



## ***Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou*** **Learning for Life and Making it Count**

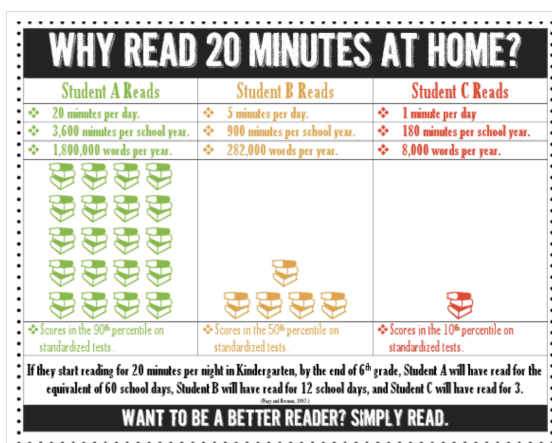
**2024 Term 1 Week 11 - Friday 12 April 2024**


**As we end Term 1 2024, we want to thank all the parents for the support of their children during the term. We look forward to the new term starting on Monday 29 April.**

We are pleased to announce that Michelle Busch will be continuing in the role of Room 5 classroom teacher and Lisa Hewitt has accepted the position of Deputy Principal and Cultural leader.

Thank you for all the communications sent directly to the classroom teachers and the quick responses to requests to complete Google forms and book goal setting interviews. We look forward to receiving more responses to the most recent survey.

In Term 2 we will be introducing home reading logs and home learning of spelling words. There will also be the home learning of multiplication and division facts for some students.



We look forward to introducing  to the whole school and thank you for the 1.5 litre bottles that have been donated. We look forward to receiving more donations after the school holidays. Room 4 and Room 5 will be taking part in the Framertime programme. Our school has been connected with Ben and Sarah Dooley, sheep and beef farmers with 250 hectares of land. The students will be investigating where the farm is situated.

**New carpet in all classrooms:** During the school holidays new carpet is being installed in Team Tipu and Room 3. During week 1 of Term 2, Room 4 and Room 5 will get new carpet. Therefore Room 4 will be in Room 3 for week one and Room 5 will be in the library for week one.

**Attendance** - You will be aware of the new initiative being implemented by the current government around attendance. For Term 1 2024 we have a **90.38%** attendance. Thank you for having your child at school before 8:50 am each day. The time before the school bell is important for students to connect with their friends and their teacher including having reading logs and any other home learning checked.



## Thank you to the trainee teachers

As a model school the staff at Ouruhia Model School are fortunate to have the opportunity to mentor new educators from New Zealand and the United States of America. Thank you to Holly Flanegin, Emily Harstine, and Jenaya Harris for their time with Ouruhia students. The care for the educational development of the students has been exemplary. Thank you also to the Busch, McAloon and Mackintosh families for hosting the students from the United States of America.

### 2024 Term Dates:

In term break: ANZAC Day 25 April

**Term 2: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Friday 31 May - Staff only day

Mon 3 June - King's Birthday

Fri 28 June - Matariki

**Term 3: Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Term 4: Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Mon 28 October - Labour Day

Fri 15 November - Canterbury Show Day

## Cross Country 2024

**Date:** Wednesday 8 May

**Venue:** Ouruhia School

**Time:** 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Race times to be confirmed.

Parents welcome to have lunch with their children from 12:30pm

## Team Tipu news ...

*Despite the disruption my absence caused, we have had a wonderful first term for 2024. Our lovely year 1s have settled really well into our classroom and the year 2s have stepped up to be leaders in our space.*

*We have had a strong social science focus this term and have also been learning about Aotearoa New Zealand Histories. We learned about ways Māori view our place through the sharing of the legend of Ranginui and Papatūānuku. We also looked at ways we can work together to form a successful class environment. and work as a collective group.*

*Next term we'll be moving our focus on to Science and will be learning across the school about how to prepare to grow food. Within this we will be looking at best growing conditions, what improves growth and yield as well as what harms plants. This should offer wonderful practical learning for all our tamariki.*

*If your child has been bringing reading books home can you please have a check around home and make sure that they are all returned. Many thanks.*

*I hope you and your whānau have a restful holiday and I look forward to hearing about all your adventures back in week 1.*



