

Oruaiti School Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 5, Thursday 25 May 2023

Important Dates to Remember

02.06.2023 - Teacher Only Day (Curriculum) No school for students.

13.06.2023 - Production Dress rehearsal.

15.06.2023 - School Production

30.06.2023 - Last day of term two

Kia Ora e te whānau,

Welcome to new students Audrey Leatherby-Tipene who has joined Ngaio class and Pascal Taitimu

Production

Not long to go until our school production! We are currently well underway with practices and it is shaping up to be another amazing performance. If you have not notified us of any grandparents (or special friends) you would like to invite to the morning performance please let us know ASAP as invitations were sent out last week and we need to get an idea of numbers for seating and catering purposes.

We held an art competition for the illustrations for our invitations. The winners were: Indy Van Iperen, Ruby Rose, Pia Guhl, Amiria Sawers, Jimmy Guhl and Taylor Messenger. These children will be treated to a special lunch at the Little Kitchen in Mangonui.

Reports

Teachers are currently writing students reports which will be sent home at the end of term. If you have not yet complete your whanau comment and would like this included in your child's report please send it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Skipping

Our students are really getting into skipping at the moment. It is great to see the older and younger students all playing together. Even the teachers are joining in!!



School lunches

We are finding that we are having a large number of school lunches leftover everyday, with children choosing which days they will or won't eat the school lunch. As I'm sure you will understand the production team make the number of lunches we have asked for as a school each day. If your child is part of the school lunch scheme we expect that they will at least try the lunch on offer everyday. We will be starting to send lunches home with students who are part of the school lunch programme and choose to not eat lunch on a particular day. This is so that you are also aware that they haven't eaten and may be very hungry when they get home! If your child has chosen to 'opt out' of the school lunch scheme they are not able to decide that some days they would like to eat the school lunch.

Possible Strike Action

The Primary teachers union have voted to strike for one day on May 31st. However as the union is currently in negotiations with the government regarding their claims this strike cannot be confirmed at present.

Strike action may still take place on 31 May if the NZEI Te Riu Roa National Executive and negotiations team feels insufficient progress has been made through the new process. If action does go ahead on Wednesday 31 May, strike notices and information will go out on Sunday 28th May,

We understand this does not give a great deal of time for whanau to make arrangements for children, however as most of our teachers are union members we need to wait for directives from the NZEI.

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that we have a Teacher only Day on Friday 2nd June. There is no school for students on this day. All teachers will be attending a professional development day relating to the refresh of the curriculum.



Trapping

Last week Lesley Baigent came to speak to the Junior School classes about her work protecting kiwi against predators. She brought some stuffed predators for us to see and touch. Lesley is going to give us some trapping equipment for us to use to help protect our school ducks. All of the juniors have chosen an Enviro project to work on in our fortnightly enviro learning time.



Life Education

It has been great to have the Life Education Caravan back in our school this week.

All students in years 1 - 7 have been enjoying lessons in the Life Education Caravan with Shanna (Life Education Educator) and Harold the Giraffe. These lessons support our Health and Well being curriculum in school with a variety of topics.



Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste for two minutes, twice a day
Taitaia ōu niho ki te pēniho pūkōwhai mō te 2 miniti e rua ngā wā ia rā

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For children over 5 years,
use a **soft** toothbrush
with a **pea sized**
drop of adult toothpaste



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