



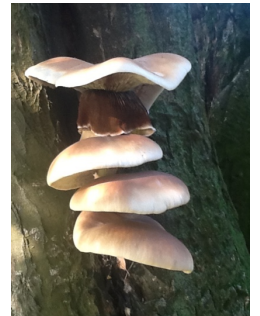
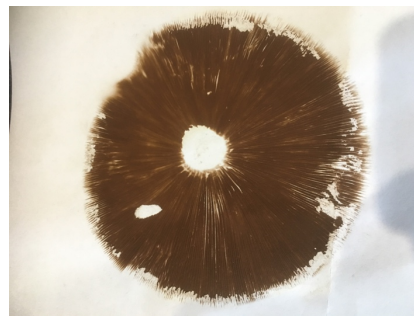
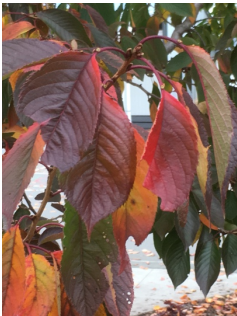
Learning for Life and Making it Count

Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou

Pursue learning for the sake of your wellbeing.

Term 2 under way...

Welcome back to Term 2. Autumn is certainly well and truly with us, and we have been doing lots of interesting art and science activities with leaves and fungi in the past week.



Our school roll is currently 79 and we have 3 more pupils starting before the end of the term. This is already higher than the number we finished with at the end of last year. A special welcome to **Lauren** (in Room 1) and **Jasper** (in Room 4) who have started at Ouruhia since our last newsletter.

Teacher Only Day – no classes for children

On **Friday 1st June** we are having a Teacher Only Day at school to work on Maths and Writing ...children do not attend school that day. As the Teacher Only Day is tacked on to **Queen's Birthday weekend**, some families may want to take advantage of the holiday weekend and have an extended break. (When schools have Teacher Only Days they need to adjust the starting date or finishing date for the year so they are open for the same number of days as other schools, and we have taken that into consideration when setting our term dates.)

Ouruhia School Cross Country

Our 2018 School Cross Country is on **Thursday 31st May** at the Ouruhia Domain commencing at 1.30pm. (Postponement date Tuesday 5th June)

ERO report acknowledges Ouruhia's success

The **ERO (Education Review Office) report** on Ouruhia School has been published and will soon be available on-line at: <http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/&Category=3>

Once again, ERO has acknowledged that we are **doing a great job** here as teachers and parents. Well done to all the staff, Board, and supporters of our fantastic wee school. Some key points from the report are quoted below:

Excerpts from the 2018 ERO report on Ouruhia School:

- The school is effectively achieving **equitable and excellent outcomes** for most of its students.
- Students are **achieving well** in reading and mathematics. Overall achievement in reading, writing and mathematics for all groups have had **sustained improvement over time**.
- The school has many **effective processes** to progress the learning and achievement of all children. These particularly relate to **children's wellbeing and opportunities** in learning. There is a deliberate **focus on relationships** which is providing a **culture of inclusiveness**.
- **Leadership** builds **relational trust and effective collaboration** at every level of the school community. **Children, parents, whānau and the community** are well known and learning-centred relationships are actively promoted.
- Teachers have **effective practices to support children** who need extra support with their learning. They know these children well as individuals and learners, and carefully monitor and report to parents each child's progress.
- The **board actively represents and serves the community** and school in its role. It takes **pride in the improvements and successes** which the school community celebrates

Working Bee

A big thank you for all those who helped at the working bee at the end of last term. We got a lot of jobs ticked off in just the couple of hours that morning. It's great to have that sort of community support!



There will be a follow up working bee just after Queen's Birthday (Sunday 10th June) to finish the autumn tidy-up, and plant some trees that have been donated to our school. Watch for details in a week or two.

Other Notices

- **Choir** starts next Friday, 18th May, at 8:15 am in the school library. (See separate notice)
- **PTA Disco:** Fri 29th June

Ka kite anō,

Mark and the team at Ouruhia

2018 Term Dates:

Term 2: Mon 30th Apr – Fri 6th July

Ouruhia Cross Country: Thursday 31st May
Teacher Only Day: Friday 1st June
Queen's Birthday Monday 4th June
Working Bee: Sun 10th June
Court Theatre: Fri 22nd June
PTA Disco: Fri 29th June
Y4-8 Reports go home: Fri 29th June

Term 3: Mon 23rd July – Fri 28th Sept

Mark on Sabbatical

Term 4: Mon 15th Oct – Wed 19th Dec

Labour Day Monday 22nd October
Canterbury Show Day Friday 16th November