

24TH OCTOBER 2018

## Important Dates

### WIKI 2

#### Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 24th October

(All parents/ caregivers are welcome to attend)

### WIKI 3

#### Junior Disco (including Years 3 & 4)

Thursday 1st November

6.30pm - 8.00pm

School hall

#### Whole School Assembly

#### Hosted by Rooms 8 & 13

Friday 2nd November

2.30pm - 3.00pm

School hall

All whanau are welcome to attend

### WIKI 4

#### Education Outside of the Classroom (EOTC) week

*Each team will have their own activities planned for this week.*

*Please watch your child's school bag for permission slips.*

#### Excellence Assembly

Monday 5th November

9.00am - 9.20am

School hall

All whanau are welcome to attend

## Message from the Principal

With Diana at the New Zealand Principal's Federation Conference this week, the responsibility of writing the weekly Principal's Message has fallen to me. While pondering over the long weekend, what was important right now, I concluded it is a great time to talk about road safety around the school. One of the lovely parts of my role is to spend time on road patrol, with our Year 6 students, greeting whanau and ensuring children cross the road safely. I have noticed that often parents will drop their child off on the broken yellow lines. I understand that this is usually a quick drop-off, but the reality for the road patrollers is that visibility becomes limited, thus endangering our children. If 10 parents do that, it can really add up to quite a long time. Also, of note is the number of parents that cross the road further down the road, rather than the crossing. If you are leaving after dropping your child at class in the morning, you are still visible to other children. Please can you set a great example and cross at the crossing? Little eyes are looking at you.

Vanessa Bentley

Deputy Principal

## Haere Ra

After five year's service to Oranga School in the role of the Principal's Personal Assistant, Delwyn Burke is going to be moving onwards and upwards to the position of PA/ Liaison to the Board Chair at the Puketapapa Local Board, Auckland City Council, starting Monday November 5th. This move is exciting for Delwyn, but sad for us. The leadership, staff and tamariki of Oranga will greatly miss her expertise, creativity and support. Her work has been very wide-ranging and varied. As well as providing clerical assistance to the principal, she has liaised with the Ministry of Education, construction companies, security companies, the Board of Trustees and parents. She has also been our elected Health and Safety Officer and has been one of our caring first aid assistants in the school sick bay. It is fair to say that you will be greatly missed Delwyn, and the whole Oranga community wishes you well in your next adventure.



Permission slips have been sent home today.  
Please ask your child to check their bag for it, if you have not seen one.

All children must have a completed permission slip to attend the Disco.

This disco is for Year 0 - 4 students only.  
No pre-schoolers or older siblings to attend.

*Entry*  
**\$3**  
*Per child*

**Prizes for  
best  
dressed!**

## Board of Trustees announcement:

James Parkinson has resigned from the Board of Trustees (effective 1st October, 2018). The Board of Trustees would like to thank James for his important and valuable contribution over the years.

Paul Ruediger, Corporate Finance Manager at Genesis, has been co-opted on to the Board until May 2019. Paul brings vital financial / budget management and analysis skills to the Board.

## Thank you!

A massive thank you to you, our Oranga community for all of your fundraising efforts!

From the calendars, diaries and greeting card sales, we raised over \$2,000.00! This money will go into our playground fund for the continual upkeep and upgrading of our playgrounds.

Your orders of calendars, diaries and greeting cards should arrive in the next few weeks and these will be distributed to students once they arrive.

With the money raised by you and our amazing PTA, we were able to do some work on the playgrounds over the school holidays and have:

- Put in a wooden retaining wall around the junior playground and surrounded this playground with cushion fall.
- Purchased some non-skid paint and painted the path and ramp near the sandpit.

We are also very grateful to all of the parents and grandparents who have assisted with various paint jobs and added to making our outdoors look brighter and beautiful. Also a special thanks to Alan Sussex (our caretaker), who has put in a great deal of work into our outdoor play areas.

There are still many exciting projects underway. Please take the time to have a look around, next time you are at school.