

# Oruaiti School Newsletter

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**Thursday 30 May 2024**

## Important Dates to Remember 03.06.2024 - Kings Birthday, no school.

Kia Ora e te whānau,

Welcome to new students Isabella Lendich and Kaiya Hikuwai who have joined Kowhai class, Lyla Joyce who has joined Rimu class and Sophia Lendich who has joined Puriri class.

### Fire Truck Ride to school

Last week Jay Jay Houtas and his sister Beth-Ann came to school in a fire truck. Jay Jay won this in the raffle we had to raise money for the Firefighters sky tower challenge. The Fire truck arrived at school with the lights and siren going which was very exciting for Jay Jay and Beth - Ann as well as the junior school students who met the Fire truck at the gate.

Phil White completed the Sky tower challenge climbing all the stairs in a time of 15 minutes and 13 seconds. Well done Phil!



### Story about the fire truck bringing students to school by Rimu class.

One Day at pick up time a lady was giving out tickets to go to school on a fire truck. A few weeks later fireman Phil went up the sky tower on the stairs, he was very hot. It only took him 15 minutes. By Dearne

Fireman Phil climbed the sky tower. It took fifteen minutes. Beth-Ann and Jay-Jay got a ticket. Then they got a ride on the fire truck. By Eva-Marie



### St Johns Youth Northern Regional Competition

Congratulations to Nicole Cameron who competed in the St Johns youth Northern regional competition in Mangawhai.

Nicole competed at an intermediate level for students in years 7 - 9, as an individual.

She competed in a variety of challenges at a high level. All scenarios were unknown until cadets first walked into the scene. Most had fake blood, make-up art and really good acting as if it was a real life scenario including:

Trauma- cuts, burns, and sprained or broken bones.

Medical- heart attack, stroke, choking etc.

Some scenarios included improvisation, using what is around you if you don't have a first aid kit.

Nicole also had a variety of commands to remember by heart which she had to yell out for herself and a group of 3 to perform. She was then inspected and had to follow unknown commands by an officer.

Nicole received first place in every areas plus an additional trophy for being the overall individual district champion 2024.

Nicole will now represent northland at regionals in Auckland on the 7th of September.

She will be competing against the other champions and runner ups from across new zealand.

## Winter illnesses

There seems to be a few illnesses around at the moment. We have had another wave of Covid through the school in the last couple of weeks and we still have cases of strep throat. If your child is unwell with cold/flu like symptoms please keep them at home so that we can hopefully keep the spread of illnesses to a minimum. This week has been particularly hard for us with high numbers of staff absent, meaning classes have had relievers, or classes have been combined. Thank you for your understanding with this.

There have also been cases of headlice in some classes, please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. We do have nit shampoo and combs at school if need some.



## Gymnastics

Whaea Jorja set up some gymnastics equipment in the hall this week. The junior classes had lots of fun rolling, jumping and balancing.

## Kauri Collective Workshop.

Earlier this month our year eight students went to Ka Uri in Awanui for a workshop run by the Northland Regional Council alongside Department of Conservation. This was an interactive Kauri experience. These workshops were aimed to educate students about the importance of protecting kauri and showcase specific ways they can help protect kauri. Students experienced : Kauri displays, a virtual reality kauri experience, hands-on predator control displays, and practical kauri protection workshops.



# Term 2, Week 5, Thursday 30 May 2024

## New swing

Our students are loving the new swing which has been put up in the junior playground.

Puriri class have come up with a set of rules that are displayed on the fence beside the swing to make sure everyone has a turn and stays as safe as possible.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Menu for June 2024</b>					01	02
03	04 Ham and Cheese Total Meals : 110	05 Ham Pizza Total Meals : 110	06 Beef Rissoles and Gravy Total Meals : 110	07 Coconut Curry Total Meals : 110	08	09
10 Mex Mince Total Meals : 110	11 Ham and Cheese Total Meals : 110	12 Ham Pizza Total Meals : 110	13 Meatball Pasta Total Meals : 110	14 Butter Chicken Total Meals : 110	15	16
17 Mac Cheese Total Meals : 110	18 Ham and Cheese Total Meals : 110	19 BBQ Chicken Pizza Total Meals : 110	20 Cheeseburger Wrap Total Meals : 110	21 Beef Curry Total Meals : 110	22	23
24 Pasta Bolognese Total Meals : 110	25 Ham and Cheese Total Meals : 110	26 Ham Pizza Total Meals : 110	27 Beef Rissoles and Gravy Total Meals : 110	28	29	30

## Feedback from the TOD at the start of term

Our shared TOD at the start of this term, where we met with 15 other schools and their teachers to look at the refreshed curriculum, was a great success. It was awesome to work with other teachers to hear what they are doing with their tamariki and to share ideas to bring back to our kura. Several of us attended a session on the refreshed English curriculum that highlighted the importance of using texts that students see themselves in, that allow them to see other worlds and perspectives, and that allow them to experience worlds other than their own. Those of us who attended the Maths workshop came away with great tools and ideas for problem solving maths in small groups, making maths more meaningful and relevant to our ākonga. Other sessions that we attended looked at structured literacy which is a big focus for us all this year; how to weave te reo Māori me ona tīkanga through our learning programmes; and how to activate students' thinking through different questioning strategies. It was a big day of learning for us all! The next TODs for this year where we will be sharing learning with our Te Hiku o Te Ika colleagues are two in the next two school holidays and also Friday 25 October, which is the Friday before Labour weekend.

## King's Birthday

A reminder that it is King's Birthday weekend this weekend. No school on Monday! Enjoy the long weekend, hopefully it is going to give everyone a chance to get over the 'bugs' that have been going around so we are all set for the rest of the term!