

# OREWA BEACH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



Kia ora koutou,

We hope everyone had a wonderful weekend and enjoyed the much-needed return of sunshine as we welcome the beginning of spring. It's great to see the warmer weather arriving, bringing a fresh energy to our school community.

## Netball Season Wrap-Up

The netball season has officially come to a close, with the girls playing their final games last week. A massive thank you to all the coaches and managers who dedicated their time and energy each week, often braving unpredictable weather to support our teams. Your commitment has made a huge difference, and we're incredibly proud of the effort and sportsmanship shown by our players this season.

## House Cross Country Tomorrow

Our annual House Cross Country is happening tomorrow! We encourage all students to dress in their house colours to show their support and boost team spirit. It's always a fun and competitive event, and we look forward to seeing everyone participate with enthusiasm. Don't forget to pack a water bottle and some sunscreen if the sun is out!

## Kapa Haka Preparing for Tū Maia Festival

Our Kapa Haka group has been working hard in preparation for the Tū Maia festival next Thursday. The festival will be hosted at Orewa Primary School, and we know our performers will represent our school with pride and mana. A special thanks to our dedicated tutors and whānau for their ongoing support. Kura from across the Hibiscus Coast will send a group of their best senior Year 5 and 6 mau rākau and Hine Toa students to perform in front of a packed auditorium. This is the pinnacle event of the year for our local kapa haka groups and a chance to showcase our hard mahi and development from the past year. The Orewa Beach School rōpū will be performing on **Thursday 12 September at 1:00pm**. Our kura is renowned for bringing an amazing performance and this year will be no different. The day will start with a pōhiri at 9:45am which everyone is welcome to attend and whānau are welcome to stay for the whole day should they wish. Our performance slot is from roughly 1:00pm - 1:15pm. It would be a good idea to get there 15-20 minutes before, as whilst other schools are performing, it's not be appropriate to enter. We would love for our community to come along and show their support on Thursday 12. Bring your wider whānau for a great time to celebrate te ao Māori in our hapori.

## "Tackling Technology, Guiding Our Children Through a Digital World"

On Monday, 16 September, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Orewa College are hosting this important event. This event, organised by a dedicated group of local parents on the Hibiscus Coast, will focus on the crucial topic of technology and social media's impact on youth. The evening, titled "Tackling Technology, Guiding Our Children Through a Digital World" will include **Holly Jean Brooker**, a specialist speaker in parent education, and **Andrew Cowie**, foundation Deputy Principal at Nukumea Primary School, who specialises in this area working previously as an Education Manager for Netsafe. Holly and Andrew will delve into key topics including:

- Online safety and bullying.
- Gaming and its effects
- The impact of social media
- Parental controls and filters

As we are increasingly aware, technology offers both incredible opportunities for creativity and interaction. However, recent research, including Jonathan Haidt's "The Anxious Generation," has put a spotlight on the significant risks posed by technology and social media to youth well-being. These issues include online addiction, passive consumption, and a decline in play-based childhood experiences. The research also suggests that collective community action is essential in effectively supporting our youth, as isolated efforts by individual families can sometimes lead to increased feelings of isolation during adolescence.

Packed with up-to-date information, practical insights, and actionable tips, Holly and Andrew will aim to equip parents and caregivers with the tools they need to navigate their children's digital experiences safely and effectively.

We believe this event is a valuable opportunity for our community to come together and address the challenges posed by our rapidly evolving digital landscape. Your support in notifying our community would be greatly appreciated, and we hope you can join us in fostering a collective approach to supporting our students and their well-being.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/s/tackling-tech-guiding-our-chil/380702685053621/>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/guiding-our-children-through-a-digital-world-tickets-995014052817>

## WHAT'S ON ?

### September

- Thur 12th Tu Maia Festival
- Fri 20th Yummy Stickers to be returned
- Thur 19th Interschool Cross Country Y5&6
- Fri 20th PTA Trivia Night
- Wed 25th Weka Formal Dance 6pm-7pm
- Fri 27th Last Day of Term 3

### October

- Mon 14th First Day of Term 4
- Tue 15th and every Tue until Tue 3rd Dec Years 0-3 Swimming Lessons
- Thur 17th and every Thur until Thur 5th Dec Years 4-6 Swimming Lessons
- Wed 23rd Interschool Softball
- Thur 24th Shake It Out Day
- Fri 25th Teacher Only Day
- Mon 28th Labour Day - No School Today

### November

- Fri 1st Gumboot Friday
- Tue 5th School Photos
- Thur 28th Orewa Beach Has Talent

### December

- Wed 4th and Thur 5th Year 6 Camp
- Fri 6th PTA End of Year BBQ
- Tue 17th Last Day of Term 4 -12pm finish.

