



Whāia te mātauranga hei orange mō koutou
Learning for Life and Making it Count

Welcome Back!

A brand new year, a fresh start, and lots more to look forward to at Ouruhia in 2019! We hope you have had a lovely break with lots of good quality time with whānau and friends over the holiday season.

I really enjoyed our end of year celebration and prize-giving last year...hopefully you have seen Michelle McConnell's lovely photos on Facebook.



We finished the year with a very nice night out at the Court Theatre with our Year 8s. We wish them (and others who left Ouruhia) well as they start their new year. (Already we have been delighted to see some of our past pupils coming back to tell us how they are doing, and have received photos and messages from Australia and Northland from others too distant to visit.)



Our school roll is 78...just ahead of our number at the start of last year... and we look forward to 3 new entrant enrolments this term. A special welcome to our **11 new enrolments**: Luca, Tawhiri and Mason in Team Tipu; Charlise, Tiaho-Rose, Ryder and Luka in Room 4; and Tempy, Mya, Luke and Jack in Room 5.

We are very proud of our past pupils Zoe McConnell for winning top Yr 9 academic honours at Mairahau High School, and Luke Hopkinson for being Kaiapoi High School Junior Sportsman of the year and national NZSS wrestling champ.



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Swimming

Swimming lessons are underway. Each class has a 45 minute lesson each day this month in our school pool (weather permitting). Remember to bring **swimming togs** every day. *(Even if it is raining in the morning, pack your togs, because with Christchurch weather the way it is, it could be a different season by the afternoon!)*

Our aim at Ouruhia is for **all children** to be confident in, under and on the water, and be able to swim **200m** by the time they get to high school. Having our school pool and our Mainpower lessons in Kaiapoi in Term 4 are certainly helping us toward this goal.

If your child is approaching their teenage years and is unable to swim 200m, we would strongly recommend extra swimming lessons with a private swimming instructor to develop these fundamental life skills...contact Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre for more information.

Ouruhia's **swimming sports** and skill demonstrations will be on **Wednesday 27th February at Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre, 1.00 - 3.00 p.m.** This year these sports will be for **Rooms 4 & 5 only**, and **Team Tipu** will have a **demonstration for parents at school** the week before (20th Feb). R4 & 5 children will travel to Kaiapoi by bus, but parents are welcome to take their children home directly after swimming. A separate note will come home about this.

Bell times



A reminder that classes at Ouruhia start at 8.55 a.m. (not 9.00 a.m.), and so we expect children to **be at school between 8.30 and 8.45** in order to be unpacked and ready to go. Please talk with your child:

- *What time do we need to leave home to be at school by 8.45?*
- *And to be ready to leave home at that time, when do you need...*
 - *to get up? ...*
 - *to get breakfast? ...*
 - *to do your jobs (make bed, tidy up, feed animals, pack your bag etc)?*

“Meet & Greet” Community picnic – Friday 15th February

On Friday, 15th February, we invite you to a school picnic, starting at 5.30 p.m. and finishing around 7.00 p.m. Come along and meet our new families and staff, chat informally, and swap stories about the holidays. Bring a picnic or takeaway dinner. The pool will be open, and some sports gear available.

We look forward to seeing you all.



Communication, School information and the Website

Many of you will already know that messages and information about our school can be found on our school website <http://www.ouruhia.school.nz/> and Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/ouruhiaschool>. (We hope you got the Facebook message about the school picnic).

Any messages we post on our Facebook page can be automatically texted to your cell phone.

To receive up-to-date information via your cell phone, text a new message to **8987** and type: **follow oursch** *(We are not sure if this works with 2Degrees cell numbers...please let us know how you get on)*



We also try to communicate with you in a number of ways...newsletters, phone calls, texts and emails, so please ensure that we have your up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses. **(An Emergency Contact notice will be sent home next week).**

We would prefer that you did not use teachers' individual phone numbers to contact them (unless it is an emergency, or in cases where they have asked you to ring), so please use emails, or school phone numbers. (Teachers' email addresses are usually firstname.lastname@ouruhia.school.nz - but check with them as there are a few exceptions – and you can use the school landline 323 8855 to leave messages, or my cell phone 027 303 9670 if urgent, or email office@ouruhia.school.nz or principal@ouruhia.school.nz)

NB Notices requiring something to be **sent back to school** are on **yellow paper**.
School newsletters will be **emailed** to you from now on about twice a term, with **paper copies displayed around the school**, and a **copy on our website** <http://www.ouruhia.school.nz/>
If you would like a paper copy of school newsletters, please see Raewyn, text Mark 027 303 9670, email office@ouruhia.school.nz or return the slip at the end of this newsletter.

