

OHAEAWAI SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 06/11/2026



Attendance: 72 students achieved 100% attendance for the first three weeks of school. We are noticing more and more students arriving late for school. This can impact on your child's learning and make them feel anxious. Please make every effort to have your child(ren) at school by 8:20 am so they can be part of our morning karakia and so they can hear the important messages shared each day.

Save the Date: Year 6 Graduation Dinner, Monday, November 30th. This is being held at the Ohaeawai Rugby Club rooms this year. We need to have all forms returned indicating whether or not you are attending and payments made by NOV 20th at the latest. As a reminder students pay $15 and adults pay $30 (every child is allowed to bring 2 adults).



School Uniforms:
We are planning to put together a second-hand uniform shop of sorts at school now that we are a year into having our uniforms. If you have any uniform items that your child has outgrown and is in good enough condition to sell on, please bring them into the school.
Also if you are planning on purchasing uniforms for next year, please start ordering and making payment now. Order forms can be collected from the office.

Children turning 5
New Enrolments – If you know of any children who intend on enrol at Ohaeawai School in 2026 or Term One 2027, please encourage them to contact the school office for enrolment forms as it makes it much easier for us to plan for the future.

Four Year Old Visits to School - 4 year old children who will be turning 5 in a couple of months and starting school at Ohaeawai are able to visit the new entrant classroom for a couple of hours every Friday morning.

A parent/adult caregiver must stay with them during the visit. The children will be involved with classroom routines and will receive a work pack to take home.
If you are not given a "Beginning School" booklet please see Lauren at the office.

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Spelling Bee: November 26th . Your child may have come home with words to practise for this.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY: SAVE THE DATE - DECEMBER 3RD. MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

Swimming: With the weather warming up, Matua Ken has prepped the pool ready for swimming. As classes are getting prepped for Pet Day, Class lessons will start from Week 6. Teachers will share when classes will swim (it won't be everyday).



END OF YEAR PRIZE GIVING CELEBRATION:
WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR END-OF-YEAR PRIZE-GIVING CELEBRATION AT SCHOOL UNDER OUR CANOPY DURING THE DAY. HOPEFULLY, BY SHARING THIS NOW, YOU WILL HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO ORGANISE TIME OFF WORK. THE DATE SET IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, STARTING AT 11:30 AM
**** ALSO PLEASE RETURN ANY TROPHYS FROM OUR 2025 PRIZEGIVING.**

Okaihau College transition dates: November 19th and November 26th from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. This is the responsibility of whanau to transport students to this but we can help with organising carpooling if you let us know early.

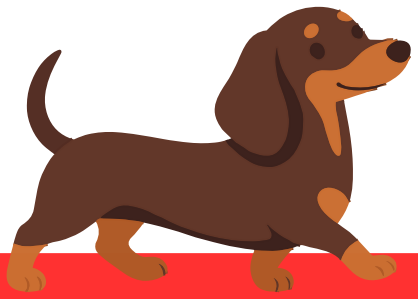
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PET DAY AT SCHOOL - NEXT WEEK FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH:
COME DRESSED UP AS AN ANIMAL TO WIN PRIZES
8:15AM: ALL ANIMALS AND ENTRIES SHOULD BE ONSITE
ROOM 1 - SMALL ANIMALS (CATS AND KITTENS OUTSIDE)
ROOM 2 - ENTRIES WE HAVE MADE AT SCHOOL
LIBRARY - ENTRIES MADE AT HOME AND PHOTOS
8.45AM: JUDGING STARTS
10:30AM: MORNING TEA
11AM: GRAND PARADE AND LARGE ANIMAL PRIZES
12PM: ALL ANIMALS TO BE TAKEN HOME

ALSO, WE ARE TRIALLING A DOG SECTION IN 2026. THIS IS ON THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER - AFTERSCHOOL, PRIOR TO OUR MAIN PET DAY. ALL DOGS NEED TO BE REGISTERED WITH FNDC AND ENTRY FORMS COMPLETED PRIOR TO COMING ONSITE. DOGS WILL BE JUDGED ON STUDENTS GETTING THEIR DOG TO COMPLETE AN AGILITY COURSE AND FOLLOW THEIR INSTRUCTIONS SUCH AS SIT, STAY AND COME, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER TRICKS THEY CAN GET THEIR ANIMAL TO DO.





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IMPORTANT DATES:

- MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER - KAIKOHE LIBRARY OPENING
- FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER - PET DAY
- THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - OKAIHAU COLLEGE TRANSITION DAY
- THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER - SPELLING BEE
- FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER - FUN LUNCHTIME
- MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER - YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER
- THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER - ATHLETICS DAY
- SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER - OHAEAWAI XMAS PARADE
- WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER - PRIZEGIVING AND LAST DAY TERM 4 !!!



