

# Oruaiti School Newsletter

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**Thursday 9 November 2023**

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**Important Dates to Remember**  
**10.11.2023 Golf Day Fundraiser**  
**15.11.2023 Board Meeting**

Kia Ora e te whānau,

Welcome to new student Olivia Messenger who has joined Kowhai class

## **Camp**

We had an amazing senior camp last week. Despite the weather on Monday we still went to camp, with a change of activities for the first day where the students went to the Bay sports complex in Waipapa where they played soccer and basketball before coming to Lonsdale park in the afternoon. We did manage a bush walk later in the afternoon and the students spent time playing board games until the weather cleared. Tuesday was a fantastic day with a long bus ride to Omapere where we went to Manea Footprints of Kupe where we experienced a 75-minute multisensory journey of guided storytelling – through art, taonga (cultural treasures), film, performance, digital interaction and the splendour of Hokianga's natural surroundings. From here we went to Tāne Mahuta New Zealand's oldest known living Kauri tree. We were really fortunate to have a guide at Tāne Mahuta who provided a detailed history of Tāne Mahuta as well as information around the survival of the Kauri tree.

Back at camp on Tuesday evening we had a campfire toasting marshmallows to make smores and a game of spotlight which is always a highlight. Wednesday morning was spent on camp activities before returning to school.

We all agreed that this was an awesome camp, the students behaviour was exceptional. A big Thank You to those whānau who came along to help with activities, as well as meals and clean up.



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## Teacher Only Day

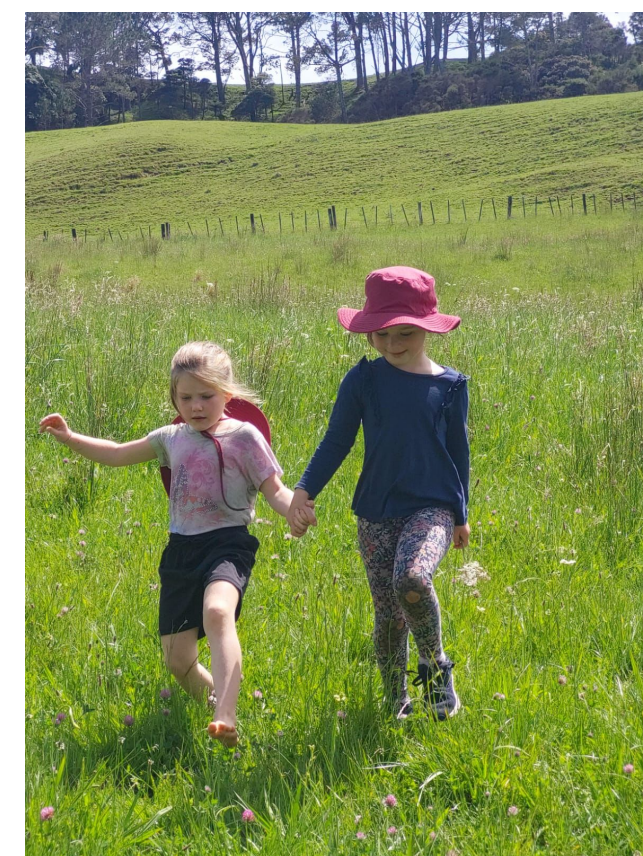
A reminder that we will be having a Teacher only Day on Monday 27th November. There will be no school for students on this day. Teachers will be working with other teachers from our local area, and the Ministry of Education to support the implementation of Te Mātaiaho | the refreshed NZ curriculum.

## Junior School Activities

Whilst the seniors were away at camp the junior school had a planting day at school and in the wetlands and a trip to the Puketi Forest.

## Year 6 Trip to Kauhanga Marae

They day after they got back from camp the year 6 students had another trip to Kauhanga Marae in Peria where they met with other year 6 students from local schools.



## Junior School Athletics

Our Junior school held their athletics day on Tuesday this week. This was a fun day where children competed in running, jumping and throwing activities.



## Eastern Zone Athletics

We had 59 students qualify for the Eastern zone athletics which was held in Taipa yesterday. The top three boys and girls in each event now qualify for the Far North competition which will be held on Wednesday 15th November in Kaitaia. The following students have qualified for this event:

Anik Benitz, Indy Van Iperen, Tiana Sheffield, Brock Mullins, Cooper Nichols, Mai Thompson-Barber, Eelia Lafotanoa, Maliya Renata, Ollie Garton, Levi Gruebner, Astra Gruebner, Ashlyn Thomas, Jessica Noho, Cassidy Lee-Taipari, Chanel Dent, Charlie Lane, Kodin Robinson, Gracie Hare, Olivia Divitt, Alexis Divitt, Jahn Foster, Cooper Walden and Brooklyn Broadhurst.

## Northland Secondary Schools Golf Tournament

We had a team of students compete in this competition this week. Bayden Foster, Brock Mullins and Cooper Nichols from our school along with Hayley Foster made up the team who placed first equal!

They had some awesome shots - considering some of them had never played there before and had a lot of laughs along the way. They all worked so well in a team together - giving it 110% effort.



## Golf Day

Things have been very busy this week planning for our Golf Day tomorrow. A BIG thank you to all whanau who have donated food items or items for the auction and also to those who have offered to help out on the day. The proceeds from this day will go towards subsidising camps and trips for ALL students, so any support you can give is really appreciated.



## Chromebooks for year four students

In 2024 we will again be asking that students entering year 4 purchase their own chromebooks, with students purchasing their own devices it means that they will, in the future, be able to take these devices home, giving them the opportunity to learn anywhere at any time. Through the Te Hiku Education Trust we are able to purchase devices at a very good price, as the trust has great buying power. We will be holding an information evening for whanau later this term to give details of these devices and the option for purchasing.

## MAIN MENU

NOVEMBER 13 - 17

### MONDAY

Chicken & Veggie Pasta Salad  
Chicken & veggies in a creamy sauce with pasta, served with roll

### TUESDAY

Ham Sandwich  
Oatlicious bread with ham, cheese & a veggie snack pack, served with yoghurt

### WEDNESDAY

Coconut Curry  
Chicken cooked in a mildly spiced yellow curry sauce with veggies, rice & a roti wrap

### THURSDAY

Pasta Bolognese  
Pasta with beef & a hidden veggies sauce, served with a garlic roll

### FRIDAY

Chicken Meatballs & Golden Rice  
Chicken meatballs with golden rice & chunky tomato sauce

We hear that you liked the opportunity to rank our weekly meals, so we are working in the background to explore better options based on your feedback and suggestions - watch this space.

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