



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

2023 well under way...

Welcome to Term 2 already. What a great first term we have had...

- 5+ weeks of swimming (free, in our own pool)
- Community picnic in school grounds



- Cycle Safe
- Life Education, with Harold the giraffe
- Maukatere visit
- PALS workshop for Playground Activity leadership skills
- Free Movie: Red, White and Brass



- Working bee, spreading playground woodchip, building new vege gardens
- Visit from local **MP**, Hon Poto Williams
- Learning Conferences/ goal setting
- PB4L reward afternoon at Ouruhia Domain
- 3 rugby sessions with CRFU
- Ferrymead trip, including dressing up and role-playing early settlers
- 10 new enrolments already (7 in Team Tipu)...

Whew!





BOT news...

Our Board of Trustees consists of 5 parent reps: Louise Tavinor, Amelia Gilmore, Rebecca Sullivan, Conrad Ling and Louise Mckinlay, staff rep Carolyn Watson, and Principal Mark Ashmore-Smith. The Board has the job of governing the school through activities such as:

- *setting the strategic direction and targets for the school*
- *planning towards and reporting on achieving those targets*
- *curriculum management*
- *financial and property management*
- *policies and procedures*
- *health and safety*
- *employment of staff at the school*

On 29th March, following parent surveys and informal chats at the school picnic, the new Board of Trustees met with consultant Debbie Dawson to work out priorities and passions for the next 3-5 years at Ouruhia School: our *Strategic Plan*. Thank you to everyone for contributing and sharing your thoughts; we are very excited that we have come up with a draft plan that encompasses the views of our whole community. We know that there are lots of things people love about our school; we are going to strengthen those things and work to make our school even better. Watch this space as we share this draft plan with you and then finalise it and begin work.

Attendance at school


You may have seen in the media that the Ministry of Education is keen to help schools and parents improve attendance of all children. Why? Because kids who attend school regularly and on time do best educationally and in their future lives. They have the best opportunities for a positive start to life.

We will be putting little snippets in our newsletters about attendance during the year: *What data tells us; Advice and tips; How our school is doing.* First up...


OUR PEOPLE PLACE FUTURE OURUHIA

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

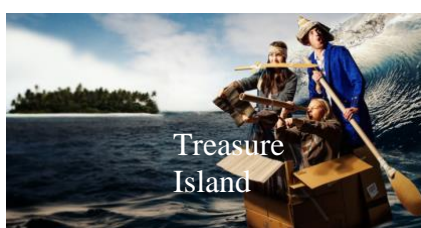
Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight 	= 4 weeks 	= Over 1 year missed
1 day per week 	= 8 weeks 	= Over 2.5 years missed

Coming up this term...

- **Parent session: Programmes and opportunities for Ouruhia Seniors** – Thursday 25th May (...more news soon)
- **Choir & “Strum, Strike, Blow”** practices under way
- Ouruhia School **cross country**, Ouruhia Domain, Tues 16th May
- **Cantamaths & Dunedin Problem Challenges**
- **National Young Leaders Day – Yr8s** 1st June
- **Friday sport** Yrs 5-8
- **Rams & Pouākai Basketball** sessions
- **Book Week & Library visit** 18th May
- Perform Education: - **Story Quest** Fri 19th May
- **Cultural Celebration & Yr 7&8 Science Fair**, Week 10
- **Reports & Parent-Teacher-Learner conferences**, Week 10
- NZ Playhouse: **Treasure Island** Fri 30th June



Other news:

Working Bee: Finishing jobs from last working bee... Tidying up leaf-fall and grounds before winter, organise storage in new sheds, and preparing new senior vege gardens. Dependent on weather, but please put **Sunday 30th April and/or Sunday 21st May** in your calendar, 10:00-12:30. Please email principal@ouruhia.school.nz if you can help.



School Uniforms... The Warehouse no longer stocks our uniform at Belfast, so we are taking orders once a term now for *monogrammed* “Ouruhia School” tops (jade tops and sweatshirts). Plain jade and blue tops, shorts, culottes and sunhats (no monogramme) can be purchased from The Warehouse, K-Mart or Postie Plus. Raewyn will send out reminders for uniforms mid-term, but you can send your order to her office@ouruhia.school.nz at any time.

Thank you,

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Mark and the team at Ouruhia

2023 Term Dates:

Term 2: Mon 24th April – Fri 30th June

Mon 24 April – Teacher Only Day, Curriculum PLD

Tues 25 April – ANZAC

Tues 16 May – Ouruhia School cross country

Mon 5 June - King's Birthday

Mon 26 June – Cultural Celebration and Science Fair

In term break: Matariki Fri 14th July

Term 3: Mon 17th July – Fri 22nd Sept

Term 4: Mon 9th Oct – Fri 15th Dec

Mon 23 October - Labour Day

Fri 17 November - Canterbury Show Day