



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates To Remember

• Walk to School Day	11 February
• Meet the Teacher Class Meetings	16 February
• First Parentlink Meeting 2.00 pm in the staffroom	17 February
• Road Safety with Constable Duncan (Rooms 1, 3 & 6)	19 February
• Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm	23 February
• Hangi Organisation Meeting 6.15-6.45 pm (prior to BOT meeting)	23 February
• School Picnic (postponement date 26 February)	25 February
• School Fun Run (postponement date 4 March)	2 March
• Bikes & Wheels Safety with Constable Duncan	11 March
• School Hangi	19 March
• Mulching Day with WCC	30 March

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have already been in to visit your child's room and to say hello to their new teacher for 2010. Thanks also for being wonderfully organized to have your child's stationery ready for them to start school last week.

Just a reminder that **next Tuesday evening** (16 February) there is a short meeting at school to find out more about your child's teachers' expectations, the class routines, learning programmes and learning links for home and school. Research clearly indicates that when home and school work together children's learning increases significantly, so please come along for this 30 minute meeting as it is a great chance to

- meet the teacher
- meet other parents and caregivers in the room
- find out how we can work together to support your child's learning and development for 2010.

Please note that if you need to wait between meetings you are very welcome to spend time in the staff room and help yourself to a cup of tea/coffee. Your children are also welcome to play in the playground during the meeting time. If it is wet we will put a children's DVD on in the library for them.

How are your discussions about learning going with your child/ren? Following professional reading and discussion, Owhiro Bay School staff compiled the following key points about learning at our school.

Quality Learning at Owhiro Bay School is...

- Individual
- Complicated **and** varied
- Influenced by learners prior knowledge **and** experiences
- Influenced by learners 'peer talk' **and** 'self talk'
- Experienced in different ways through a variety of activities and experiences
- Planned so that learners experience new learning at least: 3 different times **and** in 3 different ways
- Explicit and specific eg: clear learning intentions and success criteria, school wide language for learning
- Very broad – programmes provide a wide range of experiences and activities
- Inclusive of social and cultural influences **and** aims to align these with school programmes

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- Research based
- Focused on building learning capacity/capability **and** building knowledge
- Encouraging students to relate to **and** have ownership of their learning
- Imitating others learning habits – students and adults
- Raising young people's level of resources to 'cope with life'

So keep on talking with your child about their learning at school and in the many other areas of their lives eg: family events, movies, sports, play, music.

Have a great week. See you next Tuesday evening at your child/ren's Class Meetings.

Ka kite
Karen



WELCOME

To Charlotte Gillespie and Sam Hazlewood who joined children in Room 5 this week. Also to leesha Turner-Ngapera who joined children in Room 3. Sam has a brother in Room 6. Welcome also to Charlotte and leesha's family to our school community.

Thanks

To Margit Weinert who has volunteered to help clear the garage of furniture and the shade cloths this Thursday 11 February at 9.00 am. Are there any more willing parents/caregivers who are able to help with this and also to help erect the shade cloths? Please contact Wendy—thanks.

To Andrew Ioannou for the wonderful job he has made erecting the murals outside classrooms last Friday. They look amazing! Harakeke (Room 5) and Taupata (Room 4) will be mounted on the end of the building over the next few weeks.

Thanks to the Hazlewood family for the donation of computer screen and keyboard. They will be put to great use—thanks.

EMAILING NEWSLETTERS

In an effort to reduce paper and cost, from Week Three (Wednesday `17 February), we will be emailing newsletters to parents/caregivers who have provided their contact address.. If you have changed or yet to provide us with your email address, please do so before next Tuesday. Thank you.

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.



HANGI ORGANISATION MEETING

Please join us at this meeting on Tuesday 23 February between 6.15 and 6.45 pm to plan and hear all about what is involved in the organization of the hangi. If you are unable to make the meeting and wish to learn more about what is involved or offer your help, please contact Wendy/Karen at school. At this meeting we will put a video on in the library for any parents who need to bring their child(ren) with them.

PARENT LINK

The first Parentlink Meeting for 2010 will be held on Wednesday 17th February at 2.00 pm in the staffroom. Please join us!

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.

We are currently looking for 3—4 people to help re-erect the shade cloths on Thursday 11 February. If you can help please contact Wendy.



HELP!

Are you able to accompany children from Rooms 1 and 3 to the field next door to the school at 10.15 each day for practice for the fun run.

Your help is needed from Monday 15th February.

