



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

◆ Bike & Road Safety—Constable Duncan visits	6, 7 & 13 April
◆ Student Council Mufti Day	15 April
◆ Last Day of Term 1 2.00 pm	15 April
◆ Beginning of Term 2—8.55 am	2 May
◆ Life Education Mobile Classroom in School	2-4 May
◆ Parentlink Meeting 7.30 pm	10 May
◆ Written Reports Come Home	11 May
◆ Mulching Day	20 May

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for the term. Although term one has been longer this year, it still seems to have flown. Thank you to our students and their teachers who have worked hard over the past 11 weeks to get the year off to such a great start for learning. Thanks also to all our wonderful parents, caregivers and whanau who help support this learning and the many extra educational opportunities that would not be possible without your assistance.

What a wonderful recital evening for students learning keyboard last night. It always amazes me the skills and abilities our students are developing, including the perseverance in practicing for improvement and the courage to perform to larger audiences as at the recital on Monday night. Thanks also to Jonathan and Shan, along with Jocelyn Oldcorn, for the work they do in the school to promote the development of our students' musical abilities and talents. If you can make it along to school at 2:00 pm tomorrow you are very welcome join us for a school band and percussion group performance in the hall.

Over the break, there will be some activity around the school as Kidsco are running a school Holiday Programme that leaves from and returns to Owhiro Bay School each day. The cleaners will be in working as will many of our teachers in preparing for the new term. As in the past we ask that our local parents, caregivers and families keep a look out for our grounds and buildings. If you see any suspicious or inappropriate behaviour around the school, the police advise that you call 111 immediately. With many schools suffering vandalism and arson outside school hours, we appreciate your help in keeping our school safe.

Have a great break from school over the Easter and Anzac day period everyone. We look forward to catching up with you again next term.

Ka kite
Karen



Thanks

To Eno Lepaio who came to our rescue on the weekend and replaced the sump cover on one of our drains in the field and ensuring the safety of all our children and community using the fields.

To Anaru the visiting pounamu carver who shared his knowledge and skills with Te Kete Rourou groups last week.

To Linda Lee, Jenny Smith, Yesim Maurer, Donna Graham, Abigail Riantorini, and Jen Solomon for all their help in the library processing, covering, re-shelving and generally lending a hand. We really appreciate your help!



To all the parents/caregivers who came along to the Three Way Conferences last week or made another time for these important learning conversations if you couldn't make it that week. Please note the feedback sheet attached to this newsletter. We appreciate your feedback to improve future Three Way Conferences.

End of Term Band Performance

Please join us to hear our amazing band and percussion group perform to us all on Thursday 14 April at 2.00 pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Dress Up Day to Support Japan— this Friday 15 April



The Student Council have organized a Dress Up Day to fundraise money for Japan after the devastation from the earthquake and tsunami

Please come wearing red and white, the colours of the Japanese flag or something that relates to Japan, e.g., a kimono, karate costume, this Friday 15th April (last day of term) and please bring a gold coin donation.

STUDENT COUNCIL & STARSHIP FOUNDATION COLLECTION OF OLD CELLPHONES

A reminder to ask your friends, family, neighbours, workmates to send their old mobile phones along to school so we can convert them into valuable educational resources for our school such as interactive whiteboards, computers, camcorders, books and sports gear and at the same time raising funds for Starship's National Air Ambulance Service.

Once collected we can swap them from a list of available products. Each reward has a set value (number of phones) that can be swapped (with as few as 50 phones).

A marked collection box can be found in the foyer—opposite the school office. Please place those unused mobile phones in this box.



Safety in the Sun

Children are encouraged to continue wearing sunhats until the end of the term to keep them safe from UV Rays.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the huge amount of lost property in the lost property box opposite the lunchroom. This will be laid out in the corridor outside the hall or under the shade cloth on Friday so that the many items that need to be re-united with their owners go home.

At the end of term, any un-named, unclaimed items will be given to a local charity.

PARENTLINK PAGE



SUSHI LUNCHES - EVERY THURSDAY STARTS TERM 2

Wrap it Up Sushi is providing sushi lunches to our school every Thursday. Choose a healthy lunch option and order sushi for your child. Look out for varieties and prices in the flyer coming home with your child today or check out our website – www.wrapitupsushi.co.nz Don't forget to have orders in by 9am Wednesday, or make it easy on yourself and pre-pay for the whole term, just e-mail us at wrapitupsushi@gmail.com

PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

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

The next Sausage Sizzle is this **Friday 6 May (after the holidays)** – children can have a sausage wrapped in bread with yummy tomato sauce for just \$2.00. Profits will go towards a **new computer cow** – to allow more children access to ICT.

