



(07) 824 4847

office@orini.school.nz

1389 Orini Road, RD2, Taupiri, 3792

WWW.ORINI.SCHOOL.NZ



School Prospectus

Welcome

Kia Ora and Welcome to Orini Combined School

Orini Combined School is a rural school approximately 35 km northeast of Hamilton. We are a full primary school catering for students from Year 0 to Year 8. Our Combined school represents the merger of the district schools of Orini, Te Hoe, Netherby and Mangawara into the current Orini Combined School. At the heart of our school are the students. We believe in developing personalised programmes in order to cater to the needs of all students. Our partnership with our parent community and wider community is integral to our students' success as we strive to provide authentic learning opportunities.

He waka eke noa - We are all in this together

Our Mission Statement

Orini Combined School will provide a positive, stimulating and secure learning environment that encourages each child to strive for personal excellence, while developing connectedness, compatibility and confidence along with respect and responsibility in the school community.

The school fosters close working relationships with the community to ensure that all students are provided with an education that is challenging and respects their dignity, rights and individuality.

Classrooms and Teachers

Our classroom spaces are not numbered as is traditional throughout New Zealand Primary Schools, instead, we have named our classrooms using the growth process of a tree. This is to symbolise the growth and development of our learners from the beginning of school right through to Year 8.

Miss Shonny Horan Year 0-2

KAAKANO

Kaakano means seed and symbolises our juniors beginning their learning journey



Year 2

PIHI

Pihi means to spring or grow up. This symbolises our juniors continuing on their learning journey and building on the foundations made in Kaakano



Whaea Sarah Collins Year 3-4

MAAHURI

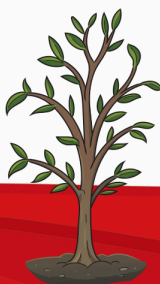
Maahuri means sapling. This symbolises our students having developed strong roots as they extend their learning journey



Mrs Tina Bellamy Year 5-6

TIWAI

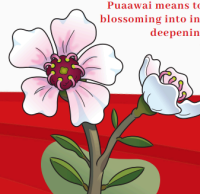
Tiwai means trunk. This symbolises the strong learning foundations and the expanding of their knowledge and skills across the breadth of the curriculum



Mr Blair Cocks Year 7-8

PUAAWAI

Puaawai means to blossom. This symbolises our learners blossoming into independent learners and adolescents by deepening their knowledge and skills, preparing them to leave the security and safety of Orini Combined School for highschool



Meet Our Team

Annette Howard - Principal

Email: annette@orini.school.nz



Kia ora koutou,
Ko Annette toku ingoa.

I am privileged to work in the most incredible school, Orini Combined, alongside extraordinary students, staff and community. We are a small rural school with the warmest heart and stunning views. Combined learning for personal excellence through respect (whakaute), achievement (tutuki), positivity (ngaakaupai) and trust (whakapono) is our core vision and values. This is the heartbeat of our special place.

I am passionate about nurturing a school culture that allows all to flourish. I believe everyone has potential and deserves to thrive as themselves within a connected and inclusive environment. I have taught and led in education for many years and feel blessed to work in the most rewarding occupation. I have a Masters in Educational Leadership, growing leadership potential is a real passion of mine. My husband and I are proud parents of two young men that we enjoy sharing our time with. My favourite pastime is mountain biking with whaanau and friends.

Zeta Beer - Deputy Principal

Email: zeta@orini.school.nz

*Kia Ora taatou
Ko Putauaki te maunga
Ko Tarawera te awa
No Whakatane ahau
Kei Kirikiriroa ahau e noho ana inaianei
Ko Beer tooku whaanau
Ko Zeta tooku ingoa*

I have a Master of Education and am passionate about quality teaching and learning that reflects current best practice, and as a result am always seeking out new ideas and knowledge or opportunities to grow. I am particularly interested in Environmental Education and encouraging children to be mindful of their interactions with nature. I have been part of the OCS whanau for five years and love our small, rural school.

I was born and raised in sunny Whakatane but moved to Hamilton as a young adult to begin my studies and family. I have an incredible adult son, Ethyn, who lives in Wellington as well as a gorgeous young son, Nixon, who is incredibly active. In my spare time I enjoy hiking adventures, fitness, and spending time with my family and friends.



Laura Gibbons - Office Administrator

Email: office@orini.school.nz

I am the friendly face at the front desk of Orini Combined School. In my role I enjoy working behind the scenes to support the amazing team as well as interacting with students and their Whaanau. I am always around to give students support and awhi when they are injured or not feeling well.



Blair Cocks - Teacher Puaawai

Email: blair@orini.school.nz

My name is Blair Cocks and I am super proud to be the teacher in the Y7&8 class at Orini Combined School.

This is my first year at OCS but I have been teaching for close to 28 years, mainly with the Y7-10 age groups. I am very passionate about this age group as it can be a challenging but exciting time for our young people.

I have a passion for Physical Education, Sport, EOTC (Education outside the classroom) and Mathematics.

Outside of school I enjoy watching sports and supporting my children in their individual pursuits.

Tina Bellamy - Teacher Tiwai

Email: tina@orini.school.nz

My name is Tina Bellamy and I am the Year 5-6 Teacher in our Tiwai class. I have lived within the Orini community for more than 17 years, our family having ties to the school for much of this time. Our foster daughter (now a young adult) attended Orini Combined School and now our two younger children, Harper-Rose and Lucas also attend our wonderful school. I am extremely grateful to live and work in a place that I love and feel proud to be entrusted with the children of our little community.

My qualifications are forever evolving as I continually seek to improve my knowledge and experience in life and within the workplace. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts and Graduate Diploma in Primary School Teaching. I have a creative mind and enjoy spending time with friends and family and like nothing more than curling up with a good book.



Sarah Collins - Teacher Maahuri

Email: sarah@orini.school.nz

Kia ora tātou, my name is Sarah Collins, and I am the year 3 and 4 teacher in Maahuri. I have only recently joined OCS and I'm loving being a part of such an amazing team and this close knit, rural community.

I am really passionate about learning and teaching sign language after teaching a Deaf student early on in my career and I also have a passion for Te Ao Māori. I was a competitive swimmer and a learn to swim teacher while I studied.

My partner Cameron has strong connections with the school, his dad attended Orini School as a child and Cameron and his siblings went to school here. We have two children, Riley and Brodie. Our daughter Riley has just started at OCS this year. Our son Brodie is three and attends Great Beginnings in Gordonton. We enjoy attending local Orini community events such as the annual Orini Christmas at the Reserve and Riley joined the Orini Athletics Club. We're looking forward to being a part of the school events like Ag Day and the other amazing opportunities offered here at OCS.

Shonny Horan - Teacher Kaakano

Email: shonny@orini.school.nz

Kia ora my name is Shonny Horan. I am very fortunate to have joined the OCS team last year as a beginning teacher. I am teaching years zero, one and two. I studied a Bachelor of Teaching in Primary at the University of Waikato. I find it extremely rewarding being a part of students' learning journey as unique individuals.

I have lived in the community for a number of years. I feel privileged to be teaching at a local school. In my spare time, you will find me at the beach, on the water fishing and exploring the outdoors.





Stacey White - SENCo

Email: stacey@orini.school.nz

Kia ora tātou. My name is Stacey White, and I am the Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCo) at Orini Combined School. I am fortunate to work in a space where we develop inclusive learning practices and build strong whaanau partnerships.

I have a Bachelor of Education in primary teaching and recently graduated with a Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching in Complex Educational Needs. At the end of this year, I will have gained my Masters in Complex Education Needs.

In my spare time, I photograph the night sky, study, and spend time with my whaanau.

Amanda Jones - Learning Assistant

Email: amanda@orini.school.nz

My name is Amanda and I am very passionate about children receiving the best education they possibly can, and I hope through my role as a Learning Assistant I can contribute towards that in some way.

