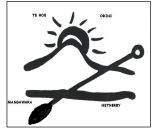


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### Yr 4 - 8 Camp Update

Yesterday police vet forms were sent home to all parents/caregivers who registered interest in attending camp. **All forms must be completed and returned to school by 9.30am tomorrow.** No late submissions will be accepted after tomorrow morning - 9.30am.

The fee to attend camp is \$122 per person (includes both students and adults attending). These fees must be paid prior to camp. We realise that many of you have sold chocolates to offset some or all of your camp costs. **It is important that all chocolate money and unsold chocolates are returned by this Friday 6 November**, so that the P.T.A. can reconcile payments to the school office on behalf of those people who are entitled to payments towards their school camp fees.

### Parent Interviews/Reports

We wish to remind parents that they are welcome at any time during the school year to make an appointment with the class teacher to review the progress of their students.

The official interview and report times are May/ June where 15 minute interviews and a written progress report are delivered. A full written report is issued in Week 9 of Term 4. This allows the final week for any follow up parents wish to make with staff. New entrants who have been at school less than 8 weeks receive an initial report centred on skills and readiness for learning at this point.

We wish to assure you that staff do make contact with parents should they believe a student is at any risk of falling behind.

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## BOARD NEWS AND VIEWS

Please find below an update from the board meeting on Monday 2 November.

### Staffing Update for 2010

We wish to advise the community that Belinda Duncan has resigned from her position at Orini Combined School as from the end of the year. We would like to thank Belinda for the hard work and effort she put into the school during her time here and we wish her well for the future.

We are pleased to announce that Holly Sixsmith has been employed for a further year at Orini Combined School in a fixed term position for 2010. We are delighted to have Holly returning to us next year.

### School Uniforms

From 2010 the school will be going into full school uniform.

**The only garments that will be accepted at school are as follows;**

The base must be black shorts or skorts, plain black track pants, leggings, tights. These may be purchased from the supplier of your choice e.g. Postie Plus, Farmers, T&T and others you will know of. There are no jeans or gray black garments to be worn and no baggy pants that fall down around the hips and thighs. Clothing must be suitable for P.E. Skorts are available from the PTA, who can supply good quality Argyle skorts if required. These must be pre-ordered with Cherry Van Tiel.

The only tops permitted will be the school mono-grammed polo shirt, the red skivvy and red mono-grammed polo fleece available from the PTA.

This decision has been reached after much discussion and investigation with and by the PTA. No other colours will be permitted under polo fleeces in the winter. Children may wear thermal tops under their shirt or skivvy and polo fleece that are not visible under the school uniform.

We ask that you prepare for this change ready for the first day of term 1.

Please ensure you have enough uniform items so students are not left without school clothing on school days because of washing days.

### After School Care Co-ordinator

The Board are investigating an after school care programme and we require a co-ordinator to investigate and report back to the board. The information is available from Barbara at school and this would involve a visit to a city school to secure the details. We are looking for a volunteer to assist us with this task. Please contact the school office if you can assist.

### School Survey

Thank you to all those parents who completed and returned the school survey. The board are now assessing the results. There has been much positive feedback and some sound ideas to provide direction for our future strategic planning. Again, our thanks to the community for the time put into this.

### School Pool

The Board wishes to advise that the school pool will not be open to the public at any time over the summer period including the summer holidays, Term 4 this year and Term 1 next year. We will be adding strong wintering over chemicals to ensure it is ready for the start of school. At that point it will be tested to ensure it is safe for swimming.

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## P.T.A. News

- **Friday Lunch Orders** - There are **no Friday lunch orders for the junior school this week.** This is due the sports activities with Whitikahu School. Any orders sent to school will be sent back home. This effects year 1 ,2 & 3 students only. Please remember to send a normal packed lunch for your child if they are in Yr 1 - 3.
- **Blue Light Disco** - Any help to set up hall for the disco this Friday would be much appreciated. 1.30pm at the Orini Hall.
- **P.T.A. Grocery Raffle Winner** - Congratulations to the Wilson family, Wilson Rd, Taupiri, along with daughter Deb from Australia for winning our grocery raffle. This was drawn last Friday. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.
- **P.T.A. meeting** - Wednesday 11 November at 1.30pm. All welcome.
- **Family Fun Night** - Friday 13 November at the Orini Reserve.

## Agricultural Group Day

Results are enclosed on a separate sheet in today's newsletter.

## Prizegiving Cups & Trophies

Once again we requesting that all cups and trophies be returned to school. If you received a cup or trophy at last years prizegiving and haven't yet returned it to school, please put it in your bag tonight to bring in to school tomorrow. Thank you.

## School Mural

We are still looking for someone to assist us with our next school mural by offering to collect the boards from Bunnings and deliver them to our school. We also require some undercoat paint.

If anyone is able to assist with either of these, could you please let me know.

Thank you, Carol Thomas

### School Office Closed

Please be aware that the school office will be closed on the following dates and times:

*Friday 27 November - closed all day for training and audit purposes*

*Monday 7 December - closed 9am to 12pm for school audit.*

Please be aware that staff will not be available to assist in the office on these days.

### **Parents helpers required for Athletics Day 17 November.**

If you are able to assist with the athletics please complete this slip and return it to the school office by **FRIDAY 6 November**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### School Uniform Orders

Cherry, the P.T.A. uniform officer will be in school of Monday 9 November to take/distribute uniform orders from 8.30am to 9.00am.

### ASB School Banking

Please remember school banking days are Friday of each week. Deposit envelopes are available from the school office beside the school banking elephant box for students to collect as required.

