

**Term 4 Week 7: No 19  
5 December 2011**

5 Dec	Mon	BOT Meeting, 6.00pm
13 Dec	Tues	Final Assembly—6.00 pm at the Marae
14 Dec	Wed	Whole school picnic—steam train
15 Dec	Thurs	Last day for the Year
<b>7 Feb</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>First day of 2012 School Year</b>
5 April	Thurs	End of Term 1
23 April	Mon	Term 2 commences
25 April	Wed	ANZAC Day
4 June	Mon	Queen's Birthday
29 June	Friday	End of Term 2
16 July	Mon	Term 3 commences
28 Sept	Friday	End of Term 3
15 Oct	Mon	Term 4 commences
22 Oct	Mon	Labour Day
20 Dec	Thurs	Last day for 2012



Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou,

All is organised for our Celebration Assembly on Tuesday evening Dec 13th at the Oromahoe Marae. We will send a programme before the night so that everyone can be comfortable that they know what is happening. It is important that we are all ready at the gates punctually by 5.50pm. We don't take food through the main gate so there will be someone outside the gate to collect the contributions for supper.

Shoes and hats need to be removed please before entering the building (whare tipuna).

Reports will be issued on Tuesday 13th.

We hope that many of you will be able to come along and join us on our final whole school train trip and picnic on Wednesday 14th Dec and enjoy a relaxed day of adventure and fun.

Permission and transport slips will be sent home today.

School will finish at the usual time of 3.00pm on Thursday 15th.

This is the last newsletter for the year so I take this opportunity to thank Mary for all she has contributed to our school over the years and wish her the very best in her semi-retirement?!

I also wish everybody a wonderful festive season and summer holiday. Be safe, be happy and we look forward to seeing most of you in the New Year.

No reira, Nga mihi mahana Ki a koutou

Annie

## School & Community Notices

### Garden & Social Club

Transformation is occurring—beds of peas, beans, corn, salad veges, pumpkins, tomatoes and strawberries are planted and shooting skyward. Approx another 6 beds are still to be weeded and planted. We would love any donations of your surplus seedlings; thanks Heather for the handsome tomato plants. Gardening afternoons continue on Wednesdays at 3.00pm, starting with a shared afternoon tea and of course children are most welcome. We have not created a future plan yet that combines students, teachers, parents and community; we wait for your input into how this brilliant resource can shine and put Oromahoe school even more firmly on the map as an outstanding Enviroschool. Thanks to Rhonda and Boof for helping out. Our wish list for 2012 includes irrigation ( eg hoses), lawnmower, a weedeater and building materials for an outdoor classroom. Please contact Laura if you can help—946 8808. Also, we are planning shifting garden day to Fridays in line with school lunch day so that the pizza oven can be fired up for both kids' lunches and afternoon gardeners, but this day is flexible—what day suits you best?



### Swimming Pool

We ask that **ALL** children wear caps while they are swimming in the pool - this will stop hair getting in the filter, keeps hair out of eyes, and keeps children warmer. Thankyou.

### Christmas Craft Market And Car Boot Sale

Sunday 11 Dec, 9.00-1.00pm  
361 Kerikeri Rd

\$10 per stall—Craft stall holders wanted.  
Call Alice 09 405 9382

Beautiful hand made decorations & gifts,  
cake stall, sausage sizzle, music, coffee.

This even is a fundraiser for the  
Oromahoe Kindergarten

### Learn to Swim Classes

Riverview School Pool

All levels 5yrs and over

Daily classes commence Monday 2nd Jan,  
10.am-12.30pm

Monday to Friday until 20 Jan

Beginners, Improvers, Stroke correction,  
Advanced

Only \$90 for 3 weeks.

Contact Bunny Honiss 407 8982

Numbers limited to keep classes small

### PTA

Last Wednesday the second meeting of the new PTA was held and fantastically 9 people attended! We shared our visions for how we as a group could carry the school forward through creative projects that enrich the school's special character. Be prepared for more social events, an inspiring outdoor classroom and greater community collaboration with teachers and students.

All input into the PTA is welcomed and all meetings are open to those with thoughts to share. Current members include: Hayley Turner (Chair), Kirsten Rudolph (Treasurer), Kane Fisher (Secretary), Marty Robinson, Mel Stokes, Alice Gatti, Laura Wilson, Annie, Chris and Pauline.