The Fun Run will be held on Tuesday 2 March with a postponement date of Thursday 4 March if the weather is unsuitable.

ROAD SAFETY WITH CONSTABLE DUNCAN

On Friday 19th February Rooms 3, 6 and 1 will be working with Constable Duncan on pedestrian safety, especially focusing on travelling to and from school. Other classes will meet with Constable Duncan later.

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.



SCHOOL PICNIC

THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
(postponement date 26th February)

At the beginning of each school year, the whole school walks to a local venue for this special event. This year we intend walking along the coast to Red Rock's Visitors Centre and the shoreline there.

Further details in next weeks newsletter but please put this date in your diary and let your child's teacher know if you can join us for this event.



A NOTE FROM ROOM 6

Can Room 6 please have more plastic shopping bags and small sized art shirts (shirts with buttons or old t-shirts or skivvies) for 6 -7 year olds.

Thanks from Rowena.

A NOTE FROM WHAEA LISA AND WHAEA KAHU

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Kia ora = Hello!
Thanks. May you have health

Pronunciation : key-or-a

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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

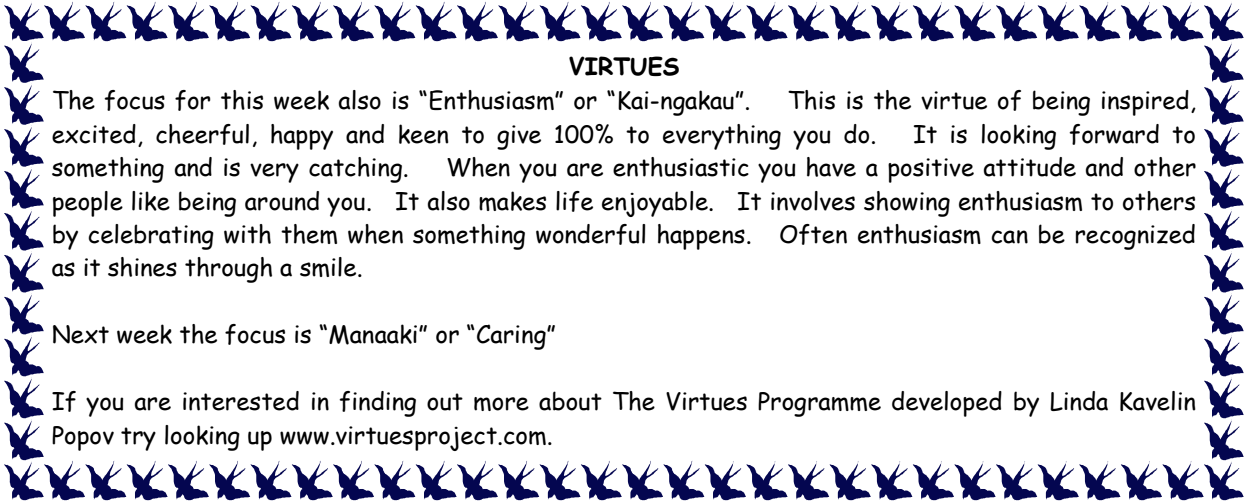
MEET THE TEACHER/CLASS MEETINGS

Hope you can join us at a parent evening on Tuesday 16th February to hear more about your child's day and school work/ expectations for 2010. Meetings will be 30 minutes per class.

Times for each class are:

5.30 pm	Harakeke (Room 5) and Pohutukawa (Room 3)
6.00 pm	Taupata (Room 4) and Karo (Room 1)
6.30 pm	Tawa (Room 6)

Please diary this date now and record the times for your child(ren)'s class. This short meeting will give you a good idea of how things work for your child/ren this year and the expectations of your child's teacher. If you need to wait between meetings you are most welcome to have a cup of coffee/tea in the staffroom.



VIRTUES

The focus for this week also is "Enthusiasm" or "Kai-ngakau". This is the virtue of being inspired, excited, cheerful, happy and keen to give 100% to everything you do. It is looking forward to something and is very catching. When you are enthusiastic you have a positive attitude and other people like being around you. It also makes life enjoyable. It involves showing enthusiasm to others by celebrating with them when something wonderful happens. Often enthusiasm can be recognized as it shines through a smile.

Next week the focus is "Manaaki" or "Caring"

If you are interested in finding out more about The Virtues Programme developed by Linda Kavelin Popov try looking up www.virtuesproject.com.

