Oruaiti School Newsletter

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Friday 3 March 2023

Term 1, Week 5, Friday 3rd March 2023

Important Dates to Remember

15.03.2023 - Eastern Zone Swimming Sports

21.03.2023 - Junior school trip to Butlers Point

21.03.2023 - Board meeting 5.30pm

24.03.2023 - Year 7/8 HPV vaccinations

24.03.2023 - Far North Swimming Sports

Kia Ora e te whānau,

It was great to finally have a full week at school last week. Hopefully this will continue for the rest of the term!

Tech

We started our 'in school' tech for our Year 7/8 students last week. Students were involved in cooking, sewing and building planning. All feedback from students was very positive. We are continuing to work on our 'tech space' which is the school house, making alterations to the space and purchasing the resources we need. We have structured the tech programme so that students have a two hour session every week. The students work in groups of 6 - 8 members to optimise learning.



Junior Activity Day

The junior school students had lots of fun last Wednesday with their activity day. Activities included golf, art, bubble blowing, dance, making waffles and snorkeling.







Covid

We have had some cases of Covid amongst staff, students and whanau over the last couple of weeks. We are hoping that these are very isolated cases, however, if your child is unwell, with cold or flu symptoms please keep them at home and test for Covid, other whanau members are no longer required to isolate if one member of the whanau is positive. We do have some RAT kits at school if you require them.

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Swimming sports

Our school swimming sports were held on Tuesday this week. Students from 8 years up competed in races to provide qualifiers for the Eastern zone competition. Younger students also competed in some races and showed some of the skills they have been learning during class lessons.

The following students have qualified for the Eastern zone competition which will be held at Taipa on Wednesday 15th March 2023:

Georgie Lowe, Bella Newman, Georgia Toren, Zoe Vose, Cooper Nichols, Brock Muller, Brooklyn Broadhurst, Anik Benitz, Te Ahere Henderson, Leah Carr, Cooper Walden, Sam King, Levi Gruebner, Gracie Hare, Pia Guhl, Norah Bleakley, Lily Lane, Alec Lowe, Jay Jay Houtas, Jake Hailstone, Cattleya Reina Cabrera, Rose Bradbury, Maliya Renata, Tamara Errey, Liam Smith, Cadence Garton, Astra Gruebner, Thea Hare, Eva Foster, Charlie Lane, Jimmy Guhl. Oruaiti School will be responsible for organising this event this year. If there are any whanau who are able to support us with time keeping or marshaling please let us know.











Toothbrushing

We began our supervised toothbrushing programme in the junior school this week. This programme is run in conjunction with Te Whatu Ora (formerly District Health Board) and has children brushing their teeth at school after lunch every day. The aim is to improve the oral hygiene of students and decrease the need for dental treatments.

If you do not want your child to be part of this programme please let your childs teacher know.



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Measles

There has been a confirmed case of Measles in New Zealand. Measles is a highly infectious virus and has no treatment. It starts like a cold with runny nose, fever and cough, and then a blotchy red rash appears after a few days, from the head to the rest of the body. We are required to keep a register of vaccinations at school so that we are able to easily notify whanau should an outbreak occur in our community. If we do not have confirmation of your vaccinations we will contact you so that we can update our register.

Health and Physical Education Consultation

Early next week we will be sending home a document outlining the curriculum expectations around Health and Physical Education. This document will have a link to a survey that we are asking whanau to complete to help us with the planning of our Health and Physical Education programme at Oruaiti School. All parents/caregivers who complete the survey will go in the draw to win a \$50 petrol voucher.

Cyclone Gabrielle Fundraiser

Thank You for the support with our Mufti Day and ice block sales to raise money for those who have lost homes and belongings due to Cyclone Gabrielle. We raised \$535.50 which will go towards the relief fund.

Lucky Draw

We were very fortunate to be the winners of a 'Lucky Draw' by Dollarland in Coopers Beach, donations collected from customers went into a prize fund to be allocated to a local school and we won. We have received a \$150 voucher from Dollarland which we will use for prizes for students. Thank You to Dollarland and all the customers who donated.

