



Ohaeawai School 2026

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Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I would like to thank you all for the great support you have provided our school with this term. We are always so grateful to our parent community for the way you support your children and their learning. We have seen some fantastic progress this term across the school, which is really exciting. Please ensure your children keep up their reading during the holidays, as this is known to make a difference to their progress during the year. We wish everyone a restful holiday and hope to see everyone return healthy and ready to learn in Term Two.

Wheel-a-thon - This was our first fundraising event for 2026. We would like to thank all our whanau who were able to support this event in some way. We hope to let you know early next term the amount we were able to raise. We could not have done it without you. **All Year 5-6 students** now need to collect their pledges from their 1 - 40 boards and return the funds collected to the school by May 1st, or sooner if you are able to. If you are using online banking, please remember to reference the deposit correctly, using your child's name and Wheel-a-thon.

Have you downloaded the Skool Loop app yet? This is an easy way to keep track of what is happening at school, report an absence and hopefully, also be able to sign permission forms. Once you have downloaded the app please select to receive general notices AND the class that your tamariki are in. Remember to also change your child/rens classes each year.

Save the date - June 23rd - We will be holding our student-led conferences on this date. School will be closed for instruction from 1 pm and we will be encouraging whanau to pick up their children at this time. Teachers will be available from 1 pm to 8 pm on this day to meet with you and your child to look at their learning and have a conversation with your child's teacher.

Save the date - July 1st - We will be holding our Matariki Day with activities during the day and in the evening. The plan is to hold a fundraising event and a disco, along with selling our famous hangi. This will be our second major fundraiser for the year.

Attendance for term 1: Thank you for your support in getting your tamariki to school each day. It is important. We would also like to thank you for ensuring that you let our office know if your child is going to be away. It saves us time having to chase everyone up. We finished the term just under our goal of 70% attending at 90 % (which means missing less than 5 days of school). Mrs Edwards handed out 26 100% certificates (with a \$10 Warehouse voucher) and 55 90 - 99% attendance certificates (with an ice block).

School uniforms: We would like to thank you again for your patience regarding the wait times for uniform pieces to arrive. DD Gold assured us they are working as fast as they can to fill the order. As we take and organise the payments to help cut costs, they currently do not hold any stock. As a reminder, if you have a uniform, please wear it to school every day. We are encouraging black pants, shorts or skirts. Please come and talk to Michelle or Lauren about payment options. Lauren can create a letter which you can take to WINZ if you are eligible for this.

Bus Tickets now available for purchase through the office: As a reminder, we are now able to sell bus tickets through the office at \$30 per card. Please message Lauren in the office if you would like to purchase.

2026 Term Dates

Term 1: 2 February - 2 April

Term 2: 20 April - 3 July

Term 3: 20 July - 25 September

Term 4: 12 October - 10 December

Newsletter commonly every 2nd Thursday

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TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

As of Term 2 we will no longer provide paper newsletters. We will be moving to digital versions via email and Skool Loop

Please let Lauren know if you will still require a paper copy.

INTERNET BANKING PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL, CLASS ACTIVITIES, OSCAR programme & FUNDRAISING: Ohaeawai School Board - ASB account 12-3097-0205371-00.
Use your child's name & activity as reference.

Every Day Matters-Attendance: Thank you to all whānau who have been letting us know if your child(ren) is unable to come into school, for whatever reason. If we don't hear from you we are obligated to mark the student truant. Our attendance as of today: Our goal is to stay above 70% with Good attendance.

Good attendance (less than 5 days absence in the school term)	Worrying (up to 10 days absence in the school term)	Concerning (up to 15 days absence in the school term)
68% (101 students)	24 % (36 students)	35 % (8 students)

Michelle Edwards Principal

TE MOANA Rm 7 Yr 6 Whaea Ann



Happy last day of term! We've made it to the break. I hope everyone has a fantastic, relaxing holiday. We'll need those batteries fully charged, as next term is going to be a marathon—11 weeks of exciting learning and discovery.

