



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 30 ō Whiringa-a-nuku

ŌHAU School Ag Day is fast approaching!

We're so excited to be hosting our Ag Day on **Thursday, 13th November**, from **4:00-6:00pm**. It's the perfect afternoon to come along, enjoy the wonderful Ag Day art displays, watch our tamariki parade in the lamb and calf judging, games, facepainting, and grab a tasty bite from the BBQ for dinner.

It's always a highlight on our school calendar and a great chance to celebrate the hard work and creativity of our tamariki. We can't wait to see everyone there!

Ag Day Helpers Needed!

Ag Day is just around the corner, and we'd love your help to make it a fantastic day for everyone! We're on the lookout for some amazing bakers to whip up delicious treats for our stalls, and extra hands to help with organising and running things on the day. If you can lend a hand, please let the office know.

ŌHAU School calendar of events

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:



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Term Dates

Important dates

- **ŌHAU Community Hall 125th Jubilee**
Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd November
- **Nga Manu Room 7 and 9 class trip**
Thursday 6th November
- **Ag Day**
Thursday 13th November
- **Senior Athletics Day**
Tuesday 18th November
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- **Beach Education Day Rooms 2 and 4**
Wednesday 3rd December
- **Beach Education Day Room 8 and Year 3 children**
Friday 5th December
- **Year 8 trip to Ferg's Kayaks**
Tuesday 9th December
- **Year 8 Leaver's Dinner @ the George**
Thursday 11th December
- **Room 8 visit to the Wellington Zoo**
Friday 12th December
- **Junior School trip to the Lido Aquatic Centre, Rooms 5, 6, 7 and 9**
Monday 15th December
- **Prizegiving - time tbc**
Wednesday 17th December
- **Term 4 ends**
Friday 19th December 12pm

Exciting News – HERO is Coming to Ōhau School!



The Board and teaching staff are thrilled to announce that we are implementing a brand-new student management system called **HERO**!

Reporting on student progress and achievement is an important part of how we connect with our whānau, and HERO will make this even easier. Through the HERO app, parents and caregivers will be able to see their child's learning progress, goals, and updates - giving you a clearer picture of what your tamariki are achieving and learning at kura. Our teaching staff are really looking forward to sharing this with you, and early in 2026 we'll provide all the information you need to access and use the app.

HERO will also manage school accounts. Over the past few years, we've been using MyKindo, which we know has been a bit tricky for some families. The great news is that with HERO, you'll now be able to make payments directly into the school's bank account. Families with outstanding balances will receive a statement this week - if you could make payment as soon as possible, that would be much appreciated.

As this is a new system, there may be a few small hiccups along the way - please don't hesitate to call or email the office if anything doesn't look quite right. We're very excited about this new chapter and can't wait to share HERO with our ŌHAU School community!

Exciting News at ŌHAU School!



We're thrilled to share that we've recently purchased our new values flags, as well as our whānau house flags, which feature the beautiful manu (bird) designs created especially for us by our very own Lizzy Dyer! Our new whānau house names are Kuku (yellow house), Kārearea (red house) and Huia (blue house). Our new whānau house names were gifted to us by our local iwi, Tukorehe. Thank you, we appreciate this beautiful taonga.

These stunning flags celebrate who we are as a kura and showcase the creativity within our community. Keep an eye out for them when they arrive - we can't wait to see them flying proudly around our school! Once again, thank you to Lizzy Dyer and Tukorehe iwi for helping make this happen.

Enrolments for 2026

A big thank you to all the whānau who have already pre-enrolled/enrolled their tamariki for 2026! Your early enrolments help us plan ahead and prepare for classes, resources, and staffing for the coming school year.

Farewell and Thank You, Talei

We say a warm and fond farewell to our wonderful Office Manager, Talei. She has made the difficult decision to step away from her role to be with a family member who is unwell. We completely understand and support her choice - whānau always comes first. Talei has been such a friendly, calm, and caring presence in our kura, and we will miss her greatly.

