



ORUAITI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 5th February 2020

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

06.02.2020 – Waitangi Day (Public Holiday) (no school)
07.02.2020 – Teachers Only Day (no school)
13.02.2020 – Hearing & Vision Checks
18.02.2020 – BOT Meeting
25.02.2020 – Meet the Teachers evening

Welcome back to Oruaiti School for 2020 I hope you all had a relaxing Christmas/New Year break and are ready for another action packed year.

Special welcome to our new staff, students and whanau.

Yon Ankersmit has joined our staff as a teacher in Rimu room this year, Yon has a wealth of teaching experience and we are excited to have her as a member of our Oruaiti School team.

Welcome to new students and their whanau:

Dayna Foster, Arabella Green, Astra Gruebner, Estelle Johanson and Lilly Smith who have joined Kowhai class.

Ruby White who has joined Rimu class.

Korbin Edwards, Levi Gruebner and Eli White who have joined Kauri class.

Kadee Butterworth and Ella Stedman who have joined Totara class.

Zephyr Fitton, Taao Sala, Ava Thome and Kearan Bold who have joined Manuka class.

Kieron Doleman-Fyfe and Melody Vahaakolo who have joined Nikau class.

We are starting 2020 with 7 classes, due to an increase in roll numbers the BOT made the decision to fund an extra teacher so that we are able to keep our class numbers relatively small, especially in the junior area of the school.

Newsletters

We are trying to reduce our paper usage this year, so we are looking at having paperless newsletters unless families request them. Fortnightly notices will be attached to our school website and also our school app, these are also be sent by email. (If you wish to receive newsletters via email please ensure that we have your correct email address) We have also started a school Facebook page which will be used for incidental notices and reminders. Please don't use this for communications. Please also download our school app (there is a link on our website) and look at our website for information. www.oruaiti.school.nz.

Calendar

We will be updating our school calendar regularly on our website and also on our school app, please refer to these for important dates.

REMINDER – No school for students on Friday 7th February. All staff will be attending a teacher only day with other local schools at Taipa.

Camp

Our school camp this year will be organised a bit differently to usual. Our Year eight students will be going to the Hillary outdoors camp on Great Barrier Island from Sunday 29th March until Friday 3rd April. During this week students in year 4 – 7 (Kauri, Totara, Manuka and year 7's in Nikau) will be having three days, two nights, at Taupo Bay camp, where we will be involved in surfing with the O'Neills surf school and also a range of beach and hiking activities. Students in years 1 – 3 will be involved in a range of activities in and around school, including a sleepover at school and a beach day at Taupo Bay with the rest of the school.

Police vetting

Any Parents/caregivers wanting to stay overnight at school camps do need to have a police vet. These vets only last for three years. If you have not completed the forms from school to apply for

police vetting in the last three years you will need to do this as soon as possible so that we have the results back before camp. Forms for police vetting are available at the school office. If you are not sure if your police vet is current, please check with the office. Police vets from other schools will need to be completed again for our school.

Swimming

Children will be swimming at school every day, please ensure your child has their togs and cap at school daily or a note explaining why they are not swimming. Swimming is a very important part of our school curriculum and we are fortunate to have an amazing swimming pool where lessons can be taken. LeeAnn Jury will be working with all children during their class lessons on Thursdays this term.

Buses

The end of the day gets quite chaotic in our school parking area. Please **DO NOT** park in the bus bay area between 2.15 – 2.45. If you are collecting your children from school, please come up to school to meet them. If you need to change the bus your child is to be going on please let the office know before 2.00 in the afternoon

Communication

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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Petrina Hodgson- petrinah@oruaiti.school.nz

Kara Fleming – karaf@oruaiti.school.nz

Rob Arrowsmith – roba@oruaiti.school.nz

Meg Van der Laarse – megv@oruaiti.school.nz

Mark Pickard – markp@oruaiti.school.nz

Yon Ankersmit – yona@oruaiti.school.nz

Diane Bates – principal@oruaiti.school.nz

Weetbix Tryathlon

We have set up a school group for the Weetbix Tryathlon to be held at Waitangi Treaty Grounds on Sunday 29th March if your child is interested in entering this event contact the school for the energise code for a reduced entry fee then click on the link to register. <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35587&G=100150>

Te Manawa Tahī timetable for Term 1, 2020

Kia koutou katoa

[Does your child have difficulty speaking, hearing or learning?](#)

[Managing their behaviour, getting on with others?](#)

[Problems seeing properly and or other unmet needs and differences that set them apart from others?](#)

Any of these concerns can affect a child's progress at school/kura.

Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can come in and talk to education professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

Look for the Te Manawa Tahī flag which will fly outside each Te Manawa Tahī site:

Our timetable with dates and times is posted on our Facebook page.

You can come into the hub without an appointment or you call us on 0800 5248 4256 to book one.

Your school/kura/early childhood service can also make an appointment for you, or you can also email us: TT.Support@education.govt.nz

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