

# OREWA BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Tena Koutou Katoa,

Our term is off to a flying start, and it's been wonderful to see so much energy and enthusiasm around the school! We're absolutely delighted to welcome our international students who are visiting our school this term! Eight students arrived this morning, and while they'll be with us for a week, others will be staying for three, four, or even eight weeks, immersing themselves in our school community. Having students from diverse backgrounds enriches our school environment immensely. It provides a unique opportunity for our local students to engage in genuine cultural exchange, broadening their perspectives and fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of different cultures and traditions. This interaction helps develop crucial intercultural communication skills, empathy, and global awareness, preparing our students to be thoughtful and engaged citizens in an increasingly interconnected world.

Last Friday, our school rallied together for the Red Nose Day appeal, and what an incredible display of support it was! It was great to see so many children (and even some teachers!) in their PJs, making for a very cozy and fun atmosphere. The "Guess the Lollies in the Jar" competition was a huge hit, with Indie making the winning guess – congratulations, Indie! Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised an impressive \$605, which will be donated to Cure Kids to support vital child health research here in New Zealand.

It's with mixed emotions that we farewelled Cindi Meyer, our wonderful teacher from Area 13, last Friday. Cindi has taken on a new challenge, securing an RTLB (Resource Teacher: Learning and Behaviour) position. We know this is a role she will absolutely thrive in, and we wish her all the very best in this exciting new chapter. We are delighted to welcome Linda Barclay, who has joined us full-time until the end of the year, stepping into Area 13. We are thrilled to have Linda as part of our team.

Our talented kapa haka team is incredibly busy preparing for the Tu Māia festival – a much-loved kapa haka event that brings together schools from across the Hibiscus Coast, including Dairy Flat and Wainui. The festival will be held later this term at Orewa College. Tū Maia has been going strong for over 15 years and continues to grow in both size and importance. It's a real privilege for our school to be hosting it this year, and we're proud to take on this special role. Our kapa haka group has been working incredibly hard in the lead-up to the big day. They've been given the honour of opening the festival – a huge moment for them and our school. We'll keep supporting them as they continue to practise and get ready to shine on the day!

To ensure our performers look their absolute best and truly shine, we are aiming to "kit out" our kapa haka students with beautiful new piupiu. Each piupiu is a taonga (treasure), expertly handcrafted by Whāea Leeanne using flax from our school's special flax garden, which has a direct whakapapa (genealogy) back to Dame Whina Cooper. With each piupiu costing \$500, your contribution through our Kindo "Pay it Forward" option directly helps us reach this goal. It's a powerful way to support our tamariki (children), empowering them to proudly represent our culture and heritage on stage. Your generosity truly makes a difference! To donate, please visit Kindo and look for the "Pay it Forward" option.

Get ready for a rootin' tootin' good time this Friday! Our amazing WAFs (Whanau and Friends) team is hosting their Country and Western Bingo Night. Tickets are still available and can be booked conveniently through Kindo. Grab your hats and boots for a night of fun, laughter, and perhaps some lucky wins!

Nominations for our Board of Trustees are now open and will close at noon on Wednesday, 6th August 2025. This is a vital opportunity for our parent community to contribute to the strategic direction and governance of our school. We are seeking 5 parent representatives to join the school board. Please see the Hero post sent out last week for the election process, including the nomination form.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Wendy Naidu - Principal

## WHAT'S ON ?

### July 2025

- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Kea trip to MOTAT

### August 2025

- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> WAFs Bingo Night
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Teacher Only Day - no school today
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Interschool Hockey
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Cross Country - Kereru
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Cross Country - Piwakawaka, Tui, Kea and Weka
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Tū Māia Festival

### September 2025

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> - Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Book Week
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> School Disco
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Weka Dance Competition and Evening
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Interschool Cross Country
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 3

### October 2025

- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> First day of Term 4 2025

### 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.**

## Notices

As Winter is here, this in turn means rain on the playground and mud on the field. Please ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag.  
Thank you!

**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.**  
Thank you.

### 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 12 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, 8th August. 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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please keep your child home until their temperature  
has subsided.

### FLU SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

