



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

**Curiosity Resilience Integrity Empathy Respect**

**May 2024**

## Welcome

Kia ora whānau! Welcome back to Term 2!

Ōrere School has a jam-packed term ahead! Year 7 and 8 students will dive into a new technology program. We'll celebrate Matariki and Samoan Language Week, plant trees at the beach, and Year 7/8 will visit Auckland University for a science adventure! Our "Garden to Table" continues on Fridays, and with cooler weather, the "swimming" program will transform into a fun mix of science and art.

## Structured Literacy Program Update

Our teachers are continuing their hard work on our structured literacy program. We're bringing in experts to ensure this program runs smoothly across the entire school. As you may know, Education Minister Erica Stanford recently announced this as a new national priority for schools, so we're feeling confident that we are moving in the right direction.

## Introducing Our New Conceptual Curriculum

Ōrere School is moving to a new curriculum approach called a "conceptual curriculum". This means instead of focusing on separate subjects, students will learn big ideas or "concepts" that connect across different subjects. These concepts were chosen with input from whānau and staff, and include concepts like change, sustainability, relationships and imagination. The goal is for students to gain a deeper understanding of the world around them and to become critical thinkers who can connect their learning to real-life situations. When using a conceptual approach to our curriculum planning, instead of separate subjects, for example, concepts like "change" can be explored across everything we learn, from science (changing states of matter) to history (change over time) to art (how styles change). This way, we make sure we cover everything and give students a deeper understanding of the world!

As part of our process to develop our conceptual curriculum we asked you to fill in what concepts you thought were important. We wanted to say a huge thank you to all our whānau. With a 100% response rate, you've been incredible! We've combined your input with feedback from our staff and drafted four key concepts that will guide our curriculum for the next four years. The staff are now working on writing up a conceptual curriculum that will cycle over four years. Students will start learning through concepts later in the year. We look forward to sharing our conceptual curriculum plan with the school community soon.

## The Voice of Our Whānau and staff

We've included a visual snapshot of the concepts our families and staff prioritised. The bigger the word, the more popular it was with whānau or staff.

### Whānau Priorities



## Staff Priorities



## Attendance

Regular school attendance is incredibly important! It helps our students thrive in both their learning and social lives. A strong attendance rate, meaning your child is here more than 90% of the time, makes a big difference.

We're keeping a close eye on attendance and want to work together to ensure everyone gets the most out of school. If your child needs to miss a day due to illness, please let us know through School Loop or contact Emma in the office.

## Whānau helpers

We are currently looking for parent support for the following

- Laying down and cooking a hangi towards the end of the term.
- Breakfast support on Monday, Tuesday and Friday's .
- Board of Trustees Secretary (paid role).

Please contact Emma if you are able to volunteer your time and help the school for any of these.

Have a great week everyone!  
Ngā mihi,  
Kim Anketell

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## Reminders

This Friday 17th is Pink Shirt Day. Please support us by encouraging your child to wear pink to school on Friday. Please bring a gold coin donation or donate through our QR code.



It is getting cold & wet. Please make sure your child has a jumper and change of clothes in their bag.

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



## SchoolDocs

This term the policy that needs reviewing by parents is Employer Responsibility. Please follow these instructions to review the policies this term:

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.)

### Term 1

Thursday 1st February to Friday 12th April  
(10 weeks)

### Term 2

Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July  
(10 weeks)

### Term 3

Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th September  
(10 weeks)

### Term 4

Monday 14th October to Tuesday 17th December  
(9.5 weeks)



## JASE WILLIAMS

### TRAUMA HEALING PRACTICES

### COMMUNITY HUI

Connecting school and home strategies



It's an opportunity hear from trauma-informed education consultant and former school principal, JASE WILLIAMS, who has been working across the Hauraki Kāhui Ako (Cluster).

Come and connect the dots between what our schools are learning about the science behind behaviour and stress – and how you can support your tamariki at home.

Join any of the 2 hui being offered

### COMMUNITY HUI

**NORTH HAURAKI REGION**  
**MARAMARUA SCHOOL**  
Monday, 27 May 2024  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m

**HAURAKI PLAINS REGION**  
**HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE**  
Tuesday, 28 May 2024  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m

# Important Dates for 2024

## May

Pink Shirt Day: Friday 17th  
Board Meeting: Monday 20th 4:30pm  
Assembly: Wednesday 22nd 2:15pm  
Teacher Only Day: Friday 31st

## June

King's Birthday Public Holiday (school closed): Monday 3rd  
Ki-O-Rahi Tournament @ Ngatea: Thursday 13th (selected Y5-8 only)  
Community Wellness Day @ Kawakawa Bay: Saturday 15th  
Board Meeting: Monday 17th 4:30pm  
Assembly: Wednesday 19th 2:15pm  
Duffy Theatre: Friday 21st  
Y7 Incredible Science: Tuesday 25th  
Matariki Breakfast: Thursday 27th  
Matariki Public Holiday (school closed): Friday 28th

## July

Tree Planting @ Ōrere Beach: Thursday 4th  
Last day of Term 2: Friday 5th  
First day of Term 3: Monday 22nd

## September

Oxford Pie fundraiser delivered: Friday 6th  
Ag/Pet Day: Thursday 26th  
Last day of Term 3: Friday 27th

## October

First day of Term 4: Monday 14th  
Positive Puberty Plus Programme Whānau Zoom Meeting: 6pm Tuesday 15th  
Positive Puberty Plus Y5-Y8: Monday 21st  
Labour Day Public Holiday (school closed): Monday 28th

## November

Photolife: Friday 1st  
Teacher Only Day: Monday 11th  
Life Education Caravan: Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd

## December

Last day of Term 4: Tuesday 17th

Has your child received support for  
**ANXIETY or ADHD?**



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O TĀMĀKĀI MĀKĀU RĀU

Tell us about their experiences, and you could  
win 1 of 20 \$30 vouchers!

We are researchers and postgraduate students from AUT, currently investigating treatments for anxiety and ADHD. Parents (of children aged 5-11, living in NZ, with anxiety and/or ADHD symptoms) are invited to participate in the anonymous online survey.

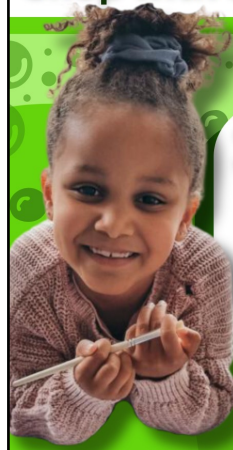
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Click to participate or learn more:

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