



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

Term 3 highlights

Kia ora e te whānau!

This term has been a bumpy road with COVID restrictions and cancelled events, but it's finished on a sunny note with a positive outlook for the rest of the year.

The term started with **parent-teacher-learner conferences**...thank you for your participation in this important process. Through it we reflect on learning, progress, needs and priorities, and ways that we can work together with the home to help our children get the best from their school experience.

We have tweaked and re-jigged our report forms over the years trying to make them easier to understand and ensuring they give parents the information they are looking for. To see if we are hitting the mark, please complete the **reports survey** we will be sending to all families shortly.

2022 classes: We are already fielding inquiries about enrolments for next year (in-zone, and out-of-zone at different levels). As we are starting to look at staffing and room allocations for next year we would like to know of any likely changes as soon as possible. If you are moving, or know of anyone nearby who is wanting to come to Ouruhia, please let us know as soon as possible (email principal@ouruhia.school.nz)

Here are some of our **highlights from Term 3** and some of our plans for Term 4...

Loving the Arts ...

In Week 2 Perform Education put on their "Big Dreams" production at Ouruhia School, which tied in with a NZ book theme as well as personal focuses on goals and confidence. Our children love these live theatre performances...thank you parents for supporting these visits.



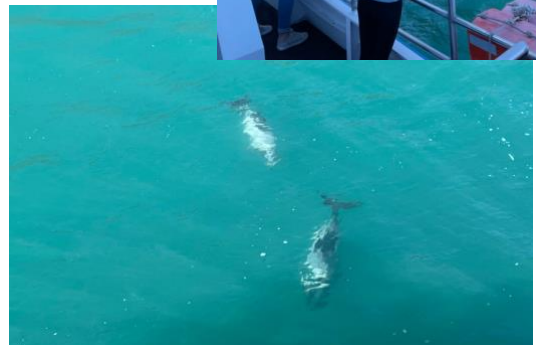
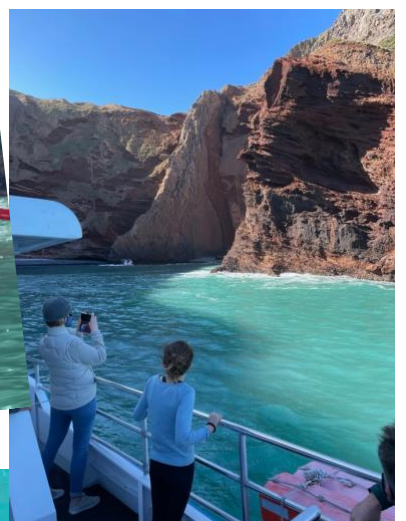


Loving being active outdoors ...

After winter, we are starting to play basketball and padder tennis, as well as getting ready for the Athletics season.



Year 6-8 camp at Wainui Term 3 Week 9



Caring for the environment

Room 5 have been planting and caring for areas beside our river, the Pūharakekenui.



Curriculum development

We are pleased with the thinking and growing confidence of our children in Maths this year as we continue to trial “Maths No Problem”. We will be continuing to work with this programme next year.



Congratulations to our **Year 6 North Cantamaths** team. They finished 4th = out of 24 schools



Coming up in Term 4...

- **Teacher Only Day** – a reminder that we have a Teacher Only Day booked for the day after Labour Day in Term 4, **Tuesday 26th 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 26th October.)
- **Athletics Sports:** because of the need to get our Yr5-8 zone entries in to North Canterbury early in Term 4, we have a slight change to our Athletics sports this year.
 - We are having a selection day on Wednesday 20th October (first week back) for Yr5-8 children hoping to qualify for the **zone sports**. These children have notified us of their intention to try out for the team. This does **not** involve all Yr5-8 children. Raewyn and Mark will run this selection process at school and at the Ouruhia Domain during that Wednesday. (*Pegasus Athletics Tues 2nd November.*)
 - **Whole school Athletics...** this will be in **Week 4**, just before Show Weekend. Date to be confirmed, but will either be Tuesday or Thursday of that short week.
- **Senior Choir** (Yr5-8) are still working towards the Christchurch Town Hall Music Festival on Friday 5th November. They have an area rehearsal on the first Tuesday after the holidays (Tues 19th Oct). The final decision about the festival taking place will hinge on Covid Alert Levels early in Term 4.
- **Kapa Haka festival** – depending on Alert Levels, this is scheduled for 2nd December.
- **Swimming lessons at Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre** – we have found these lessons to be very beneficial just before the summer holidays (and before our school pool warms up) so we have booked these again this year in Week 7 and 8 of Term 4 (late November, early December)

Other notices:

- **PTA Quiz Evening** – The Ouruhia School PTA quiz night will now be on **Friday 29th October** 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.

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!

Ka kite ano,

Mark and the team at Ouruhia



2021 Term Dates:

Term 4: Mon 18th Oct – Fri 17th Dec

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

2022 Term Dates:

Term 1: Wed 2nd Feb – Thur 14th April

Public holidays: Waitangi Day: Mon 7 Feb
 Good Friday 15 April
 In term break: Easter Monday 18 April
 ANZAC – Mon 25th April

Term 2: Mon 1st May – Fri 8th July

Teacher Only Day?: Fri 3rd June TBC
 Queen's Birthday Monday 6th June
 Matariki Friday 24th June

Term 3: Mon 25th July – Fri 30th Sept

Term 4: Mon 17th Oct – Fri 16th Dec
 Labour Day Monday 24th October
 Canterbury Show Day Friday 11th November