

# Whakamana me Whanau Whanui

Nurturing Individuals, Building Self-worth, Fostering Community

Curiosity Resilience Integrity Empathy Respect

# October 2024

### Welcome

Term 3 was a whirlwind of activity, but looking back, it's clear that our students were incredibly busy and productive.

One of the highlights of the term was our parent-teacher interviews. We were thrilled to connect with so many parents and discuss their students' progress. Thank you for your continued interest and commitment to your children's education.

Term 3 was also a term for sports! Our students excelled in the school cross country, with several placing in the inter-school competition. We also had swimming lessons at Massey Park, where our students not only improved their swimming skills but also demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. The staff at Massey Park were impressed by our students' behaviour and quick learning.

Our Year 7 students had a fantastic time at their sports camp, bonding with peers from other schools and learning new games. We look forward to continuing this tradition biannually.

We also had several out-of-school excursions. The tree planting event at Orere Point was a great opportunity for our students to contribute to environmental sustainability. The Duffy Books trip to the Manukau Due Drop Centre was inspiring, and students were excited to hear from various New Zealand role models.

In addition to these activities, our Year 7 students participated in a technology class with Whaea Louise, learning valuable sewing skills.

Our term ended with a successful Ag Day, where students showcased their agricultural animals, pets, and artwork. Thank you to all the parents who attended and to the community members who helped with judging and providing farm animal entertainment.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the parents who have helped us attend these events. As a small school, we rely on your support to provide these opportunities for our students.

# Staffing News

We are sad to announce that Lara will be leaving us next week. She has been a valuable member of our school staff, and we will miss her and wish her all the best in her future endeavours. We will be having a shared morning tea next Thursday 31st to farewell her. All parents/whānau are welcome to attend. Please bring a plate.

We are very happy to inform you that we have appointed Tiarnah Messina-Selwyn as the fulltime teacher in Tangaroa. She is an ex student of Ōrere School and loves the community. She will start next week and work alongside Lara.

# Term 4 promises to be another exciting term. Here are some of the planned events:

- Kindy visit
- Gumboot Friday
- Whole-School Camp
- Waterhole Swimming
- East Group Athletics
- Weetbix Tryathlon
- Life Education
- Beach Day
- Prizegiving/End of Year Celebration

It's truly amazing how much our students have accomplished in such a short time. As we move into Term 4, let's continue to celebrate their achievements and support their ongoing growth and development.

# 2025 Updates

Next year, Tāwhirimātea will be years 0-4 and Tangaroa will be years 5-8.

We are excited to announce that Year 7 & 8 Tech will be held offsite at Maramarua School one day a fortnight. This will give our students a chance to interact with other students in our cluster before they head off to high school, whilst also getting an exciting technology programme with dedicated technology teachers.

# **Important Reminders**

### Bus

Reminder that ANY changes to the normal bus arrangements must be reported to school before 2:45pm. We will try our best to respond to your messages, but as you can appreciate we are often teaching in the classroom, and may not have access to the school phone until 2:45pm.

### **School Hours**

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, we kindly request that you do not drop your child off on school property before 8:00am. Our classrooms officially open at 8:30 am, and our staff are available to greet and assist students at that time. The school bus arrives at 8:30am, which is when breakfast is served.

Please note that our staff may not be onsite before 8:00am, and leaving your child unsupervised during this period poses a safety risk. If you have any concerns about your child's arrival or departure times, please come and have a chat with me.

Ngā mihi,

Kim Anketell

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



# Important Dates for remainder of year

# Term 4: Monday 14th October—Wednesday 18th December

### October

Labour Day Public Holiday (school closed): Monday 28th Parent/Whānau Shared Morning Tea to farewell Lara: Thursday 31st 11am

### November

School Photos: Friday 1st
Gumboot Friday: Friday 1st
Board Meeting: Monday 4th 4pm
Parent Info Evening re Camp: Monday 4th 6pm
Whole School Camp: Thursday 7th - Friday 8th
Teacher Only Day (school closed): Monday 11th
East Group Interschool Athletics @ Pukekohe: Tuesday 12th
New Entrants Hearing & Vision testing: Wednesday 13th
Orere Market—school stall: Sunday 17th
Weetbix Tryathlon @ Mountfort Park: Wednesday 20th
Life Education Caravan: Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd
Whole School Beach Day: Tuesday 26th
Whole School Camp (back up days): Thursday 28th - Friday 29th

### December

Board Meeting: Monday 2nd 4pm
Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea: Tuesday 10th 10:30am
Prize Giving: Thursday 12th 6pm
Last day of Term 4: Wednesday 18th 12:30pm

# **SchoolDocs**

This term the policies that need reviewing by whānau/parents are Finance and Asset Management Policy; Managing Income and Expenditure; Financial Conflicts of Interest; School Donations and Student Activity Payments; Expenditure; Asset Management and Protection; Property Planning and Maintenance; Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft.

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 **Start your Review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
- 6. Select the reviewer type
- 7. Enter your name (optional)
- 8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
- 9. Agree to the privacy statement and click 'Submit review".

If you don't have internet access, ask Emma and she'll provide you with printed copies of the policies and a review form.







