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With Knowledge We Grow

WEEK 8: Term 1

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

No Assembly this Thursday

We have decided not to have an assembly on Thursday as it is too much pressure to get final organisation done for Gala and still try to have an assembly. We will have our next assembly on Friday 15 April which will be our Gold Card assembly-the last day of the term. Our Thursdays seem to be very chocka at the moment.

Gala Prep

Gala preparation seems to be going reasonably smoothly at the moment but the pressure will go on towards Saturday. Remember this week

- We still have a lot of groceries to come in from families for grocery raffle
- We need baking for the café on Saturday-baking can come in this week or early Sat morning
- Last Gala mtg on Wed at 3.00
- Friday set up-approx. 2.00pm -3.30- mainly putting up gazebos/ getting tables etc.
- Parent volunteers

Tabloids

Our inter-house tabloids have now been going for 5 years now and we seem to have a different house winner every year which is great to see. Rimu were the winners this year and they have started the year off in sensational style with also winning the swimming trophy and the leader in the inter-house cricket. We whipped the tabloids in last Wednesday so we could use the Tabloid Wheel that we used with Kereru Park Campus. It is always a privilege to see how well our seniors work with the juniors in their teams. It is a great way to learn teamwork and patience. Kereru Park are definitely going to use the tabloid wheel in their school sports in the future. Thanks again to the parents who came along to support the pupils. We will have our 3rd game of inter-house cricket on Wednesday at 2.15. We will have the finals day on Friday 1st April.



Rimu winning swimming trophy.



New Gazebo

The school has been given a new gazebo by the real estate firm RE/MAX. The director is Eileen Becker who has family going to our school. She is intending to live in Orere soon and will give \$1000 to the school for every house sold to RE/MAX in Orere. We are thrilled to get her sponsorship and the new gazebo is light and easy to set up-just what we need for our trips (especially sports) away from school. Our big gazebo is still fine for setting up for school events here at Orere.



New Admin Block update

We had hoped that our new Administration Block would have been under way by now but we have struck a few obstacles since Xmas-mainly waiting for the MOE to ok the final project and get the extra funding they say is needed. If they get all this extra funding we should get an amazing building!!!! However as there has been no final ok so far we are left keeping our fingers crossed and having a certain amount of frustration. Let's hope we receive positive news soon and the project can finally get under way.

SWISS Ashleigh's last day

Sadly our last visit from Ashleigh our SWISS worker will be on the 30 April. Ashleigh has been awesome since starting in 2014 and has become part of our staff, a great friend and wonderful supporter for the pupils. She has dealt with all her social duties/ family relationships etc. professionally and she will be a hard act to follow. We will farewell her in true Orere style. We will have a lunch together so we will ask families for a plate and have a sausage sizzle. Note this will be the first day back after Easter. Any parents are welcome for the lunch and farewell. We will have the farewell in hall at 12.00 and lunch around 1.00pm.

Chess Afternoon

We will have the chessman Paul Macdonald here at Orere on Thursday 31 March from 1.30-3.00 to teach our pupils this great game and hopefully start a chess dynasty at Orere!!!! Paul was the New Zealand Open Champion in 2014 and is a certified chess coach. He wants to build up clusters (eg Hunua) where pupils from different schools can play each other. He will teach Year 3 -8 and I would also like to have the Year 1/2 to watch and I can show them how to start with the basic pawn game. Chess is an awesome game and I have been involved with chess in a few schools and had always been meaning to start here. This opportunity with Paul is an great way to start. We would hope to purchase some sets for the school soon after.

School Photos

Every second year we get in professional school photographers to take our school/ class/ individual/ family photos. Our photo date is **Monday 11 April** (last week of term). Photo Life will be the photographers. We will send more information out a week before photos.

Bullet Points

- **Cycle track**-Shane has sprayed a track around school so we can start cycling after gala. We hope to purchase bikes soon.
- Well done to those families who went to the Orere Community 'meet and greet' on Saturday. They hope to have another one later in the year involving the school more. They are also keen to help us get sports gear (nets goals) for new turf so we can all use it.

