Newsletter

05 November 2026

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa.

Let us keep close together, not far apart.



Kia Ora ē te whānau

What a superb day we had yesterday, we were all so very impressed with everyone and their efforts. There was great teamwork on display through all of the encouraging words and excellence with efforts and pushing ourselves to reach our personal best. So very proud of you all. The athletics team was announced at assembly yesterday and we are looking forward to our talents being on display at the **Te Kawau Athletics Meet next Thursday, 12th November.**

Thank you to everyone for their efforts throughout Lamb and Calf Day. It was freezing out there and the competitors continued to be amazing. Congratulations to you all! Thank you for your support with the cake auction, those funds support our Year 8 Big Day out, lucky kids. All the best to anyone that is taking their lamb or calf to **Championship Day next weekend at Rongotea.**
Massive thanks to our **Friends of ODS Fundraising Group** - what an awesome raffle we had on the day! Thank you for the sausages for lunch and the continued support for our kura.
Our year 8 students and their whanau are being spoiled with the Leavers Dinner at OBE. We are very lucky to have your support.



Taikorea Tough One - 10th December
Some children may wish to participate, this is the day after our trip to Makino and right at the end of the last full week at school. Timing is a bit tight and transport could be a challenge, we will need your support to get them there. You will need to send entries in and also sign a waiver. We will have entry information at the office for those students who wish to get involved. There is a $10 entry fee and this includes a sausage and slice upon completion. Please send your Super Star to the office to grab the forms, entries need to be in by the **27th of November**.

Surplus Staffing
This very difficult process has been completed, it was a very stressful time for all. In 2027, our teaching staff will be as follows:
Helen Stanbra - NE-Y2. Pauline Lister -Year 3-4. Hana DeRoo - Year 5-6. Halina Olendzki Year 7-8.
There will be a couple of classroom changes too. We will keep you informed about this. With surplus staffing, the person identified works within our kura for three terms, our Board are looking at ways that we can continue this through to term 4. Jonelle Loveridge will be the person working throughout the school. We have had some exciting discussions about how her role could take shape, we will let you know once it is confirmed.

Oroua Downs Board of Trustees would just like to express our appreciation and thanks to the teaching team of our wonderful Kura.
These past couple of weeks have been extremely busy with a range of exciting events; such as Lamb and Calf day and Athletics.
We recognise the organisation, planning and effort that goes into these days and are truly thankful for the dedication and time our team willingly gives to ensure everything goes off without a hitch!
Thank you ODS Team - our tamariki, kura and community are very lucky to have you.
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Looking forward to 2027

Our amazing staff have been planning for 2027. We are looking forward to introducing elective and sport afternoons. We are looking for parents to share their talents and give students new experiences. It could be construction, it could be knitting, sewing, cooking, working with flax. We are looking at having four week blocks with one afternoon a week working on talents and passions. If you are keen to participate, please request a form from the office and also a police vetting form, we are asking for this now so we can get the official requirements out of the way first. More details will come in the next newsletter. We thank you in advance and are very excited to see this happen.

Celebrating Success!!!









Virtues Certificates: Peyton, Ian, Logan, Holly, Zac
Class Certificates: Lucas, Noah, Accarlia, Cobby, Pheonix, Pippa, Ayaan, Ihla
Bus Certificates: Zac and Indy
It's in the Bag Prize Winners: Phoenix, Logan, Indy, Julia, Athena
Yellow Virtues Prize Draw: Lovely
Principal Award – Zac



IMPORTANT DATES:

14 November - TK Athletics at Massey
27 November - Taikorea entries due in
2 December - Senior Leavers Dinner
3 December - Board Hui
4 December - Ki o Rahi Tournament
9 December - Makino Picnic Trip
10 December - Taikorea Tough One
11 December - Final supplied lunch of the year
14 December - Prizegiving - 6:30pm
- Himatangi Hall
16 December - Last day of the year - finishing at 12 noon
- reports sent home



Congratulations to Raikes for taking out the House relay!

Our awesome Friends of ODS fundraising group will be having the Grocery Grab raffle – perfect timing, right before Xmas. Tickets will come home next week. Same set up as last time. There will also be a disco – date to be confirmed shortly.

Nga Mihi - Team ODS