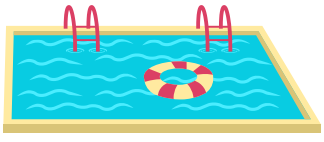


PHASE ONE NEWS - MAUNGA ITI, MAUNGA AND AWA TUATAHI

WELCOME TO OUR MAUNGA TEAM;
AMELIA, RAWIRI AND MASON.

HATS - WE HAVE SCHOOL HATS, THESE ARE THE ONLY HATS TO BE WORN WHILST AT SCHOOL. (IF YOUR CHILD IS AT OSCAR THEY WILL NEED THEIR OWN HAT)

THE SWIMMING POOL WILL BE OPENING IN THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER. TO GET READY FOR THIS PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD CAN DRESS AND UNDRESS THEMSELVES, THEIR GEAR IS ALL LABELLED AND IN A SUITABLE BAG. THANK YOU



KEEP UP THE SPELLING PRACTICE, ESPECIALLY THOSE TAMARIKI WHO WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE ON 26 NOVEMBER.

FLOWERS PLEASE - WE WOULD LIKE COLOURFUL FLOWERS AND LEAVES FOR OUR VASELINE SAUCERS NEXT THURSDAY. PLEASE FIND WHAT YOU CAN - WE ALWAYS END UP WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF BLOOMS!

READING AT HOME - THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE MAKING A CONSISTENT EFFORT WITH READING AT HOME, IT MAKES SUCH A DIFFERENCE TO A CHILD'S CONFIDENCE AND SOUND KNOWLEDGE. PLEASE SIGN THE BACK OF LEARNING JOURNAL TO NOTE THE BOOK THAT HAS BEEN READ AT HOME.

THE TUAKANA TIMES

PHASE TWO - AWA, NUI & MOANA

TEAM MOANA – *Year 6*

What a busy few weeks it has been. Moana have been showing some great examples of leadership, responsibility and honesty, both inside and outside the classroom. It has been wonderful to see them putting these qualities into action – keep up the great work!

In the classroom, we have been reading the novel Holes, building electrical circuits, writing poems and explanations and developing our understanding of units of measurement and how to convert between them.

We are now looking forward to Pet Day and will be getting started on a number of exciting projects in preparation. If you have any recycled materials that could be used to create animals, please send these in next week. We would love to put them to good use!

Next week, we will also be completing reading, writing and maths assessments as we prepare to write our end of year reports.

Keep up the fantastic work, Moana!





AWA NUI – *Year 5*

SO BUSY!

Awa Nui have been SO BUSY! The first 4 weeks of Term 4 have been a whirlwind of events!

For this newsletter...

Pictures paint 1000 words!









AWA – *Year 4*

It's been an exciting few weeks in Team Awa! In Week 2, we put 'green' eggs in the incubator, and last week we candled them— and were thrilled to see chicken embryos moving inside! We can't wait for them to hatch early next week, just in time for Pet Day. Alongside pet day preparation, we have been hard at work revising earlier topics especially in math. As we prepare for upcoming assessments, we're eager to see the great progress made since mid-year. This week we began a 10 day Times Tables Challenge where we are both learning and competing with students in our school as well as in other schools in NZ as we complete extra tasks based on times tables facts. Spelling lists also went home to help students prepare for the Spelling Bee in Week 7. In class, creativity is buzzing! We've created informative native plant posters for our Pet Day displays. Yesterday and today, students also began designing recycled animal creations to build at school this Friday. How you can help: Please talk with your child about their plan and help them gather recycled materials at home (boxes, tubes, caps, etc.) to bring into school. Thank you for your support. As always feel free to email me if you have any questions kariene@ohaeawaiprimary.co.nz

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Skool Loop

If you have not already done so, please download the Skool Loop App onto your phone.

PLEASE make sure you select to receive general alerts PLUS the class your child(ren) are in.



OSCAR

As the weather warms up we ask that your child brings a named sunhat from home that can stay at OSCAR until the end of the term, these will be kept in seperate bags for each child.

Please remember to let OSCAR or the office know if your child/ren will be picked up by anyone other than their parents.

The OSCAR number is 028 255 534 01

Please remember to sign your child/ren out each day.

Our OSCAR programme runs from 3.00pm-5.30pm
Please note late pick up fees will be charged.

If you have any concerns or queries please email; toni@ohaeawaiprimary.co.nz or aimee@ohaeawaiprimary.co.nz