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# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Board of Trustees Meeting	17 February
Meet the Teachers and One Learning Community Old Fashioned Picnic	19 February
Life Education Trust Visit	23 – 26 February
Easter Break	25 – 29 March inclusive
End of Term 1	15 April

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora, Namaste, π pevet, Shalom, Talofa, Guten Tag, Vanakkam, ni Hao, Kia orana, Buenos Tardes, Namaste, π pevet, Shalom, Talofa, Konichiwa, Assalamulaikum, Salam, Hello.

Thank you to everyone who attended the powhiri on Friday. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome and make connections with the new families and staff in our One Learning Community.

That same morning following an alert from a parent regarding a high police presence on the Council owned sports field. The kindy and the school, activated our Invacuation procedures to keep our students safe. We then contacted the police directly to find out what was going on. It turned out they were setting up for warrant and registration checks on Happy Valley Rd, and there was no danger. Much better to be safe than sorry, and we carried on with business as usual.

We practise our invacuation and evacuation procedures on a regular basis and our students knew just what to do. Please be assured that Owhiro Bay School is indeed a safe place to be. Next time I will communicate this more promptly.

I have been really pleased at the way we are all settling into our new classes and routines. Next Friday the 19th of February we will be holding our "Meet the Teacher" sessions which will run as follows;

5.00pm Year 3-6 team  
Rooms 7,1 and 3 - Mrs Martin, Nicola and Sean

5.20pm Year 0-2 team  
Rooms 6, Harakeke- Rowena, Julia and Mrs Reynolds

Following on from these meetings is the Old Fashioned Picnic, a One Learning Community event held in the school grounds. Join us for some family fun.

The Board of Trustees are considering a change to the election process. Please read below for the details.

Our heartfelt thoughts are with Carl and family from Carlucciland. Let's hope Carl makes a speedy recovery. Thank you to our learning community for rallying around yesterday and once again supporting our families and friends.

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the Team

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2016

The Board of Trustees will be considering a proposal to have staggered Board elections. As parents from the school you are welcome to attend the next Board meeting where it will be discussed. We would have three on the first three yearly term, and two positions for an 18 month term which would then have a mid-term election for a three year period.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 February at 7.00 pm in the staffroom. All welcome or contact a BOT member for more information.

## THANKS

To the parents/caregivers who notified us this morning that the catch off the gate to the tennis courts had broken. We really appreciate that you let us know if you see any health and safety issues that you notice at school. We are in the process of getting the gate latch repaired.

To Mr Giddy who did the final landfill run to clear the last of the fair debris from the garage.

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## SUNSMART SUNHATS

A reminder that in Term 1 and Term 4, children need to wear a sunhat when outside every day. We encourage hats as opposed to caps to provide extra care in looking after the necks and ears. We also encourage students to wear sunblock and sun glasses when they are outside during the "Sunsmart" months to keep them safe from the sun's harmful rays.

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## VIRTUES

We continue to focus on "Respect" or "Whaka-ute" this week.

You are practising Respect when you....

- 🕒 Treat others as you want to be treated
- 🕒 Speak courteously to everyone
- 🕒 Take special care of other people's belongings
- 🕒 Are receptive to the wisdom of elders
- 🕒 Honour the rules of your family, school and nation
- 🕒 Expect respect for your body and your rights

Next week the focus is "Reliability" or "Mahi pono tia"

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## DONATIONS/TRIPS/ICT

Your parent donations play a crucial role in allowing us to provide additional facilities that enrich the learning environment at our school. As an example, it allows us to maintain a higher level of information and communications technology equipment that the Ministry of Education doesn't allow for

Payment can be spread over the year if parents/caregivers prefer, say term by term. Please remember that donations that are paid are eligible for a 1/3 tax credit, so the Government will effectively subsidise your donation. All you need to do is attach the receipt for your donation to the IRD donation slip and send this to the Inland Revenue.

Statements come home today with your child for the above.

Thank you.

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## SWIMMING 2016

For your information, swimming this year will be as follows:

Year 0 – 2 (Junior classes) – Little Makos in Term 2

Year 3 – 6 (Senior classes) – Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre in Term 3

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## LIFE EDUCATION TRUST

Charlotte, Harold and the Life Education Mobile Classroom are visiting from 23 – 26 February. As part of our health programmes each class will visit the classroom twice. Parents and caregivers who wish to accompany their child's visit are very welcome. Please check with your child's teachers.

The cost of this extra educational opportunity is covered by your child's trips donation for Term 1.



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## SPORTS SPOT

### Total Touch

Come and play total touch for Owhiro Bay School

6 week tournament, starting Feb 24th at Wakefield Park.

