



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

Term 4 update...

Kia ora e te whānau!

The school year is rapidly coming to a close and there have been a lot of exciting highlights this term already.

Week 1: Tree planting at [Te Rauakaaka](#), south side of Waimakariri River, near Kainga, with our new ECAN ranger, Brad Smith.



Week 3: Ouruhia Athletics and Choir at Christchurch Schools' Music Festival



Week 4:

[Caitlin Bradley](#), from Christchurch Jazz School, singing Stevie Wonder, Beatles and original songs at assembly. You can hear Caitlin at Dux Central & Poplar Social Club, or on [Spotify](#)



At the Pegasus zone Athletics, **Cali** and **Jack** qualified for the **Canterbury finals**. Cali was first in the Yr 5 80m, Shot Put and Long Jump. Jack was second in the Yr 6 Shot Put.

Week 5: Yr 5-8 camp in Arthur's Pass



Swimming Lessons at Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre begin next week (28 November).

Through generous sponsorship from Mainpower, we are able to offer free transport and discounted lessons for 10 swimming lessons, which we have found to be of great benefit just before the summer holidays. (We will, of course, be swimming daily in our own school pool at the start of next year... another 25 or so lessons, free of charge). At Ouruhia we believe all children need quality swimming instruction and we aim to meet the target of knowing about water safety practices, and most children being able to swim 25-50m (without stopping or touching the bottom of the pool) by end of Year 6. Children should be able to do this in 2 or 3 different strokes.

End of year concert and awards: Our concert and prize-giving will be on **Thursday 15th December at Kaiapoi High School at 6.00 p.m.** All classes will be involved in our production, a humorous Christmas Nativity called “**Jesus’ Christmas Party**”, followed by **class awards and special school awards**. If any parents can **help with costumes, set or props**, please see Mark or your class teacher. Here are some photos from last time we did the show, to give you an idea about what is needed...



Classes for next year

Classes for next year are likely to be as follows, but may change slightly if unexpected enrolments occur between now and the start of February.

Team Tipu: Lisa Hewitt, New Entrants to Year 2

Room 4: Carolyn Watson/Mark Ashmore-Smith, Years 3&4

Room 5: Siobhan Cummings, Years 5 to 8

Any questions, please email principal@ouruhia.school.nz or see Mark or Raewyn at school.

End of Term ...

Monday 12th Dec 1:30pm – 3:00pm: PTA water sports afternoon at school. A big thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising this for our children.

Tuesday 13th Dec – Yr 8 Night Out – Court Theatre, “Home Alonesome”

Wednesday 14th Dec – reports go home

Thursday 15th Dec – Concert and prize-giving at Kaiapoi High School auditorium from 6:00pm

Friday 16th Dec 12:00 noon: final assembly. Following this, we farewell our school leavers, and wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Please collect your children by 12:30 as the staff and Board will be meeting for lunch at that time and will not be available to supervise children.

Start of year 2023:

Wed 1st Feb: Children’s first day back (unless you book for an appointment on Tuesday 31 Jan). Bring your swimming togs and a smile! Raewyn will contact you about buying stationery provisions for your child - probably on the Monday or Tuesday prior.

2023 Term Dates

Next year’s term dates are similar to this year’s, but have been adjusted to fit around public holidays. For those of you already planning summer holidays, here are the term dates for next year:

Term 1: Wednesday* 1 February - Thursday 6 April

**Teachers available for appointments Tuesday 31 January if needed.*

Public holidays: Waitangi Day, Monday 6 February,
Good Friday, 7 April

Term 2: Monday* 24 April - Friday 30 June

**Term starts with Monday at school, Tuesday ANZAC public holiday, then school again from Wednesday*

Public holidays: ANZAC Tues 25 April
King’s Birthday, Monday 5 June
Matariki, Friday 14 July (school holidays)

Term 3: Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

Term 4: Monday 9 October – Friday 15 December

Public holidays: Labour Day, Monday 23 October
Canterbury Show Day, Friday 17 November

2023 Term Dates:

Term 1: Wed 1st Feb – Thur 6th April

Public holidays: Waitangi Day: Mon 6 Feb
Good Friday 7 April
In term break: Easter Monday 10 April

Term 2: Mon 24th April – Fri 30th June

ANZAC Tues 25 April
King’s Birthday Monday 5th June
In term break: Matariki Friday 14th July

Term 3: Mon 17th July – Fri 22nd Sept

Term 4: Mon 9th Oct – Fri 15th Dec

Labour Day Monday 23rd October
Canterbury Show Day Friday 17th November

Stay safe,

Ka kite ano,

Mark and the team at Ouruhia