



With Knowledge We Grow

#### <u>WEEK 2: Term 2</u>

#### Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

#### Goodbye Normans

On Friday we fare welled Brooklyn, Maniyah and Jayden Norman who left for their new school in Hawkes Bay. They have been wonderful pupils and it was sad to lose them especially when it is so close to the 1 July roll. From that roll the funding for the rest of the year is calculated as well as next year's staffing. To lose 3 pupils and a future one is a blow and we also lost Kieran who enrolled for just 7 days last term. However such is life in country schools. It is great to see Corey get a dairy farming job again and Hawkes Bay is a great place to live. We wish them well.

It does mean the school house will become available again. The BOT will decide what maintenance is needed now and then offer the house for just 6 months to allow the new principal the option of taking the school house for the start of 2017 school year. Potential tenants with school children get priority. If anyone knows of a family wanting this chance tell them to be in touch with us-we already have had 2/3 inquiries.

#### <u>Welcome</u>

We welcomed Joanne Fargher last week to our school. Joanne is a Year 6 and has come from Cosgrove School. We also welcome her Dad, Aaron, to our school community. The roll now stands at 41.

#### Soccer Fun Day

Year's 3-8 pupils went to Bruce Pulman Park yesterday to take part in the Hunua Schools Soccer Fun Day. Our Years 3/4 are lucky because we choose to play them in the Year 5/6 competition. We like to get younger pupils involved in sport as early as possible so this is a big advantage for a country\_school pupil, they wouldn't be able to do this in town schools. We were very proud of all 3 teams



as they all displayed our leadership teamwork values. They gave their best, had fun and represented Orere proudly. All teams had wins, draws and loses which is perfect. They looked great in their uniforms. Our soccer is getting stronger and stronger with more and more pupils playing Saturday soccer – especially the girls. We also have a number of boys playing Saturday rugby and girls playing Saturday netball. Well done parents who do this to allow your child to play and the fact that parents can car pool to help each other to get to practice and games.

When giving out the sports uniform for soccer it became apparent that some of the school shirts/ shorts have not been returned from previous games/ sport or accidents at school. The sports uniform belongs to the school and we have spent a lot of money getting new sports gear so everyone can be kitted out. This shortage is not fair on the pupils. Please make sure all sports uniforms get returned asap.



#### Parent Celebration-Food Night

We were thrilled with our 'food night' Parent Celebration on Wednesday of the last term. All our food was sold out and \$300 was raised for the Adventure Playground. A huge thanks to those parents who helped with the preparation and cooking and to families who freely gave ingredients for their child's cooking. It meant we had little costs and therefore greater profits on the night. All parents were very generous on the night in buying lots of tokens so all the food was gone.

It was extremely pleasing to mix and eat with parents on the night and to see the success of the pupils and the enjoyment the parents got from that. Everyone seemed very keen to see it happen again in the future! It was a great well to celebrate our learning on Financial Literacy and the success of what the pupils raised for this awesome fundraiser.

#### Year 7/8 Wellington Trip

2016 is the year for our next Wellington trip for the Year 7/8s. In 2012 we made the decision that all our Year 7/8 pupils get the chance to fly to Wellington to have a fantastic week of fun and learning. That is why we go every second year. The trips in 2012 and 2014 were awesome as there is so much to see and do there. It costs around \$6000 so we fundraise over 2 terms. We will go this year from 12-16 September.

Already we have been busy organising visits and soon we will have our first parent meeting to work together for the fundraising. This year Lisa P and Andrea C will come on the trip and help Dave and I with the fundraising organisation and we need female adults with the 8 mixed pupils we are taking.

#### **BOT Elections**

Just a reminder that BOT elections are coming up.

Any parent who wishes to come to a BOT meeting to see how it operates please let us know-we love to see interested parents. Our next meeting is on Thursday 2 June.

#### Give a little for our adventure playground

We have set up a site at 'Give a little' for donations to the new Adventure Playground. We hope it is all set to go. Please try and encourage family/ friends to 'give a little.' We are still short by \$15,000 so every donation will help. We have got charity applications in for the remaining money so we will keep our fingers crossed.

#### **Production**

This is the year for our school production-the first in 5 years. Thanks to Dave who will lead the production 'The Pharaoh's Tardis.' The performance will be on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>July and tickets will go on sale during June-all proceeds to the new Adventure Playground. Dave will outline the story for the next newsletter.

This is an opportunity for the pupils with artistic/ performing talents to really push themselves as well others who will enjoy the production experience. All pupils will be involved on and off stage.

