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With Knowledge We Grow

## WEEK 6: Term 1

### **Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers**

#### **Adventure Playground progress**

The Adventure Playground progress has been pretty awesome lately! We already had \$5000 from the Foundation North Charity and \$1000 from the Orere Fishing Club/ Clevedon Lions. The pupils have raised about \$2000 with Splore and kayak raffle tickets. The BOT put in \$5000 last Thursday and on Friday we got a fantastic boost from the Silich family of \$10,000. That brings the total so far to around \$22,000 well over half way and just 6 weeks into the fundraising. We are busy putting out more applications for charity grants and the pupils will set up a request on the 'Give a Little' website so people all over New Zealand can help! When it is all set up we will let you know so you can share it on facebook and encourage all your friends and family.



#### **Cycle Track**

The cycle track project had been put on the back burner this year due to lack of funding and the Adventure Playground project getting priority. However last week we found out we have now been given \$1500 for bikes by Bike New Zealand and free helmets. If we can also use the Harcourts donation (\$1500) we should be able to get 10-15 bikes which we would store in the garage. We have decided to just have a grass track at the moment and Shane will organise that. That means we can get going with our project and get bike instructors in to start 'bike safety.' It has been a positive week.

#### **Gala Progress**

We have our 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting today and the wheels of progress are starting to move. Huge thanks to those 2/3 top ladies for all their work during the last 2 weeks on the phone to sponsors and collecting of gear. More people are getting involved in various ways especially getting the kayak raffle tickets around. If any other parent / family friend can take tickets into a workplace to sell tickets please let us know. The senior pupils have been working hard with selling tickets/ getting posters and signs and getting their fundraising stalls planned and ready. We are just 2 weeks away on Friday! There is a meeting each Wednesday till Easter. Louise is outlining what is needed.

#### **Yellow Vests**

As a new leadership initiative this year the senior pupils in each house have to do a week each of organising games/ activities for pupils at break-times/ lunchtimes. They get 10 minutes each day to organise what is to be played and get the gear ready. At the end of the week the pupils get their ice block. Staff are thrilled with what the pupils have done already and as they gain in confidence/ organisation it should be a tremendous success. Not only is the playground full of pupils playing

games it takes the stress out for teachers who are on duty. The yellow vest pupils also help if any pupil is hurt or needs support. Well done seniors.

### **Digital Learning Contract 2016**

Staff are involved in a Digital Contract with the Ministry for 2016. Our goal is to lift the levels of Literacy using digital tools. Digital tools are all ICT gear-computers/ laptops/ iPads/ tablets/ Learning Apps/ Cameras etc. and the programmes that are used with them. When we get full broadband by the end of the term we should be smoking and our opportunities with ICT will rise enormously. Once we get the full broadband it is hoped the Orere Community are soon behind us getting greater internet service. That will help tremendously with homework / learning opportunities.

### **Inter-house Cricket**

We started inter-house cricket last Friday. We play the game with 4 bats which allows all our pupils to play in their house team. It was a great success last year and the other houses are out to topple last year's champions, Kauri. All houses play each other over 3 weeks and then we have finals day. We play at 2.15pm each Friday on the new turf. Parents welcome.



### **Board of Trustees**

Jared McKay stood down from the chairperson's job at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for 2016. Jared has been chairperson since 2011 and has done a magnificent job as everyone is well aware of. With his work commitments increasing he has decided to stand down but will remain on the BOT until the elections in May. After doing 5 years as a chairperson you deserve a break. Shane Boustead has accepted the chairperson's role and we are extremely lucky that we have another very capable and hardworking board member to take over seamlessly.

The next elections are in May where 2 positions are up for election. More details later but if any parent is thinking of BOT service please get in touch with a BOT member.

