

# Newsletter

29 May 2026






Kia Ora ē te whānau




Another gorgeous week of weather! It is so great watching our tamariki play together and hear all of the laughter too.

Basketball is such a hit at school, we are going to have some NBA players in our future. Keep up the fantastic dedication and skill development. Huge thanks to our wonderful parents that are supporting our basketball teams through coaching, managing and transporting our teams to their games.

Over the next few newsletters, I will be sharing information about the changes in the education system at the moment. Teachers are working hard, as they always do, to learn the new curriculum and the various changes to expectations. We are concerned, as the expectations are higher in the new curriculum, which will impact on overall achievement outcomes. We are using new assessments, the children are learning new ways to be tested as well. We know that these tests are snapshots, on the day, and they contribute to overall teacher judgements. We still use observations, discussions, samples of work and other familiar forms for testing to help triangulate the results for our students. Whatever the result is, we are required to mark against a new curriculum that we have only been teaching for less than six months. Below is an example of the change in expectations for basic math skills - the shift is quite astounding.

	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>2007 Curriculum</b> 			Recall multiplication and corresponding division facts for 2s, 5s and 10s		Recall multiplication facts to 10x10 and (some) corresponding division facts
<b>2024 Curriculum</b> 	Identify the relationship between skip counting and multiplication facts for 2s, 5s and 10s	Recall multiplication and corresponding division facts for 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s	Recall multiplication and corresponding division facts for 4s and 6s	Recall multiplication and corresponding division facts for 7s, 8s and 9s	Recall multiplication facts to a least 10x10 and corresponding division facts
<b>2025 Curriculum</b> 	Memorising multiplication and corresponding division facts for 2s, 5s, and 10s	Memorising multiplication and corresponding division facts for 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s, and 10s	Memorising multiplication and corresponding division facts for 2s to 10s	Memorising multiplication and corresponding division facts for 2s to 12s	

## Add/Sub Basic Facts

	6 months	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>2007 Curriculum</b> 		Recall addition and subtraction facts to five, doubles to 10	Recall addition and subtraction facts to 10; doubles to 20 and corresponding halves; "ten and" facts		Recall addition facts to 20 and subtraction facts up to 10.		Recall addition and subtraction facts up to 20.
<b>2024 Curriculum</b> 		Identify addition facts up to 10 and their corresponding subtraction facts (families of facts), including doubles and halves	Recall addition facts up to 10, and identify addition facts up to 20 and their corresponding subtraction facts (families of facts), including doubles and halves	Recall addition facts up to 20 and their corresponding subtraction facts (families of facts), including doubles and halves			
<b>2025 Curriculum</b> 	Memorising addition and subtraction facts up to 5 (e.g. $2 + 3 = 5$ )	Memorising addition and subtraction facts up to 10, including $10 + 0 = 10$ (e.g. $7 + 3 = 10$ )  Memorising doubles and halves to 10	Memorising addition and subtraction facts up to 20 (e.g. $17 + 3 = 20$ )  Memorising doubles and halves to 20				

If you know of any pre-school children that wish to attend our amazing kura, please encourage them to contact our fantastic new entrant teacher - Helen Stanbra - [helen@orouadownschool.nz](mailto:helen@orouadownschool.nz).

### Te Kawau Top Talent 2026

This is a wonderful event that celebrates the talent of our young tamariki across the Te Kawau Cluster. We have always had a few entries and we have also celebrated the successes of our students. If you are interested, either a solo or group act, entry forms can be found at the school office.

Auditions are Friday 12th June with the LIVE SHOW on Friday 19th June.



### Celebrating Success!!!

**Virtues Certificates:** Libbie, Zac, Mike, Dylan and Joshua


**Class Certificates:** Ian, AlJavin, Kyvarnie, Indy, Cai, Eli, Lovely, Yraneil and Lucas

**Bus Certificates:** Penelope and Indy

**It's in the Bag Prize Winners:** Penelope, Cai, Libbie, Rebekah, Accarlia

**Yellow Virtues Prize Draw:** Royle

**HOME AND SCHOOL ARE DOING ANOTHER PIE FUNDRAISER - PLEASE SEE FORM ATTACHED**

<p><b>IMPORTANT DATES:</b></p> <p>1 June - Kings Birthday          9 June - Board Hui          12 June - TK Top Talent Auditions          18 June - ODS Cross Country          19 June - TK Top Talent Live Show          26 June - TK Cross Country          3 July - Final day of term -              - Matariki Shared Kai and Activity Fun              - Mid Year Reports</p>	<p><b>HUGE CONGRATULATIONS!!!!</b></p> <p>Massive congratulations to our year 5/6 Rippa Team for taking out second place in the Te Kawau Rippa Tournament!</p> <p>You represent our kura with such pride and excellence, we are so very proud of you.</p> <p>Josh won the award for most fair and positive player in the whole tournament! Miharo Josh!</p> 
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### DON'T FORGET ...

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 5 virtues when you bring back your sports top