



## **News**Letter

#### Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou









#### **Learning for Life and Making it Count**

### 11th April 2025



### Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Luca Howison, Ben Mackintosh, Ivy Miller, Laylah Riddell, Ollie Meikle and Violetta Chatfield who received certificates in assembly this week.

achieve success - whakatutuki angitu

### School news..

#### Sorry to see you go....

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Joshua and Emily White. They arrived at Ōuruhia as 5 year olds and it has been a pleasure to watch them grow into amazing young people.

We wish you all the best in your new home and at your new school, we know you will fly.



We are also very sad to see Mr Roberts leave Ōuruhia School today. He has only been here a short time but he has made a huge impression on both the staff and pupils of Ōuruhia. We have all become "bucket fillers" thanks to him! We wish him well on his next exciting venture - an overseas trip to visit his children and welcome his new grandchild!

#### **Cross Country....**

The Ōuruhia School Cross Country will be held on **Monday 12th May 2.00 - 3.00pm** at school. Our postponement date is Wednesday 14th May. The first 2 weeks back the children will be training for this event.



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#### School Uniform orders....

I will be placing an order for school uniforms week 3 / 4 of Term 2. Please look out for an email at the start of the term.

#### Contact Details....

We ask that you keep the school notified of any change in your contact details. We use these details for contacting you in an emergency so it is very important that they are up to date.

#### Parent teacher Conferences....

Parent teacher conferences will be happening on **Wednesday 18th June**. If needed we will also use **Thursday 19th June**.

#### Monday 28th April - first day of Term 2....

We will have a school assembly at 9am in Pūharakekenui to welcome everyone back to term 2. All parents and caregivers are welcome, we would love to see you.

Thank you for your amazing support during Term 1. Have a lovely break with the whanau, I look forward to seeing you in Term 2.

### Fun times for our tamariki.





### A word from:

### Mr Roberts - Ōuruhia School Acting Principal

#### Kia ora koutou

We had a very interesting visit to the Wigram Airforce Museum on Monday. Our guide, Chris, had a very interesting presentation on Anzac Day and the Gallipoli campaign of 1915. We then had time to browse about the museum and all of the wonderful exhibitions. We also did a scavenger hunt which included finding 10 different items within the museum. A big thank you to Mrs Busch for organising the day!

My time at Ouruhia has come to an end. I would like to thank the staff for making me feel part of the team and welcoming me with open arms, the children for our conversations and all the parents/whānau I have spoken with. It has been a pleasure supporting Ouruhia School for the past 5 weeks and I wish everyone a happy and productive remainder of the year!



On that note, I would like to congratulate Lisa Hewitt on being appointed as Acting Principal for Term 2. I know Lisa is looking forward to taking on the Principal position and I have no doubt her professionalism and dedication will ensure the school is in very capable 'hands'.

The teaching staff met with the Ministry of Education curriculum adviser on Thursday and discussed structured literacy and mathematics approaches. This was a very useful session for everyone and will inform the school's teaching and learning programmes in these two important areas.

Wishing you a relaxing time away from school routines over the term break. Stay safe and well!

#### Pūharakekenui - Year 0 -2

Pūharakekenui has had a wonderful term 1 which we finished with our amazing party on Thursday. The tamariki have been fully engaged with their learning and I have seen progress from everyone.

Leann Newey is really looking forward to joining us next term and the tamariki had fun with her when she joined in with our alphabetic easter egg hunt, our pass the parcel and musical chairs.

I hope you and your whanau have a lovely restful holiday and really look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 28th April.



#### Kā Putahi - Year 3 - 4

What a fantastic end to Term 1 we've had! Our highlight was an unforgettable trip to the Air Force Museum, where our tamariki were captivated by the stories of ANZAC and getting a sneak peek at the Hercules. From exploring inside real aircraft to learning about the roles of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, it was a day full of awe, curiosity, and hands-on discovery.

As we wrap up the term, we want to acknowledge the growth and resilience our learners have shown over the past weeks. We are so proud of the progress they have made, and the positive classroom culture we are building together.

Looking ahead, we're excited to welcome everyone back in Term 2 as we move into our new learning space. It's a fresh start in a beautifully updated environment where we'll continue our learning journey with renewed energy.

Wishing you all a safe and restful break. We can't wait to see those smiling faces back in Term 2!

#### Waimakariri - Year 5 - 8 Mrs Busch

#### **Year 7 Sewing Lessons**

This past term the Year 7s have gone to K.B.S. for Technology. This term their learning focus was sewing.

**Luca**: "Mrs Marshall was really nice and I got to use her sewing machine."

**Xavier**: "I learnt to thread a sewing machine up and I'm impressed how my cushion turned out."

**Kyra:** "After completing my cushion I was allowed to make Hacky Sacks. I made 2 of them."

**Malisea:** "I made a cushion with a horseshoe on it. It was hard to make it at first but I stuck at it and I reckon my cushion turned out cool.







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