Next Term's Focus: Water & Science. Our primary focus next term will be investigating our local waterways and conducting our own science investigations. We would love to have some parent helpers join us on this journey. If you're interested in getting involved, please keep an eye out for notices coming home early next term. For more details on what we'll be covering, feel free to check out our Google Site. The class has been working hard and the marble jar is almost full! This means we will be holding a Celebration Day during the first week of next term. I will send a notice home on Monday, April 20th to confirm the specific day. To make the day extra special, it would be greatly appreciated if each student could bring a plate of food to share for our Marble Day Feast. Enjoy the break, stay safe, and I'll see you all for a busy Term 2!

TE AWA NUI Rm 8 Yr 5 Mrs. Atkinson & Whaea Kemble



Kia ora e te whānau. Term 1 done and dusted!!!!

What an incredible term we have had in Team Awa Nui. We have established our place as 'seniors' of the school and are well underway on our journey to be 'the best that we can be'.

This term has been filled with highlights and a few of our favourites have been: Tama the Travelling Tuna, winning Table Tokens, Mount Multiplication, Epic Reading, the Triathlon, and the Wheel-a-thon.

NGĀ MIHI NUI to all of our whānau for the continued support over this term, especially with fundraising. We know it is no easy feat and we really appreciate the effort you all have put in to get our tamariki to the snow.

Have a safe and enjoyable school holiday, tamariki ma. Be good to your whānau and we will see you all in Term 2. Mā te wā!

TE AWA Rm 1 Yr 4 Mrs Gardiner



This week I want to start off by saying a big thank you to all whanau who have commented either on our class blog or on student blogs. The students are always really excited to receive these comments. On Wednesday (the 1st of April) we had our first experience of an 'Outdoor Classroom Day'. Although there was an aspect of 'April Fools' going on, being able to go outside and explore our bush area while looking for a range of birds was definitely a great learning experience. Awa had lots of fun practicing the calls that different animals make and learnt to sit quietly to hear and see them. They were also learning about classifying animals and even wrote some great scientific reports based on the bird called a Lirpaloo. We have posted a movie of our learning onto our blog. We have also been completing lots of learning about the Kawa of Care.

As we head into the holidays please keep encouraging your child to read daily for pleasure or information. Next term we will be having a big focus on our times tables. Many students have already started learning these in preparation. Students will work through these at their own speed and will initially focus on 1's, 2's, 10's and 5's, and then moving through the rest of the times tables. Feel free to practice these over the holidays to help your child to get a headstart on this. As always I am happy to receive emails with photos or messages of things your children get up to in the holidays. kariene@ohaewaiprimary.co.nz

TE AWA TUATAHI Rm 2 Yr 3 Mrs. Clarke



Happy Easter and holidays!! I hope you all have a great break.

Keep up the reading and basic facts at home over the holidays, especially mastering your 2, 5 and 10 times tables ready for next term.

Please remember to check out our class blog <https://osteamawa.edublogs.org/>. Next term we will be posting more to our individual blogs too. On Tuesday Mrs Ritchie did our first blog post with us after we made Waka Hourua. This was based on our navigation learning and the Maori myth Kupe and Te Wheke. We tested if our waka floated in the school swimming pool, most were a success but a few unfortunately sank. Yesterday we had fun bird hunting with Room 1. We looked for a few different birds including the incredibly rare Lirpaloo. There were a few spotted by the children apparently. We had fun calling to them using their unique sound "loof loof."

I will see you all next term for lots of fun and learning.

TE MAUNGA Rm 5 & Rm 6 Yrs 1 & 2 Miss Stewart & Whaea Jess & TE MAUNGA ITI Rm 4 NE & Yr 1 Mrs. Stevenson



Wow, the term has flown by! Last week we welcomed Atarau to Maunga Iti. This week we welcomed Arthur. They have both made a wonderful start to Ohaeawai School.

Yesterday Mrs Stevenson tricked the children with a non-chocolate easter egg surprise as an April Fools joke - check out our blog for more information and photos! Thanks to the whānau who have been making comments, it is awesome to see that you are involved in your child's learning. Remember these comments also get points for your child's house.

Over the holidays you may have an opportunity to check out one of our local libraries. A great wet weather place to visit. Card and board games are another way to support their learning over the break. Perhaps your child can help you write a shopping list before you go to the supermarket. Or send your teacher an email telling them about your holiday, pip@ohaewaiprimary.co.nz, jessica@ohaewaiprimary.co.nz, Sarah-Jayne@ohaewaiprimary.co.nz