



Term 4 here we come

What an exciting term coming up!

This week is Writing Week – with a surprise visit this morning from Captain Underpants! Children will be doing lots of writing in their own classes but also mixing up in groups across the school to do competitions, games and other group activities.



Also coming before the end of November is...

- Choir Festival – 27 October
- Ouruhia Athletics Sports – 2 November (Pegasus Athletics 9th Nov)
- Pet Day – 14 November
- Swimming Lessons – 16 Nov – 1 Dec



Maths evening... Wednesday 18th October

As indicated in our last newsletter, we are holding a Maths evening for parents **this Wednesday** 18th October at 7:00 pm in the school library.

We would love parents to come along and try some children's Maths activities and ask any questions they may have about our Maths programmes.

The meeting outline will be flexible and guided by parents' interests, but could include...

- **What are Maths Stages**, - a brief overview
- **Knowledge & strategies** - some examples at each level, and maybe a "game" from each class's group box
- **How to help at home** - including basic facts, and conversations that help (eg at the supermarket) <http://nzmaths.co.nz/families>
- Feedback on how useful and easy to understand **our pupil reports** are.

Doing maths at our house		
 Cooking	 Going places	 Reading
 Gardening	 Shopping	 Playing games
 Watching sport	 Recycling	 Doing puzzles

To help us prepare for the meeting, please RSVP by email principal@ouruhia.school.nz or text 0273039670, ring 323 8855 or return the slip at the end of the newsletter.

Welcome

...to **Barney** who started at Ouruhia in Room 1 this week.

Future options for Ouruhia School – next steps

A summary report of the consultation meetings held about the future options of Ouruhia School was presented to our Board at the end of last term. This report was written by independent facilitator Dr Gabrielle Wall; it was a comprehensive summary for the Board of all the views expressed during the consultation phase, and did not include any recommendations.

The Ouruhia Board of Trustees has since met with the Board of Trustees of Belfast School and again with the Ministry of Education to clarify some further questions, and will be making its decision by the end of next month.

News from the PTA

The PTA ran another great disco with the kids last term and we were impressed with all of the wonderful outfits from everyone! Thank you for coming... we raised another \$275!

With a very busy school term this term there isn't much time left to squeeze in many other PTA events however we will be there as much as we can to help support the events that the school has planned for everyone.

We welcome our new Ouruhia families to school and as always we welcome new members into the PTA – if you'd like to sit in during a meeting to see how it all works then please speak with Raewyn in the office, or your child's teacher who will point you in the right direction to find us.

Have a fantastic Term 4!
Your PTA.

Other Notices

- Does anyone have a **small rotary lawnmower** to donate or sell to the school please? (We have a large mower which is too big for some of the smaller edges and areas around our paths and gardens.)

- Can anyone help with putting up more coat hooks outside R1&2? See Mark.

- **Coming up...**

- Our Yr 5-8 choir will be taking part in the **Christchurch Music Festival** in the Horncastle Arena on 27th October. See <http://musicfestival.school.nz/> Tickets available at Ticketek



- **Labour Day** is next Monday 23 October – school closed.
 - **Ouruhia School Athletics** – Thursday 2nd November – families and friends welcome
- 2018 term dates are printed below, in case you are already starting to plan your summer holidays

Ka kite ano,
Mark and the team at Ouruhia

Return slip:

Maths evening... Wednesday 18th October

I/we can attend the Maths evening for parents **this Wednesday 18th October** at 7:00 pm in the school library.

Names/numbers attending:

Questions or areas of interest:



2017 Term Dates:

Term 4: Mon 16th Oct – Wed 20th Dec

Important Dates:

- ❖ 18 Oct – Maths Evening for parents, 7:00 pm in school library
- ❖ 23 Oct - Labour Day – school closed
- ❖ 27 Oct – Choir Festival at Horncastle Arena
- ❖ 2 Nov – Ouruhia Athletics
- ❖ 9 Nov Pegasus Athletics
- ❖ 14 Nov – Pet Day
- ❖ 17 Nov – Show Day – school closed
- ❖ 16 Nov-1 Dec – Swimming lessons at Kai Aquatic Centre
- ❖ 19 Dec – End of Year Concert
- ❖ 20 Dec – last day of term

Next year: 2018 Term Dates:

Term 1: Wed 31st Jan – Fri 13th April

Closed/TOD Mon 5th Feb
Waitangi Day Tuesday 6th February;

In term: Good Friday 30 Mar; Easter Monday 2 Apr; Easter Tues 3 Apr

In holidays: ANZAC – Wed 25th April

Term 2: Mon 30th Apr – Fri 6th July

Teacher Only Day?: Mon 30th Apr or Friday 1st June
TBC

Queen's Birthday Monday 4th June

Term 3: Mon 23rd July – Fri 28th Sept

Term 4: Mon 15th Oct – Wed 19th Dec

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