



ORUAITI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to 2019! I hope you all had a wonderful break and got to enjoy the wonderful weather we have been having.

Special welcome to Petrina Hodgson who has joined our staff and will be teaching in Puriri Room this year.

Welcome also to new students:

Kyrah-Jade Sumner, Rebekah Bialas, Summer Taylor and Isaia Saifiti who have joined Kowhai class

Niwa Hunt who has joined Rimu class

Cory Fleming, Leila Grimshaw-Havea, Cooper Hare, Ataahua Manuel, Luke Taylor and Colin Kerehoma who have joined Kauri class

Kaylee Brown, Tarsh Kupa, Jason Errey and Judah Wilton who have joined Manuka class
Che Frear, Lola-May Hare, and Dylan Taylor who have joined Totara class

We hope you and your families enjoy being part of our Oruaiti School Whanau.

Timetable changes

We have made a few timetable changes this year. Students will be eating morning tea and lunch in their classrooms at a time when teachers feel the students need to eat. Morning tea and lunch breaks will be for playing only so the lunch break has been shortened slightly. This is part of an effort to reduce rubbish in the playground and will also mean that students are not spending too much time in the heat during summer.

Assembly

This year we will be having our whole school assemblies on Monday morning 8.50 -9.00 to start the week. Our assemblies to end the week will now be held on Thursday afternoons from 2.00pm.

Events

Teachers have spent several days prior to students returning to school planning events for the year. We will send out a tentative calendar for the term when we have a few more events finalised.

Meet the Teachers/Whanau evening

We will be holding an evening for all whanau to come along and get to know staff and other families in our school community. This will be held on Thursday 7th February from 5–7pm. We will be selling sausages and ice cream slices. We will have sports equipment and games for all to participate in.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

06.02.2019 Waitangi Day (No School)

07.02.2019 Whanau Evening 5-7pm

18.02.2019 BOT Meeting

21.02.2019 Teachers Only Day

25.02.2019-28.02.2019 Camp Week

Canteen

We will have no school canteen this year. We will have special lunches on Fridays which students will be advised of.

Stationery

Thank You to all those parents/caregivers who have already purchased stationery for your children. We would like all children to have stationery as soon as possible so that book work can be started.

Uniforms/School Rules

Please refer to bottom of this newsletter, which outlines the uniform expectations and school rules for students at Oruaiti School. If your child is unable to wear correct uniform for any reason please write a note, or phone the office to explain.

Camp

This year we will be splitting the school into two groups for camp. Students in Totara, Manuka and Kauri will be going to camp at Lonsdale Park from the 25 – 28 February. Students in Kowhai, Rimu and Puriri rooms will be spending these days on activities around school including a trip to the Butler museum and a sleepover at school. All students will finish on Thursday with a whole school beach day at Te Ngare Bay. More details about camp will be sent out later. If you are thinking that you may like to help with camp this year, please ask at the office about the forms for police vetting (if you have not already done this).

Communication

Please download our school app from the app store for apple or google play store for android, this app has copies of school newsletters and is also used to send out reminders of school events.

If you need to communicate with your child's teacher, please email to the school email

address. If you need to talk with the teacher in person, please email or phone the school to arrange a meeting time.

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Teacher Professional development 2019

This year teachers are involved in a range of professional development projects which will impact on teaching and learning within our school. We are part of the Far North Kahui Ako which involves 20 schools in the Far North who are working together to raise student achievement. Across school lead teachers have been appointed who will be working with schools on a variety of initiatives. Our school has chosen to look at Quality teaching and how we can continue to maintain this within our school. Each school also has a 'within school lead', Meg Van der Laarse has taken up this role in our school. We are continuing our work with Relationship Based learning, which was started last year. Relationships based Learning offers a fresh and proven approach to help all those working in education to meet the challenges of raising achievement levels for particular groups of learners.

This year we have also joined Manaiakalani. The emphasis for this professional development is 'Effective teaching accelerated learning' teachers spent two days before school started becoming familiar with the Manaiakalani group of facilitators as well as the other schools involved in this initiative. Our students in years 4 – 8 all have 1-1 devices where they will continue to develop skills associated with the pedagogy 'Learn, create, share' which endeavours to put students at the centre of their learning. Teachers will be involved in developing their own skills to share with students.

With all this learning for teachers it's going to be a busy year, one which students are going to reap the benefits from.

Swimming

Children will be swimming most days. Please ensure your child has their togs and towel, in a bag, at school every day. If your child is unable to swim for any reason, please send a note to explain. Swimming is part of our school curriculum and it is really important

that our children develop water safety and swimming skills.

Uniforms

Our school has a compulsory uniform, which is:

Boys:

Black Shorts or Black trousers (available from the The Warehouse)

Maroon polo top with school emblem printed on (available from the office \$28.00 sizes 4-14)

Maroon polar fleece jacket (available from the office \$40.00 sizes 4-14)

Sports jacket (available from the office \$65.00 size 4-14)

Black shoes with black or white socks for winter, black jandals or sandals for summer

Black long-sleeved skivvy can be worn under polo top in winter

Girls:

Black Shorts, Skirt or Black trousers (available from the school office or The Warehouse)

Maroon polo top with school emblem printed on (available from the office \$28.00 sizes 4-14)

Maroon polar fleece jacket (available from the office \$40.00 sizes 4-14)

Sports jacket (available from the office \$65.00 size 4-14)

Black shoes with black or white socks for winter, black jandals or sandals for summer

Black or white long-sleeved skivvy can be worn under polo top in winter

ALL CLOTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY NAMED

Drumming and Yoga

Mondays 2.45pm-3.15pm.

Fun for all the family. Come and join us for drumming, singing, dancing and yoga. Open to children from birth upwards. Under 5's need an adult with them. Gold coin donation. Students who normally go home on the Taupo Bay bus are able to catch the late bus after drumming. If you are not attending with your child, please ensure they have a gold coin donation. Call 021 570 126 for more information



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