



Term 3, 23 July 2010. No: 1

Kia Ora & Greetings

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Welcome to the start of Term 3 and lovely to see our children back and looking rested. We had looked at the possibility of running a camp this term and had a tentative booking in place, but due to escalating costs we have decided to reschedule this until term 4. Our intention is to plan a week of Education Outside The Classroom in term 4 that will be more cost effective and include more of our students.

New Student

Welcome to the following student who has started this week and has settled in so quickly to our school community:
Orion Brampton – Room 8

Citizens of the Week

Mai-a-Rangi Hawke – Room 5
Denzel Timu – Room 7
Mohammed Shafwan – Room 7

Gymnastics Competition

We have teams going to Eastern Suburbs Gym Club, 89 Apirana Ave Glen Innes on Tuesday 27 July, Years 3 & 4 at 9am, Years 5 & 6 at 11am. Additional practices will be held on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 10.00 - 11.00am for those who can attend. A final practice will be held on Monday 26 July after school until 4.00pm.

After School Art Class

We are discontinuing our after school art class for Term 3 and instead, have a qualified art teacher in our school during the week who will provide an art programme for all of our students.

Iron Brion

The Iron Brion road show is in school next week and is an interactive show about the basic food groups and eating a well balanced diet. Part of the show includes providing our students with the opportunity to eat a burger with salad. If for any reason you would prefer your child not to be part of this show please let us know as there will be alternative programmes in place while the show is performing.

Responding to parental concerns

To ensure the school responds appropriately to any concerns that parents may have with school practice we have the following procedures in place. Any verbal concerns regarding classroom practice must be directed to the classroom teacher in the first place and hopefully it will be appropriately resolved at this stage. Should it not be satisfactorily resolved, a meeting can be arranged with the classroom teacher and the Deputy/Assistant Principal in that half of the school. At this stage if it is not resolved the Principal will be included in the discussion. The vast majority of issues are usually resolved quickly by parents and teachers chatting and getting to the core of the matter directly and coming to the best solution that is in the best interest of the child involved.

School Photos

These will be held next Wednesday 28 July, please send your payment, in your child's pre-paid envelope to the office by 9am Wednesday morning.

Yummy Stickers

Please collect your yummy fruit stickers 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

Cyber Safety

We are continuing our review of our ICT usage across the school and as part of this review we are looking at the parent permission that would be good to have in place to ensure that everyone knows what our expectations are in relation to ICT. In the coming weeks we will send home a new permission slip that all parents/ caregivers will be required to sign to allow their children to use ICT equipment. In the meantime we are reviewing our protection systems that are in place on our computers and utilising the resources from Netsafe to ensure that we provide a safe cyber environment for everyone.

PTA Notice

No Fruju Friday this term.



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

**Gymnastics Comp
Iron Brion
PTA Meeting
School Photos
Bot Meeting**

**Tue 27 July
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Wed 28 July
Thu 29 July**