



Learning for Life and Making it Count

Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou

Pursue learning for the sake of your wellbeing.

Term 2 under way...

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you had a lovely Easter break.

Many of you will have seen by now the wonderful work done by Doug Tavinor and his team to create our very own bike track, with the support of Frews Contracting. A big shout out to the Ouruhia PTA for their initiative and drive for planning this wonderful asset for our school. We cannot thank Frews Contracting enough as they donated the use of their truck, digger and plate compactors as well as all the aggregate to build our track. This was a huge and very generous donation that we all appreciate so much!!

Did you know Frews Contracting has a supply yard at Factory Road in Belfast? They also do site works, demolition and removal of contaminated soil. Check out their website www.frews.co.nz or find them on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/frewscontracting/>



In the coming weeks we will be finishing the top surface of the track, and having a working bee to plant and landscape the area. Once it has been planted, we will need a small team to keep it weeded and maintained until fully established, so if you can help in this way, let us know. We have a few health and safety processes to follow up on before we can let our tamariki ride their bikes on it. Kids...**bring your bikes and helmets this Wednesday (1st May)** and we'll go over the safety rules before letting you try out the track.

Our school roll is currently 80 and we have 4 more pupils starting before the end of Term 3.

Ouruhia School Cross Country

Our 2019 School Cross Country is on **Tuesday 14th May** at the Ouruhia Domain commencing at 1.30pm. All welcome. Parents are invited to have a run too, to show our children that fitness is for life; it's something we do for our personal well-being, not just a once-a-year school event!

Teacher Only Day – no classes for children

On **Friday 31st May** we are having a Teacher Only Day at Kaiapoi High School with all other teachers from the Katote cluster of schools (Clarkville, Kaiapoi Borough, Kaiapoi High, Kaiapoi North, Ouruhia, Pegasus Bay, Woodend, St. Patrick's Kaiapoi and Tuahiwi). There will be workshops and guest speakers all day, and a great chance for teachers to network and chat about their teaching successes and challenges. **Children do not attend school that day.** As the Teacher Only Day is tacked on to **Queen's Birthday weekend**, some families may want to take advantage of the holiday weekend and have an extended break. (When schools have Teacher Only Days they need to adjust the starting date or finishing date for the year so they are open for the same number of days as other schools, and we have taken that into consideration when setting our term dates.

Working Bee

A big thank you for all those who helped at the working bee at the end of last term. We got a lot of jobs ticked off in just the couple of hours that morning...including garden tidy-ups and pruning. It's great to have that sort of community support!



There will be a follow up working bee this term to finish the autumn tidy-up, and plant some trees and shrubs around the new bike track. Watch for details to come.

Other Notices

- **Choir** starts this Thursday, 2nd May, at 8:15 am in the school library. *(All ages, but only Yrs 5-8 perform in the Town Hall concert in Term 4 – see separate notice)*
- **Book Week:** Week 4 this term (20-24 May)
- **PTA Disco:** Fri 28th June

Ka kite anō,

Mark and the team at Ouruhia

2019 Term Dates:

Term 2: Mon 29th Apr – Fri 5th July

Ouruhia Cross Country: Tues 14 May
Book Week: 20-24 May

Teacher Only Day: Friday 31st May
Queen's Birthday Monday 3rd June
PTA Disco: Fri 28 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