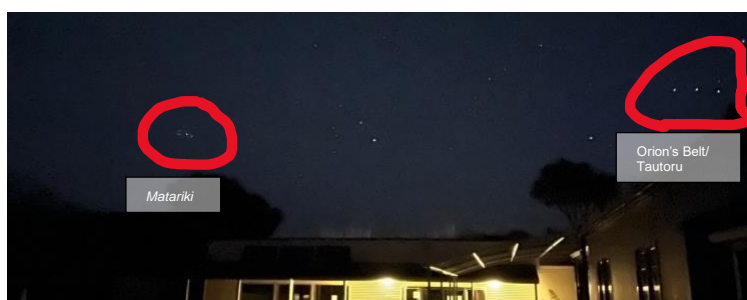




***Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou***  
**Learning for Life and Making it Count**

## Term 3 ... *Mānawatia a Matariki*

Last term flew by with **so many highlights**... among them for me was seeing Matariki early one morning to the northeast of our Room 4&5 block...



Next year there will be a public holiday to celebrate the beginning of a new year, a new season, time to think of family and think about goals and dreams for the year ahead.

## Loving the Arts ...

The arts light a spark within us and enrich our lives. ***“They contribute to our intellectual ability and to our social, cultural, and spiritual understandings. They are an essential element of daily living and of lifelong learning.”*** – NZ Curriculum, p9. We want our children to experience music, drama, dance and visual art, learning about the rich artistic traditions of our cultures. ***The arts make school and learning fun, “stimulate imagination..., uplift and entertain us...”*** That’s why we want our children to experience live theatre, learn to play and enjoy music and feel what it is like to express thoughts and emotions through drama and dance.

In Term 2 we hosted two outstanding productions: ***Rumplestiltskin***, by NZ Playhouse, and ***Kaboom Percussion***. We also trained up 18 of our students to play marimba (or xylophone) and ukulele to play in the wonderful “Strum, Strike, Blow” festival at Christchurch Arena.







