



Ongarue School

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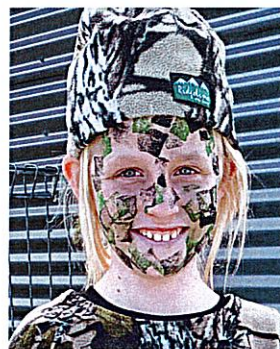
TERM 2 Week 4

23rd May 2024

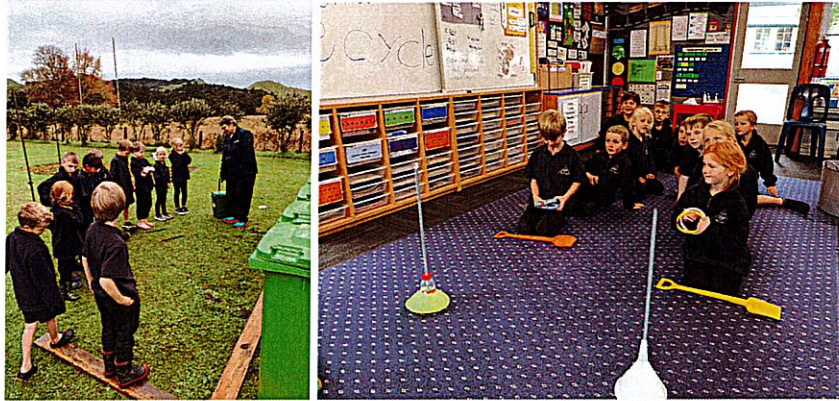
Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa, warm greetings to you all.

Illness has dominated the last couple of weeks with many students absent because of chesty coughs, fever, earache, snotty nose, sneezing and lethargy. We could put this down to the sudden drop in temperature last week but there are a variety of bugs out and about in the wider community. Schools are reporting high rates of unwell teachers and the struggle to get relievers to fill the gaps. GPs are reporting an increase of winter illnesses and Covid cases appear to be on the rise again. With this in mind please look after yourselves and ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the changes in weather.

We had a fun 'Camo Day' as part of the Camouflage unit we are studying in the junior room. Great effort and imagination - ka pai tamariki ma!



Vicki from Zero Waste visited and spent a day with our students. They were able to show her our recycling system, worm farm preparation, compost area and potting shed. She reminded us how to reuse items in a fun way to reduce landfill waste.



EOTC Orienteering years 5-8 is on this Friday. School van leaves at 9am. Event at Manunui. Please check skoolloop or www.sporty.co.nz/taumarunuiyouthandcommunitytrust for more information on this and upcoming events.

We were sad to say goodbye to the Matekuare whanau who now live in Taumarunui. We wish them all the very best and hope to still see them around town.



Having two full time teachers at our small school is important for student progress. This is our vision but we need your help. Current roll numbers do not entitle us to MoE funding for another teacher.

You can help us!

We want to start a calf scheme from weaned calf to prime.
Money put aside now will future proof us for funding our goal.

Please contact our BoT Presiding Member Hesta Cudby
or Principal Kate Cookson for further information.

The Skoolloop app is easy to install and use to access our school newsletters.

For more information please visit <https://skoolloop.com/en-nz/>

Attendance Term 1 2024	
<i>Success is earned one day at a time. Start by showing up. Our target attendance is 94%</i>	
Week 1	93%
Week 2	85%
Week 3	68%

The data for week 3 reflects the high rate of illness last week. We encourage attendance but realise that when your child is unwell the best place for them is at home to rest and recover. Daily contact with the school is appreciated.



Student Progress Reports:

Student reports will be issued in week 8 with parent meetings in week 9. A schedule of appointment times will be sent out with your child/ren's report.



Dates to Remember

* indicates a public holiday ~ No School

Term Two 2024	
Fri 24 May	Orienteering year 5-8
Mon 27 May	School Photos
29-31 May	Rural Principals Hui
Mon 03 June	*King's Birthday
Fri 07 June	Teacher Only Day PLD
Thu 13 June	Soccer year 1-4
Fri 14 June	Soccer year 5-8
Mon 17 June	Student reports out
Week 9	Parent- teacher mtgs
Fri 28 June	*Matariki
Mon 01 July	Life Education
Tues 02 July	Life Education
Wed 03 July	Science Fair Aria Sch.
Fri 05 July	End of term Two
Mon 22 July	Start of term three



PLAYGROUP - Sam Marriner is keen to start a weekly playgroup in the school library. If you would like to come along please give Sam a call via the school office.

HEARTLAND SERVICES

A multi purpose mobile community service will be on site at Ongarue School on June 6th from 11am to 1pm. This is a new community wide initiative to make access to a range of services more readily available

We would like to thank the following businesses and/or organisations for their continued support of Ongarue School students and families.

