



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates To Remember

- ERO team visits Owhiro Bay School— Powhiri 9.00 am 17 May
- Parentlink Meeting 2.00 pm in the staffroom 21 May
- Band and Music Tuition begins 25 May
- Orchestra Concert & visit to Te Papa/Sea Museum 28 May
- Queens Birthday Break 7 June
- School Planting Day 11 June
- Sportzone Soccer Tournament (at school) 14 June

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 whanau who came along to Kapa Haka yesterday to watch your students practice their performance skills, and then enjoy the Student Council Oxfam Fair Trade coffee break afterwards. Your generosity has raised \$67.00 in donations for Oxfam. On behalf of the Student Council and Deanne, a special thank you for making this event such a successful one.

Please remember that you are warmly invited to join with your child, their teachers and the board to welcome the ERO team to our school at the powhiri at 9:00am on Monday. They are keen to talk with parents/caregivers, families and whanau during their time with us, so please make the time

to come along and speak with them either at the powhiri or at another time on Monday to Wednesday next week.

It is great to see our students talking about what bullying sounds like, looks like and feels like, but even better hearing them practice what to say to stand up for themselves should this happen to them. It is important for our children to know what bullying behaviour is and also that it is not OK. Please continue to talk with your children about what bullying is...

Bullying is unacceptable, deliberate, hurtful behaviour

It is also behaviour that is usually repeated over a period of time and happens when one person tries to use power over another/ others.

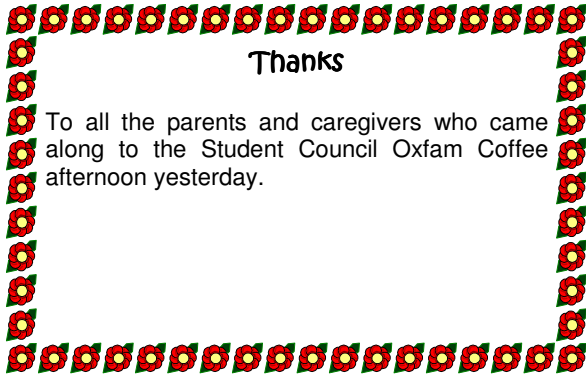
Things like name calling, saying or writing nasty things about others, leaving others out of activities or not talking with them, threatening them, or making them feel scared/uncomfortable, stealing or damaging their things, hitting or kicking them or making them do things that they don't want are all examples of bullying behaviour when they are repeated over a period of time. None of these behaviours is acceptable at Owhiro Bay School.

The Kia Kaha programme works to remind students that no one deserves to be bullied **and** that being bullied is never the fault of the person being threatened or hurt. Please let your child's teacher, or the school, know should your child experience bullying behaviour. The Police and School recommend that it **not** advisable to approach the child/young person who is bullying or their family. We suggest that this is best done through the school, or if it is a serious incident outside school, to contact the local police.

Have a happy week. We look forward to welcoming our new Board of Trustees to their valued and important role when the results are forwarded to us this Friday. Please look out for the note that is coming home to you this Friday to advise you of the composition of our new Board.

Ka kite

Karen



Thanks

To all the parents and caregivers who came along to the Student Council Oxfam Coffee afternoon yesterday.

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.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees has been scheduled for Tuesday 25 May at 7.00 pm, however this date and time will be confirmed with the new Board once they take office.

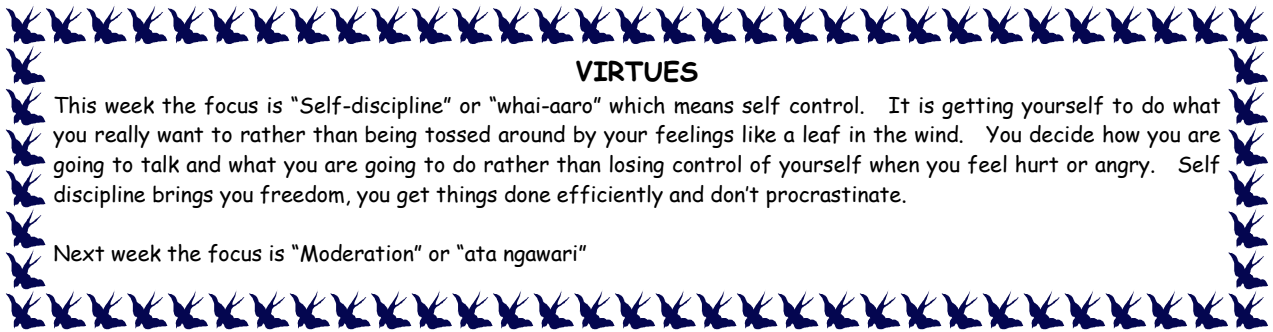
Please note that the minutes of these meetings are available to read in a folder in the foyer in the office.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

