



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

## Welcome to Term 2...

Despite the turmoil and challenges COVID has recently cast our way, we had a really good Term 1. We were very fortunate to have such wonderful teachers in Mrs Jo Dudley and Mrs Lynne Heywood filling in for us in Room 5 and Team Tipu last term, and I thank them with deep gratitude for their professionalism, collegiality and friendship. But more than that, I thank them for the way they connected so well with their children and ran such wonderful programmes to start the year on such a positive note.

Mrs Siobhan Cummings joined us in Week 8, Term 1, teaching in Room 5. Siobhan has quickly got to know the children and staff, and we are now set for a busy and exciting Term 2.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Lisa Hewitt to our staff this term. Lisa comes to us from Pegasus Bay School, and will be teaching in Team Tipu. Lisa has already met many of the parents and children, as she attended learning conferences and also visited the class last term.

And we also welcome 5 new students in Team Tipu and Room 4: Jesse, Jasmine, Grace, Hydee and Rylan... ***nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai!*** We love having you at our wee gem of a school... we may be small, but it's a treasure! ***Ahakoā he iti, he pounamu!***

## Property Developments

During the holidays a new archgola was erected over the entrance of Team Tipu. This will provide better cover from the weather on wet days.

The new storage shed, beside Room 5 and the Centennial Garden, has been delayed due to supply issues with steel, but is set to be completed in the next 2 weeks. Following its completion, we would like to concrete some paths and build raised beds for growing vegetables next to it. If you would like to help with that, please let Mark know. (Working bee coming up in a couple of weeks).

## Teacher Only Day

Kātote Schools will be having a Teacher Only Day on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**, making a slightly longer Queen's Birthday weekend for those of you who wish to take advantage of that. (Monday is a public holiday). These Teacher Only Days, combining with other local schools, are of huge value for professional development. We will be working on our current school focuses of Maths, Literacy, Digital Technology and Local Curriculum.

# Covid Advice Update

Christchurch is now operating at Orange setting of the Covid Protection Framework.

Please continue to notify us as soon as you can **if your child has tested positive for COVID-19**. email [principal@ouruhia.school.nz](mailto:principal@ouruhia.school.nz)

We need to know if cases are worsening in our community so we can take appropriate measures at school. At the end of Term 1, around 30% of our children and none of our staff had been infected with COVID, so there is **still a risk** that our school could be seriously affected in Term 2.

## Orange setting - Key points to note:

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, **we ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, wear a mask whenever they are indoors** on school grounds.

We also ask that your child (if they are Year 4+) continues to bring a mask to school every day. There may be times that we'll ask them to wear a mask. **If there are a high number of cases at school or in the community, we may ask that masks are worn in classrooms for a time.**

At Orange, **students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on school or public transport**

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our **indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.**

**Only confirmed cases and their household contacts need to self-isolate. Everyone else**, including those who may have had close contact with the case but aren't in the household, **must continue to monitor really closely for any symptoms of COVID-19**. For more information about what to do if you have COVID-19, see [here](#).

We are looking forward to a few less restrictions and returning to school life that is a bit closer to normal.

## Other news:

**Ouruhia School Cross Country:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1:00 – 3:00pm, Ouruhia Domain

**Friday Winter Sport (Yrs 5-8):** starting Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Notice coming home this week. Helpers welcome for coaching, reffing, or transport and sideline support.

**Working Bee:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May and/or Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (weather dependent). Tidying leaves & pruning, building new vege garden, boxing paths by shed, adding bark to playground, planting around bike track. Please email [principal@ouruhia.school.nz](mailto:principal@ouruhia.school.nz) if you can help on any of these jobs.

Thank you,

Mark and the team at Ouruhia

### 2022 Term Dates:

**Term 2: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July**

*Teacher Only Day: Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Queen's Birthday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Matariki Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June*

**Term 3: Mon 25<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Term 4: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec**

*Labour Day Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October  
Canterbury Show Day Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
November*