



**OMARAMA
SCHOOL**

Newsletter Week 3 Term 1 - 2024

Kia ora e te whānau

Firstly, I would like to thank all of you who attended our Parent Information evening, yesterday. We really welcome your support and enthusiasm as we build our communication practices. With a roll of 39 students, having 16 parents attend is encouraging for us. We hope you felt the hour was informative and worthwhile. Thank you to the parents that made contact to advise that they had other commitments. It is nearly impossible to choose a day and time that suits everyone.

For those of you that couldn't attend, I am basically sharing the general information once again in this newsletter. I have added some website links that you may like to click on to view additional information.

The year has started well and here is an update on the new initiatives we are implementing this year.

PB4L - we have had the facilitators in and we are currently reviewing our LIGHT values, in regards to the wording, how we teach the values and how we celebrate achievement. We are also reviewing our behaviour management practices.

Peer Mediation - a facilitator has spent half a day with our leadership students and a day with staff to gain a deeper understanding as to how this programme runs. The students seemed excited to get underway with this as they learn the skills of mediation and acknowledge different forms of conflict and personality types.

Skool Loop - we are moving to using this app. Please see details below as to how to sign up to this please. This will streamline our communication.

Nga Mihi Nui
Alison Holden
Principal

Communication

Last year's consultation evening identified that this was an area that Omarama school was not doing well, therefore we are addressing this and making the necessary changes.

- Newsletters will be sent out at the start of each term, then fortnightly after that.
- A parent information evening will be offered at the start of each year.
- Class teachers will keep you informed about class programmes.
- Seesaw app will be used to share students real time learning
- Skool Loop app will be used to communicate, book interviews, record absences, newsletter
- Emails will still be used while we become familiar with using Skool Loop
- A brief progress report will be sent home at the end of term 1
- Please contact classroom teachers first regarding a class issue or incident.
- Please make sure your email & phone number is current for school communication

Absences

We need to know where all students are at all times, so please inform us promptly if your child is absent.

- Please explore using Skool Loop for absences
- Please do not ask another child / sibling to explain absences.
- Please email the office & class teacher, or ring the office if you have not downloaded Skool Loop
- If your child arrives late to class, please accompany them to their classroom for minimal interruption
- If you need to speak with your child at school, please approach the office first
- If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, please notify us so we assist

Student attendance: Guide for parents and caregivers – Ministry of Education (click)

Curriculum Overview for 2024

https://docs.google.com/document/d/163TnO02q5TRzFJMttbQtctHR7eFJ_C66UPgye2bsjZM/edit

This is a fluid document and changes / amendments may be made.

Government 100 day Plan - Teaching the Basics brilliantly

<https://newzealandcurriculum.tahurangi.education.govt.nz/5637194830..>

I have indicated the areas of focus. We are already teaching 1 hour per day.

Maths - Collaborative approach to Maths through rich interactions

We are supporting this through a DMIC (Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities

Writing - Set high expectations for the surface and deeper features of writing.

We are supporting this by using a range of writing tools for motivation

Reading - A balance of structured literacy (explicit) & whole language (implicit)

We are supporting this through the Code phonemic awareness programme

Strategic Plan

<httpsdocs.google.com/presentation/d/1Lt0II-FpJpRxw--CRatGYknn8ItiCTTy5bTGMAc1zgw/edit#slide=id.p1>

Our 3 Strategic Aims:

- 1) Learning Partnerships
Communication, Collaboration, Well-Being, Transition, Aotearoa NZ History
- 2) School Culture
Te Ao Maori, Curriculum & reporting, Professional Learning, Resourcing, Diversity
- 3) Giving Effect to Te Tiriti
Local Curriculum, Leadership, Te Reo, Employment, Equity

