



## WEEK 9: Term 4

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

#### Athletics Day

We held our final inter-house, the school athletics, on Friday 25 November. The weather was a bit dodgy and we had to postpone the high jump till the following week. However all the rest of the running and field went off very well with great competitions going on in each age group! The final event, the inter-house relay was the closest race in our 5 years with all 4 teams having a chance to win at the final baton change. Rimu got there by a whisker. It was certainly a great way to finish the athletics. Many thanks to those who helped run the event and to all parents and supporters, who came along, there was a great crowd and the pupils and teachers appreciated your support.

The athletics trophy winners will be announced/ given on Friday's Gold Card Assembly at 2.15. The winners of the Gold Card trophy will also be announced.







### Weetbix Triathlon

The athletics was great training for the Weetbix Triathlon this Wednesday in Manakau. We have 24 pupils competing which for a school our size is pretty awesome. Huge thanks to Louise who is organising entries and transport and to all the parents who are coming to help with transport and support. Those pupils competing have been practising hard with their running and biking at school-shame we can't practice any swimming. The school bikes and our bike track around school have been invaluable. We hope this will become an annual event for the school. It will also be our last school trip for 2016.

### Reports

The end of the year reports come home this Friday. The teachers have put huge amounts of time and energy into these reports so we can make them as professional and meaningful as we can. We give them out on Friday so it gives parents an opportunity next week if you wish to see a teacher about any aspect of their child's report. Please make an appointment through Andrea if you so wish.

Please remember we try to have them as correct as possible but we are human and there may be a grammatical mistake or something omitted. We are only too happy to fix if there is a mistake and redo a new copy.

### Year 4's in Room 2

In 2017 the Year 4's (this year's Year 3's) will stay in Room 2. The reason for this is numbers-if they went up to Room 1 there would be 31 pupils with only 11 in Room 2. Even with them staying the numbers will be 26 to 16 with 3 New Entrants coming that we know of. Mrs. Forse who will be the main Junior Room Teacher is a very experienced teacher of Year 4's and promises to make sure the Year 4's will be fully extended. Mrs. McLeod will teach Reading and Writing for 2 hours each day. Year 4 is where we can best balance numbers for each classroom. In 2012 the Year 4's went to Room 1 because of the big numbers in Room 2. The BOT were very supportive and I thank the Year 3 pupils and parents for understanding when we let them know last week.

### Prize Giving

Just a reminder for our Prize Giving next week

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 7.00-9.00pm note pupils need to be here by 6.50
- We have pupil items for approx. 30 minutes followed by speeches/ trophy presentations taking us to around 8.30pm
- If we can ask all families to bring a plate for cup of tea time from 8.30-9.00
- All families/ visitors/ supporters are welcome

### Kindy Visit

We held the annual Kawakawa Bay Kindy visit on Friday 18 November. We had 9 four year olds for the morning. Our pupils enjoy having a fun morning with them and showing them what our school is all about. Long may these visits continue in the future!

### School Helpers Morning Tea-Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10.30-11.00am

We hold this morning tea for those in our school community who help our school during the year. It is our way of saying 'Thank You.' Letters of invitation go out this week. If you don't get one and you have given us extra time/ help during the year please let Andrea know.

### Xmas in the Park-Kawakawa Bay

We have got about 30 pupils and their families turning up for this festive event on Sunday from 6.00-8.00pm which is an awesome number for our school. We perform around 6.30 so everyone needs to be there around 6.00. Once we have performed, families have the choice of leaving if they wish but there is lots to see and do there. Pupils will perform in one of the dances. Dances we will perform

- Time warp-we will take shirts/ wigs (you can bring your own!)
- Blue suede shoes-if pupils can wear a white top/ jeans or skirt if a girl but don't panic if you can't-we are just happy to see pupils there

Andrea C will get in touch with those parents who offered to help with the BBQ fundraiser.

### Last Day-Rocket Day-Water Fun

Dave and I will have a fun rocket day on the last day of school (Friday 16 December). We held one in 2012 and it was a lot of fun. Pupils need to bring 2L plastic bottles to school from now on. It will probably be a wet occasion plus we will have a swim/ have the slippery slide so togs would be suggested for the day. We will have a sausage for lunch plus any other food/drinks we can share on that day. There will be no class parties in this last week.

We will finish at the normal time of 2.55 pm

**However we will have our end of term/ year drinks for teachers/ parents etc. after school which everyone is welcome to. It is a good chance to say goodbye with a few cheers!**

### Bullet Points

- **Helping with hens over the Xmas holiday-if you can help please let Louise know**
- **Lost property-it is full-do you want to check it this Friday before assembly as anything not claimed will go to the garage**
- **Gold Card Assembly-this Friday at 2.15**
- **Swimming-from Thursday on we will have swim each day if the weather is fine for those that want to.**

E Noha Ra  
Evan Robson



# ROOM 1 STUDENT VOICE



Kia ora,

My name is Waimarie and I have been here for 8 years and have loved it so much. I am very sad to leave and will miss everyone sooo much; I will come and visit. Thank you Mr. P for teaching me all that I know and thanks Mr. Robson for being an awesome Principle. Thank you

Kia Ora,

I'm Anika and I have been at Orere 6 years. I have had the most amazing time here and leaving is going to be super hard. I would like to thank all the staff who have all ways been there for me. Thank you again to all those who have all ways been there for me.

