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Kia orana, Greetings, Talofa Iava, Malo e Ielei, Tēnā koutou, Bula Vinaka

It has been a year of many changes, becoming a cloud-based school with support from New Era It, using online assessment programmes with the children, improving classroom practice to accelerating learning in Writing and a new Principal.

I am pleased to announce that the Principal and BOT have employed Louise Parker as the permanent Principal release teacher. From Term 3 Louise, Dave and myself have built a cohesive and supportive teaching team that has the children's learning at the heart of everything we do. The Education Review Office team were complementary on how quickly this had happened, which is a reflection of the dedication Louise and Dave have to the profession. We are excited moving forward to provide the best opportunities for all children in the school.

Ngā mihi nui, Kerry Forse

Board of Trustees

We are approaching the next round of elections for two new Board members!

We currently have an experienced group who pride themselves on how we function as a cohesive team and at the core of all our decisions is the wellbeing of our community's children. The Board works closely with the school and has a strong relationship with both the principal, staff and students as we recognise that this is essential to good governance and sound leadership.

We need you!

Within each board peoples' individual strengths can be encouraged and as well as the financial benefit there is also a great opportunity to have access to free professional development.

The Board has identified the following areas we need representation in...

• Property

Planning, preparing, monitoring and assisting with the maintenance and upkeep of our school buildings, gardens and surrounding areas.

• Fundraising

Chasing online grants, applications and chatting with local groups and businesses to further the school.

Both positions come with the full support from our experienced team who are looking forward to welcoming you.

For any enquiries please contact Andrea Keast or Jared McKay and we'll be happy to help.

Warm Regards,

Jared McKay Acting Board Chair

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Netball Fun Day

Thank you to Gaywyne Rook who coached Year 5-8 children in Netball in Term 3 to prepare them for the Netball Fun Day. The children enjoyed the learning and the day playing it was fantastic to see their skills improving over the term.







Pet / Ag Day

Another successful day and we were so lucky that it was a beautiful sunny day. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped on the day as well as our guest judges. The judges were particularly impressed with how well the children new their animals as well as the range of learning displayed in the classrooms.







Administration Block Opening

It was fantastic to have Mr Robson back for the official opening of our new administration block. Local MP, Andrew Bayly, Carter Tossell and Toni Ryan cut the ribbon to open the block. We were honoured to have guest such as the Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore, Tony Gilbert from New Era It as well as Lisa Pilot, Ted Benton and Jayne Taylor-Clarke from the Ministry of Education to celebrate with us.









School Calendar - Key Dates to Remember

31 October - 3 November Life Education-

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 Halloween Party 6:00 - 7:30pm Orere Community Hall

7 November ECCS Athletics- Year 7 and 8

- 8 November ASB St Johns -First Aid - whole School
- 10 November Assembly 1:40pm Community Hall
 - **17 November** Wheels Day

- **23 November** BOT Meeting - 6:30pm all welcome
- 24 November Speech Competition
 - 1 December Athletics Day
 - **5 December** Community Thank You morning tea
- 6 December
 Weetbix Tryathlon
- 11 December
 Outdoor Survival- overnight camp at school
 - **13 December** End of Year Prize Giving
- I4 December Surf Life-saving - Beach Day- Orere Point
- 15 December Shared lunch and water fun day Last Day of Term