

Oruaiti School Newsletter

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Thursday 7 December 2023

Term 4, Week 9, Thursday 7 December 2023

Important Dates to Remember

11.12.2023 - End of year Prize Giving 10.00am, Buckets up

11.12.2023 - Year 8 Graduation Dinner 5.30pm

12.12.2023 - Reports sent home

13.12.2023 - Last Day for students

31.01.2024 - First day back for students 2024

Kia Ora e te whānau,

This will be our last newsletter for 2023. We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, hopefully the weather will be good to us and everyone will be able to enjoy a great Northland Summer. We look forward to seeing you all back again in 2024.

Staffing 2024

We are still working on finalising our staffing and class levels for 2024. Classes and teachers are currently as follows: (this may change dependent on the appointment of a teacher for Puriri class)

Kowhai - NE/Year 1 - Serenity Osborne-Timmermans

Rimu - Year 2 - Kara Fleming

Puriri - Year 3 - TBC

Totara - Year 4/5 - Cindy Wihongi/Kaiya Lafotanoa

Ngaio - Year 4/5 - Rob Arrowsmith

Kauri - Year 6/7 - Meg van der Laarse

Nikau - Year 6/7 - Sarah Mendham

Manuka - Year 8 - Mark Pickard

Sadly we are losing Rita MacDonald at the end of this year. Rita has become a fully registered teacher and has made the decision to spend some time travelling overseas in the future. All students and whanau will be informed of their class and teacher for 2024 when reports are sent out on Tuesday 12th December.

Market Night

Thank You to all those who braved the weather for our Market Night, we don't seem to have a lot of luck with weather when we plan events!

Our students really enjoyed showing whanau the products they had made in class as part of the technology focus this term. Senior classes were also involved in developing a business plan for the products they were making, looking at marketing and profit and loss. Students collaborated with other members of their class on these products, which showed them the importance of working together and following through with a project from start to finish.



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End of Year Trips

All students have had the opportunity to experience amazing end of year activities. These have included the Movies and a Pizza lunch in Kerikeri as well as a Golf day and Beach swim for the juniors, Adrenalin park for years 5/6 and Paint Ball for year 7/8. The cost of these activities has been fully funded or heavily subsidized from proceeds of our Market Night as well as a contribution from the Friends of the School with Golf Day proceeds.



Libelle Feast Workshop

Last week Nikau class took part in a feast workshop with Libelle who provide our school lunches.



Chromebooks

A reminder that whanau wishing to purchase chromebooks for students who will be in year 4 in 2024 need to have the deposit paid and the credit contract completed before the end of this year to enable the students to have their devices close to the start of 2024. Any students in other year groups (4-8) who do not currently have their own device are also able to purchase these, please contact the office for details.

Prize Giving and Buckets Up

Prizegiving will be on Monday the 11th December 2023 in our new refurbished hall. We will be starting at 10.00am followed by buckets up. If you have not yet returned your bucket please do so asap. Buckets up tickets can be purchased from the office. Tickets can be purchased on the day. We look forward to seeing you come and celebrate our students achievements.

Rōpū Ngaio

Big congratulations to Rōpū Ngaio who received 1st place today in the Kete Pūrākau video challenge today. Check out their winning video below . Some great videos from kura all over Te Hiku sharing amazing pūrākau from our area.

<https://ketepurakau.co.nz/rec/oruaiti-bike-park-purakau-pou-ingoa-and-kemu/?fbclid=IwAR3WvIBAkNEiY6Tm9mmkzIFxPkgwmZiETUqhWIDW9LB5RSF5bt-2CwrRJTk>



POOL PARTY
2023

10 DECEMBER
Sunday | 2:00PM

Whangaroa Community Pool

MOANA
NEW ZEALAND

MT. POKAKA
TIMBER PRODUCTS Ltd

STEWARTS
Buses Kaeo

Music/Drink/Food/Games

Please bring a bike and
helmet! (IF possible)

Tēnā Koutou e te Whānau
Ki ora!

You have been
invited to Ngaio's
Blessing Opening of
the Bike Park.

When: 26 January 2024

Time: 9:00-1:00

Where: Oruaiti School

