



ORUAITI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Thursday, 5th March 2020

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

06.03.2020 – Year 5-6 Beach Day
09.03.2020 – Eastern Zone Swimming Sports – Taipa
14.03.2020 – Kiwi Can Raft Race at Whangaroa
17.03.2020 – Board of Trustees Meeting 5.45pm
18.03.2020 – Far North Swimming Sports - Kaitia
19.03.2020 – Senior Tryathlon Year 4-8
20.03.2020 – Junior Tryathlon Year 1-3
26.03.2020 – School Photos

Welcome to new students who have joined Kowhai class this week: Scout Arrowsmith, Blu Thompson and Layne Wilde-Hailstone. We hope you enjoy every day at Oruaiti School.

Meet the Teachers

Thank You to all the parents/caregivers who came along to the meet the teachers evening on Tuesday. This was a very relaxed evening which provided an opportunity for parents/caregivers to find out about the organisation and programmes to be run in their child's classroom. From this evening there was some questions raised about the use of digital technologies in junior rooms (iPad) We will be holding an information evening for parents/caregivers later in the term to provide information on how these are being used in classrooms.

Chrome Books

Our new chrome books arrived for the year 4 students, and some others, whose families had chosen to purchase devices. This was very exciting for the students, they have enjoyed logging in to their new devices. We will be holding an information session for parents/caregivers regarding the care and use of these devices. Once parents/caregivers have attended these sessions students will be able to take their devices home each day if this is what families want.

Swimming Sports

We held our school swimming sports on Thursday last week. This was a great day with amazing participation from our students. The day concluded with our relays again where sadly the parents beat the staff (by a very small margin) to retain their title. Some of our parents are very fast swimmers!

From our swimming sports the following students have qualified for the Eastern zone swimming sports to be held at Taipa School on Monday 9th March:

Lara Newman, Summer Vercammen, Sahara Vercammen, Oliver Knapton, Jason Errey, Carlos Lloyd, Kaylee Brown, Shaelyn Hohaia, Latiya Tihei –Kirkwood, Lola Hare, Isaac Bleakley, Riley Jury, Cordell Grace, Max Harley, Dylan Machiela, Camryn Wyatt-Logan, Hayley Foster, Ataahua Manuel, Taz walden, Zephyr Fitton, Luke Taylor, Georgie Lowe, Ava Thome, Isla Bleakley, kadee Butterworth, Peter Robinson-Ryan, Touaka Robinson, Daetyn McCarthy, Leah Carr, Norah Bleakley, Indigo Smith, Levi Gruebner, Cooper Walden, T.K Hohaia.



Bus Safety

On Monday this week all classes had a visit from constable Rob Drummond to talk about safety around transport. Constable Rob reinforced the expectations for travelling on our school buses and also reminded everyone of the importance of always wearing a seatbelt when travelling and that students are required to travel in a booster seat until the age of seven, however it is recommended that they do this until at least eight years of age.

Wetland Visit

Last week the Junior school had a picnic at the wetlands. The children enjoyed activities in and around the river, looking at insects and getting muddy! We are so lucky to have this amazing space just across the road.



Student Attendance

The information below was sent to all schools recently regarding student attendance at school:

For students to gain the numerous benefits of school, attendance is critical. Attending school helps set children up for life. Principals and their boards and staff help ensure that students, parents and caregivers all take student attendance seriously and that children go to school unless they are sick.

Nationally, we are seeing that over the past few years there have been substantial drops in the number of students going to school 'regularly'* (full report [here](#)).

Because of the importance of attendance and these observed declines, the Associate Education Minister announced on Friday that the Ministry's collection of school attendance data will change. Until now, most schools have submitted attendance data for Term 2 only. From today, this data collection will run every term, as authorised by the provisions of the Education Act.

This term-by-term collection of attendance data is known as [Every Day Matters](#).

* 'Regular' attendance is defined for statistical purposes as 90% attendance or higher. However, Ministry analysis shows there is no 'safe' level of non-attendance; every day matters. Every day at school has a cumulative impact on students' learning. A child with an average of 90% attendance will miss the equivalent of one year of schooling in ten.

Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 6th March 2011.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but....

IF YOUR CHILD MISSES...	THAT EQUALS...	WHICH IS...	AND OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOLING THAT'S...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!

EASTERN UNITED RUGBY CLUB

Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate if you have not signed up previously, and subs are \$20 per child this year. Eastern JMB Muster Thursday 5th March (4pm at the club) for Under 7's, Under 9's, Under 11's, Under 13's, Under 16's



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Are you in a Northland School and in Year 1-8?
If the answer is yes, we want you!

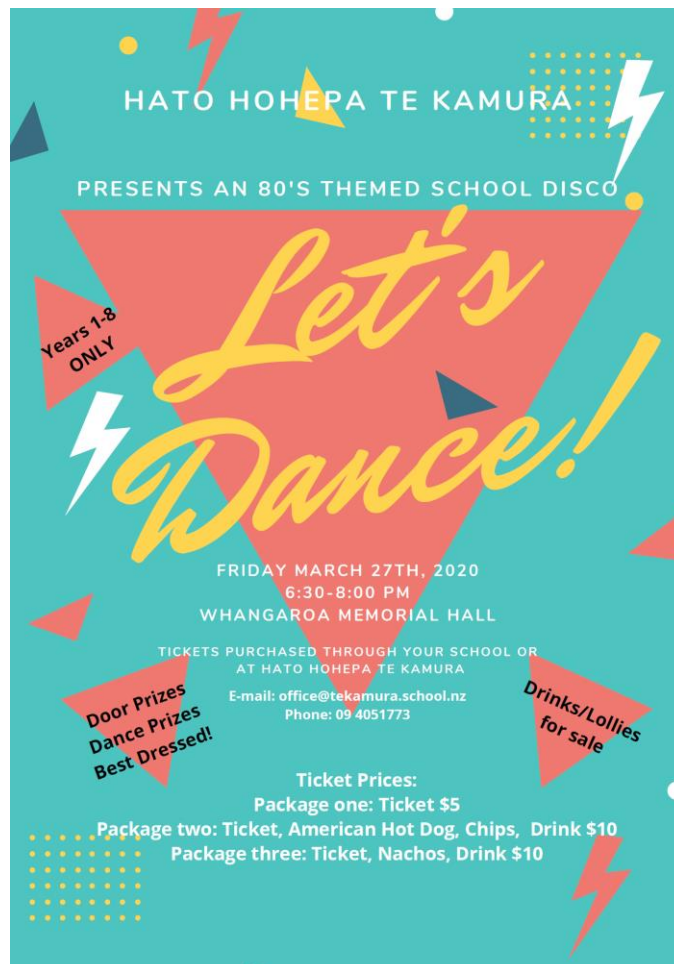
To be held at:
The Opua School Easter Gala
Saturday 4th April 2020
Opua, Bay of Islands

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REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL IN A FUN COOKING COMPETITION!

The 2020 *Kiwi Kids Can Cook* is sponsored by vegetables.co.nz. Competitors are required to have ONE recipe to cook on the day. It must be a savoury dish that contains at least three fresh NZ grown vegetables.

For more details and the entry form go to:
www.nzchefs.org.nz/Competitions



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FRIDAY MARCH 27TH, 2020
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Ticket Prices:
Package one: Ticket \$5
Package two: Ticket, American Hot Dog, Chips, Drink \$10
Package three: Ticket, Nachos, Drink \$10