



27TH MARCH 2019

Important Dates

WIKI 8

Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 27th March
7.00pm, School Staffroom

Kura Cafe

Friday 29th March
8.30am to 9.30am, School Staffroom

WIKI 9

Tee Ball Tournament

Tuesday 2nd April
9.30am to 2.00pm, Ferguson Park

House Challenge

Thursday 4th April
9.30am to 12.30pm
Please come dressed in house colours. All whanau welcome to attend

Oxford Pies delivery day

Thursday 4th April
Pick-up from the School Hall at 3pm

Whole School Assembly

Friday 5th April
Hosted by Room 5/Te Whenua Rima
2.30pm - 3.00pm
All whanau welcome to attend

Kura Cafe

Friday 5th April
8.30am to 9.30am, School Staffroom

Gumboot Friday

Friday 5th April

WIKI 10

Excellence Assembly

Monday 8th April
9.00am - 9.30am

Te Rangi School Camp

Wednesday 10th April to
Friday 12th April

Kura Cafe

Friday 12th April
8.30am to 9.30am, School Staffroom

Last day of Term 1

Friday 12th April

Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou katoa

What a challenging week last week was. It was heartening to have our school community come together to support each other, especially on our Aroha Day. The majority of our children were able to continue with their important learning. This is mainly due to sensible parenting, coupled by sensitive and responsive teachers. Kia kaha everyone.

It was great to see some of you at our Kura Café. Being that we are always open to suggestions, we are moving the beginning time of our Kura Café from 8.30am to 9.00am. This will mean an easier drop-in for parents after the kids have gone to class.

Important Staffing Announcements:

It is with both sadness and immense pride that we will farewell Mrs Bhairavi Vara at the end of this term. Bhairavi will be taking on a Deputy Principal role at Edendale School. One of the bitter sweet parts of leading a school is growing the leadership capacity of our teachers. This is really important work, and sometimes when we do, they need to spread their wings and use that skill and knowledge elsewhere. Over her time at our school, Bhairavi has impacted on hundreds of children and their families. Her teaching skills are without doubt, something for many to aspire to. Bhairavi has also played a role in growing great leaders, not only in the children that she has taught, but also in the many Beginning Teachers that she has mentored over the years. Naturally, Bhairavi will be very missed. We wish her all the best for her developing career.

Although I have known this news for some time, I didn't want to announce it to the community until we had found a fabulous replacement. It is true that there is a teaching crisis in New Zealand. It took quite some time to find someone that we believe worthy of standing in front of your children. Ms Carolyn Aish will be starting in Te Whenua Rua (teaching along-side Miss Gray) at the beginning of Term 2. I am sure she will be a great fit for our school and you will welcome her with typical Oranga warmth.

When someone leaves, it creates an opportunity for others. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Hannah Soakai will take on the role of Team Leader for the remainder of the year. She will remain with her own class. As a school community, I know we will all congratulate and support Hannah in her new role.

As part of our involvement in Te Iti Kahurangi (our Community of Learning) we have two teachers that work across our school to lead areas of development and work with Across School Leaders. Ms. Emma Halford is now joined by Ms. Sarah Gundesen. I am sure Sarah will bring a lot of enthusiasm and skill to the role.

Another addition to the Oranga teaching whānau is Mrs Lynette (Nettie) Murray-Rountree. Nettie came to us a few weeks ago and took on the role of teacher in Te Whenua Tahi for the remainder of the term. Nettie has bonded so well with this class, that she has agreed to stay with them for the rest of the year. We are thrilled to have her. Although there has been a lot of change so far this year, the children at Oranga School are flourishing; academically, socially and emotionally. The school is in a great position to continue to provide your children with an excellent education.

This whakataukī came to mind when reflecting upon our school and the people within and around it: He waka eke noa - A canoe which we are all in - with no exception.

Be well. Be kind.

Vanessa.

Acting Principal.

Aroha Day

We were deeply saddened by the tragic events in Christchurch. On Friday last week, we came together to show our respects to the victims and the city of Christchurch. We all dressed in back and white to show our commitment to peace, unity and our kiwi pride.



He aroha whakato
He aroha puta mai



If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.

Excellence Ticket Winners

Parker - Te Awa, Rm 15
Riley - Te Awa, Rm 15
Melenaite - Te Moana, Rm 13
Danny - Te Moana, Rm 9
Sophie - Te Whenua Wha, Rm 4
Bella - Te Whenua Rima, Rm 5
Shanel - Te Rangī Raranga
Alice - Te Rangī Raranga



Reduce food waste

The average New Zealand family throws away around \$560 worth of uneaten food every year*.

Here are some simple ideas to reduce food waste in your home.

- **Plan** your meals and make a shopping list.
- **Rotate** items when unpacking your groceries, older in front and newer products behind.
- **Store** bread and meat in the freezer to extend their life.
- **Keep** food fresh and safe by storing in the fridge below 5°C so food lasts longer.
- **Use** leftover cooked vegetables in a frittata or soup or take as your lunch.
- **Use** brown bananas in baking or freeze for smoothies. Wilted vegetables are great in soups.
- **Save** leftover fruit from your child's lunchbox and give it to them for afternoon tea.

* sourced from www.lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz



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