Grades of years 3/4 and years 5/6,

playing between 4.00 and 5.00pm

Fees are approximately \$30 for the term

Contact [Klare.braye@maturaraki.org.nz](mailto:Klare.braye@maturaraki.org.nz) 027 703 9829 - this week -if you are interested

### Term 4 Floorball (Indoor Hockey)

Term 1 Floorball kicks off on Feb 23 and Owhiro Bay will be entering teams into the Primary School League. The games are played on Tuesdays at times between 3.30 and 6. The kids have heaps of fun and have shown great improvement in their skills since we started playing two years ago. If your child is interested in playing, please email Paul Abbott (school parent)at paulabbottnz@gmail.com

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## TE KUPU O TE WIKI

kāinga = home

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## WHEELS DAY

Returning this year is Wheels Day Wednesday! Each Wednesday students can ride their wheels (i.e., bikes and scooters, rollerblades) on the courts at playtime and lunchtime. All children on wheels **must wear a helmet.**

Please name the helmet and ensure it is well adjusted to keep your child's head protected. All wheels are to be left in the bike or scooter racks in the area to the right of the office.

If your child wheels to and from school they **must wear a helmet.**



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## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to Te Rira Solomon-Murch who celebrates her birthday on 15 February.

Enjoy your day!



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## A NOTE FROM PRIDELANDS – AFTER SCHOOL CARE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME PROVIDERS

"Hello and Happy New Year,

I hope you enjoyed a well deserved break over the holiday period. I was able to spend some wonderful time with my family, although my two very active sons make home feel like Pride Lands Childcare!

Great news, In January school holidays, Ministry of Social Development (MSD) approved Pride Lands as a Level 3 OSCAR provider. MSD felt we have always had a consistent and great service and also noted our upgrades to our policies and procedures.

We also celebrated our 10th anniversary in childcare and would like to thank the those that made the effort to come and celebrate with us at Otari Wilton Bush last Friday “ We at Pride Lands thank you for the support you have given us all these years and promise to provide a first class service to benefit your pupils, parents and the reputation of your school.

Thank you for believing in us and we look forward to a fruitful relationship together moving forward”

Moses and the Team

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## 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 goods or services advertised).*  
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**Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?!**

Come and join **Marrzipan!** We run awesome drama classes at Owhiro Bay School! We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. All children receive an end of term progress report too, along with a certificate to remind them they are awesome! Give me a call to come along for a free trial, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development. **Contact Kayla on 02102645487 or email [kayla@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:kayla@marrzipandrama.co.nz)**

### Calling all Young Entrepreneurs!! – Island Bay Festival

Island Bay Festival Youth Market is offering students, from years 2-13, a true market experience where you can set up and run a stall while being supported by your community. You have the opportunity to practice business skills by selling food, homemade things, books or running a games stall. You plan, market, sell and buy. (NB: Parents must be there to supervise and help). Successful student applicants will have a free stall in which to sell items that they have created.

**The Youth Market will be held on Saturday 13 February 2016 at Shorland Park. Participant's set up at 1.30pm,**

**ready to operate from 3pm. The market finishes at 6.30pm but you can pack away when you are sold out or have simply had enough.**

If you're a student(s) that would like to have a stall at the Island Bay Festival Youth Market please contact the Youth Market Coordinator, Fiona Cockerill-Ghanem by email: [fiona.cockerillghanem@gmail.com](mailto:fiona.cockerillghanem@gmail.com) or mobile: 021 181 1557 for further information and an application form.

### Capital Trout Centre Open Day Sunday 21st February 2016

Children must have a licence to fish for trout and free licences/tickets are available from 8th February 2016 at the following stores:-

**Steve's Fishing Shop, 49 Ghuznee Street (off Cuba Mall)**

**Fishscene 1C Taurimu St Hatatai Wellington  
Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing, 444 Cuba Street,  
Lower Hutt**

The Centre is located behind the WCC Administration buildings on the way to the Wellington City Council Southern Landfill, on Landfill Road, Happy Valley, Wellington and is open to the public on specific days.

Children do not have to bring any gear as Club members will assist children to catch a trout on fly fishing tackle.

As the Centre is manned and maintained by volunteers we rely on donations to cover our expenses of purchasing the fish from the hatcheries, fish food and general maintenance.

Contact: Strato 387 7878 (wk) 386 3740 (hm)

### The Ribble Street Races – An Island Bay Festival Event

"Come and get your speed wobblers on Ribble Street! From 10am the street is transformed into a lego and supermarket cart racing wonderland. In the afternoon kids of all ages take to their home-made trolleys for the world famous Ribble Street Trolley Derby.

Get your entries in now, or just come and enjoy a day of speed, absurd amateur engineering, food, and refreshments. All lego karts need to be pre-registered before the day – <http://www.islandbayfestival.org.nz/index.php/events/ribble-st-lego-races/>

Check out the festival website for more details, [www.islandbayfestival.org.nz](http://www.islandbayfestival.org.nz)