



**ORAKEI**  
SCHOOL  
VISION COURAGE ENDURANCE

**Term 2, 3 June 2010. No: 4**

## Kia Ora & Greetings

**NEWS INSIDE: Book Week Interview, New Students, Citizens of the week, Queens Birthday Weekend, Building Maintenance, m-learning, Free give away, School Donation, Yummy Stickers, Selwyn College Open Evening, PTA notices, Skids, Coming Events.**

### **Book Week Interview**

Congratulations to Mrs Burgess and her Room 5 students for sharing their enjoyment of reading with the reporter from East and Bays Courier. The article, "Class of the Week" which was in Wednesdays edition, was a nice opportunity for the school to highlight some of the great things that are going on here. Thank you to all the staff, PTA and the many parents who worked to make Book Week successful.

### **New Students**

Welcome to the following students who have started this week and have settled in so quickly to our school community:

Shahista Shahnaz - Room 1  
Cindy Wang - Room 8

### **Citizens of the week**

Jasmine Witika – Room 1  
Jacob Pihema – Room 1  
Chazz Rewiri-Beck – Room 3  
Shannyn Hiwarau – Room 5  
Jordan Teua – Room 6

### **Queens Birthday Weekend**

As Monday is Queens Birthday and there is no school, I would like to wish all families a safe and relaxing weekend.

### **Building Maintenance**

We currently have architects completing a stock take of our buildings in order to plan our property maintenance over the next 5 years. The Ministry of Education has provided funds for all schools over a certain age to ensure that they are up to current specification in regard to earthquake proofing and one of our first priorities is to ensure that we are up to standard. We will also be looking at our roof guttering, painting and drainage around the school.

### **"m-Learning" and "Google in their pocket"**

Room 1 teacher Matt Tamariki and room 3 teacher Marty Willetts, were interviewed this week for Vodafones technology magazine which they issue to their major clients. The focus of the interview was around mobile learning or m-Learning as it is more commonly referred to. Both of our staff utilise this technology with our students either through the use of our note books or our set of mobile phones. Some of the uses have involved using language pod casts from AUT, recording oral histories and video recording of significant school events. Both Matt and Marty are in the small group of teaching professionals who are at the leading edge in the use of these types of technologies. The ease and familiarity with which our students take to these types of learning technologies is inspiring to us as adults, and it is an area that the school will continue to explore and expand. Some useful applications for mobile phones include: Getjar ([www.getjar.com](http://www.getjar.com)) which has a range of calculators, dictionaries and encyclopaedias (free to download and use on your phone) or Opera Mini ([www.opera.com/mini](http://www.opera.com/mini)) a web browser designed specifically for phones.

### **Free Hell Pizza Girls Gift Bag**

If you would like one please collect from the office.

### **School Donation**

Any payments would be greatly appreciated.

### **Yummy Stickers**

Please collect your yummy sticker fruit and send the stickers into school with your child or get a collection sheet from the office. The more stickers we collect, the more free sports gear we get. [www.yummyfruit.co.nz](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz)

### **Selwyn College Open Evening**

Thursday 10th June at 7pm, Parents and students are to gather in the library.

### **PTA Notices**

#### **PTA and Art Auction**

Plans are picking up speed for our Term 4 Art Auction and letters have already gone out to artists who may be interested in submitting work. If you know of anyone who may be interested in being part of this committee or who might like to submit work, please have them contact the school.

#### **Fruju Friday**

Fruju Friday. Orders MUST be made before 9am.

#### **Tuition Raffle**

Raffle will be drawn on the 18th June, Tickets are \$5. Prize is worth \$440.

You got to be in it to win it.



After School Care from 3:00pm – 6:00pm and Holiday Programme from 8:00am – 6:00pm available here at Orakei School.

**For more information contact Jackie Arroyo (owner) on (09) 8456062 or (021) 975642.**

Regards,  
Michael Maher

## **Coming Events**

**Board Meeting**  
**Prospective Parent Evening**  
**Queens Birthday (NO School)**  
**PTA Meeting**  
**Selwyn College Open Evening**

**Thur 3 Jun @ 5pm**  
**Thur 3 Jun @ 7pm**  
**Mon 7 Jun**  
**Tue 8 Jun @ 7pm**  
**Thur 10 Jun @ 7pm**