In the meantime, you'll spot our AMAZING Principal holding down the fort in the office until we make a new appointment.

Exciting EOTC Adventures This Term!

This term is packed full of amazing **EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom)** activities for our tamariki! From hands-on learning experiences, to fun excursions, there's so much to look forward to.

- **Nga Manu: Rooms 7 and 9 class trip** - Thursday 6th November
- **Beach Education Day: Rooms 2 and 4** - Wednesday 3rd December
- **Beach Education Day: Room 8 and Year 3 children** - Friday 5th December
- **Year 8 trip to Ferg's Kayaks** - Tuesday 9th December
- **Room 8 visit to the Wellington Zoo** - Friday 12th December
- **Junior School trip to the Lido Aquatic Centre: Rooms 5, 6, 7 and 9** - Monday 15th December

Your teachers will be sending out more information throughout the term, so keep an eye on emails and notices. A huge thank you to all the whānau who have already helped, or will be helping, with these activities - we couldn't make these experiences happen without your support.

Sports at ŌHAU School

It's been another fantastic term of sport at ŌHAU School, with 42 touch rugby players, 17 hockey players, and 9 water polo players proudly representing our school. It's great to see so many students involved - including a number of first-time players giving new sports a go.



A huge thank you goes to all our coaches, managers, referees, and supporters, especially those stepping into coaching roles for the first time. Your time and enthusiasm make a real difference for our students. Special thanks goes to Jackson, Brooklynn, Lana and Caiden, who helped train our Junior touch rugby team.

This term, students have enjoyed Rippa Rugby sessions led by Horowhenua Rugby, and a Padder Tennis session which was a big hit.

Students are now training for our upcoming senior Athletics Day on November 18th (postponement day - November 19th), followed by Interschool Athletics the following week. We look forward to seeing everyone giving their best effort and celebrating their achievements.

ŌHAU School Hoodies and Leadership Opportunities

Our tamariki asked to have their very own hoodies, just like our staff, and we are happy to say that we have been able to make this happen.

These hoodies also provide an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our students who demonstrate leadership and service to our kura, by earning leadership badges to add to their hoodies.

Some of our tamariki are already wearing their hoodies with leadership badges, and it's been wonderful to see their pride in representing our kura. We'll be chatting with our tamariki soon about other types of leadership badges and opportunities that could be available for all year levels across our school.

Hoodies are available for all tamariki and whānau to purchase via the Brand Makers website. It's been so lovely having our whānau come along to try them on for size and share in the buzz.

Here's what some of our tamariki had to say:

Brooklynn from Room 4 had to say, "They are nice and comfortable and warm for the winter."

Levi from Room 4 had to say, "They are cool because you get to have leadership badges and your names on them."

Use the QR code below to visit the Brand Maker website.

Pop in and see Jacqui in Room 5 if you need to check what size hoodie to order.



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Sun Smart Superstars!



A big thank you to all our whānau for supporting your tamariki to be Sun Smart by making sure they have their wide-brim hats each day. Even though the weather hasn't been very sunny lately, it's been great to see everyone getting into the routine of wearing their hats - ready for when the sunshine really arrives!

Subway lunches

Each Wednesday students can have Subway delivered for lunch. Please order by following this link www.subwayexpress.co.nz

ŌHAU Community Hall 125th Jubilee!



We're excited to celebrate the ŌHAU Community Hall's 125th Jubilee on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd November! What an incredible milestone for our community!

Our talented tamariki have created some awesome artworks and shared some memories to be part of the celebration - make sure you come along and check them out. It's a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our history, our people, and the heart of our community. Come join in the fun and help us honour 125 years of memories at the ŌHAU Community Hall! Click on the link if you would like to know more about this event. [ŌHAU Community Hall 125th Jubilee](#)

ŌHAU Playcentre



A reminder that there are spaces available, so if you'd like to join or find out more, get in touch at ohau@playcentre.org.nz. ŌHAU Playcentre is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Come along and see what Playcentre is all about!

Have a great weekend, from the ŌHAU School team.