E Noha Ra

Evan Robson



ROOM 1

STUDENT VOICE

Ki ora this is Ashley and Evana reporting for Room 1 News. Lately the Seniors have been very busy building and getting ready for Gala we are all pushing and trying our hardest to make Gala the best you have seen.

This year the Gala is going to be a tiny bit different, the senior class is going to be having games set up for all ages. There is Soak the Bloke, Lemon Blow, Cast Away, The Shoot Out and Balloon Smash!

Last week we had Inter house tabloids it was a tough game between Rimu and Pohutakawa but the scores were final, Rimu had won!

We were all sweating and puffed!



The Winning Team



Room 2 News

Hi everyone,

There is lots of excitement and frenzy this week as we get ready for our school gala. Thank you everyone for all the grocery items that have been sent for the grocery raffle. We are asking that each family contributes one item.



As part of our Financial Literacy theme the Room 2 students have been more involved in the fund raising activities - Sand Dig /counting the lollies in the jar etc. Some of the Year 3 students have been making signs for the activities.

We have been writing stories about the gala and learning about money in our Maths.

Here are some of the stories...

On Saturday the gala will be fun. By Kate

*Our Easter gala is on Saturday. It will be fantastic.
By Kourtney*

*The school is having an Easter gala and there will be lots of prizes.
By Skylah*

Last week 150 books arrived from the National Library for our students on a range of topics. Each book will be identified clearly with a sticker so that they do not get mixed up with our own school library books. We are hoping all these books will encourage even our not so keen students to enjoy reading.

Thank you for your continued support.
See you at the gala!

Ka kite ano
Mrs. McLeod



School Calendar - Key Dates to Remember

☐ 25 March 2016

Friday 25th March is Easter Friday, which is early this year. So please don't forget our Annual Gala which is held on Easter Saturday 26th March from 9am -1pm. We will need all parents to do their part helping on stalls etc. please. **Please remember Easter Friday, Easter Monday and Tuesday are school holidays. School will resume on Wednesday morning at 8.55am.**

☐ 31 March 2016

The Board of Trustees will meet next on Thursday 31st March at 6.30pm in the school staff room. Minutes of the meetings may be accessed by parents to read and are held in the school foyer.

☐ 5 April 2016

The last technology day for this term is Tuesday 5th April. Please remember the correct footwear for safety. All students are required to wear a sunhat when outdoors for Terms 1 and 4. The bus leaves Orere School promptly at 8am. Tech starts again in Term 2 on 3rd May, which is the second day of the new term.

☐ 11 April 2016

We have PhotoLife coming this year to take our school photos on Monday 11th April. They will be available for individual and sibling photos too. We will be sending more information, plus photo envelopes home soon, so please keep a lookout for them in your child's bag.

☐ 13 April 2016

This terms Parent Celebration will be held on Wednesday 13th April from 6pm - 7pm in the hall.

☐ 14 April 2016

Gold Card Assembly will be held on Thursday 14th April at 2.10pm. This will be the last assembly for Term 1. We would love to see as many parent there as possible.

☐ 15 April 2016

Term 1 finishes on Friday 15th April at the usual time. We will start back again for **Term 2 on Monday 2nd May at 8.55am**

The School Calendar is now available on our website

www.orere.school.nz



Facebook

We are on facebook! Please join our group, Orere School, to keep up to date with meetings information and happenings at school.

Easter Gala

Just 3 more sleeps until Gala. We will need everyone to help on the day, so please come on down and support your school.

We have asked every family to contribute some grocery items for our very popular raffles. If you have not done so yet it is not too late. Food item can be dropped off at the staffroom or you could provide us with baking for the café on Saturday. Baking can come in this week or early Sat morning.

Thank you

Friends of the School

Parent Teacher Calendar App

We have signed up with a new free calendar app for your mobile phones. School events will be added to the calendar and important notifications like event cancellations, emergency pick up situations etc. will be send to you phone instantly.

Your child absentee information can also be sent to the school via the app.

I have included a couple of flyers about the app and the school encourages all parents to download it. To download the App, please search your Play Store or App Store for the **Parent Teacher Calendar App**. This is a free download. Ensure that if asked, you **accept** Notifications. (This enables the 'Push' Notifications feature)

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