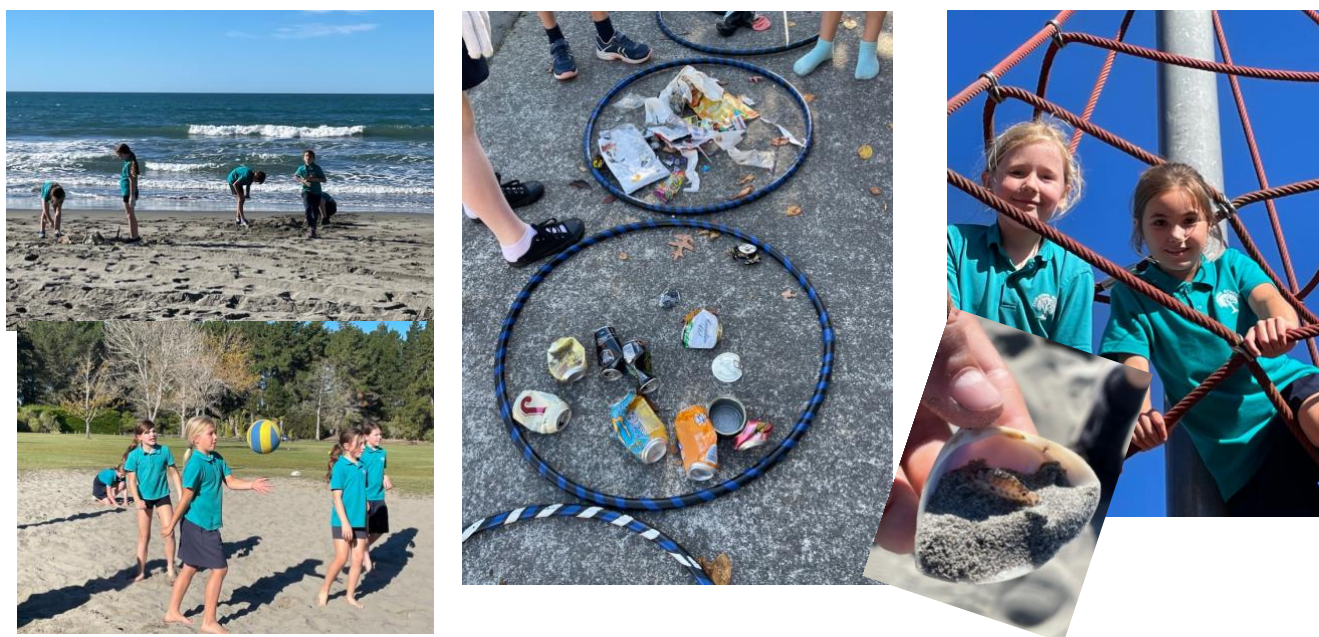


## Loving being active outdoors ...

We also love playing a range of outdoor sports and games, and doing learning in our local environment. We had our school cross country at the Ouruhia Domain, followed by our zone sports in Rangiora, our Year 5-8s have been playing weekly netball, hockey and football, and we have fortnightly lessons from sport & PE specialists from the North Canterbury Sport & Recreation Trust.

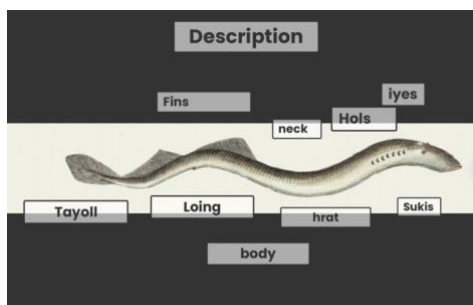


We did a scavenger hunt and clean up at Spencer Park and the **beach** in May, and we are also involved in **planting** and learning about **ecosystems** around our river, the Styx/**Pūharakekenui**.



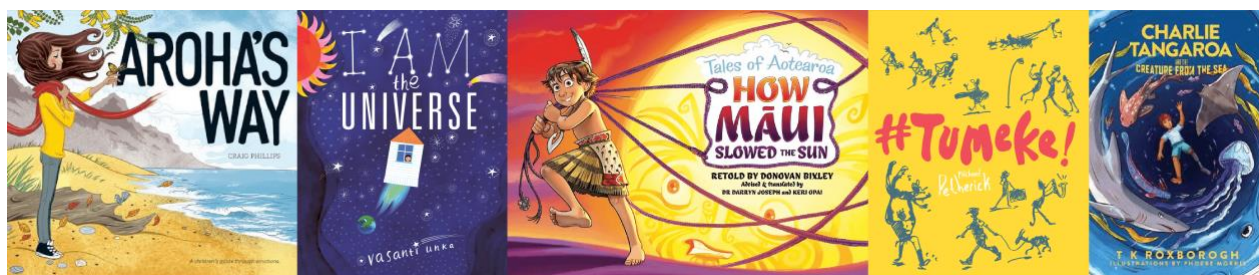


The juniors have been learning about our own local “treasure” – the **kanakana** (lamprey) eel...great opportunities for our young folk to learn about and make a difference caring for our **environment**.



## Coming up in Term 3...

This term we have “Perform Education” at school presenting “Big Dreams”, a focus on award winning NZ books (Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August)...



...and the Court Theatre’s production of “[Whā](#)” (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September)



- **Winter Sports** on Fridays, Years 5-8, will continue until the end of Week 3...it’s been great to see the improvement in skill level and attitude over the past term, as well as sport being played more at break times.
- **Choir** rehearsals have begun with Mrs Carolyn Watson taking the junior choir and Mrs West taking the senior choir (Yr5-8) for the Christchurch Town Hall Music Festival in the first week of November.
- **Yr6-8 Camp** is booked for Week 9 this term.