## Room 4 news ... Carolyn Watson

*Hard to believe it's the end of a very long Term 1! Room 4 has been working hard on their Literacy and Maths skills. We are getting better at writing longer sentences, using punctuation and publishing both recounts and narratives! Feel free to pop and take a look at some of their writing displayed.*

*We have started our Science unit on Living things; animals and plants and will look more closely next term at the best conditions for plants to grow, getting some hands-on experience. This learning will happen across the school with the other 2 classes.*

*Today, the Year 3 & 4s went to the Rugby grounds in Kaiapoi and experienced many different Sports skills including, Soccer, Rugby and golf! I think the most popular was the Tug-Of-War which I couldn't resist getting in on as well!*

*I am looking forward to catching up with many of you wonderful parents on Thursday for goal-setting around your child's learning.*



## Room 5 news ... Michelle Busch

*Tamariki have been working hard on their written language, oral language, mathematics, IT and Social Studies skills during our theme of Continents and the countries within them. On the last day of term, we will hold a Room 5 Mini- Olympics Games with fun activities for their countries to compete in, as well as quizzes to join in with!*

*We have been learning about ANZAC Day also, and we know you will support discussions on this at home in the holidays too.*

*All of us are looking forward to a well earned holiday break after an awesome but busy Term 1.*

*Please note we are looking for volunteers to help us prepare garden beds in the winter and hopefully start a new worm farm. Also, students will be taking home their Home and School books and bringing them back to school each day to show us their Reading, Basic Facts and Spelling homework each night. Please monitor and sign these at least once a week. I will be checking them each day and seeing how the children are progressing with their revision of school work at home. Thanks in advance for your support. Please come and see me or email me any questions or concerns as they arise so we can work together and help your child learn and show respect through our Ouruhia School values.*

*Thanks again for your manaakitanga, respect and care, for me as I work with your child to help them be the best they can be and to take pride in our school and their work.*

*Ski trip date: TBC*

*School Camp dates: Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 December*



## A word from the PTA...

The PTA had a very successful day last Saturday chopping up wood. We are hoping to finish it off this Saturday for it to be ready to sell at the start of winter – keep an eye out for more information on a “wood buying day”. The PTA again want to thank the people who offered and came along to help, it made a real difference.

The school cross country will be coming up next term where the PTA will be selling pumpkin soup/hot chocolate. If anyone has ended up with a few too many pumpkins lying around, we would be happy to take a couple off your hands for the soup.



Don't forget to keep Facebook posting about your Pak n Save shopping experience.

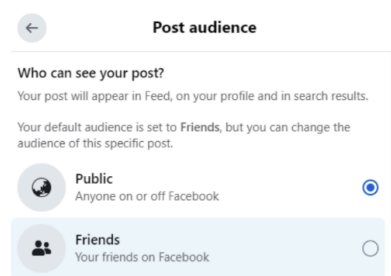


### Opportunity to win prizes or money for our school!!!

PAK'nSAVE Papanui is opening their new store on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and they have provided us with the opportunity to win \$1,000 or some great prizes.

We need to share our experiences, snapshots, and love for their new store on Facebook. There are a couple of really important bits

- You need to tag **@PAK'nSAVE Papanui**
- You need to include **#PTAOuruhiaSchool** in your post
- All posts must include an image of the new store showing your shopping experience
- Your posts need to be public as below



Start posting from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024. You can ask your friends and family to do this as well. The more people that post the higher our chance of winning!!





From your PTA: Bec, Cora, Kerry, Jenny, Simona, Kelly G, Celeste, Shahana and Kelly

## From the office ... **Raewyn Willocks**

Thank you so much for your awesome support of the Easter Raffle. We raised over \$850 which was amazing. Next term we'll ask the children for their thoughts on what to spend the money on. I am sure they will have some great ideas 😊

I will be ordering more uniforms in week 5 of Term 2. Please email me with your order.

Please don't forget to contact me if your cell phone number, email or emergency contact details change.

Have a great restful holiday. 😊

## From BOT ...

**Wishing all our whānau all the best for the school holidays and enjoying family time together. Thank you to all our wonderful staff for all your mahi in term 1 we are looking forward to an exciting Term 2 of 2024.**

***Winter working bee - Saturday 11 May 2024 (9am - 1pm)***

**Everyone welcome to attend**

*Please email the school office if you will be joining the team for the day.*

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Friday 21 June**

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