## Lost Property

Final day to collect Lost Property is Wednesday of this week— after that, all lost property will be washed and sent to a local charity shop.



## Christmas Cards

Christmas cards will be on sale in the office from Tuesday. The cards have been made up from images taken from our recent Art Festival.

## What I loved this year about Oromahoe School

Where do I start?

This year I really enjoyed all of the fun stuff that we have done and all of the energetic activities. All of the teachers have been really nice to the children and have made all of this happen..

I liked being in Rm 4 because:

- we had a fun teacher,
- There was lots of fun stuff to do
- I learnt lots of new songs.

This school has been the funnest ever...

Outgoing

Respectful

Outstanding

Majestic

Awesome

Happiness

Outrageous

Excellent Teachers

Small amounts

Cool

Hopeful

Open minded

Oromahoe School is the best

Living

By Mollie

## ANGER

I felt the anger welling up through my chest, bubble to my throat, then pop to my head and it bubbled out.

I feel the anger rushing over the bridge, past the stars, through the moon and it hits me, pushing me onto the ground.

I feel the anger sitting in the sea, lurking in the caves and then find me,, erupting from a volcano and burning me.

Don't feel bad about being angry—its OK but remember to follow these rules!

Don't hurt others, don't hurt property, don't hurt yourself! But do think about it!

By Khayshia

## Rugby

"Are the teams all sorted" I say

"Kick Off!" Macklin said "Javiea boot!" I kick the ball. We chase after the ball. Justin catches it. We chase after him. He fend off a couple of the forwards. Now he meets the backs. Smack!

Matenga and I tackle him. I strip the ball off him and I run and pass it to Ziz. He steps off a couple of people and he does an inside pass to me.

I find a gap and score a try. It is a draw—14 all and 1.00 minute to play. We have the ball in position. I try to break through the tackle. I pass to Matenga—he breaks through the tackle and passes the ball to Ziz who scores the try!!

WE WIN!!!!

By Macklin

## LUNCH MENU FOR THIS FRIDAY

Oromahoe's own Sushi  
6 pieces \$3.50

Vegetarian or tuna, with  
soy and ginger

Crispy homemade Pizza's—  
Ham or Vegetarian \$2.00

Juicies 80c

Please have your order to the Office  
by Thursday.

## Writing from Room 4

### Leadership Day

The Leadership Hui was extraordinary. The Leadership was amazing. There were about 8 schools there. I'm just lost for words. It was exciting. We got there about 10.00am. We did some games then had a couple of speakers talking about what they thought a Leader was. My favourite speaker was Jonty. He just taught me a lot about a Leader and what he thought a Leader was. It just inspired me! I hope it can be the same next year.

By Javiea

### Gymnastic Club

On Sunday Bella, Khayshia and I had our gymnastics prize giving.

Sue said "Could I please have the level two gymnasts up here" so Bella, Jane and I went up onto the stage. With 1st on vault, 2nd on beam, 2nd on floor and 2nd on bar, 3rd place Teigan Lang! Then she said "She also has the most improved trophy". Bella came 2nd and Jane came 1st.

*If you would like to start gymnastics, go down to Opuia, turn right down Penney Street, then left down Kane Street and at the end of that road is Opuia BOI Bymnastics Club.*

*Ask to talk to Ali Edwards.*

By Teigan

### Leadership Day

On the 25th November ten kids from R4 went to a Leadership conference in Moerewa at Simpson's Park.

It went from 9 o'clock to 3 o'clock and the food was delicious—just some basic foods for morning tea and a big lunch including dessert.

We had four speakers come up and tell us how and when they realised that they were leaders. They had some interesting stories.

The thing I got out of it the most was the inspiration and being able to learn and understand what I still have to learn.

By Ezra

### Camp

Health camp is a camp where you go when you need support. I went to camp for 5 weeks.

It was really fun. We went to the movies and watched Kung Fu Panda 2.

The next Wednesday we went bowling and I scored one hundred points. It was really fun at bowling. We had pizza after bowling that night. I had fun. I want to go back soon.

By Russell

### My Time at Oromahoe

Fun years have passed—six years is a long time but it has all been good.

People have come and left. Most friends have stayed but best of all, we have the best teachers.

The funnest thing that happened this year is ..... everything probably!

By Alex E