



**Whakamana me Whānau Whānui**  
Nurtering Individuals, Building Self-worth, Fostering Community

**Curiosity Resilience Integrity Empathy Respect**

## **Term 1, Week 9, 2022**

### **Welcome**

Kia ora whānau, I hope you are all keeping well. We have had a staff member and a few children off school recently as they tested positive for covid but we seem to have avoided a huge spread of the virus. Thanks to our senior students for wearing their masks inside and hand sanitizing. And thank you to all parents for keeping your child home when they have a slight sniffle and getting them tested. This is making a huge difference. A lot of our neighbouring schools have had to close and move to online learning so we are very grateful that we can remain open and see our beautiful children's faces in person every day!

Gathering limits are being removed on April 4th so we look forward to being able to hold events at school again soon. We'll keep you posted.

Unfortunately we have a problem with the finish of the flooring in the new toilets so they aren't open just yet.

As you know Mr P is leaving us at the end of this term. He started here in 2007 so we're really going to miss him. We will be hosting a farewell lunch for him on Thursday 14th April from 12:30pm onwards. More details will be sent home next week. All parents & whānau are welcome to attend. We'd love it if you could join us to say goodbye.

We are at long last able to introduce Lara Van Vuuren our new permanent teacher for the Y4-8 classroom as her Visa has finally been granted. We will officially welcome Lara to the school on Tuesday 12th April at 10am. More info to follow.

*"Fill your life with adventures, not things. Have stories to tell, not stuff to show." – Anonymous*

*My name is Lara Van Vuuren. I hail from sunny South Africa where I have spent the last seventeen years pursuing my passion for teaching. It is this passion that has led me to embark on a new adventure at Ōrere School as the permanent Year 4-8 teacher.*

*I will be joined by my dedicated husband and outgoing, sports crazy sons. Our little unit share a love for the outdoors and are always game for a new adventure. We look so forward to exploring the stunning landscape New Zealand has to offer and immersing ourselves in your rich culture.*



### **Board News**

Hello and welcome back to Ōrere School newsletter! There have been some changes to our board recently that I would like to inform you of, Rachel Cashmore has decided to stand down from the board. We want to thank Rachel for her time on the board & we wish her and her family well. After joining the board in 2016, Claire Jenkins has also decided to step down. We want to thank her for her time and effort on the board over the last 6 years. She will be missed and we wish her well on her next adventure.

In September this year, our schools Board elections will be held. There will be 2 vacant positions. If you're interested in joining our school board please get in contact with me [bbctossell@gmail.com](mailto:bbctossell@gmail.com). You're welcome to sit in at our next meeting to see what goes on behind the scenes.

I hope you're all well and able to enjoy the nice weather while it's still here!

**Rebekah Tossell—Presiding Member**

## 2022 House Leaders



(clockwise from back left)

**Rimu** Karma Jones

**Kauri** Sadie McKay

**Pohutakawa** Kauri Hetaraka

**Kahikatea** Luqmaan Hussain

Work in Progress

This newsletter format is still a work in progress.

Your ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Let Emma know what you'd like to see included.

## Upcoming Dates

### March

Y8 Tech: Thursday 31st

### April

Y7 Tech: Tuesday 5th

Board Meeting: Monday 11th 4pm

Welcome Lara: Tuesday 12th 10am

Last day of term, Easter raffle drawn & Farewell Lunch for Mr P: Thursday 14th

Easter: Fri 15th — Monday 18th

### May

First day of Term 2: Monday 2nd

## SchoolDocs

Our school uses SchoolDocs to maintain, update and review our policies. These policies are very comprehensive and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school. SchoolDocs updates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented.

Each term there are policies to be reviewed by parents, board members & staff. This term the policies that need reviewing are '**Heath & Safety Management**' and '**Emergency, Disaster & Crisis Management**'.

Please follow these instructions to review the policies:

1. Visit the website <https://orere.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (orere) and password (orerepoint)
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed
4. Read the policy
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type
7. Enter your name (optional)
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

*If you wish to review the policies but don't have internet access at home, ask Emma and she'll provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.*

## Fundraising

**Easter** Due to not being able to hold gala this year we will be raising funds by having lots of raffles throughout the year. First up are our Easter hampers. Thanks to all parents that have contributed so far. Chocolate or easter themed donations can still be dropped at the office. We are asking each family to sell at least 10 tickets. Tickets are being sent home with all families today. Please return sold ticket stubs & cash to school by April 13th as it will be drawn on April 14th in time for the hampers to go home for the Easter holidays.



**Pies** We're selling Oxford Pies again. These will be delivered early next term 11th May. Order forms will be sent home next week and you'll have all holidays to collect orders from friends, family & neighbours.





