



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates To Remember

• Fun Run 1.30 pm	4 March
• Parentlink Meeting 2.00 pm	5 March
• Dental Mobile Unit arrives	5 March
• Bikes & Wheels Safety with Constable Duncan	11 March
• Nominations for BOT elections open	15 March
• School Hangi	19 March
• Primary Teachers paid Union Meeting (1.30 pm) postponed until T2	postponed
• One Learning Community Unveiling Celebration 5.30 pm (change of date)	25 March
• Mulching Day with WCC	30 March
• Three Way Conferences—Learning Conversations	30/31 March
• End of Term—Thursday 2.00 pm	1 April
• Good Friday	2 April
• Board Nominations Close	23 April
• Board Election Date	7 May

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora, Nameste, Shalom, Talofa, Konchiwa, Guten Tag, ni Hao, Kia orana, Hello, Hi

Many thanks for the great response to helping with the many roles and jobs required to organise the 2010 hangi. We really appreciate the way that our community puts themselves forward to help provide the best possible educational experiences for our students and also the way everyone supports our community events. As tickets go on sale from today, please let all your friends and family know that early purchase of tickets enables them a \$2.00 discount. We look forward to seeing you at the hangi in a few weeks time.

We enjoyed a beautiful day at the school picnic last week. It was wonderful to have so many parents and caregivers join us at this event. Thanks to Yvonne Task who did a shuttle run for students requiring transport to take part in the picnic.

Please look out for the MOE pamphlet along with a letter from your Board of Trustees and staff forwarding some information about the National Standards in our school.

Hopefully the weather has improved for the Fun Run to go ahead tomorrow as our young athletes have all been practicing hard over the past few weeks. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who have helped with practice runs. Thanks also to those parents and caregivers who are helping mark the course and ensure student safety during the Fun Run. We look forward to a fun event tomorrow.

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite



Karen

Thanks

To all the parents/caregivers who were able to accompany their child/ren to the school picnic last week. Hope you enjoyed your day as much as the children obviously did.

To all the parents and caregivers for the amazing response to our pleas for help with the hangi. We look forward to another successful hangi this year.

To Jenny Smith for the donation of portable pinboard for the school and to Stephanie Waszak for the iron. Both will be put to great use. Thank you for thinking of us.

WELCOME

To Kaylani Leota who joined children in Room 6 this week. Welcome also to Kaylani's family to our school community.

Welcome to Christine & Wendy our dental therapists who will be working in school from this Friday 5 March.

PRINCIPAL/PARENT CUPPA & CHAT

Please remember Karen is available on Monday mornings at 9.00 am for a cuppa and a chat.

If there is anything you would like to discuss/chat about or wish to have clarified—please join her then or feel free to speak to Wendy and make an appointment to come and see Karen at another time if the Monday morning does not suit you.



SAFETY IN THE SUN

During Terms 1 and 4, wearing of sunhats is compulsory in the playground, so please check your child has a **named** hat to wear at school. We also encourage the use of sunglasses and sunblock during these summer months.



One Learning Community Unveiling Celebration and Main Entrance Way

Just a reminder that on 25 March (date change) there is a celebration for the unveiling of our Learning Community – ie: Owhiro Bay Kindergarten and Owhiro Bay School. All parents, caregivers, families and children are invited to this celebration where there will be an unveiling of the new 'maui hook' sign at the front of the school. More details of this event in next week's newsletter.

Please note:

With addition of the new main entrance to our one Learning Community, the existing gate coming in near the bus shelter, will be removed during the Easter/school holiday break.

Primary Teachers Collective Agreement NZEI Union Meeting 2010

Please note that this meeting which was scheduled to occur on 24 March has now been postponed until Term 2.

Further information to follow.

School Trustees Board Elections

Please remember that this year is an important one for schools. Board elections are coming up and we need some enthusiastic and committed people to continue to govern our school well.

Over the past three years we have had a wonderful Board of Trustees who have helped guide and support the Principal, teachers and our community to provide a fantastic learning environment for our all children.

We are keen to see another fantastic Board elected in May for the next three year term. Maybe you would like to be part of this team or you know of someone else who you think would be great in this role; if so please encourage them to think about standing for our Board.

Nominations **open on 15 March and close on 23 April**. More details about the elections will be forwarded to you via our newsletters over the next few weeks.

If you would like to talk with a current Board member about what it all entails please feel free to contact Chris Roberts our Board Chair on 021 534 010.

**A NOTE FROM WHAEA LISA AND
WHAEA KAHU**

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Oma(kia) = run

Pronunciation :

Or—ma

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is on Tuesday 23 March at 7.00 pm. Please note that minutes of these meetings are available to read in a folder in the foyer in the office.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Board member, you are most welcome to come along to our next meeting on the 23 March.