Skool Loop

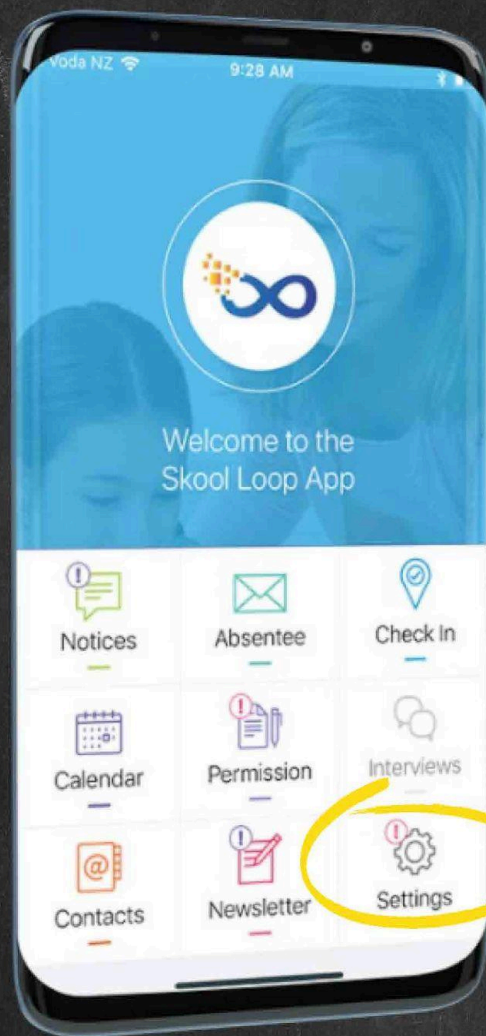
We encourage you to download the Skool Loop app as we intend on using this to share newsletters, notices, absences and arrange interview bookings.

Skool Loop is also assisting the revamp of our new school website. Over the next 4 weeks we will be developing this, and will let you know when it is going live.

Below are some fliers to guide you through downloading the Skool Loop app and getting

set up. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you are having difficulties with this.

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO NOTICE GROUPS



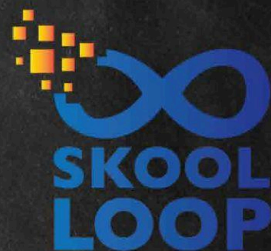
TO JOIN YOUR SKOOL LOOP APP NOTICE GROUPS, SIMPLY FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW:

- Go to the 'Settings' tile in the bottom right hand corner of the Home Screen
- Go to 'Subscribe to groups'
- Tap to select the group/s you would like to receive notifications from
- You're good to go - you will now receive all notices sent to the groups you have subscribed to

NEED MORE INFO?

Call Skool Loop Aus on 1800 203 493

Call Skool Loop NZ on 0800 238 379



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Notify Us Of Your **Child's Absence** Within
Seconds On Our **Skool Loop App**

ATTENDANCE

- Open the Skool Loop App & select Absentee
- Select a date range, if applicable
- Receive email receipt of your submission

Download **The Skool Loop App**. A simple 100% free download:
In Google Play & App Store search '**Skool Loop**' & choose our school once installed.

Sports opportunities

JUNIOR TENNIS

2023-24

Hot Shots is a fun and inclusive tennis programme for kids aged 3-12, using lower pressure balls, shorter racquets and smaller courts. Kids progress through their tennis journey at the right pace for their age and stage of development, and learn through play. Each Hotshots group runs for 45 minutes.

We also run a Hot Shots programme in Kurow, on Mondays from 3.30pm-5.30pm, and in Waimate, from 3.30pm-5.30pm, using the same format as Ōamaru. This is a great opportunity for young players in the Waitaki Valley and South Canterbury to give tennis a go!

Junior Development is run alongside our Hot Shots groups. Players are put in teams of two and play a game of singles and doubles each week. This is for more advanced players.