My husband attended Orini Combined School, as did my three children and I feel their time spent at the School has helped set them up to become well educated, amazing young adults. I feel very privileged to be a part of this School and all it has to offer.



Chantelle Ashby - Learning Assistant

Email: chantelle@orini.school.nz

Kia Ora, my name is Chantelle Ashby, and I am on the Learning Support Team. I work across all the classrooms helping the needs of our amazing Tamariki. I have a huge passion for helping children discover their uniqueness, helping them find their confidence and potential, and what makes them feel like they belong. I am a believer in the positive results of mindfulness and the things you can achieve from changing your mindset and becoming self-aware.

I am married to my best friend! You will find us outdoors exploring our country or by/on the ocean fishing or out in the bush. I have 2 amazing children who attend Orini Combined School, Zoe and Jack. I also have 2 beautiful Step Daughters Kora and Stella.

I am fortunate to work with such an amazing bunch of Teachers and Students.

Tara Watts - Learning Assistant

Email: tara@orini.school.nz

Kia ora, my name is Tara Watts and I am a part of the Learning Support Team at Orini Combined School.

I have the privilege of supporting students across all year levels and greatly enjoy forming strong bonds and connections with them while being there to help support them through their learning journey. I feel so lucky to be a part of the amazing team and community here at OCS.

My husband and I, along with our son Teddy who is a student here at Orini Combined school, love to go for family bike rides in the weekends.



Our Vision & Values

Combined Learning for Personal Excellence

Our vision highlights our aspiration for our tamariki at Orini Combined School to constantly strive towards personal excellence. This will look different for every student which is why when engaging with the curriculum it is important that the learning is personalised for each individual to empower them to achieve success. We believe that it is critical that our staff, students and community work in a partnership to ensure equity and excellence for all as we grow and develop into life long learners who have the skills to positively contribute to and participate in society.

R.A.P.T

RESPECT



Respect

We value respect because it allows us to develop and maintain positive relationships with each other

ACHIEVEMENT



Achievement

We value achievement because it helps us become confident to meet challenges

POSITIVITY



Positivity

We value positivity as a School Community and as individuals to strive for personal excellence

TRUST



Trust

We trust that we will follow our RAPT values to be a RAPT community

School Information

Absences

If your child is absent from school or arrives late please notify us through the Hero App or by leaving a message on the office phone (07) 824 4847
Unnotified absences will be marked as truant.

Arriving and Leaving School

The school takes responsibility for students from 8:20am

Pick Up and Drop Off: We encourage parents to drop their children off inside our gates and also collect them from the school grounds. This is a great time to pop into class to see what learning your child/ren have been doing and to catch up with their classroom teacher.

Bus: We are contracted to GoBus and have an amazing bus driver, Amy, who ensures children get to and from school safely. Amy does a loop around our community with many bus stops along the way. If you would like your child/ren to utilise the bus please speak to the school office.
Our bus route:

	<p>Depart Orini Combined School Right into Orini Rd Right into Te Hoe Rd Left into Proctor Rd Stop at Te Hoe Hall Left into Tahuna Rd Stop 1402 Tahuna Rd Left into Rutherford Rd Stop 872 Rutherford Rd Stop 684 Rutherford Rd Stop 264 Rutherford Rd Stop just before the corner of Kneebone Rd Continue along Rutherford Rd Left into Orini Rd Stop 723 Orini Rd Stop McConnell Rd Right into Tenfoot Rd Right into Cately Rd to turn around at the intersection Return Tenfoot Rd Stop 813 Tenfoot Rd Right into Orini Rd Stop 72554 Orini Rd Right in Piri Rd Stop 1042 Piri Rd Right into Orini Rd Stop at Orini Combined School</p>
--	--

Assemblies

Learning celebrations are held fortnightly (weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) on Friday at 2pm in Pihī. Assemblies are conducted, organised and managed by our senior students. Whaanau are always welcome to attend. Parents/Caregivers will be notified prior to assembly if their child is receiving an award, we ask that you do not let them know in advance.

Communication

Our school has many ways of communicating with our parents & caregivers.

