



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

### Term 3 update...

Kia ora e te whānau!

Where has this term gone? It's been tricky for all of us dealing with COVID restrictions and cancelled events, but it's nice to see the sun, and so many people with smiling faces still. Feels like we are turning the corner.

Here are some of our highlights from this term and some of our plans for the near future...

### The Arts

Continuing with our Arts and creativity focus, we are delighted with the quality of the work and talent being shown by our choirs and instrumental groups. We have been practising most Wednesdays again this term, and will have some outstanding items to share with you by the end of the year. We have purchased some more xylophones, and now have enough for up to 8 players at once. The children love the challenge of playing some amazing rhythms and harmonies, and are often keen to demonstrate in assembly.

Room 5 (and some girls from Room 4 to make up the extra partners) have been practising Argentinian Tango with specialist tutors Gloria and Graeme all term. This week (Week 9), they performed in the Isaac Theatre Royal with lots of other schools doing different dance genres. We were told that the Ouruhia routine was the most complex, so that fact added to the immense pride we all felt for their stage performance. They not only learnt about dance and music from another culture, but also what it is to persevere with something that is difficult and "pushes your buttons". They practised three times a week for 8 weeks, and the result was outstanding.



Our kapa haka groups are also continuing every Friday. The senior group will be performing at the North Canterbury Kapa Haka showcase in Term 4, and the other groups will no doubt be sharing their items at our end of year school celebration.



## Sport and PE

The “Sports Guys” (North Canterbury Sport & Recreation Trust) come to school every Monday fortnight, and have been doing ball skills and Athletics skills lately. Thanks to Leneke and Rene for organising touch practices too!



## Changes in the Playground

The Board has recently purchased a new storage container...next step is to landscape around it and set up the senior gardens and shade house.



Team Tipu has also built a “willow house”...we are keen to see how it grows as a living shelter.

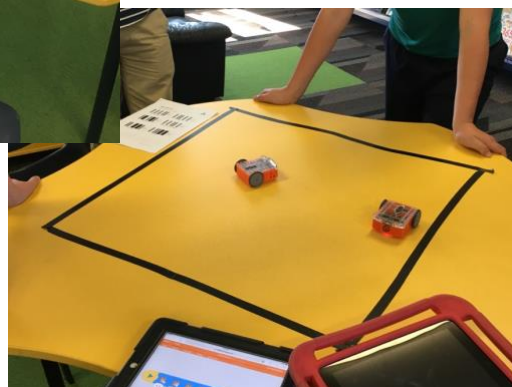
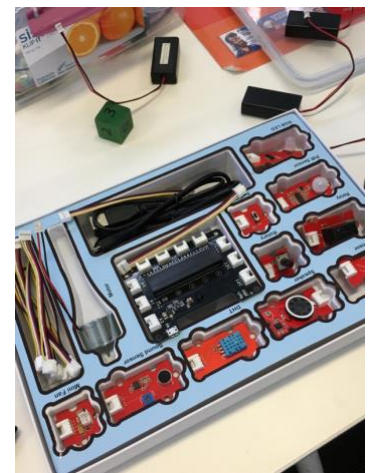
## Pūharakekenui/Styx River planting

The seniors have embarked on a 3 year project with Alice from the CCC to help plant and maintain areas beside the Pūharakekenui/ Styx River.



## Digital Technology

The Year 7&8s have been doing some robotics as part of their Technology programme with Kaiapoi Borough. This builds nicely on the Code Club work that Suzanne Whyte has been doing before school for a number of years. Howard Pettrigrew, our IT guru, has also been working with classes on Minecraft Educational, getting them to think, plan and solve problems.



## Enrolment Zone Review

Thank you for the responses to our survey about Ouruhia School's enrolment zone. We had 38 submissions, with over a quarter (26.3%) of the respondents from the proposed zone addition (i.e. Kāinga, Brooklands and the previously excluded part of Spencerville). 37 respondents (97.4%) were in support of the proposed zone amendment, and one person was unsure. Comments strongly endorsed the logic of the zone amendment. The Board has sent the information to the Ministry and we await their decision or further instructions.

## Ouruhia School Cross Country:

After several postponements, we are (hopefully) having our school cross country at the Ouruhia Domain on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 1:30 pm**. If COVID restrictions are still in place we will need to manage the groupings at the domain to keep numbers within Health guidelines, but if this is the case, we will notify you nearer the time.

Children will be walking from school at 1:00, so if any parents would like to walk with us, please be at school by that time. Parents watching the event at the domain may take their children home directly from there (after signing out on the register); other children will walk back to school with the teachers for a normal school pick-up.

This is a fitness event and a personal challenge rather than a championship race. Children will have a choice of different lengths to run from 500m to 3km. We have been encouraging children to build their fitness and ability to run continuously without stopping, and, just as adults can choose a range of events at "fun-runs" (walk; run; 2km, 5km; 10km etc), we believe that children should learn to choose an event which suits them, without being too easy or too hard. While we will be acknowledging first place-getters, we want every runner to get a sense of challenge, fitness and achievement by training and finishing well. Faster runners should use a speed of 4 minutes per km (very fast) to 5 or 6 minutes per km as a target speed. Parents are invited to have a run too, to show our children that fitness is for life; it's something we do for our personal well-being, not just a once-a-year school event!

- **Other news: Shirley Tennis Club:**



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### 2020 Term Dates:

**Term 3: Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Term 4: Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Labour Day Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Canterbury Show Day Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Mā te wā.

Noho ora mai,

*Ka kite ano,*

*Mark and the team at Ouruhia*