PER TERM
\$60

WHERE North Otago Tennis
39A Chelmer St, Ōamaru

WHEN **Hotshots** 3.30pm - 5.45pm
Junior Development 4pm-5.30pm

CONTACT northotagotennis@gmail.com
www.sporty.co.nz/northotagotennis



Kurow JAB Rugby

2024
Season



Registration: Last years players have been sent an email for re-registration. All new players please use the link below by the 1st March 2024

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/209702>

Once registered can you please pay your child's JAB subs to:
Kurow Rugby Club
a/c # 06-0927-0008649-000
Ref: JAB SUBS and your child's name/family name

2024 Subs: \$20 per child



Any questions please contact
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Ahuriri Classroom

Ahuriri students have had two new entrant students visiting their classroom over the last couple of weeks. They are excited to get to know Ava and Sienna who start school full time next week. It is lovely to see our school Light values being displayed to visitors.

Clay Cliffs Classroom

The leadership team is getting prepared for their camp at Peel Forest next week. They leave on Tuesday and stay away 2 nights, returning on Friday. The activities that they are participating in include, high ropes, bush adventures and rafting, which sounds exciting.

Term 1 Dates - 2024 (29/1/23 - 12/4/23)

Tues 20th - Thur 22nd Feb	Leadership Camp at Peel Forest - Wk 4
Wed 21st Feb	Incredible Years Parent Programme 12pm (see Alison)
Wed 28th Feb	Swimming Sports at school - see note below
Fri 1st March	Upper Waitaki Swimming sports for some students
Wed 6th March	Water safety day - Twizel pool 11-12:40pm
Wed 13th March	Science Van show at community hall
Fri 15th March	Bike Safety day + fancy dress
Wed 20th March	North Otago Swim - for some students
Wed 27th March	Cyber Safety with Jay (Police Officer)
Fri 29th March - Tues 2nd April	Easter (no school on the Tues, 3 days off)
Fri 12th April	Last day of term
	EPR08 Challenge - date TBC (maybe term 2)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

OUT OF HOURS MUSIC AND ART CLASSES 2024



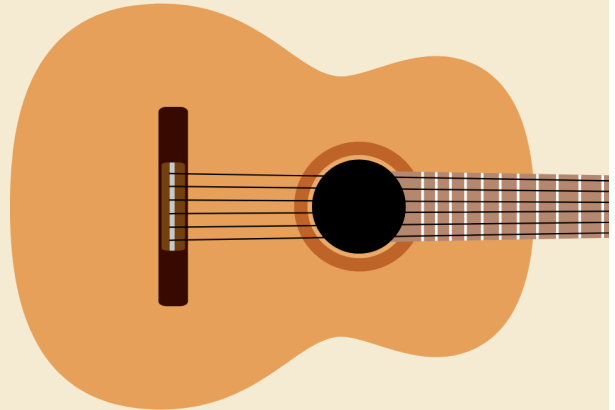
ALL NORTH OTAGO CHILDREN
(AGED 8 -12 YEARS)
ATTENDING PRIMARY SCHOOL.
HOSTED BY WESTON SCHOOL.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Information and enrolment please e-mail:
kruddenklau@weston.school.nz

PLEASE NOTE: LATE ENROLMENTS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED IF CLASSES ARE ALREADY FULL.
ENROLMENTS TO BE MADE BY WEDNESDAY THE 21ST OF FEB.
CLASSES WILL COMMENCE THE WEEK OF THE 26TH OF FEB.

MUSIC CLASSES
UKULELE/GUITAR/DRUMS
CHANTER/BAGPIPES
AND ART CLASSES



EXCELLENT TUTORS, SMALL CLASS SIZES.
MUSIC CLASSES JUST A \$20 DONATION ANNUALLY!
ART CLASSES APPROX. \$60 PER HALF YEAR, FOR MATERIALS.



2nd & 3rd March 2024
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facebook.com/fiveforkstrailride
or call Jane - 027 3841 424

Pee Wee Track - FREE
Adults - 1 day \$60, 2 days \$110
Child - 1 day \$25, 2 days \$40

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AND HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE - WWW.FIVEFORKSTRAILRIDE.CO.NZ