The BOT members are:

Shane Boustead  
Jared McKay  
Andrea Keast

Lisa Pye  
Andrea Couldrey

Rebekah Tossell  
Evan Robson

### **Bullet Points**

- The Hall Committee have a meet and greet for new Orere residents at the hall on Saturday 19 March. What a great idea.
- I will be away next Thursday/ Friday for a wedding in Wanaka-please don't run amok while I am away!
- Assembly this Thursday-swimming certificates/ House Trophy for swimming
- Bible lessons start this Friday (normally on Wednesdays)
- Reminder Breakfasts are served every school morning-thanks Pam and Louise
- We have stream studies with Laura (Waicare) on Thursday 17 March-more details next week but as Juniors will travel down to the reserve-we will need parents/ cars.
- **Inter-House Tabloids next Wednesday 16 March-starts 1.30-Parents Welcome**

E Noha Ra  
Evan Robson

# ROOM 1

## STUDENT VOICE

Kia Ora this is Anika reporting for Room 1 Student Voice.  
Today we had Kereru Park School come and visit. It was a blast.  
Also our school gala is coming up so buy as many raffle tickets as  
you can!

### Jokes

Q. What's brown and sticky?

A. A stick!

Q. What's a computer brand that sings?

A. A Dell!

## Here Are some Activities!



### Easter Word Hunt

C	H	I	C	K	L	I	L	Y	D	H
N	C	J	N	E	G	G	S	L	Y	R
F	G	H	E	F	W	V	U	Z	E	R
B	R	I	S	P	R	I	N	G	F	A
U	A	D	T	A	L	C	D	R	L	B
N	S	E	A	R	C	H	A	W	O	B
N	S	W	P	A	L	M	Y	Q	W	I
Y	F	I	N	D	B	A	S	K	E	T
L	A	M	B	E	A	S	T	E	R	S
D	H	U	N	T	U	L	I	P	S	I

BASKET  
BUNNY  
CHICK  
DYE  
EASTER  
EGGS  
FIND

FLOWERS  
GRASS  
HIDE  
HUNT  
LAMB  
LILY  
NEST

PALM  
PARADE  
RABBIT  
SEARCH  
SPRING  
SUNDAY  
TULIPS

## Happy Easter!



# Room 2 News

Hi everyone

We are very happy with how settled the Room 2 children are. They are all trying hard with their work.

Our class has dropped back to 16 students so Mrs. Pye is now helping in the classroom rather than taking the youngest students to the Library.



Last week we had a lady visit from the National Library and she is working with us to transform our library from being just a library to being a multimedia centre. Hopefully it will be a place for students to do research on computers and listen to audio books as well as a place to read. We have also ordered interesting books on different topics from the National Library for our school.

We noticed that most of the Year 2s and Y3s need practice with their typing so we have been using a really fun programme ([www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)) called Dancemat Typing that helps children learn to type. Check it out!

This week we are doing Maths assessments to see where the children are at for Maths. The results will go in the student folders.

We have also been using some Writing apps on our iPads. Skylah and Keegan wrote a story on the iPads using "I can write" this morning about the butterfly garden.

Our sunflower plants are growing and here are some more of their stories.....



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*My sunflower is getting very big. **Danyon***

*My sunflower needs lots of sun and water. **Sadie***

*I made a hole in the soil. Then I put the seed in. We put water in. **Jack***

Thank you for your continued support.  
Ka kite ano  
Mrs. McLeod



# School Calendar - Key Dates to Remember

- 9 March 2016**  
It is that time of year again; we are once more preparing for gala. We would appreciate a huge parent support at our gala meetings for 2016. The next meeting is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March and every Wednesday from then until Easter, after school at 3.10pm.
- 10 March 2016**  
Assembly will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2.10pm. We would love to see as many parent there as possible.
- 16 March 2016**  
Inter-house Tabloids – all parents welcome
- 22 March 2016**  
The next 2 technology days are Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and a fortnight later the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 25 March 2016**  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March is Easter Friday, which is early this year. So please don't forget our Annual Gala which is held on Easter Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Easter **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

The School Calendar is now available on our website [www.orere.school.nz](http://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 weeks to go until our annual Easter Gala. Please come along to our meetings every Wednesday at 3pm until Gala. We will need everyone to help on the day.

We ask every family to contribute some grocery items or Easter eggs for our very popular raffles.

Please start sending these to school now.

Thank you

Friends of the School



## Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic books are having problems in their distribution centre. Hopefully the books will be here soon.

Louise Parker