TE KETE ROUROU CLASSES : 2010

Te Kete Rourou classes will be running again this year. Please fill in and return the permission slip below and return to school as soon as possible if you wish your child/ren to attend these classes in 2010.

Te Kete Rourou and Kapa Haka are held on Friday afternoons in the hall.

**TE KETE ROUROU—MAORI ENRICHMENT CLASSES 2010
WITH WHAEA LISA AND WHAEA KAHU**

If you would like your child(ren) to join these classes, please sign and return this slip to school as soon as possible.

I/we request that : _____ Room No. _____
 _____ Room No. _____
 _____ Room No. _____

join Te Kete Rourou Maori Enrichment classes in 2010

Signed: _____

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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SELF-ESTEEM ENHANCEMENT COURSE FOR ADULTS

Dates: Tuesday 16 February - 23 March 2010 (6 sessions)

Venue: 88 The Parade, Island Bay.

Times: 7-10pm

Contact: Ishani Noble ph: 3838-555

HOUSE FOR RENT IN OWHIRO BAY

3 bedroom house with piano, Happy Valley Road, sun, stream and sea. Off street parking. Please contact 977 8002.

MOGMUSIC

Private tuition available for this term.

Piano Beginners—age 5—8 years

Recorder Beginners—age 7—12 years

Also tuition in piano for adult beginners

All lessons held at MOGMUSIC studio in Brooklyn.

Please phone Moggie Grayson 3848.213 to book in.

CHILDREN'S CERAMIC CLASSES AT NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Please see flyers advertising children's ceramic classes on the school community noticeboard opposite the office.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC EVALUATION OF MARINE RESERVES IN NEW ZEALAND QUESTIONNAIRE

Coming home with your child today is a response sheet requesting your feedback to help Ursula Rojas in her doctoral research in NZ assessing the economic value of marine environment with the aim of improving decision-making and improve public policies for marine conservation in NZ. Please return slips to Wendy in the office. Thank you.

ISLAND BAY FESTIVAL 2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY 13th February:

9 Ribble St Races - registration begins. Wellington's premium trolley derby, contestants line-up at 9.30.

1.45 Gather for the "Best-dressed Bike" and "Prettiest pet" competition at the Island Bay Presbyterian Church. Judged by Fairy Trina.

2.15 The Festival Parade takes off from corner of Avon St and The Parade. Join The Hurriplane, Flint and Amber and their fire engine, the bubble-man, vintage cars and more on the walk to Shorland Park

3.15 Variety Show begins. Watch the wealth of local talent - from Mr Fungus, The City of Wellington Pipe Band through to pop bands the Curly Beans and Poppydust, and many more -Shorland Park band rotunda. Food stalls and kids entertainment.

5 Start of open mike session at the band rotunda. For those budding performers out there - seize this chance at stardom: with help from the Red Dog Saloon Band as our fabulous backing band.

SUNDAY 14th February:

10 Market commences: food, clothes, art, jewellery. It will all be for sale, on The Esplanade - closed to traffic between Trent and Derwent Sts.

10 Swim from the Island Competition. Register at www.islandbay.net.nz. This event kindly supported by the Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club.

10.30 Big-dig: Presented by Island Bay Playcentre and Island Bay New World. Come and dig for treasure in front of the old surf club building! Until 1.

10.30 PORSE storytelling tent and Old MacDonalds petting zoo. In the pre-schoolers playground, Shorland park. Until 12 noon.

10- 2 Kayak tasters. The chance to get out for a paddle and explore our coastal paradise! At the beach. All provided by Canoe and Kayak.

All Day boat rides, marine discovery tours, fairground rides, DOC historical exhibition

10 - 3 Open day at the Marine Education Centre.

11 - 1 Experiencing Marine Reserves project - snorkelling lessons for children. For a gold coin, get your child started with snorkelling. Marine Discovery Hunt by Friends of Tapu Te Ranga Marine reserve

12 - 2 invite you to take part in fun and educational adventure. Prizes include a mask and snorkel set. Island Bay Beach.

12 - 6 Live Music in the Park. Great summer sounds all afternoon in the band rotunda from: The Eggs, Spartacus R, The Aviators, and Ginger Brown

2 The Blessing of the Boats. The flags, the colour, the tradition - beautiful!

4 Batucada!!! and The Annual Frocks on Bike Prize-giving award ceremony. Greet the best dressed bicycles as they wheel over the finish line from their coastal journey.

Full programme at www.islandbay.net.nz