## Curriculum development

- Our continuing work using “**Structured Literacy**” is already showing some good gains with phonics knowledge in all rooms. Class programmes in phonics, spelling, reading and writing are being adjusted to be more in tune with each other.
- We have continued to trial the “*Maths - No Problem!*” approach and the Board of Trustees has agreed to spend an extra \$800 on maths resources.
- We are also developing a more localised curriculum using our river and waterways and local history to make learning more relevant – we are lucky to have so many resources on our doorstep!



## Other notices:

- **Teacher Only Day** – a reminder (*see email 30 June*) that we have a Teacher Only Day booked for the day after Labour Day in Term 4, **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October** so if parents want to take a longer long weekend, they can arrange this. These Teacher Only Days are really valued by teachers to be able to keep up to date with new changes in the curriculum, and we thank you for your support. (There will be no school for pupils on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October.)
- **PTA Quiz Evening** – The Ouruhia School PTA are hosting a quiz night on **Friday September 10** at the **Belfast Rugby Club rooms**. Come and join in on the biggest fundraiser of the year. It will be a fun filled night with raffle prizes, games and fun. Get family and friends together and join us. Dressing up is optional with prizes for best dressed person and team. Make a table of 6-8, only \$20 per person. The bar will be open and supper food will be provided. For those who have difficulty getting a babysitter there will be a supervised movie playing in an adjacent room. This will cost you a gold coin donation per child and the kids will get their own movie ticket with popcorn. Tickets are available now from the Ouruhia School office. Phone **323 8855** or email [office@ouruhia.school.nz](mailto:office@ouruhia.school.nz).  
Don't miss out! Bring your cash to win some amazing raffle prizes that have been donated by our wonderful community. Doors open at 6.30pm. See you there!
- **Term 2 Reports and Learning Conferences** – thank you for coming along and talking with teachers and your child about the learning that has been happening this year. These meetings are most powerful when teachers, parents and learners all sing from the same song sheet and know what progress has been made and what the next steps are. If parents know one or two things that will help in the home *e.g. talking about numbers, time, measuring or money when out and about; reading together and enjoying books and poems; talking about thoughts, feelings and strategies to help when things go wrong* ... your child's progress will be that much better. (If you didn't manage to get to a meeting last week, please contact your teacher to make an appointment.)  
**Feedback:** We are keen to know how helpful and easy to understand our written reports are, and how well the learning conferences meet your needs. Please complete the **brief survey** (to be sent home soon) to help us understand what works for you and what we could do better.  
Thank you.

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



### 2021 Term Dates:

#### Term 3: Mon 26<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Oct

Perform Education – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Aug  
PTA Quiz Night – Fri 10 Sept  
Court Theatre -Whā – Fri 17 Sept  
Yr 6-8 Camp - 22-24 Sept

#### Term 4: Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

Labour Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
**Teacher Only Day** Tues 26 October  
Yr 5-8 Choir Festival – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Canterbury Show Day Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November



## Opening of MAINPOWER STADIUM – Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup>

North Canterbury's biggest and best sporting facility, MAINPOWER STADIUM, is set to open its doors to the community on the 8th of August! Come on down to Coldstream Road, from 12noon to see Mayor Dan Gordon cut the official ribbon on the FOUR full size multi-use sports courts, Stadium Fitness Centre with demonstrations on the new group training programmes PRAMA and Revl GT, ALLIED HEALTH HUB, Sports House administration offices, conference rooms, coffee, juice and food hub and much more! The team from MoreFM will be onsite with loads of giveaways. With hundreds pf car parks on site, there is plenty of room for everyone! MainPower Stadium is open 12 – 4.30pm on Sunday August 8, at 289 Coldstream Road, Rangiora. Go to [mainpowerstadium.nz](http://mainpowerstadium.nz) for more information.



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**YOU'RE INVITED TO THE OPENING**

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Waimakariri Mayor Dan Gordon invites you to the official opening of MainPower Stadium.

**Nau mai, Haere mai**  
We are excited to show MainPower Stadium to the District.  
Join us for an afternoon of entertainment.  
After the official opening at 12pm tour the facility, and enjoy demonstrations of a variety of sports and kapa haka groups.

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