

Oruaiti School Newsletter

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Friday 15 March 2024

Term 1, Week 7, Friday 15 March 2024

Important Dates to Remember

18.03.2024 - Year 7 & 8 Vaccinations

19.03.2024 - Board meeting 5.30pm

22.03.2024 - Far North Swimming - Rangi Āniwaniwa

29.03.2024 - 02.04.2024 - Easter break

Kia Ora e te whānau,

Welcome to new student Mason Divitt who has joined Kowhai class.

Waka Ama

A group of year 7/8 students had a great day on Friday last week with a waka Ama regatta at Lake Manuwai in Kerikeri. They were also involved in land-based activities organised by Sport Northland and Yachting NZ:

- Sport Northland: water safety and survival. Life jacket drill and upturned yachting drills.
- Yachting NZ: pulleys and rope tying and familiarisation on two yachts (Optimis)

This day replaced the raft race that we had previously run by Kiwi Can.



Uniform

A reminder that as part of school uniform students with long hair must have their hair tied up (This will also help to stop the spread of headlice)

Make up and jewellery are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn at school. Taonga may be worn and small studs or sleepers in pierced ears. No dangly earrings or large chains, rings or bracelets/bangles.

Black crocs are permitted, however, jibbitz are now banned, any jibbitz on shoes will be confiscated (as will jewellery) and whānau will be asked to collect them from school

Northland Regional Council

Have a look at the latest story about our school and the opening of our bike track, on the Northland Regional Council page

<https://www.nrc.govt.nz/our-northland/story/?id=79180>

Arrive at school in a fire truck!

Win a ride in a fire truck to school, driven by Phil! Leaving from Mangonui Fire Station and arriving at Oruaiti School with lights & sirens on!

\$2 tickets



The Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge is for firefighters to climb 1,103 steps to the top of the Auckland Sky Tower, while wearing their full firefighter gear (also known as Breathing Apparatus gear) which weighs around 25kgs. This year's challenge will be on Saturday 18th May.

Phil has been a member of the Mangonui Volunteer Fire Brigade for 3 years. His two children, Eli & Ruby, attend Oruaiti School.

Phil is doing this challenge in honour of Noah & his family. Tragically, Noah lost his struggle with leukaemia when he was only 4 years old.

Phil is determined to beat his time of 17:27 minutes from last year.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 12th April

Oruaiti School tickets sold at the school office

Phil's official fundraising page is: <https://firefighterschallenge.org.nz/phil-white>

The raffle proceeds & any other donations will be added to this web page.

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Eastern Zone Swimming Competition.

Our Eastern zone swimming competition was held last week, attended by students from Oruaiti, Peria, Mangonui, Taipa and Kaingaroa.

All students competed well and the day ran very smoothly.


Students from Oruaiti who placed in the top three in their events and have qualified for the Far North Competition at Rangi Āniwaniwa next Friday are:

Levi Gruebner, Cooper Walden, Mostyn Bridson, Jay-Jay Houtas, Jake Hailstone, Ollie Garton, Sam King, Indigo Smith, Estella Thompson-Harris, Pia Guhl, Rose Crane, Cattleya Reina Cabrera, Astra Gruebner, Logan Foster, Beth-Ann Houtas, Jess Neho, Molly Start, Xavier Garton, Cadence Garton, Jimmy Guhl, Ella Greaves, Ruby Rose, Tamara Errey, Thea Hare, Johnny Sok, Charlie Lane, Remi Sawers, Amiria Sawers, Leah Carr, Ariya Dowman.

Kowhai Class

Last Friday Kowhai class, and some visitors had a great morning visiting the ducks at the dam.

Rob and Ngaio class shared their knowledge of the ducks and Kowhai class got to feed them, pet them and learn about the job of the decoy egg. Some students were also allowed to safely hold them.



**EASTERN
UNITED
JUNIOR/YOUTH
FOOTBALL
CLUB**

**MUSTER
DATES**

Wednesday 13th & 20th March

3.30pm

**Come along and register your child's
interest for the coming season**

4 - 15 year olds

Taipa School Field, across from school



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Easter Break/Teacher only Day

A reminder that the Easter break for school starts with Good Friday on March 29th, school is also closed on Easter Monday and the Tuesday after Easter. Students return to school on Wednesday 3rd April.

Also letting you know that term one will finish on Friday 12th April and term two will start on Tuesday 30th April, we have a Teacher only Day combined with other Far North Schools on Monday 29th April, so no school for students on that day.

KUAFC & Northland Regional Football Youth Teams 2024

Dear Friends of Far North Football

This year, for the first time, KUAFC has embraced an exciting opportunity in agreeing to play two teams away in the Northland Regional Football (NRF) League. This means that those children who choose to play in this NRF league will have a chance to play teams who compete in National Football Leagues, creating more opportunities for Far North kids on the National Football stage. It also means that our Far North football community will get more support in nurturing our footballing children in what is already the fastest growing sport in our country.

KUAFC will be registering two teams for this season in the NRF Youth Competition, they will be **13th and 15th grade teams**: This is open for 'Youth' from any KUAFC clubs between the ages of **12/13** or **14/15** years old, with children needing to turn the age of the grade in the season that they play.

Grounds for training and home games for these two teams will be at the Taipa school fields. Teams will also play away at venues including Kerikeri, Kaikohe, Whangarei, Bream Bay, Mangawhai and Northern Wairoa.

Whilst the club is looking into travel options such as buses, players and their supporters who choose to play in the Northland Regional Football League will need to be prepared for the additional travel commitments and associated costs.

Head coaches for the season are Blair Dowman (15th Grade) and Dino Houtas (13th Grade).

Players need to be registered March-April so please get your expressions of interest in as soon as possible:

13th Grade to: Nigel Foster 021 160 2836 nigelfoster@gmail.com or

Dino Houtas 021 84 1959 dinohoutas@gmail.com or

15th Grade to Blair Dowman 020 4016 0382 blair.dowman@hotmail.com

KUAFC will continue to run the local league as normal, with early indications that we'll have strong support from across the district, ensuring an exciting season ahead for all.

Thank you for your participation and support,

Many Thanks

KUAFC Committee