



Term 2 update

Here we are in Week 9 already, and looking back over the term there have been lots of exciting happenings.

- Our **MAC** (Make And Create) **clubs** on Friday afternoons...choices of art and craft work, technology challenges, learning ukulele, sports and games, Lego...



- Team Tipu, Rooms 1&2, invited their mothers for a special **Mother's Day** morning tea...





- Room 5 welcomed Mrs Aylward back with a day at Lake Rua, doing water activities...



- Greg from ECan invited us to plant some trees and shrubs at Brooklands to help provide better habitats for threatened species...



- Life Education visited with their mobile classroom...





- We had our cross country at the Ouruhia Domain...



- The Court Theatre visited and produced a wonderful show: Matatihi...



- Team Tipu visited the museum to find out about Matariki...



Mid-Year reports and learning conferences for Yrs 4-8

Mid-year reports for Yrs 4-8 will go home on Friday 7th July, with invitations to discuss these at learning conferences in the first week next term (Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th July). We look forward to discussing progress, setting new goals and answering questions at that time. (Yrs 1-3 receive written reports on the half-yearly and yearly anniversaries of the date when they started school...please check with your child's teacher if you are unsure about when the next report is due.)

Welcome

...to **Hannah, Georgia and Agnes** (R1); **Mac** (R2), **Keira and Eden** (R4), who have all started at Ouruhia since our last newsletter. We have 2 more pupils starting before the end of term and another one due to start early in Term 3. Our school roll is 70, slightly ahead of where it was last year at this time, and with plenty of interest in enrolments for the next 12 months.

Open Day

Next Wednesday, 5th July, we are holding an Open Day to allow our current parents, as well as parents who are thinking of enrolling their children, to see what we do and what we offer at Ouruhia School. ***Please spread the word*** if you know of anyone thinking about enrolling their children here.



We are starting the day with all the classrooms "open" from 9:00 – 11:00 for parents to visit and observe the programmes. I (Mark) will be available in the library and around the rooms to chat and answer questions.

In the evening between 7:00 and 8:00 pm there will be a brief showcase of what Ouruhia School is all about, with Mark, the teachers, parents and some pupils talking about what we love about our school. ***If you are happy to share what you love about our school, either by writing a few words or even speaking at this evening***, please see Mark or email principal@ouruhia.school.nz

Future options for Ouruhia School

You will have received a notice about future options for Ouruhia School

Option 1: That Ouruhia School remain on the current site and carry on as usual.

Option 2: That Ouruhia School be relocated to a newly built school in West Belfast. This new school is proposed to open early 2020.

We are currently planning community meetings for early in Term 3 where we will answer your questions and seek your input. The first of these meetings is likely to be Monday 7th August, 7:00 p.m. here at school, with other daytime meetings later that week.

News from the Board

- Our **annual reports** (including finances and student achievement) have been finalised by our auditors and submitted to the Ministry of Education. A "short version" of the annual report is displayed in the school foyer, along with the full version if anyone wants to look at it. Copies are also on our wiki site at <http://ouruhia.wikispaces.com/Annual+Reports>
- Board elections for two positions will be held in Term 4.

News from the PTA

This year has seen the PTA heads down tails up, up to the neck in paperwork as we have worked hard to complete several funding applications for pool funding. All applications are now in play and we will announce any results in the next newsletter. We are aiming to raise \$207,000 to replace the school pool and erect a covering building. Despite this busyness we have managed to pull off a very successful Easter raffle which raised \$688.00! The PTA Verkerks Taste Testers have busily munched their way into \$400 worth of survey feedback so far this year and this will continue throughout the year. If you want to know more or would like to be considered as a Taste Tester please let us know. We raised \$275 from the amazing Winter Wonderland Disco in May where the kids all had a wonderful time. We raised further \$144 during our cross country event with our delicious homemade soup and buns which were a warm welcome on a cold day!

With these funds we have contributed \$196.00 to school for the cost of supplying school pool keys to families. We have also purchased and installed wall hung TV brackets to keep the new screens safely on classroom walls in Rooms 1, 4 & 5. Plus \$740 was spent on some brand new sports team equipment including footballs, goalie gear, practice balls, hockey balls, shin pads, and team socks!

We wish to make a special mention to Blaine and Sharon Blyth for the very generous donation to the PTA for the purchase of a brand new team set of Hockey Sticks which are proving to be part of a winning combination with the hockey team celebrating much success! Thanks so much Blaine and Sharon!

And many thanks to you all for your wonderful support of your school and your PTA. Happy holidays!

- Angela McDonald

Other Notices

- The **Sustainable Coastlines** group has contacted us because of our planting project with ECan, and will be visiting us in Week 1 next Term. This will be followed by some more planting beside the Waimakariri River on **Friday 28th July between 10:30 and 12:30**. *If you can help with transport and supervision on that day, please email Raewyn office@ouruhia.school.nz or return the slip below.* (We will also be doing another planting session with Greg from ECan later in the term.)
- Kaipoi High School Principal** Bruce Kearney will be at Ouruhia School (**with coffee & cake!**) to talk to parents on Thursday 6th July at 7:00 p.m. While mostly aimed at parents of Year 8s, any parents are welcome to attend. (Please RSVP to principal@ouruhia.school.nz)

2017 Term Dates:

Term 2: Mon 1st May – Fri 7th July

Term 3: Mon 24th July – Fri 29th Sept

Term 4: Mon 16th Oct – Wed 20th Dec

Important Dates:

- ❖ Wed 5th July: Open Day at Ouruhia
- ❖ Thur 6th July: Coffee & Cake – KHS Principal
- ❖ Fri 7th July: Yr 4-8 reports go home
- ❖ Tues/Wed 25th – 26th July: Yr 4-8 Learning conferences
- ❖ Fri 28th July: Sustainable Coastlines planting
- ❖ 7th – 10th Aug: Community consultation meetings
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*Ka kite ano,
Mark and the team at Ouruhia*

Return Slip: Sustainable Coastlines Planting at Waimakariri River

I can help with supervision and transport on Friday 28th July. My car is registered and warranted, I have a current full licence, and can provide seating for _____ children with seatbelts/ in junior car seats.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Return Slip: Student Learning Conferences – Years 4-8 – Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th July
(email to office@ouruhia.school.nz , or print and send paper copy to office)

I would like to meet my child's teacher on:

- Tuesday 25th July 3.30pm - 5.30pm ()
- Wednesday 26th July 3.30pm - 7.00pm ()

Name(s) and Room(s) of child(ren):

Name(s) of parent(s) and child(ren) attending:

Any questions or goals you would like to discuss:
