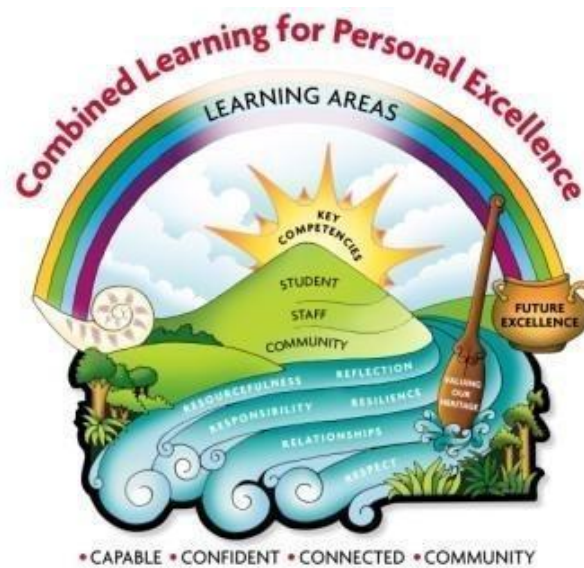


# Orini Combined School



## Information for New Entrant Families

## **Pre-School Visits**

Welcome to Orini Combined School.

Starting school is an exciting time and we hope that the information that follows will be of assistance in achieving a positive and smooth transition to school for your child.

Parents will be contacted approximately one month before your child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. Three mid-week visits will be organised extending the school experience at each visit.

**Visit 1 – 8:30am – 10:40am**

**Visit 2 - 8:30am – 1pm (Please provide a drink and morning tea)**

**Visit 3 – 8:30am – 1:40pm (Please provide a drink, morning tea and lunch)**

During these visits your child will become familiar with the teacher, classroom and school environment.

Your child will be introduced to class routines and enjoy exploring activities within the classroom. We find students settle into their activities successfully when parents/caregivers leave the school during these times.

## **Parents as First Teachers**

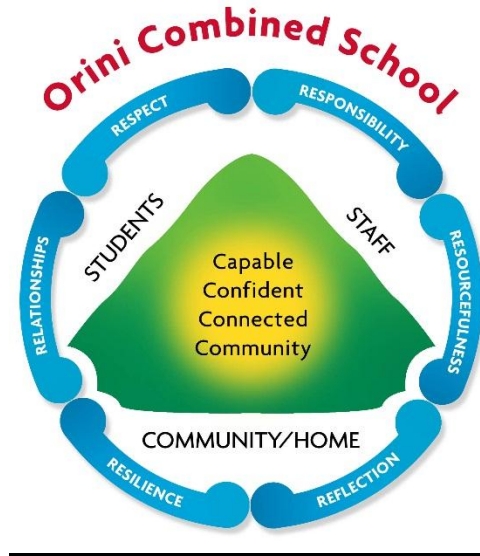
How you can help...

Children learn by example. Talking to your child is important. Children are curious by nature and ask lots of questions. Answer by modelling correct sentence structures and share their interests.

Books help to enrich children's thinking. Read to your child, enjoying stories, nursery rhymes and songs together.

Provide experiences by including your child in home routines and taking them on outings such as a trip to the supermarket, park or Library.

When your child wants to write encourage them to hold onto the pen correctly, starting from the top when forming letters.



### **Preparing for School**

Does your child know:

- How to follow instructions?
- How to hold a pen correctly?
- How to read and write their own name?
- How to say letters and numbers?

Can your child cope with:

- Toileting and hand-washing?
- Sitting quietly on the mat when required?
- Sharing equipment and putting equipment away?
- Eating prepared lunches independently?
- Dressing themselves and putting on their own shoes? (Velcro preferred)

## School Uniform

Our compulsory school uniform can be ordered from school during the school visits. Compulsory uniform items are: School monogrammed polo shirt and school monogrammed polar fleece sweatshirts. All students are required to wear **plain black bottoms**. These can be shorts, skorts, track pants or leggings for girls. Denim pants are not permitted. Bottoms are to be purchased independently at a retailer of your choice. Farmers, The Warehouse and Postie often have suitable items at reasonable prices.

Students are required to wear sensible flat shoes to school. Sneakers or plain school shoes are ideal, preferably Velcro fastened. During the summer, jandals or sandals are allowed. Fashion boots, gumboots and roller shoes are not permitted at school. During Term 4 & Term 1 the PTA provides all students with a named school hat. It is compulsory for students to wear these hats whenever they are outdoors during these terms.

In the summer we require all students to have named swimming togs and towels at school daily.

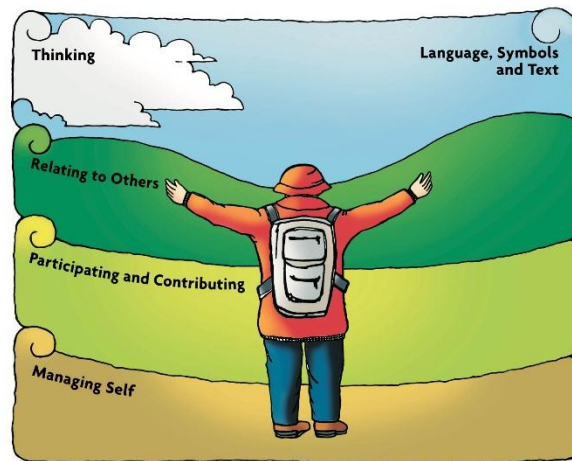
The school uniforms are managed by our PTA. **Payment is required before uniform items are distributed.** Cheque payments must be made payable to Orini Combined School PTA. Cash is also accepted. Eftpos is not available. Uniforms are sold at cost price to help keep expenses to a minimum. **All clothes and belongings are expected to be named clearly and permanently.**

All students require a lunch box, water bottle and suitable school bag. Sugar drinks are not permitted at school. We encourage children to have healthy refreshments.

## Stationery

The school stationery list can be obtained from the school office. Some items are required to be purchased from school. Cheque payments for stationery items, must be made payable to Orini Combined School. Cash is also accepted and eftpos is available.

## Key Competencies



### Documentation

To complete the enrolment process, the following completed documents are legally required:

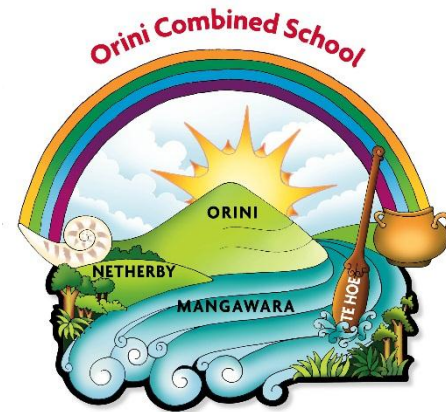
School Enrolment Form

Child's Birth Certificate (original to be sighted)

Immunisation Certificate – either a copy from your doctor or plunket book (provided that all immunisations have been entered into it). If not immunised, a certificate stating that no immunisations have been given.

If you are not an NZ Citizen we must sight original immigration documents ie: child's passport with student visa, parent's passports documenting work permits/visa, or residency documentation if applicable.

**Thank you for considering Orini Combined School for your child/ren's primary school education. Please feel free to contact us at any time with enquiries.**



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