

# Oruaiti School Newsletter

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**Thursday 11 April 2024**



# Term 1, Week 11, Thursday 11 April 2024

## Important Dates to Remember

12.04.2024 - Last Day of term one

29.04.2024 - Teacher Only Day - No school for students

30.04.2024 - First day of term two (Tuesday)

Kia Ora e te whānau,

Welcome to new student Te Hana Cosson who has joined Kowhai class. This is our last newsletter for term one. I wish you all a safe and relaxing term break. See you all back for term two on Tuesday 30th April.

### Bike Ready

Last week Kevin from Bike Ready worked with some of our students developing skills for use on the bike track. Students learnt how to brake safely at speed and how to ride berms.



### ANZAC DAY

Our school will be laying a wreath at the cenotaph in Mangonui on ANZAC Day. This day is in the school holidays this year. It would be great to have a representation of students from Oruaiti School to take part in this parade. We will send out more information regarding times through the school app during the holidays.

### Disco

Our students had lots of fun at the Disco last week. This Disco was a fundraising event for our year eight students who will be travelling to the Hillary outdoor pursuits centre in Tongariro later this year. Well done to the student leaders who organised this event and helped out on the night. Thank you to the whanau who supported this event.





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## Circability

Two of our classes have been working with circability this term. They put on a performance for us last week which was thoroughly enjoyed by all in the audience. We will have two more classes having the opportunity for this next term.



## Playground

Part of the upgrade of our junior playground has been completed. This area is a natural play area, with logs and rocks for the students to play in and around and explore to develop imaginative play. We are just waiting on the swing to be installed in the space where one of the trampolines was.



## Senior Camp

Our senior students have been on camp at Coopers Beach this week. They have enjoyed activities in and around the camp as well as a day trip to Cape Reinga and Lake Ngatu and a day of activities at Taipa Beach, including sailing and stand up paddle boarding. A HUGE thank you to all the whanau who have helped out with the activities and also in the kitchen preparing meals.





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## Waitetoki Trip

On Thursday Rōpū Ngaio and Whānau Totara went on a trip to Waitetoki (Hihi) to learn some of the local history, geography and nature from Reremoana Renata. We learnt about the erosion of the cliffs from climate change, as well as what children did in their free time in the 1950's and we also looked at a natural habitat of frogs and eels in the Pukuwhau stream



## Curriculum/TOD 29th April

Last year a refreshed curriculum was launched in Aotearoa, starting with Aotearoa histories, followed by Social Sciences, English and Mathematics. All teachers across NZ are starting to use the refreshed curriculum and have been learning about how it is different from the 2007 curriculum. The Ministry of Education has given all schools in NZ two extra teacher only days to spend time understanding and planning for this. In September there will be three more learning areas released (science, technology and the arts) with health and physical education and learning languages released in 2025. Schools and kura will have until early 2027 to begin using the fully refreshed curriculum. In Te Hiku o Te Ika most schools have chosen to work together to share ideas and planning that will best support out tamariki. We are also meeting in the school breaks to do the same in our own time. The first TOD is on Monday April 29. If you have any questions about the refreshed curriculum please get in touch.

## Community Clinics Calendar

Online calendar of upcoming free community health clinics:

- B4 School Check
- Cervical Screening
- Immunisations
- Northland Youth Health Services
- Tamariki Ear Clinics

Visit: [northlanddhb.org.nz](https://northlanddhb.org.nz)

Health New Zealand  
Te Whatu Ora

**Matariki**  
GLOW IN THE DARK  
Wearable Art Parade

Saturday 29 June 2024  
Ahipara Domain 7pm  
AHIPARA

Scan the QR code to register or contact Andrea Panther 021 084 11927

CATEGORIES: ★ Juniors (Under 12) ★ Youth (up to 18yrs) ★ Adults  
Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd  
Special prize for using Recycled Materials