 3rd Silas Baillie

Rippa Rugby Tournament

We entered three teams in the recent rippa rugby tournament held at Playford Park. Well done to all students for representing our school so proudly. We look forward to seeing their skills continue to develop throughout the year.

A special thank you to our wonderful coaches for giving up their time to support our teams on the day. Their encouragement and guidance helped make the day such a positive experience for all involved. One of the highlights of the tournament was seeing students who had never previously played a team sport, or who were trying a new sport for the first time, step outside their comfort zones and give it their best effort. The confidence, resilience, and teamwork displayed by our players were outstanding.

Attendance

Thank you for letting us know if your child is going to be absent from school. We also appreciate you keeping your child home if they are unwell and communicating this to us.

The Ministry of Education currently requires us to keep parents and whānau informed of their child's attendance. We acknowledge that there are genuine reasons students may occasionally be absent. However, without regular attendance your child will struggle to make progress. If your child is absent regularly, or for extended periods of time, we will reach out to you to discuss the situation.

Regular attendance at school is important to your child's success, and there is a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. Making sure students attend and engage in learning is a shared responsibility. As a parent / caregiver, you are responsible for making sure your child attends school every day.
If your child is going to be absent for any reason it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible. It is important that you either

- Phone 06 368 7949 (press 1 to report an absence)
- Text the school cellphone 027 453 2206
- Email the school office - office@ohau.school.nz
- Use HERO to notify the school of an absence
- Use Skool Loop to notify the school of an absence

to confirm your child's absence and provide us with the reason they will be absent from school.

We are committed to supporting your child to attend school. If you're having difficulty getting your child to school, you can ask for support by:

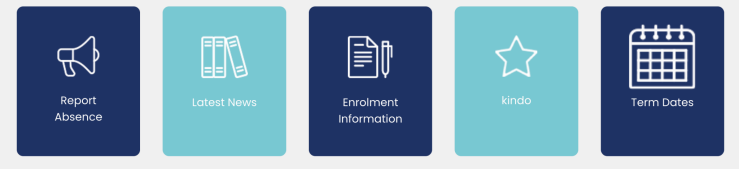
- speaking with your child's teacher,
- sending us a message by email, text, Skool Loop or HERO
- calling us on 06 368 7949 and ask to speak to a member of staff about attendance difficulties or concerns

We can work with you to develop a support plan that addresses any barriers to regular attendance. More information on attendance, including your rights and responsibilities as parents or caregivers, is available on the Ministry of Education's webpage: Attendance.

Are YOU on HERO yet?

We have moved to HERO as our new communication platform, and we'd love ALL parents and caregivers to be signed up! Search your app store for HERO and sign yourself up! HERO also allows us to keep your school account up to date with upcoming events and fees for activities like EOTC trips and sports teams.

ŌHAU School calendar of events

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

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