



*Whāia te māturanga hei oranga mō koutou  
Learning for life and making it count*

### *Tūmuaki Talk*

## **Mighty Little School, Massive Community Spirit: Ōuruhia's Twilight Fair Success!**

Ōuruhia Model School proved that size doesn't matter when it comes to bringing people together, celebrating a **highly successful School Fair** on Friday, November 21st. The event was a heartwarming demonstration of community connection and collective generosity, with over **280 people** attending the Twilight Fair.

The success of the fair was powered by the incredible support from local businesses and dedicated school families. Fun was the order of the evening, thanks to generous sponsorship:

- **Obstacle Bouncy Castle:** Kindly sponsored by **Canterbury Landscape Supplies**.
- **Petting Zoo and Pony Rides:** Made possible by the support of **Suck it Up** and **Wairakei Osteopathy**.
- **Pedalmania:** Sponsored by a beautiful partnership between a current family, the **Bennett family**, and a past family, the **Currey family**.

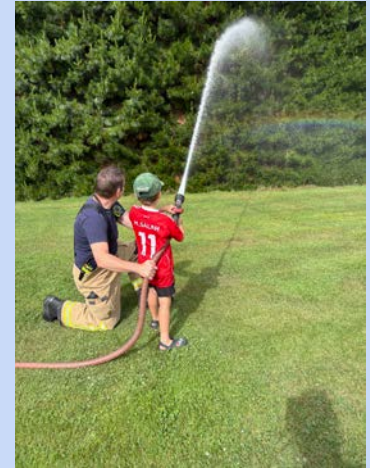
The popular BBQ was a massive hit, fueled by delicious donations of sausages, meat patties, and bacon from **Value Plus Meats** (thanks to Keith and Ange Caldwell) Furthermore, the **Chunky Firewood Raffle**, (Keith & Ange Caldwell), offered crucial support to the school. Thank you TEAM and to the Director Daniel Caldwell.

The excitement of the raffles was a major draw, and the school extends a huge thank you to **all the businesses** who made very generous prize donations. Just looking at the **Sponsor Board** is a reminder of how many people believe in this neat small school!

Our new Principal Katrina Shepherd wishes to extend her **gratitude** to the PTA Fundraising Group and our Staff and school Community. It was a vibrant community hub for the evening. We loved connecting with our local Play Centre, Preschools Surf LifeSaving and our local Fire Brigade.

**Thank you, Ōuruhia School, for connecting our people and our community!**

Your contributions, home baking, chocolate donations were a real gift! We are grateful for your **SUPPORT**. This community ROCKS!



## Ōuruhia School PTA – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Twilight Christmas Fair such a success! We are so grateful to our amazing students for their hard work, our dedicated staff for their time and incredible support, and to our whānau for contributing so generously to the chocolate wheel and bake sale, selling raffle tickets as well as helping out when they could and joining in the fun!

We also had some amazing sponsors for this event – lots of local companies who supported the free children's entertainment, the raffle prizes, and of course the delicious food! It was a huge effort from our small community, and together we raised nearly \$3,000, which goes directly back into supporting our school and tamariki.

Thank you all for making this such a special evening for Ōuruhia School.

## Student Reflection:

First I went to a car boot sale and got some PJ mask toys.

Then I bounced on the bouncy castle with the other kids.

Next I spun the chocolate wheel.

Then I went on a pony ride.

Finally I went back to the car boot sales.

I found out I won the Lolly Jar after I left the school fair. I felt great! I was amazed that the answer was 105 and I guessed 104.

**Reon**

First I went to the bouncy castle and I tried the challenge of going through the obstacle course. This was fun!

Then I bought a 3D dinosaur figurine from the car boot sale. It cost me \$10.

Next I bought some hot food. I ate my hot dog and it was so good.

Then I helped mum get some cold drinks for some customers.

Then I got a chocolate milkshake from Xavier's stand.

Finally I helped my mum and dad pack up. It was the best fair ever!

**Cooper**



## Student Achievement - Celebrations.

### Celebrating Success: Malisea Hickey and Ariana Buxton Shine in 'Girls' Brigade' Club 🌟

Thank you for sharing your news Malisea and Ariana. I welcome all of our students to come and share their news of service and commitment outside of school.

### Malisea Hickey: A Bright Start and Exemplary Commitment

Malisea has had a fantastic start to her journey with Girls' Brigade and has been recognised for her efforts. Malisea was recently presented with her official **Welcome Badge** and a **Certificate**.

Her commitment to the values and activities of the Girls' Brigade was further honoured with a **Blue Circle Badge**. This award acknowledges the dedication and enthusiasm she has shown in all her activities.

When asked what she loves most about being a part of the Girls' Brigade, Malisea shared with Mrs. S

"It is **fun** and you get to **spend some time with friends and make new friends**. I love **learning new things** each time I go and I can apply these to my everyday life."

### Ariana Buxton: Four Years of Service and Gold-Standard Achievement

Ariana's dedication is truly inspiring, as she celebrates **four years of service** in the Girls' Brigade Club! Her long-standing commitment was recognised with a **Green Circle Badge**, which is awarded for more than two years of continuous service.

In addition to her service award, Ariana achieved a **Gold Badge**! This impressive badge was earned through a range of challenging tasks and activities; including learning **social skills** and engaging in **athletics**. The activities involved in earning this badge included: Kayaking, Hiking and Biking



Ariana shared that what she enjoys most about the Girls' Brigade is:

"Doing the **camps**. I like how we do lots of **games** and a commitment to my **Christian beliefs**."

*Thanks girls, I really enjoyed interviewing you about your recent achievements. Your Independent and Can Do attitude is noted.*



## ***Important Dates to Remember***

Week 10 - You will receive your Stationery list for next year. Please if you need some bits and pieces from us, you can still do this. But a reminder we are moving away from stocking any more stationery and we will not be re-ordering .

Week 10 - our kaiako are working on reports at the moment. **These will be printed out and shared with you on Thursday 11th December, labelled to The Parent/Caregiver of.....** If there is an extra one needed for shared parenting, this is not a problem, please just let me know and I will print one.

Thursday 11th December - Final Assembly for Prize Giving at 9:30 a.m - Time to celebrate progress & achievement (whole school assembly)

Thursday 11th December - afternoon FUN Water Play for our Tamariki - look out for an invite from the PTA coming soon

Friday 12th December - Our LAST day and we FINISH at 12 noon.

All the leavers' will be super keen to sign their t.shirts. This is a tradition that a lot of schools have. Please let your own child know, if you do not want their polo tops signed in vivid (for leaving students **only**), please tell them and of COURSE the Ringing of the Bell .... Will be the last event at 11:45 a.m.  
I would like to see all our leaving students AND Staff leaving 'ring the bell'.

*Ka kite ano - see you all soon and at the Pool Working Bee if you're able to support.*

## ***A Huge thank you to our Fair Sponsors below;***

Adrenaline Forest	Suck it Up	Head to paws
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