### House Points Update

As at last weeks assembly the totals were:-

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## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

- 6 Nov - Junior Sports Day with Whitiakahu School for Year 1,2 & 3 students - activities held at our school.  
 - Northern District Cricket representatives visit our school  
 - Blue Light Disco, Orini Hall, 6.30pm to 8.30pm.
- 11 Nov - P.T.A. meeting 1.30pm - All welcome.
- 13 Nov - P.T.A. Family Fun Night at the reserve.
- 17 Nov - Orini athletics day
- 19 Nov - Saving day for athletics
- 24 Nov - EWCS athletics at Porritt Stadium (Yr 4 - 8 students only)
- 25 Nov - Student Council fun day - "Island Survivor".
- 26 Nov - Bible In Schools Puppet Show
- 27 Nov - Yr 5/6 Country schools cricket tournament.  
 - School office closed all day.
- 2 - 4 Dec - Camp at Totara Springs (Year 4 - 8 students only)
- 4 Dec - Xmas at the Reserve Night.
- 7 Dec - School office closed from 9am to 12pm.
- 8 Dec - Rooms 1, 3 & 4 Extreme Edge rock climbing and picnic lunch.
- 10 Dec - 2009 winning House group to the movies.
- 11 Dec - School reports are sent home.
- 15 Dec - Prizegiving at Orini Hall.
- 16 Dec - Rm 1,3,4 visit to Hansen family property.
- 17 Dec - Water activities afternoon  
 - Yr 8 leaver's dinner
- 18 Dec - Last day of school for 2009.
- 5 Feb 2010 - School begins for 2010.

*Please mark these dates on your calendar today, however please be aware that some of these dates may change throughout the term for reasons beyond our control. Families are urged to check these dates each week for any additions or changes. Supporting information for some events will be sent home to families closer to their scheduled date.*

### Delicious! - Sushi Lunch Orders

Orders/Money due in to school Monday 9 Nov \$5 per pack  
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- **Orini Reserve Christmas Party - Friday 4 December 2009 From 6pm** - Picnic dinner or support the food stalls, Entertainment for the children, Santa, Live Entertainment, Christmas Carols, Fireworks Display, More Live Entertainment - EVERYONE WELCOME. Entry by donation.
- **Annual General Meeting** - of the Orini District Hall. 16 November 7.30pm in the supper room at the Orini hall. All welcome.
- **Mainly Music** - With growing numbers we are needing more pre-school bikes. Ride on or pedal. Your help is appreciated! Please contact Sandi 824 4846 or Jo 824 4735 or Bronwyn 824 6120.
- **Rural Market Day** - at Taupiri Hall 8.30am to noon Saturday 21 November. For further information phone Olive Stokes 824 6671.
- **Tauhei Combined School P.T.A. Fundraiser - Stone Carving Weekend Workshop** - Saturday 7 November 9am—4pm & Sunday 8 November 10.30am to 3pm. 278 Seifert Road. Tutored by Karin Barr (local sculptor). Costs \$100 for 2day workshop. To book or for further information phone Karin 07 887 6800 or k.barr@xtra.co.nz
- **Orini Athletics** - Wednesday evenings, at the Orini Reserve 6.20pm. All children must have a parent or caregiver with them. Please be prepared to assist. Ph Craig or Tracey for further details on 824 4742.
- **Orini Youth Group Term 4 2009** - In association with Orini Chapel. A great place to make good friends and enjoy some cool activities with safety in mind! We meet fortnightly on a Saturday, for Year 8 and up. We will run you home. Finish time is 10 - 10.30pm. Next event 7 November, Amazing Race. Meet at the chapel 2pm. Bring money for dinner. Contact Terry or Sandi Herbert 824 4846 or 021 159 9654.
- **Relief Milker** - Need an experienced and reliable relief milker, then call Frank on 824 4866.

### **Lower North Waikato Speech Competition**

On Friday, 30 October, Alice Jones and Nikki Pester competed in the Year 7 & 8 speech competition organised by the Lower Waikato Toastmaster's Association. This was a follow up to our own speech competitions judged by Christine Lyons earlier in the year.

While unplaced in the toastmaster's competition, Nikki and Alice both delivered their speeches to an extremely high standard and we are extremely proud of them and their efforts. It takes a great deal of courage to deliver a speech to a large audience, and these girls achieved that last Friday night. Well done to you both. We are proud of you.

Please look out for Nikki and Alice in the North Waikato news along with Kayla Storey.

### **Northern Districts Cricket Visitors**

This Friday 6 November from 1.30 to 2.30pm Kane Williamson and Graeme Aldridge will talk all things to do with cricket to the whole school, then follow with a coaching session for the school. Kane is a 19 year old from Bay of Plenty who was named Northern Districts Player of the Year 2008-09 and Graeme has been a key part of the Knights squad for over 10 years, and has also been the Northern Districts Player of the Year and was instrumental in the Knights winning the State Shield final last summer. This is a fantastic sporting opportunity for our school and we welcome any parents/caregivers to come along and hear these two young cricketers address the students.

### **Cricket Subs**

Another reminder please that all cricket subs are due for payment by this Friday 6 November. This includes anyone who still has cricket fees outstanding from Term 1. If you are unsure if you have paid, please phone the school office to check. The fee is \$15 per child playing Friday evening cricket. To prepare for our end of year reconciliations any families with outstanding subs after this date will be contacted. Your prompt attention to these would be appreciated. Thank you.

### **Friday Evening Cricket Draw - 6 November**

All games start at 5.30pm.

Yr 4 Orini Red Caps vs St Joseph's Black Caps  
at St Joseph's School Fairfield

Yr 6 Orini Outlaws vs St Paul's Wizards  
at Orini Combined School.