



## OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates to Remember

◆ Learning Community Evening this Thursday(6.30 pm)	11 August
◆ Special Assembly for Jocelyn Oldcorn (9.00 am)	12 August
◆ Three Way Conferences (late night Wednesday 17 August)	16 & 17 August
◆ Southern Zone Swimming Sports	23 August
◆ BOT Meeting	23 August
◆ Daffodil Day	26 August
◆ Book Week	29 Aug—2 Sept
◆ Parentlink Meeting 7.30 pm	30 August
◆ Whole School Production (Thursday evening)	6 October
◆ Final day term 3 (2pm finish)	7 October

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

We are looking forward to catching up with you all at the Community Evening tomorrow. At 6:30pm students are performing in the hall, followed by three stations where you can see and hear more about what is happening for your child's learning. If your child is not presenting at the stations they will stay in the hall where there are some fun, supervised activities for them.

Please check that you have the confirmed time in your diary for your child's individual Three Way Conference next week. Your child and their teacher are looking forward to talking with you about their learning at these.

You may have already heard that this term is an exciting one in terms of the performing arts. Classes have started working on a dance and movement routine that will be performed as part of the school production at the end of his term. Please put Thursday 6 October in your diary as this show is one that you will not want to miss. The whole school is involved in putting the show together and every child takes part in the evening performance. No doubt you will hear more of the theme, movement routines and songs as the performance date nears... watch the newsletter for regular updates too.

Hope you have been enjoying the sunshine this week.

Ka kite   
karen

## Thanks

To Max Ware's family for the donation of the computer monitor which will be put to great use. Thank you we really appreciate the donation.



Thank you to Jason Graham who has agreed to be added to our list of security call out personnel if there is a call out at the school after hours. We will be in touch Jason with details shortly.

## Special Assembly to Farewell Jocelyn Oldcorn

A special thanks to Jocelyn Oldcorn who has been a great music teacher at school for a number of years. Jocelyn has let us know that she wishes to spend more time with her own children in the second half of the year, so she will not be working in our school during this time. Jocelyn will be at the community meeting with choir, and is attending a special assembly for her the following day— this Friday 12 August at 9:00am. Thank you Jocelyn for sharing your wonderful gifts, skills and expertise with our students. You will be missed.

## STUDENT COUNCIL—Daffodil Day

This year Daffodil Day is Friday 26 August.

The student council are organizing a Daffodil Day event at school. More details to follow after their meeting later this week.



## Statements for Donations/Trips— Term 3

Coming home with your child this week are statements for Term 3. Please look out for these in your child's bag.

As is the case each term, you may wish to pay by installments or automatic payments. Please just contact the office to arrange this as suits you. Our account details are printed on the bottom on each statement.

Donations are tax deductible and receipts will be issued for all payments. Receipts for internet banking deposits will be forwarded when the school's monthly statements arrive.

## YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

A reminder that this fundraiser runs through to September—so please keep munching those Yummy Apples and collecting the stickers.

More sticker charts are available from the school office.

We look forward to receiving our share of the sporting equipment that comes our way after this campaign ends.

## VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Peacefulness" or "Rangimarie" which means having an inner sense of calm. It is being fair to others and yourself. With peacefulness everyone wins. When you are peaceful you respect others and their differences. People around you feel calm and safe. With peacefulness, any problem can be solved.

Next week the focus is "Diligence" or "Puku-mahi"

If you are interested in finding out more about The Virtues Programme developed by Linda Kavelin Popov try looking up [www.virtuesproject.com](http://www.virtuesproject.com)

## PARENTLINK PAGE

### PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A reminder that on the first Friday of every month Parentlink runs a sausage sizzle at lunch time.

The next Sausage Sizzle is **Friday 2 September**— children can have a sausage wrapped in bread with yummy tomato sauce for just \$2.00. Students need to bring their order to school in an envelope with their name, classroom and number of sausages required which needs to be written on the outside of the envelope and the correct change inside. Profits go towards a new computer cow.