**Kellyclub; Book now**

## New Curriculum

You would be aware that our new government is introducing a new Maths and English curriculum in 2025. The government's priorities are:

- Clearer curriculum

Establishing a knowledge-rich curriculum grounded in the science of learning.

- Better approach to literacy and numeracy

Implementing evidence-based instruction in early literacy and mathematics.

- Smarter assessment and reporting

Implementing consistent modes of monitoring student progress and achievement.

- Improved teacher education

Developing the workforce of the future, including leadership development pathways.

- Stronger learning support

Targeting effective learning support interventions for students with additional needs.

- Greater use of data

Using data and evidence to drive consistent improvement in achievement.

The government's priorities are also our priorities. We welcome the fact that these priorities have been established.

## Draft Maths Curriculum Information

The New Zealand Ministry of Education is in the process of updating the mathematics curriculum, with a draft version currently under review. The aim of the new curriculum is to better prepare students for the future by focusing on key concepts and skills in mathematics that are relevant to everyday life and future learning.

### Key Changes in the Draft Mathematics Curriculum

**Focus on Key Mathematical Concepts** - The new curriculum emphasises a deeper understanding of core mathematical ideas rather than covering a wide range of topics superficially. This means students will spend more time on critical concepts like number sense, algebra, geometry, and statistical literacy.

**Progressions of Learning** - The curriculum outlines clear progressions for learning mathematics just like we have been using with SchoolTalk (so nothing new to you). This helps teachers and parents understand what students should know and be able to do at each stage of their schooling. The focus is on building a strong foundation in the early years, with increasingly complex concepts introduced as students progress.

**Real-World Application** - There is a greater emphasis on applying mathematical knowledge to real-world situations. This approach aims to make maths more relevant and engaging for students, helping them see the practical value of what they are learning.

**Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking** - The draft curriculum highlights the importance of developing students' problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. Students will be encouraged to think mathematically, explore different strategies, and justify their reasoning.

**Cultural Responsiveness** - The curriculum aims to be more inclusive and culturally responsive, recognizing the diverse backgrounds of students in New Zealand. It includes perspectives and contexts relevant to Māori and Pasifika students, ensuring that all students see themselves reflected in the curriculum.

**Digital Tools and Technology** - The new curriculum incorporates the use of digital tools and technology in learning mathematics. This reflects the increasing role of technology in education and the importance of preparing students for a digital future.

### What This Means for Parents

**Support at Home** - Parents can support their children's learning by engaging with the concepts outlined in the curriculum. This might involve discussing maths in everyday contexts, such as cooking, shopping, or budgeting, to reinforce the practical application of skills.

**Resource Availability** - As the new curriculum is rolled out, there will be resources and guidance available for parents to help them understand the changes and support their children's learning at home.

**Transition Period** - Since the curriculum is still in draft form, there will be a transition period as schools adapt to t

### Next Steps

The draft curriculum is currently open for feedback, and parents are encouraged to participate in the consultation process. This is an opportunity to share thoughts and concerns, ensuring that the final version of the curriculum meets the needs of all students in New Zealand.

### Student Attendance Focus

Recent Ministry of Education data reveals that less than half of students in New Zealand are attending school regularly. In response, the government has introduced an Attendance Action Plan to address this issue. The plan aims to increase student attendance, with a target of ensuring that 80% of students attend school for more than 90% of the term by 2030.

Key actions include:

- Collecting and analysing data to understand the reasons behind non-attendance.
- Developing a Traffic Light System to monitor and improve attendance.
- Introducing daily reporting of attendance data.
- Making attendance a strategic priority for school boards.

The plan emphasises the need for collaboration between schools, parents, and the community to effectively address truancy and ensure that every child has access to education.

Health guidance published by Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora is available to help you to decide if a student is well enough to attend school, including those students experiencing anxiety.

The guidance supports discussions with parents and caregivers about absence, the importance of minimising disruptions to learning, and positive re-entry to learning after sickness.

More information is available here:

[Student attendance: A guide for parents and caregivers – Ministry of Education](#)

the new guidelines. It's important for parents to stay informed and involved during this time to help their children adjust.

## Orewa College 2025 Enrolments

Orewa College are holding their annual enrolment interview 'mega' night on Tuesday 17th September. If you have not enrolled your Year 6 child with Orewa College please do so prior to this date.  
Enrolment - Apply now for 2025 via the Orewa College website  
Out of Zone closing date - 4 September  
Out of Zone Ballot - 11 September  
Enrolment Interview Evening - 17 September



## Silverdale Summer Touch (previously Sharks)

If you would like to register your child for touch this year, it can be done by jumping over to the Silverdale Rugby Club website. Alternatively, you can type the following link into your search bar.