Hello everyone this is Ethan and I am afraid this will be my last student voice but I will definitely visit this school regularly. Thank you everyone for my fantastic education and I won't forget my memories here. Thank you

Bye everyone; thank you for the memories.

From William Couldrey

Kia ora,

Alexzia here I have loved these four years at school they have been amazing. I will miss everyone, I am really sad to be leaving and I wish the best for Orere. I will be visiting!

Thankyou







## Room 2 News



Hi everyone

Well this is my last newsletter for the year- hasn't 2016 gone quickly!

It has certainly been a full on year and the students are really tired and ready for a well-deserved break.

Room 2 really enjoyed their shared lunch we had on Tuesday to celebrate all the great learning this year. Thank you very much for all your contributions.



Our Prize Giving is next Wednesday night at 7.00 pm.. It is always exciting seeing the trophies and certificates getting handed out. However all the children in Room 2 have worked hard this year.

End of Year reports go home this Friday

See you at the prize giving...

Ka kite ano

Mrs. McLeod

# School Calendar - Key Dates to Remember



- ☐ **8 December 2016**  
Gold Card Assembly this Thursday at 2.15pm. We would love to see as many parents there as possible. Parents will be able to take their children home after assembly.
- ☐ **9 December 2016**  
End of year reports will come home on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Please look out for these in your child/children's bags.
- ☐ **13 December 2016**  
The Board of Trustees will meet for the last time this year on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 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.
- ☐ **14 December 2016**  
Prize Giving will be held in the Orere Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> from 7pm until 9pm.
- ☐ **16 December 2016**  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of the school year. We will start again on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a well deserved break.
- ☐ **7 February 2017**  
Year 7 & 8 students will start technology at Maramarua for 2017 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February the day after Waitangi Day. Please remember the correct footwear for safety and sunhats for Term 1. The bus leaves Orere School when it arrives back from the Kawakawa Bay pick up approx. 8.20am.

The School Calendar is now available on our website [www.orere.school.nz](http://www.orere.school.nz)







## School Library

Please could all parents have a good look around home for any school readers or school library books you may have in the bookshelf or under the bed.

Thank you.

## Facebook

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

## Community Care Centre

The CCC organises and mans the Worn Again Op Shop behind the Cottage at 5 Kawakawa Bay /Orere Road. The money raised, is channeled back into the community to support local groups and activities.

One of these is to sponsor children to holiday camps, such as Willow Park at Eastern Beach. These are 4 day camps, catering for Years 5-8 students and parents are asked to make a small contribution for these. Parents are also responsible for transport to and from all camps.

Sonshine Ranch on Creighton's Road, Papakura, has a number of day camps catering for those interested in horses and adventure.

If you have a child/children whom you think may be interested in attending a camp and would like further details please contact Helen at the church office on 2922241 and leave a message or email: [kkbaychurch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kkbaychurch@xtra.co.nz)

## Marshalling at 440

8 marshals are needed for the 440 Mountain Bike Park event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Start time is 8.30am until around 4pm. This is a school fund raiser that usually makes us \$800- \$900 for the day, therefore we would appreciate parent support. Even if someone could give a couple of hours either morning or afternoon it would help. If you are able to help, please, contact Shane or Jacqui on 2922688 or 021811198. We need to know by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December please. Baking will be kindly accepted also to sell at the food stall. Thank you





## “Summer reading adventure for kids”

Auckland Libraries' summer reading programme is back and primary school students have brought this year's Kia Māia Te Whai/ Dare to Explore summer reading programme to life.

“Dare to Explore” uses fun activities to keep kids reading over the holidays. Our aim is for them to go back to school full of the enthusiasm for reading that comes from increased confidence.

Registrations are open now at [aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/daretoexplore](http://aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/daretoexplore) for the free programme that begins on December 12.

More than 12,000 signed up last year, with evaluations showing the majority of parents believed taking part maintained or improved their child's reading ability.

The activity booklet is available in both English and Te Reo Māori with the activities themed around the legend of Tāne ascending to the heavens in pursuit of the kete of knowledge.



# Papakura Learn to Swim



## Do you want your child to learn to swim?

We offer affordable swimming lessons for school aged children

- Every Saturday morning during summer (except for Christmas and New Year)
  - Hours – 8.30am to 10.00am
  - Massey Park Aquatic Centre

### One fee for the whole season

- \$25.00 per child
- \$60.00 per family (must be in same household)

Season Duration Approx. 16 weeks

Starting Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - March 2017

## That's only \$1.56 per lesson

Join now and learn this important lifesaving skill

### Free Swimming lessons anyone?

We need coaches to help us. Can you give up 2 hours every Saturday morning?

If yes then we need you, and if you help we will refund your season fees!

Phone/txt Megan on 021 151 6785