- **Facebook – Orini Combined School**
 - We share upcoming events and day to day notices to keep you informed.
- **Hero App**
 - This is our main port of call for communication about everything school related. Please download the app from the app store.
- **Newsletter**
 - These are shared through our Hero app and emailed out fortnightly with what has been happening at school as well as upcoming events and important notices. If you have any family members who would like to be on our newsletter mailing list please let the school office know.

Accidents and First Aid

Minor accidents are treated in our school sick bay. All staff hold a current first aid certificate. Parents are contacted for more serious injuries or for any injury that involves your child's head.

AG Day

Parents of the school along with staff make up our ag day committee who run this day for children to exhibit calves, goats, lambs and chickens that they have reared. Students unable to rear an animal will have an opportunity to do a handful of other activities run by the teachers. This day takes place in October each year, at the beginning of term 4. If you are interested in joining the Ag Day Committee please let the office know.

Dental Checks

The dental van visits our school once a year and appointments will be booked directly with parents from Te Whatu Ora Health. You can contact them on 0800 TALK TEETH.

School Library

Each class gets an allocated time slot in the library once a week where children are able to issue and return 2 books. Your support as Parents/Caregivers is appreciated in keeping our books in good condition and returned on time. If books are lost or damaged a fee will be charged to cover buying a new copy.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

We have a wonderful group of parents who work extremely hard to help the school in a variety of ways. Their latest fundraising efforts helped to fund our brand new playground. The PTA holds a handful of fundraisers throughout the year, a few extremely popular ones include: CookieTime and Oxford Pies. They also hold BBQ's at most of our full school events. We are always looking for new enthusiastic members to join, if this sounds like something you would be interested in just come along to the next meeting.

Technology

Our year 7 and 8 Students travel to Morrinsville Intermediate every Friday morning to partake in many aspects of technology. A levy is charged by Morrinsville Intermediate (currently \$60) to cover the cost of materials used.

Swimming

Our swimming season is in Term 4 and Term 1. All children will swim daily so remember to pack togs and a towel everyday. Our pool has a shallow end which is 0.7m and a deep end of 1.2m.

School Hours

Students should be at school by 8:40am to prepare for the day.

8.45am First Warning Bell

8.50am School Starts

10.40am Start of Morning Break

11.10am End of Morning Break

1.00pm Start of Afternoon Break

1.30pm End of Afternoon Break

2.30pm School Finishes & Students assemble for Bus

School Uniform

Our compulsory school uniform can be ordered from the school office at any time.

It consists of a polo shirt, shorts and/or skorts and a hoodie.

Students are required to wear sensible flat black shoes to school. During the summer months, jandals or sandals are allowed.

Fashion boots, gumboots and roller shoes are not permitted at school.

As part of our sun smart policy children must wear a school hat during terms 1 and 4. It is compulsory for students to wear these hats when outside.

Please name all clothing, towels, lunch boxes and school bags. Students are expected to be responsible for their own belongings as part of self-management.

It is a great idea to always ensure there is a spare change of clothes in your child's school bag - this does not need to be the school uniform.

House Groups

At Orini Combined School we have four house groups. Orini Combined School is the combination of four schools amalgamating many years ago these schools were: Orini, Netherby, Mangawara and Te Hoe (this is where we get the 'Combined' in our name!) - to honour that history and recognise the importance of coming together our School houses are named after these schools. Each child will be assigned their house group upon enrolment. Children will be rewarded with points for their house through displaying the RAPT values daily. Points will also be rewarded at school sporting events such as triathlon, cross country and swimming sports as well as our termly house events. Children will be encouraged to wear house colours at our school sporting and house events. Houses are as follows:

- Netherby - Green
- Orini - Red
- Mangawara - White
- Te Hoe - Black

Documentation

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

- School [Enrolment Form](#) (please complete this online via our [school website](#))
- 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 i.e: child's passport with student visa, parent's passports documenting work permits/visa, or residency documentation if applicable.



**We are so excited to welcome you to Orini Combined School
Please feel free to contact us at any time with enquiries.**