Hagley Theatre: Little Red Riding Wolf

Once again we are happy to host Hagley Theatre Company to our school. On Friday 15th February the classes will be treated to a live performance of Little Red Riding Wolf in the school library at 1.30 pm. If you have pre-schoolers who would love to see this show, and they are able to be part of the audience without disruption, please bring them along. Live theatre is always such a lovely experience! (School pupils will be paying via their activity fee)

Ouruhia is “tree-nut free”

Remember, Ouruhia School is a **tree nut-free environment**. There is a young pupil at Ouruhia who has a **severe anaphylactic reaction to all tree nuts**...not just eating them, but also through skin contact with others who have eaten or handled them. **Tree nuts include** cashew, pistachio, brazil, almond, pecan, walnut, hazelnut, and any other nut **APART** from peanuts. (*Peanuts are NOT a nut, they are a legume, and are allowed at school. Coconut is a drupe and is not a nut. Both coconut and peanut, including peanut butter, are safe for this boy to be around and eat.*)

Mango stone is in the same family as cashews, so mangoes must also be avoided.

Ouruhia School Waiata

This term's focus is **Our People**. As we did last year, we are learning about our school's name, and the history and connection of the people who lived here many years ago. Last year we adopted and learned this **pepeha**, which is used in introductions to establish identity and heritage.



Ko Maukatere te mauka
Ko Pūharakekenui te awa
Nō Urihia te whenua
Nō Tūāhuriri te takiwā
Ko Ōuruhia te kura



We learnt that Maukatere/Mt Grey is our mountain; Pūharakekenui/Styx is our river; the land was first settled by Urihia (sometimes called Uruhia), the son of the chief who founded Kaiapoi pā; we are in Ngai Tūāhuriri's region; and our school is named Ouruhia.

This pepeha, and our school values, have now been put into a new school song or waiata, which we will sing and learn each week at assemblies, and on special occasions. My aim is for the children to learn our school values in Maori in Term 1 and the whole waiata by the end of Term 2.

Other notices:

- **Road patrol – parent helpers.** Parents, please let us know if you can help supervise the pedestrian crossing one morning a week (8.25 - 8.55, then a free coffee in the staffroom!) Tell Raewyn, or email office@ouruhia.school.nz
- **Sun Safety:** Remember to bring (named) sunhats, and leave them at school for the first term. No hat...we'll ask you to stay in the shade.
- **Working bee thanks...**we are extremely grateful for the helpers at our working bee to clean up the hedge trimmings at school on 26th January. Thanks to the Brown, Knight, Hughes & Cox families!
- **Ohoka Netball** <https://sites.google.com/site/ohokanetballclub/> – see Mark if you are interested in finding out more about playing netball this season. We welcome primary and high school students, as well as adults with all levels of experience



Team 1 & 2 Trials

Sunday February 17th; 9:00am Sign in, 9:20am Warm Up, 9:40am on Court.
Wednesday Feb 20th; 6:15pm Sign in, 6:30pm Warm Up, 6:45pm on Court.
Sunday Feb 24th; 9:00am Sign in, 9:15am Warm Up, 9:30am on Court

Rest of Grade (High school and women's grades, serious to social)

Sunday March 3rd; 9:00am Sign in, 9:30am Warm Up, 9:45am on Court.
Wednesday March 6th; 6:15pm Sign in, 6:30pm Warm Up, 6:45pm on Court.
Sunday March 10th; 9:00am Sign in, 9:15am Warm Up, 9:30am on Court

Future Ferns

Sunday March 10th; 10:00am Sign in, 10:30am Warm Up,
Wednesday March 13th; 5:30pm Sign in, 5:45pm Warm Up,
Sunday March 17th; 10:00am Sign in, 10:15am Warm Up,

- **Burwood Football Club** Registration Days At the Burwood AFC Clubrooms, Clare Park at 153 Burwood Road. New Junior players, we need to sight proof of age (birth certificate, passport or Plunket book). Note that Registration in 2019 are now done Online. For more details see our website www.burwoodafc.co.nz Junior coaches required – please contact the Secretary Mark Tolchard 385-0098



*Ka kite ano,
Mark and the team at Ouruhia*

2019 Term Dates:

Term 1: Mon 4th Feb – Fri 12th April

Waitangi Day Wednesday 6th February;

In holidays: Good Friday 19 Apr; Easter
Monday 22 Apr; Easter Tues 23 Apr
ANZAC – Wed 25th April

Term 2: Mon 29th Apr – Fri 5th July

Teacher Only Day: Friday 31st May
Queen's Birthday Monday 3rd June

Term 3: Mon 22nd July – Fri 27th Sept

Term 4: Mon 14th Oct – Fri 20th Dec

Labour Day Monday 28th October
Canterbury Show Day Friday 15th November

Return Slips: (email to office@ouruhia.school.nz , or print and send paper copy to office)

School newsletters – please tick the option that best suits

- ☐ Please send home school newsletters on paper as well as emailing them
- ☐ Please just email the newsletters

Name: _____