

## Important Dates

### WIKI 10

#### Te Rangi School Camp

Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th April

#### Wet and Wild Day/Te Whenua Team

Thursday 11th April

9.15am to 10.50am

#### Kura Cafe

Friday 12th April

8.30am to 9.00am, School Staffroom

#### Last day of Term 1

Friday 12th April, 3pm

### WIKI 1

#### First day of Term 2

Monday 29th April

#### Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 1st May

7.00pm, School Staffroom

#### Kura Cafe

Friday 3rd May

8.30am to 9.00am, School Staffroom

### WIKI 2

#### Excellence Assembly

Monday 6th May

9.00am - 9.30am

All whanau welcome to attend

#### Kura Cafe

Friday 10th May

8.30am to 9.00am, School Staffroom

#### Whole School Assembly

Friday 10th May

Hosted by Room 4/Te Whenua

Wha 2.30pm - 3.00pm

All whanau welcome to attend

## Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou katoa

Where did that term go? It's true, that old saying "Time flies when you're having fun." Some would say that when we are goal orientated and enjoying the process of working towards that goal, it feels like time is flying. Having begun our year with our wānanga day and setting goals with families, children and teachers, we had very focused goals set for the term ahead. Our teachers have worked hard to ensure that not only is learning targeted, it is fun. We know that student engagement and agency improves outcomes and ultimately raises achievement. Take some time over the coming two week break to reflect with your child about their learning so far this year. How are they going? What have they enjoyed? What haven't they enjoyed? How can their teacher make their learning experiences better? Communicate with their teacher. When feedback comes from a place of caring (not only for your child, but also their teacher), it is received in the spirit it is intended. As I said in my last Principal's Message: He waka eke noa - A canoe which we are all in - with no exception.

Several of our teachers and learning assistants have been in Christchurch this week at a well-being conference. At the heart of well-being is caring for each other.

Dame Whina Cooper once said "Take care of our children. Take care of what they hear, take care of what they see, take care of what they feel. For how the children grow, so will be the shape of Aotearoa. This has been especially poignant recently. Enjoy the coming break with your children. Hopefully it will be a time to slow down together and appreciate the gifts that your child possesses. As a mum, I plan to spend more time saying "Yes, we can do that together."

Last week our new Principal was announced. We welcome Ms. Bridgit Lummis to our extended whānau and are delighted that she holds many of the principles that we value most at Oranga School. As a staff, and indeed a community, we look forward to showing her all the things that make Oranga School such a community jewel.

Vanessa.

Acting Principal.

## Excellence Ticket Winners

Ava - Te Awa

Alexander - Te Moana

Caspa - Te Rangi Arawhiti

Abhigyan - TWTahi

Etisone - Te Awa

Neve - Te Rangi Arawhiti

Samantha - Room 13

Bella - TWRua

# Haere ra, Oranga!

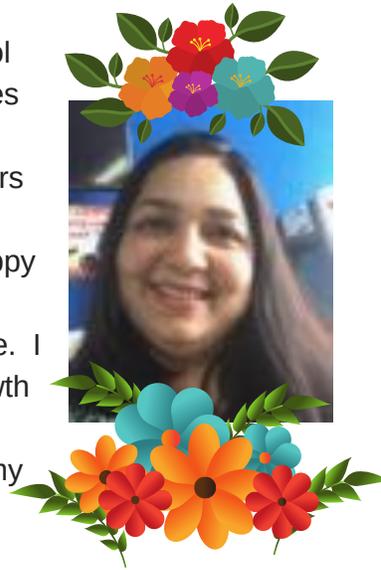
With great sadness, it is now time to say goodbye to Oranga children, staff and the wider community. It has been a fantastic journey of teaching and learning at Oranga with such a warm and inclusive community. I am so privileged to have been a part of the Oranga School whānau for more than a decade and during this time I have received numerous opportunities to grow as an effective teacher, learner, and leader. I am so fortunate to work with lots of amazing children and teachers who believed in my ability to teach and lead. These last years have been full of personal and professional growth from a beginning teacher to a team leader, challenges, changes and celebrations but most importantly, some unforgettable happy memories with our tamariki that I will cherish forever.

I would like to wish all Oranga learners and staff good luck for a successful and bright future. I will definitely be watching with interest as the school goes through an exciting stage of growth and development.

I would like to add this whakatauki, to sum up, my teaching philosophy. It is a reflection of my time at Oranga, and I will carry it forward with me to my new school.

**"Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu"**

Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength, independence and growth for future generations.



## Life as a House Captain



Hi! My name is Juno and I am one of Nikau's House Captains. Today I am going to tell you a bit about myself and about what leadership means to me. I was born on December 2nd, 2008, which means I am ten years old. Some of the things I enjoy doing are art and reading. Being a House Captain means a lot to me and I feel you need to be a great leader and be good at handling a lot of responsibility. Leadership to me means that you have to be responsible, reliable and respectful. I'm looking forward to being a House Captain this year.



## School Desks



We have several of these desks available for a donation. If you would like one, please pop into the office. There is no set price, the donation is just a donation (chairs not included).

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Nikau House who has the most Excellence Tickets this term!

All children in Nikau are able to come to school in Mufti on Friday this week. If you choose to wear mufti clothes, you do **not** have to wear house colours.

## Gumboot Day Fundraiser

Thank-you for donating to Gumboot Day.  
We managed to raise \$228!

THANK  
YOU

## Oxford Pies Fundraiser

We would like to thank all the people that purchased Oxford Pies. There were a total of 854 pies brought, with a total of \$1708 fundraised for the school!