BIKE & WHEELS SAFETY WITH CONSTABLE DUNCAN

On Thursday 11 March, all senior students and maybe some other students who bicycle to school regularly will work with Constable Duncan on wheels safety and have their bicycles checked. Constable Duncan will send more information closer to the date.



ANNUAL SCHOOL HANGI

Thank you for the amazing response regarding our urgent plea for help with the hangi this year. We have had many wonderful parents/caregivers who have volunteered their help with the items listed in last weeks newsletter.

As such, tickets are on sale from today. If purchased before 3.00 pm on Friday 12 March tickets are priced at \$12.00 per adult portion/parcel of food. Tickets purchased after this date are \$14.00. Each food parcel contains mutton, port, chicken, pumpkin, kumara, cabbage, potato and stuffing (so no specialist diets can be catered for). You may like to share a parcel between two or more people. Included with each ticket is a child's iceblock ticket—if you would like to purchase further iceblocks for additional children—these are available from the office at 50c.

On the evening of the hangi remember to bring a chair or rug to sit on, warm clothing, utensils (or fingers) to eat with and your own drinks.

We also require:

- Newspaper and supermarket bags to wrap the food parcels. Please deliver these to the hall and put in the blue plastic containers at the end of the hall (by the far door)
- Plastic food bins (named) to put vegetables in once prepared ready to put into individual plates.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UPS

A reminder to pick up children at 3.00 pm. There have been a number of children left until late in the playground. Please phone the school if you are running late.

NATIONAL STANDARDS

Coming home with your child today is a copy of a Ministry of Education pamphlet, also a letter with information from the school on the National Standards in reading, writing and mathematics. Please look out for this document in your child's school bag.

"Nude Food" Days

Keep up the great work in promoting "Nude Food Tuesdays" or "Nude Food Everyday" if you are able. The reduction of wrappers makes a significant impact on our environment and the amount of waste being sent to the local landfill.

VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Consideration" or "aaro-nui" which is being thoughtful about other people and their feelings. It is thinking about how your actions affect them and caring about how they feel.

Thoughtfulness begins by noticing what people need and thinking about how your actions are affecting them. You do little things to bring happiness to others. You respect other people's needs and feelings. You stop and think how your actions will affect others.

Next week the focus is "Helpfulness" or "Awhina".

HEALTH AND PE PROGRAMMES AT OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have returned their Health and PE surveys.

We have attached this survey to the newsletter again this week and hope that we receive further feedback by next Friday 12th March.

DENTAL UNIT

The Mobile Dental Unit will be arriving at school this Friday 5 March.

Our dental therapists Christine and Wendy will be checking children's teeth during the last 4 weeks of Term 1.



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL FUN RUN

As the weather was not looking great on Tuesday, the Fun Run was postponed until tomorrow (Thursday 4 March). All parents and caregivers welcome to join us — we start at 1.30 pm

PARENTLINK

Entertainment Books

Owhiro Bay School is pleased to be offering the new edition of the Entertainment Book to parents/caregivers/friends/relatives as part of our fundraising campaign this year.

Entertainment Books contain hundreds of 25-50% off and two-for-one offers from popular restaurants, cinemas, hotels, the arts and leisure activities. The sale of each book will raise \$12.00 for Owhiro Bay School and contribute much needed funds to our fundraising targets for this year. We have a limited amount of pre-sale bonus offers worth over \$150.00 including offers from Lone Star, Reading Cinemas, Sierra Café, Mondo Espresso, La Marche Francois, The Hurricanes.

Please contact Jennifer Dunn to place your order and snap up these bonus offers. Email kevjendunn@paradise.net.nz, Phone 934.2179 or text 0274 449679.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Parentlink is held at 2.00 pm in the staffroom on Friday 5 March. All very welcome. Hope to see you there.

THREE WAY CONFERENCES—LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

These three way conferences are being held on Tuesday 30 March and Wednesday 31 March. This meeting is an opportunity for you and your child to meet individually with your child’s teacher to discuss their learning goals and achievements.

Please choose three times that are most suitable to you. Use 1 (first choice) , 2 (second choice) and 3 (third choice) to help us allocate a meeting time for you and your child. Please return this slip by Friday 19 March so that we can confirm exact times before the meeting days. A note will come home with your newsletter the following week to confirm your meeting time..

**THREE WAY CONFERENCES—LEARNING CONVERSATIONS
TUESDAY 30 MARCH AND WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH**

TUESDAY 30 MARCH

3.00—4.00 pm
4.00—5.00 pm

WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH

3.00—4.00 pm
4.00—5.30 pm

6.30—7.15 pm
7.15—8.15 pm

For my child(ren) _____ in Room _____
_____ in Room _____
_____ in Room _____

Signed: _____