Any parent who can help in some way or has experience with shows we would love to have you involved. We do need particular help with dances, choreography, costumes etc. Please let us know at interviews if you can help or if you know someone in the village or elsewhere who can help particularly with music/ dances.

#### Parent Interviews

We have our Term 2 Parent Interviews/ goal setting this coming Monday 16 May from 2.00-7.00 pm. These interviews are to review Term 1 progress and goals and to look at Term 2 goals. We have a Mid-Year written report at the end of Term 2 to summarise the first half year.

Please fill in the attached Parent Interview sheet and return tomorrow by Friday 9.00am. On Friday afternoon we will send out a schedule of times.

Note: School finishes 1.50pm on Monday for interviews. The Bus and Van will run from this time. Let the school know if we need to hold any pupils at school.

#### **Bullet Points**

- Our 4 new IPads have arrived and we will integrate into our programmes once they are set up
- We are expecting some of our new bikes and helmets very soon
- Assembly this Thursday at 2.15pm sharp

E Noha Ra Evan Robson



## **Student Voice**

Hello parents and caregivers, this is Floyd and Ethan writing an all new student voice.

Soccer Funday on Tuesday was a whole lot of fun for years 3 and up.



Room 1 is currently

planning on making a production, The Pharaohs Tardis, and we are thinking of holding auditions for dancers, actors and singers from Room 1. Don't forget to come on over to assembly on Thursday.

Room 2 News

Hi everyone,

Well Term 2 has got off to a great start with all this summery weather. We came back after the holidays to find our sunflower plants had grown huge!





Our first topic for the term has been Superheroes. The students are enjoying all the stories we have read and love dressing up in the superheroes costumes. The children have been writing stories about what they would do if they had super powers and Mother's day.

If I had superpowers I would shoot webs. Bailey

Yesterday was Mother's Day. I gave Mum a bracelet and a flower and a picture. Katelyn

Yesterday was Mother's Day. I gave Mum some sunglasses and some books. Kate

Yesterday was Mother's Day. I gave Mum a cuddle and a kiss. Manu

Thank you for your continued support.

Ka kite ano Mrs. McLeod

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# School Calendar - Key Dates to Remember

#### □ 12 May 2016

Assembly will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 2.10pm. We would love to see as many parent there as possible. Parents will be able to take their children home after assembly.

#### 13 May 2016

Please remember that Scholastic Book Orders need to be in by this Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

#### 16 May 2016

Parent interviews will be conducted on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Please find attached notice and time slots available. Please select a suitable time and returned to school office by tomorrow.

#### □ 17 May 2016

Senior students will be off to technology again on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please remember the correct footwear for safety. The bus leaves Orere School promptly at 8am.

#### 20 May 2016

Inter-house Soccer will be held here at school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. More information will be sent home closer to the day.

#### □ 6 June 2016

The Board of Trustees will meet next on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 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 following meeting will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Anyone interested in becoming a BOT member is welcome to come along to see what goes on.

The School Calendar is now available on our website www.orere.school.nz



We are on facebook! Please join our group, Orere School, to keep up to date with meetings information and happenings at school.

# Parent Teacher Calendar App

We have signed up with a new free calendar app for your mobile phones. School events will be added to the calendar and important notifications like event cancellations, emergency pick up situations etc. will be send to you phone instantly.

#### Your child's absentee information can also be sent to the school via the app.

I have included a couple of flyers about the app and the school encourages all parents to download it. To download the App, please search your Play Store or App Store for the **Parent Teacher Calendar App**. This is a free download. Ensure that if asked, you **accept** Notifications. (This enables the 'Push' Notifications feature)

# Your School Calendar App



Download our School Calendar App Free

> Join our push notifications

Always be informed of our events and cancellations

HOW: In Play Store and App Store search "Parent Teacher Calendar" and choose our school.





The Parent and Teacher Calendar App

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### MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE MOST UP TO DATE SCHOOL EVENTS AND INFORMATION

 Please allow notifications so we can send reminder alerts to your device



#### Student/Parent Term 1 Interviews

#### Review of Term 1 work and Goal Setting for Term 2 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Please fill out the preferred times for your interviews.

We are using one day for interviews 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016) beginning at 2.00pm and going through to 6.30pm, (7.00pm for Room 2)

Your child is <u>expected</u> to be at the interview to help set goals for the rest of the term. We want the interviews to be a three way process. Please return slips to Andrea as soon as possible.

Note: School finishes at 1.45pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May (we will have a 30 minute lunch at 12.00pm). The buses will run at the earlier time of 1.50pm. (bell at 1.45pm)

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