

OREWA BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Tēnā koutou,

I hope this newsletter finds you rested and recharged after the school holidays. It's wonderful to see the energy back in our classrooms as we launch into what promises to be a very busy and exciting Term 4.

We had a beautiful start this morning with a Mihi Whakatau to officially welcome all our new students and their families to the Orewa Beach School community. It's fantastic to have you join us!

This term's school-wide topic is Te Moana (The Ocean), and our tamariki will be diving deep into fun, integrated learning that connects to our local environment.

Here are just a few of the things to look forward to this term:

- **Swimming Lessons:** Our annual school-wide swimming lessons will be held at the Stanmore Bay Leisure Centre this term. Please look out for a separate HERO post coming out this week with all the specific dates and details.
- **Year 6 Camp:** Our senior students will be heading off for their exciting Year 6 camp experience!
- **Christmas BBQ:** We'll be ending the year with our festive community Christmas BBQ.

I'm thrilled to announce the opening of our new DREAMS Room today! This stands for Design, Research, Explore, Apply, Make, and Share. This dedicated creative space is where our children will have the opportunity to explore, innovate, and begin their journey with design thinking. We can't wait to see the incredible ideas, inventions, and solutions our students will develop as they move from curious exploration to real-world problem-solving. It's an exciting step forward for our school's focus on future-focused learning!

Important Notice: National Education Strike Action

You may have seen in the news that educators across **Aotearoa** are taking part in a historic **national strike on Thursday, 23rd October**. For the first time, principals, teachers, support staff, and Ministry specialists are standing together to call for better support in schools, fair pay, and the resources our tamariki need to thrive.

It is important to note that this action is about more than just pay. Health, Education, and Emergency Services are key pillars of our society, and they are all underfunded and under-resourced. Pay is important, but our schools, like hospitals and frontline services, are not failing because of the people working in them. They are struggling because they are not being given the real investment needed to meet the needs of our communities.

In education, this means making sure tamariki have the support of a teacher aide in every classroom, valuing educators fairly and giving them secure work, upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi in education, and defending quality early childhood education. These things alone would go a long way to relieving pressure on the education system, and on my role as a Principal.

School Closure for Instruction

At Orewa Beach School, our focus will always remain on caring for our students and ensuring they are safe and supported.

On the day of strike action, our school will be closed for instruction on Thursday, 23 October. We encourage families to make alternative arrangements for the care of your children on this day. We understand that this may cause disruption, and we appreciate your understanding and support. The decision to take this action is not made lightly, but it reflects the seriousness of the challenges facing education and the urgent need for change.

If you support the work we all do, you can also sign the petition here: **[Back Education That Works for All Tamariki](#)**.

Thank you all for your ongoing partnership. We look forward to a productive and enjoyable Term 4. Please ensure you keep an eye on HERO and your emails for more specific information coming out this week regarding swimming and other important events.

Ngā mihi nui,
Wendy Naidu - Principal

WHAT'S ON ?

October 2025

- Mon 6th First day of Term 4 2025
- Thur 9th Tui trip to Kelly Tarltons
- Thur 16th NZ Shake Out
- Fri 17th Scholastic Book Orders Close
- Wed 22nd Asthma Show
- Thurs 23rd NZEI Strike Day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED
- Mon 27th LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
- Tues 28th Swimming Lessons start for Junior School

November 2025

- Mon 3rd - Fri 7th Dental Van Visit
- Tue 11th Swimming Lessons start for Senior School
- Thur 6th Interschool swimming
- Tues 25th Year 5 Tramp Wenderholm
- Fri 28th Christmas BBQ 5-7pm

December 2025

- Thurs 4th Year 6 Camp
- Mon 15th Year 6 Graduation Assembly
- Tue 16th Last day of term 4 12pm finish



Notices

SPARE CLOTHES

Please ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag.

Absences

Please ensure you inform the school of your child's absence due to illness or holidays. If you are unable to let us know through the Hero app, please call the Office on 09 426 4849.

Please be aware we finish school at 2.45 pm. Children need to be picked up promptly.

If you cannot be here at 2.45 pm please arrange care at Kelly Club.

Signing in

If your child arrives late, please ensure you sign your child in at the office. If you need to collect your child during school time, please always call into the office first - we will then page for your child.

Medication

Just a reminder for safety reasons all medication should be administered before or after school please do not send medication to school in your child's bag as this is a health and safety risk to other students.

STUDENT EARLY PICK UPS

Please, if your child has an appointment during the school day, please arrange pick up before or after morning tea and lunchtime. Morning tea is from 11 am to 11.20 am. Lunch time is 1250 pm until 1.45 pm. We are unable to find your child at morning tea and lunchtime. We have a whole school assembly next Friday, 17th October. School assemblies are every second Friday - this starts at 2.00 pm and finishes at 2.45 pm. Please arrange to pick up your child before 2.00 pm if they have an appointment, as we are unable to interrupt assemblies.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Card Games & Structured Free Time	Wright Brothers Plane & Structured Free Time	Cardboard Creations & Structured Free Time	Homemade Cupcakes & Structured Free Time	Charades & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Bean Bag Toss	Game: Balloon Stomp	Game: Paper Plane Targets	Game: Line Defense	Game: Football
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Thins & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheerios & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Cupcakes & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Master	Game: Space Invaders	Game: Scatter Ball	Game: Lonely Ghost
3:45 - 4:30 pm	GAME 4 Corners with a Plane 	DISCOVERY Paper Helicopter 	SPORT Musical Airports 	COOKING Filled Plane 	CRAFT Hot Air Balloon 
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Crackers
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Hornet Tag & Projects	Game: King of the Ring & Projects	Game: Mexican Kickball & Projects	Game: Pirates Basketball & Projects	Game: Moral Enemies & Projects

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7:00 - 8:15 am	Bubble Painting & Structured Free Time	Snow Globe & Structured Free Time	Paper Creations & Structured Free Time	Board Games & Structured Free Time	Homemade Cookies & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Handball	Game: Fly Seagull Full	Game: Line Tag	Game: Plow Races	Game: Traffic
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Ships, Salsa & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Bread Basket & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Cookies & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Tap Ball	Game: Snowball Tag	Game: Stuck in the Mud	Game: Quick Fire Cricket	Game: Capture the Flag
3:45 - 4:30 pm	CRAFT Ice Cream Necklace 	GAME Nerf Gun Freeze Tag 	DISCOVERY Water Wall 	SPORT Snow Shovel Relay 	COOKING Melting Snow 
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5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Mother May I? & Projects	Game: Where's Wally? & Projects	Game: Sharks, Islands & Fish & Projects	Game: Sheeps & Wolves & Projects	Game: Slide Tag & Projects