If you can spare an hour or so to help at a sausage sizzle—any first Friday of every month—please contact Rachel 3839.557 or email [rachelandchris@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rachelandchris@xtra.co.nz).



### 2011/12 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The 2011/2012 Entertainment Book is available to purchase through Jennifer Dunn text 027 444-9679, phone 934.2179 or email: [kevjudunn@paradise.net.nz](mailto:kevjudunn@paradise.net.nz)

This Entertainment Book has great discounted rates at Wellington cafes, restaurants, family attractions, services, cinemas plus accommodation in NZ and Australia at the cost of \$60, and can be used until June 2012. You only have to use the book a few times to recover the cost of purchase, and \$12 from each book sold goes to Owhiro Bay School to provide extra learning resources for your child.

### ELECTION DAY FAIR

Parentlink are holding our annual fair on Election Day (26 November 2011, from 10.30—2.00 pm). As our school is a polling booth, we hope to attract more than the usual visitors.

Ishani is co-ordinating the fair this year. Please talk with her about your ideas for this event and how you can support this event.

Ishani Noble  
Ph. 3838.555

The next meeting is on Tuesday 30 August at 7.30 pm. Venue to be advised.

### MULCH FOR SALE

Hooray. We are selling bark mulch to raise funds for the school. This is a great time of year to give your garden some TLC so please purchase this and tell your family/friends that it is available from the school. We also need 'people-power' to help bag the bark. Bags are available from the school office or 199 Happy Valley Road—so you can do this in your own time and decide on how many bags you are able to fill to help raise funds for your child/ren's school.

For more details contact Sue on 938.2484.

**\$5 per bag—  
spread the  
word!**

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees on 23 August at 7.00 pm.

Please note that minutes of meetings are available to read in a folder in the foyer in the office.

### Owhiro Bay Learning Community Evening Sharing and Student Performance

A very big welcome to all parents, caregivers, families and friends for our Community Evening **tomorrow Thursday 11 August at 6:30 pm** in the school hall. Please come along to see your children perform and share some of the fantastic things that are happening in the Owhiro Bay Learning Community.



The evening begins with performances from the band, choir, and kapa haka, followed by three 15 minute stations where you can find about E-learning, Mathematics learning and Emergency Management. Children are working with the teachers and board to share some of their learning in these areas.

This is a chance to see what your child/ren are doing, to find out from students and teachers more about your child/ren's learning, and what is coming up for them in the remainder of the year.

We are looking forward to you joining with us for a cuppa and a chance to see your children in action.

### THREE WAY CONFERENCES—LEARNING CONVERSATIONS TUESDAY 16TH AND WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST 2011



Please note that these three way conferences are being held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August. This 15 minute meeting is an opportunity for you, your child and your child's teacher to talk about their individual learning goals and achievements.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their preferred times for meetings. The confirmed time for your meeting is coming home with your child today. Please note this in your diary now, as we look forward to you joining your child and their teacher to celebrate their learning successes and focus on their next learning steps.

### PRINCIPAL/PARENT CUPPA AND A 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 does not suit.



**A note from Whaea Lisa**  
Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

**Here-turi-koka = August**

Pronunciation : harey-too-ree koor-ka

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Every effort is made to present accurate information.  
The Board of Trustees does not accept responsibility for any inaccuracies.  
The Board is unable to accept responsibility for guaranteeing the goods or services advertised.

**Friends of Owhiro Stream Planting, track building and community landscape design day**

On Saturday 13th August from 10am - 1pm we will be getting together at the old Bagel Factory site, 323 Happy Valley Road to continue to work on our exciting landscape restoration project.


Families most welcome. We provide tools and gloves but please bring sturdy footwear and warm clothes. There will be a Barbecue lunch at 12.30.

For cancellation info check Newstalk ZB and for more information contact Martin Payne Ph: 389 8995

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St Brendan's School's

50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee  
and  
Our Lady of Grace's  
60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee



28—30 October  
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For more information and registration forms  
please visit [www.stbrendans.school.nz](http://www.stbrendans.school.nz),  
or email [stbrendans50thjubilee@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendans50thjubilee@gmail.com),  
or phone 04 9391909.