A reminder that next week an ERO team is visiting our school as part of their regular cycle of visits.

The team are in our school from next Monday. Our review team is lead by Claire Cockburn who is accompanied by Beverley Steele, and Christine Austin. All parents and caregivers are welcome to join students and staff to help us welcome these visitors and to speak with them about our great school. The Powhiri will be on the morning of 17 May at 9.00 am.

ERO reports are designed to support our school's own self review processes and programmes. We welcome the Review Team and their feedback on how we can continue to improve what we do to promote student learning and achievement at Owihoro Bay School.



VIRTUES

This week the focus is "Self-discipline" or "whai-aaro" which means self control. It is getting yourself to do what you really want to rather than being tossed around by your feelings like a leaf in the wind. You decide how you are going to talk and what you are going to do rather than losing control of yourself when you feel hurt or angry. Self discipline brings you freedom, you get things done efficiently and don't procrastinate.

Next week the focus is "Moderation" or "ata ngawari"

40 HOUR FAMINE

Our school is again supporting the World Vision 40 hour famine which runs from 21–23 May 2010.

Please note parental consent is required before famine books are sent home with your child, so a note to Wendy would be required with permission and as in previous years, it has been advisable that 8–12 year olds just undertake 20 hours.

As the school is accountable for ensuring money collected (along with returning all sponsorship booklets) it is important that these be returned to school by the beginning of June.

We strongly recommend that parents/caregivers should accompany students when collecting money or that they go with a group of other participants to do this.

A NOTE FROM WHAEA LISA AND WHAEA KAHU

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Kaha = effort

Pronunciation : car - har



PARENTLINK

Parentlink is your school fundraising committee. Please help us continue to raise funds for much needed new IT resources for student learning at Owhiro Bay School.

New Promotion for Term 2: The Little Red Book

Treat yourself to \$1000 worth of dining and entertainment discounts including:

- * 25% off the total bill deals at Instana Malaysia, Kayu Manis, The Long Bar and Strawberry Fare
- * Complimentary drinks offers at Esquires Coffee Houses, The Coffe Club and Butlers Chocolate Cafe
- * Buy one karting and/or indoor golf and get one free at Indoor Grand Prix

Plus many more great deals for a night out, a coffee break and weekend and school holiday fun!

This is fantastic value for only \$29.95 and the school receives \$8.00 from every sale!

A sample book can be viewed at the school office. For more information please visit

www.LittleRedBook.co.nz or contact Helen Orange on 383 5223 or mattandhelen@xtra.co.nz

To purchase your copy/s please return your order (below) and payment to the school office.

Owhiro Bay School T-Shirts

There are still some size 10 and 12 good quality school t-shirts available. Remaining stock is being sold at a reduced price of only \$15.00. T-shirts can be viewed and purchased at the School Office.

Entertainment Books

The Entertainment Book contains hundreds of 25-50% off and two-for-one offers from popular restaurants, cinemas, hotels and arts and leisure activities. Books cost \$60 each and \$12 from every sale goes towards our school fundraising targets. An Entertainment Book can be viewed at the School Office.

Next Meeting: 2pm Friday 21 May in the school staffroom. All parents, caregivers and your ideas are very welcome.



*And watch this space for a tasty croissant
fundraiser coming later this term.*



THE LITTLE RED BOOK

Your name:.....

Your child's name and room number:.....

I would like to order copies of the Little Red Book @ \$29.95 each = \$.....



Please make cheques payable to Owhiro Bay School or place the correct cash in an envelope.

Thank you for your support.