<https://silverdale.spawtz.com/registration/leagues>

Registration and payments are made directly to the club.

You can also check on HERO for weekly updates.

### TERM 2024 - DETAILS

Dates: Term 4 - 2024 - Starts Wed 23rd October - Finishes December 11th 2024

Venue: Silverdale Rugby Club

Grades and times: Yr 1/2 4 pm - 4.30 pm Yr 3/4 4 pm - 5.05 pm Yr 5/6 Boys & Girls 4.30 - 5.40 pm

Deadline for ENTRY: As organisers we like to have TEAMS entered by FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER.

Cost: \$50 Per child (payment is required upon registration - please do not pay school)

Duration: 8 full playing weeks. (We do not extend the season and seldom cancel a week)

ENTRY PROCESS: Our draw system and online payment is fully enabled.

Nau mai, whakatata mai ki

# Tū Māia 2024

Our beloved annual Kapa Haka festival returns for 2024 with performances from kura across our area. Held over two days at Orewa Primary School. Whānau are all welcome to come and support.

Pōwhiri - 9:30am  
Performances - 11-2pm

Thursday 12 & Friday 13 September

**Change of Clothes**  
Please ensure your child has a spare change of clothes packed in their bags.  
The fields are very wet and muddy and we have a limited supply of spare clothes.



**Remember Yummy stickers are due back on Friday 20th September.**



## **Absences**

Please ensure you inform the school of your child's absence. If you are unable to let us know through the Hero app, please call the Office on 09 426 4849.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Flag Making & Structured Free Time	Target Practice & Structured Free Time	Finger Painting & Structured Free Time	Staff Choice & Structured Free Time	Homemade Pikelets & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Kiwis & Kangaroos	Game: Kids Yoga	Game: Balloon Tag	Game: Limbo	Game: Angry Birds
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Rice Bubbles Cakes & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Tomato Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Pikelets & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Stars Awards Brainstorm	Create Stars Award	Create Stars Award	Create Stars Award	Create Stars Award
3:45 - 4:00 pm	Game: Human Paper, Scissors, Rock	Game: Duck, Duck, Goose	Game: Toilet Tag	Game: Follow the Sergeant	Game: Cat & Mouse Tag
	<b>DISCOVERY</b> KC Stars Brainstorm	<b>SPORT</b> Star Fighters	<b>COOKING</b> Shining Stars	<b>CRAFT</b> KC Star Creation	<b>GAME</b> Star Catchers
4:00 - 4:30 pm					
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Potato Sticks	Snack Time Corn Thins	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Raisins	Snack Time Muesli Bars
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Concentration & Projects	Game: Dance Comp & Projects	Game: Doggy Doggy & Projects	Game: Flee Chase & Projects	Game: Foot Volleyball & Projects

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# Guiding Our Children Through a Digital World

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children year 3  
through to year 10

Sep  
16th  
7-8.30pm

Renowned  
speaker

Holly Jean Brooker

 **Orewa College**  
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For further information visit: [www.eventbrite.co.nz](http://www.eventbrite.co.nz)  
"Guiding Our Children Through a Digital World"

**Principal Orewa College, Wiri Warriner:**

"I am thrilled to support "Tackling Technology," an important event that explores the challenges and opportunities presented by the digital landscape of society. I recognise the significance of understanding how technology and social media is having a significant impact on our children, whānau, and their wellbeing.

**This event is a valuable opportunity for us all to gain critical perspectives and strategies for navigating these challenges effectively."**





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# SILVERDALE JUNIOR TOUCH

**TERM 4 TOUCH FOR SCHOOLS  
WED 23RD OCT - 11TH DEC**

## *COSTS & DETAILS*

**Grades:** Yr 1&2, Yr 3&4, Yr 5&6 Boys, Yr 5&6 Girls, Yr 7&8 Boys, Yr 7&8 Girls  
**Cost:** Team \$300 or \$50 per player  
**Times:** - yr 1&2s 4pm, yrs 3&4 4pm & 4:30pm, yr 5&6 4:30 & 5:05pm, yr 7&8, 5:05pm & 5:40pm  
**Entries Close:** 18th October

## *RULES VARIATIONS*

**Yr1-4:** Haff Field & Coach allowed on Field  
**Yr 5-8** - Regular NZ Touch Rules  
**Squad Size** - Try for 8 (more touches)  
**Ethos:** FUN - Graded divisions so we can have "meaningful" competition.

## *HOW TO ENTER?*

**ONLINE** - Follow links [www.silverdalerugby.co.nz](http://www.silverdalerugby.co.nz)  
**SCHOOL** - Via your School Sports Co-ordinator



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