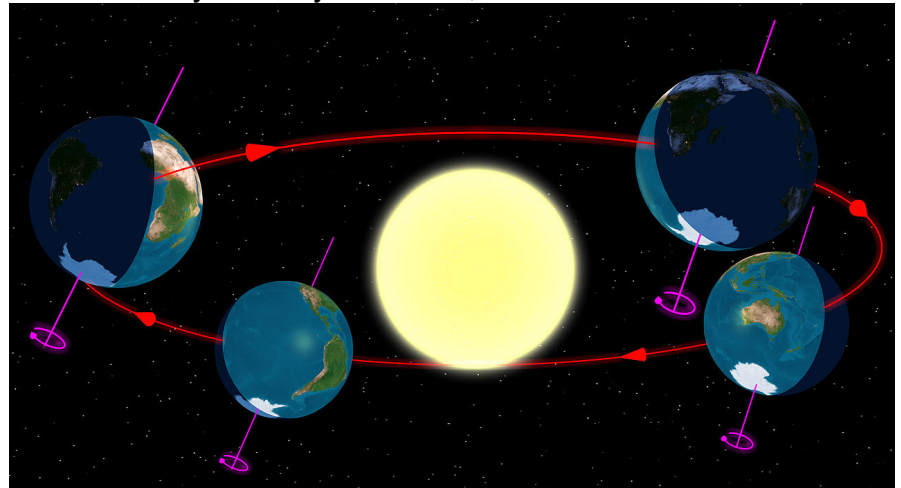




Learning for Life and Making it Count *Whāia te mātauranga hei orange mō koutou*

Term 3 update...

Our last newsletter was around the shortest day...Friday 21st June, the winter solstice. This newsletter is around the spring equinox...day and night are of equal length all over the world. In NZ the days start to be longer than night time until the summer solstice just before Christmas. Room 5 have been wondering why day lengths change, and found it was due to the tilt of the earth in combination with the orbit of the earth around the sun.



Our school roll is currently 87 and we have 2 more pupils starting before the end of Term 4. 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 in zone who is wanting to come to Ouruhia, please let us know (preferably this term).

Tree planting

The term started with classes tree planting near the Styx/Pūharakekenui River opposite school on Turners Rd with Alice, the CCC Ranger from Spencer Park. We have decided to commit to a 3 year programme (and probably more) to work on planting and caring for young trees along this corridor beside the river. Senior pupils will be encouraged to show service to the community through this project, and other enthusiastic children will be collecting seeds and propagating native plants for the area. We are already beginning to get groups working in this way during MAC club time.



Maths Week & Cantamaths

In August we took on some extra Maths challenges with Maths week activities in classes across the school, and we also had teams in the North Canterbury and Christchurch Cantamaths competitions.



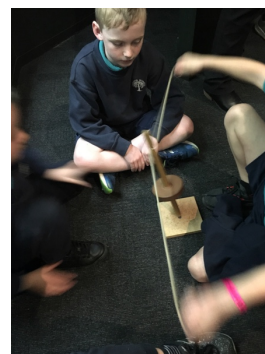
Court Theatre

August also saw us hosting the Court Theatre at Ouruhia with their production O Le Malaga Fa'a'Atua (The Journey of the Gods), based on classic myths and legends from Tonga, Samoa and Aotearoa.



Trips

Each class had trips to town...Room 4 to the Museum, Team Tipu to the Botanic Gardens, and Room 5 to the Art Gallery:



Environment Award



Two of our school leaders, Harry and Hamish, and I attended a Community Award Ceremony at Tūranga, the Central City Library. Ouruhia was recognised for its work caring for the environment and working with organisations such as ECAN, CCC Rangers and Sustainable Coastlines.



Fathers' Day morning tea

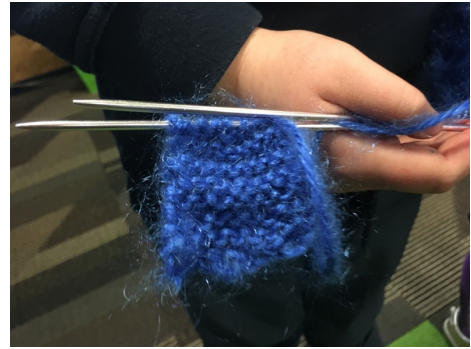
Once again Team Tipu hosted fathers and grandfathers for morning tea following Fathers' Day.



MAC Clubs

MAC clubs have continued this term with lots of varied activities and crafts: visual arts, sewing and knitting, baking, caring for horses, well-being, technology challenges, ukulele, conservation work, handyman club, jump jam...thanks so much to all of the parents and grandparents who have helped with such interesting activities, allowing us to keep the groups small.





End of Year

School finishes for the year on **Thursday 19th December** at midday. Our end of year concert this year is Jack and the Beanstalk, and will be performed at Kaiapoi High School on Wednesday 18th December. ***If you wish to help out with costumes or set, please see Mark or your class teacher.***



Other Notices

- **Ouruhia School Athletics sports** will be held in the school grounds on **Thursday 24th October** (Pegasus Zone Athletics Tues 5th November)
- **PTA Gala Friday 1st November**
- **Choir Festival, ChCh Town Hall, Friday 8th November.** Tickets from Ticketek



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

2019 Term Dates:

Term 3: Mon 22nd July – Fri 27th Sept

Term 4: Mon 14th Oct – Thur 19th Dec
 Ouruhia Athletics Thurs 24th October
 Labour Day Monday 28th October
 Canterbury Show Day Friday 15th November
End of Year Concert Wed 18th Dec
 Last day of school: Thursday 19th December