



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

2025 Term 1 Week 2 - Wednesday 6 February



2025 Term Dates:
Term 1: Wed 29 th Jan – Fri 11 th April
Term 2: Mon 28 th April – Fri 27 th June
Mon 2 June - King's Birthday
Fri 20 June - Matariki
Teacher only day - Mon 23 June
Term 3: Mon 14 th July – Fri 19 th Sept
Term 4: Mon 6 th Oct – Fri 12 th Dec
Mon 27 th Oct - Labour Day
Teacher only day - Thu 13 Nov
Fri 14 th Nov - Canterbury Show Day

At Ōuruhia Model School, we have completed the first school week. We are introducing the New Zealand government expectations for literacy and numeracy. Please take note of the two teacher only days we have for 2025 and the last day of school for the year is Friday 12 December.

New opportunities this year.

Our school is now a member of Manaiakalani schools across New Zealand. We are also adopting the E Tū Tāngata empowerment approach to work to achieve goals without criticism.

We are also introducing more opportunities for Tuakana Teina: a model for buddy systems. An older or more expert tuakana helps and guides a younger or less expert teina. This could also be a younger student who is skilled or has knowledge assisting an older student.



Manaiakalani

The Manaiakalani Programme (TMP) provides our students the opportunity to achieve significant improvements in student outcomes, realising learners' potential and enabling digital citizenship.

The programme incorporates:

- Pedagogy
- Kaupapa
- Development Streams
- Digital Citizenship delivery - Being Cybersmart

Our school is working with a group of schools the country facilitators and specialists support the implementation of the Manaiakalani Programme locally in Tāmaki and around the country, through the Manaiakalani Programme.

We are a member of the Te Purapura Ngātahi o Manaiakalani cluster of schools across the country. This cluster of schools is considered a group of schools joined together by online links. We are fortunate our facilitator, Vicki Archer, lives in Christchurch so she will be joining us each Monday to work within our school.





TACKLING TALL POPPY SYNDROME TO TRANSFORM AOTEAROA

Go to the below website to see a video with more information

<https://www.etutangata.nz/info>

We have a good reputation. New Zealanders are generally known as: friendly, hardworking and laid back. But live here for a while and you'll also discover we have a bad habit of criticising one another. This criticism can range from good-natured ribbing amongst friends to brutal slurs towards strangers on social media and everything in between.

Otherwise known as the Tall Poppy Syndrome, this culture of criticism is so entrenched in our society that individuals self-deprecate in order to beat others to the punch (so to speak). We have become our own harshest critic and we live with the erroneous belief that, somehow, your success is a threat to mine.

But just because something is, doesn't mean it should be.

E Tū Tāngata is an initiative focused on turning our culture of criticism around. Empowering you to build a culture where every person is valued.

At Ōuruhia Model School we will be valuing each other and celebrating everyone has their own best and has goals, so we will support each other to achieve individual goals.

On Friday 14 February we will celebrate our first





The staff have one of the above t-shirts or similar. On Fearless Friday the teachers will wear their t-shirts and students will be able to wear a different t-shirt. If you would like to purchase your child or yourself a t-shirt you can go to the E Tū Tāngata website <https://shop.etutangata.nz/collections/kids> (discount code: ouruhia20)

There are also other accessories at <https://shop.etutangata.nz/collections/accessories>

Fantastic Friday Tuakana Teina

On Friday's this year, we will be developing more opportunities for whole school activities and a Tuakana Teina (buddy system) opportunity. In 2024, we had many opportunities through our Science, Social Studies and language. Mrs Patricia Lindsay will be teaching in Pūharakekenui on Friday. Ms Tracey Burgess will be teaching in Kā Putahi on Friday. Mrs Michelle Busch will be teaching in Waimakariri.

If you would be interested in joining the teachers on a Friday and providing a learning experience for a small group of students please let your child's teacher know.

Teacher emails are

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Ms Tracey Burgess: tracey.burgess@ouruhia.school.nz / principal@ouruhia.school.nz



BURWOOD

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB



Burwood Association Football Club is now accepting Player Registrations for the 2025 Season

Burwood AFC Clubrooms, are located at Clare Park at 153 Burwood Road
Note that Registrations in 2025 are now done Online.

For more details see our website www.burwoodafc.co.nz

New Junior players, we need to sight proof of age (birth certificate, passport or Plunket book)

Junior coaches required – please contact the Secretary Mark Tolchard Phone 027 319 0192