## Reminders

Term 1 is a summer term. All children must still wear a hat when they're outside. If they don't have a hat they have to stay in the shade and aren't allowed to play on the field or playground.



It is still hot at school particularly in the afternoons so all children should wear sunscreen to school and bring a water bottle each day. Our drinking fountains are open but we encourage the use of bottles.



It is getting cold in the mornings and the weather can be so changeable so please make sure your child has a jacket or sweatshirt in their bag that they can put on.

Please continue to collect yummy stickers & bag cut-out labels. They enable us to purchase new sports equipment.



## Terms 2022

### Term 1

Tuesday 1st February to Thursday 14th April  
(11 weeks)

### Term 2

Monday 2nd May to Friday 8th July  
(10 weeks)

### Term 3

Monday 25th July to Friday 30th September  
(10 weeks)

### Term 4

Monday 17th October to Thursday 15th December  
(9 weeks)

## SEEKING WOMEN WITH FIBROMYALGIA FOR A RESEARCH PROJECT

**THE FIDGIT STUDY** IS AN INVESTIGATION INTO RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN **FIBROMYALGIA**, **DIGESTIVE PROBLEMS**, AND THE **MICROBIOME OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT**

### WHAT IS FIBROMYALGIA?

It's a mysterious, chronic pain condition affecting about 1 in 25 women.

As well as ongoing pain, fatigue, headaches, digestive problems, sleep disturbances and other problems are common.

Poorly understood and difficult to treat, we aim to find out more about what links these symptoms, which may inform better treatments.

This study, in **AUCKLAND**, involves some tests and questionnaires. There are no medicines or treatments. Some test results will be made available.

### HELP US UNDERSTAND FIBROMYALGIA!

SCAN TO DONATE For more information, please contact the lead investigator:  
**Sharon Erdrich** • (09) 846 5566  
sharon.erdrich@sydney.edu.au

YOU CAN ALSO DONATE AT  
<https://crowdfunder.sydney.edu.au/fibro>

### IF YOU HAVE FIBROMYALGIA and

- Are female, adult
- Not pregnant
- Not diabetic
- Have no chronic inflammatory condition
- Are willing to undergo testing
- Can visit the study centre in Auckland

Please get involved! For more information scan the code to visit the study website



Our school uses **The Skool Loop App** to communicate and send important information. Please check your app store to ensure your phone is running the latest version and receiving all school news.

The app undergoes regular maintenance and updates throughout the year. Check your app store to ensure your phone is running the latest version!



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**#ITSMY MOVE**

**FREE WOMEN & GIRLS EASTER FESTIVAL**

\*FUN  
\*FRIENDS  
\*GAMES  
\*PRIZES

**SATURDAY APRIL 16**

**COMMUNITY DAY PULMAN ARENA**

Year 3/4 & 5/6 11:30-1:00pm  
Year 7/8 1:30-3:00pm  
College 3:30-5:00pm

SCAN TO REGISTER

**groovit dance studio**

**KAWAKAWA BAY**

**8 WEEK AFTER SCHOOL DANCE PROGRAMME**

grassroots trust Counties Manukau Sport Franklin Local Board

**FRIDAYS**

**STARTING 6 MAY 2022**

KAWAKAWA BAY COMMUNITY HALL (9 KAWAKAWA-OREERE ROAD)

**FREE**

1 HOUR HIP HOP DANCE SESSIONS

5 - 8 YEAR OLDS: 3:30PM - 4:30PM  
9 - 14 YEAR OLDS: 4:45PM - 5:45PM

DANCE PERFORMANCE - WEEK 8 (1 JULY 2022)

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO DANCE ON FRIDAY 4 JULY DUE TO THE KAWAKAWA PUBLIC HALL CLOSURE

REGISTER NOW, LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!

Contact Angela Moon to register:  
E: [AngelaM@cmsport.co.nz](mailto:AngelaM@cmsport.co.nz) P: 027 801 8958

**SKATEBOARDING "HAVE A GO" PROGRAMME CLEVEDON**

**FREE EVENT**

TUESDAY 19 APRIL, 10AM - 12PM

**CLEVEDON SPORTS CLUB**  
(107 MONUMENT ROAD, CLEVEDON)

Suitable for 8 - 14 Year Olds

Professional tips from Young Guns Skate School coaches.  
BORROW A SKATEBOARD & HELMET OR BRING YOUR OWN!

Register at  
[www.cmsport.co.nz/Events/Activities/Upcoming-Events/Skateboarding-Have-a-Go](http://www.cmsport.co.nz/Events/Activities/Upcoming-Events/Skateboarding-Have-a-Go)

**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**

Contact Sharmeen Leatham for more information E: [SharmL@cmsport.co.nz](mailto:SharmL@cmsport.co.nz) P: 021 907 223

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