## Oruaiti School Newsletter

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Friday 27 October 2023

Important Dates to Remember 30.10.2023 - 01.11.2023 - Year 5,6 & 7 Camp at Lonsdale Park 02.11.2023 - Year 6 Marae visit

Kia Ora e te whānau,

Welcome to new students Jack Greaves and Delaney Bowmar who have joined Kowhai class.

#### **Shake Out**

On Thursday last week we participated in the annual 'Shake Out Day' where we practice our Earthquake drill. Students learn to 'Drop, cover and hold' if there was an earthquake. We also practice our Tsunami evacuation drill. As our school is in a Tsunami zone we need to evacuate to the hill above the school when Tsunami sirens go off.





#### Camp

We are all getting excited about our camp next week. Please check the gear list for camp that has been sent out to ensure that your child has everything they need. Also, if you have not already done so, could you please let your childs teacher know or any special dietary needs or medical information that we may not already be aware of.

#### **Power cuts**

The power cut which happened last week was a reminder for us all about how we deal with situations such as this which occur at times and are beyond our control. In the event of a power cut at school we are only allowed to remain onsite for two hours. This is due to the fact that we are on tank water, therefore our pump does not work, meaning we have no running water and it becomes a health and safety issue.

As our school buses are controlled by Taipa school we are also dependent on the decisions they make around school closure and the running of buses. As soon as we are aware of school closures we will inform whanau through our school app, facebook page and emails. (This may be before two hours has elapsed, and may be due to information received from power companies or other agencies)

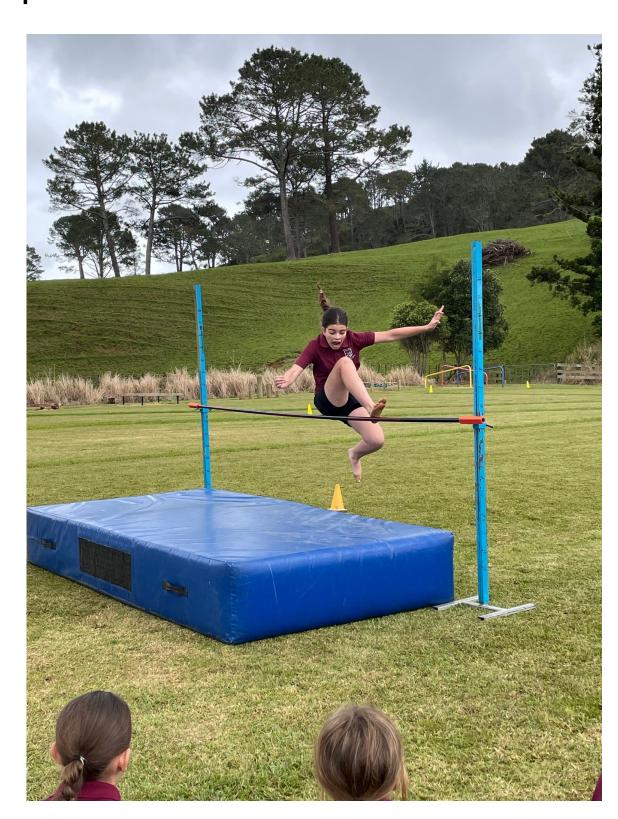
Please be assured that we will always make sure that whanau know what is happening with students. When our buses do leave school early we will have a staff member on the bus to ensure that all students are met by whanau, or we know there is someone waiting at home. If we are not sure, we will bring students back to school with us until whanau are contacted.

Thank You to those whanau who notified us as to what your children were doing on Friday and came to collect children. Situations like this can be quite stressful, however we are fortunate that we have a 'back up' phone system for communication.

Friday's power cut was a good reminder to check our systems, even though it turned out to be a false alarm!

#### **Athletics**

We held our school athletics day on Tuesday which was lots of fun. Students competed in a range of track and field activities. The top three competitors in each year group and event have qualified for the Eastern Zone competition which will be held on Wednesday 8th November at Taipa School. A permission form will be sent out for those students who have qualified.







#### Nikau Class Circus Trip

This term Nikau class has been having weekly visits from circability. On Wednesday they were able to go to a special performance held at the Te Ahu Centre in Kaitaia.





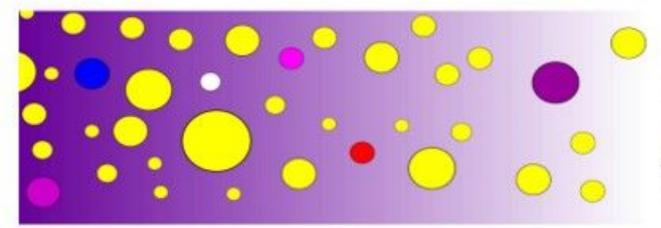


#### **Golf Day**

Our annual school Golf Day is only two weeks away! There are a variety of ways whanau can help to support this day:

- Donating food items.
- Offering to collect items
- Helping on the day with cooking and set up
- Helping the day after with clean up

The Friends of the School team (FOTS) will be contacting all whanau to see how you might be able to help out. A reminder that the funds raised from this event will support ALL students at Oruaiti school.





Come and celebrate with us

Where: Doubtless Bay Christian Centre

(Opposite the Mangonui Firestation)

When: Sunday 29th October

Time: 3pm - 5.30pm

Cost: Koha

Age: 12 years and under, Parents Welcome

Fancy Dress

Free Sausage Sizzle

Compete for lollies, cookies, toys,

books and more!

Heaps of free Food, Games and Prizes

Fancy dress competition in all age groups and parents too. <u>Most creative</u>, outfit made from recycled products, <u>Best themed family</u> (Adult and Kids dressed to same theme.) Best dressed Twinsies (friends dressed alike)

Note: Dress as something positive

No spooky costumes, witches, skeletons, devils.

For example come as an animal, angel, favourite superhero, fairy

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things" - PHIL 4:8



#### **Buses**

The Taipa school bus is at capacity. If you do not live in that direction then your child will no longer be able to get on this bus. This is a safety issue and it is important that we respect the rules and regulations for everyone's safety. We understand that this makes things challenging for pick ups and drop offs. However, our students' safety comes first and we will look at a solution for next year.



## Market Day Stalls - Nikau Room





HOMEMADE CHAI LATTE POWDER STARTING FROM \$4.00/JAR