If you can spare an hour or so to help at a sausage sizzle – any first Friday of every month – please contact Rachel 383 955 or e-mail rachandchris@xtra.co.nz She is setting up a roster and would appreciate all offers of help.

Please note that the correct money needs to be in an envelope with the child's name and class number written on it.

NEXT PARENTLINK MEETING

The next meeting of Parentlink is held at Klare Braye's house, 117a Severn Street, Island Bay on Tuesday 10 May at 7.30 pm.

Why don't you come along—Parentlink is a friendly, inclusive group of parents and all are very welcome.

PARENTLINK FUNDRAISING THE 2011/12 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The 2011 / 2012 Entertainment Book has just been launched and is available to purchase through Jennifer Dunn, text 027-444-9679, ph 934-2179 or email kevjdunn@paradise.net.nz.

The Entertainment Book offers great discounted rates at Wellington cafes, restaurants, family attractions, services, cinemas plus accommodation in NZ & Australia.

A sample of the book for you to look over can be found in the school office foyer.

The books cost \$60 and can be used immediately, expiring June 2012. \$12 from each book sold goes to Owhiro Bay School. You only have to use the book a few times to recover the cost of purchase.

NEW ENTRANTS BEGINNING SCHOOL

As we are currently looking at future school organization, we are keen to know of children who are likely to start our school in 2011–2013.

Please could you notify the school if you have a child starting school, a sibling of one of our existing students or a neighbour, relative that you know may have a student who will be starting at Owhiro Bay School over the next three years.

As always we ask you to encourage your friends, neighbours, family and acquaintances to come in to our school to consider whether this is a place that they would like their child to be supported in their learning and development during their primary schooling at any time, even if they are considering enrolling their child at another school and would like to see how Owhiro Bay School compares.

A note from Whaea Lisa

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Ngahuru = autumn

Pronunciation : Nar-who-roo

STAR WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week our star writer is:

Webster Lepaio—Room 7 (age 6)

Webster is becoming an independent writer when he is working hard to write the sounds he hears in words and spell words he knows correctly in his draft writing. He recently wrote this great recount about Discovery Time:

“I like Discovery Time because it is cool. I like my work”

VIRTUES

The focus this week is “Trust” or “whaka-ae-tika” - which is believing someone or something. It is having confidence that the right thing will happen without trying to control it or make it happen. Trust is being sure, down deep, that there is some good in everything that happens. Trust brings a positive attitude toward life. When you trust, you relax and let go of worries.

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

HELP WANTED – WORKING BEE - HELP NEEDED

Hi Caregivers + Parents + Pupils + Community,

At Owhiro Bay School we're looking to organise a working bee on **Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th May 2011.**



The biggest project is to replace the bark in the junior playground but at the same time we want to do a general tidy up around the school.

We have a variety of jobs to tackle and we need people with specialised skills, as well as those willing to grab a shovel, wheelbarrow or gardening fork – there will be a way that you can help!..

- ◆ **General helpers** – Replace bark in junior playground, trim trees along fence line, clean guttering, hose down buildings, general clean & tidy, remove concrete path.
- ◆ **Gardeners** – Tidy and improve existing gardens.
- ◆ **Plumbers** – Replace two hand basins, guttering repairs, fix toilet overflows.
- ◆ **Builders** – General repairs & maintenance to make the school safer.
- ◆ **Painters** - General repairs & maintenance to keep the school looking sharp!
- ◆ **Electricians** – Install & replace exterior sensor lighting and other minor works.
- ◆ **Engineers** – Help to design/draw future projects for consideration eg: volley wall.
- ◆ **Cooks** – BBQ sizzle. To help fuel the kind considerate people who have pitched in and given their time and their skills for our children.
- ◆ **Gophers** – Just help fill the gaps, to make the day easier for all!

Should you want any further information please feel free to contact George Theodorou 021-760 847 or 383-8407 or georgetheodorou@clear.net.nz

If you are able to help out with any of the work & another day suits better than the weekend working bee, please contact George direct or make note on slip below.

If you could complete the form & return to school offering your services it would be greatly appreciated!

Name/s -

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Home Phone -.....

Mobile Phone -..... e-mail -.....

Service & skills you are offering:

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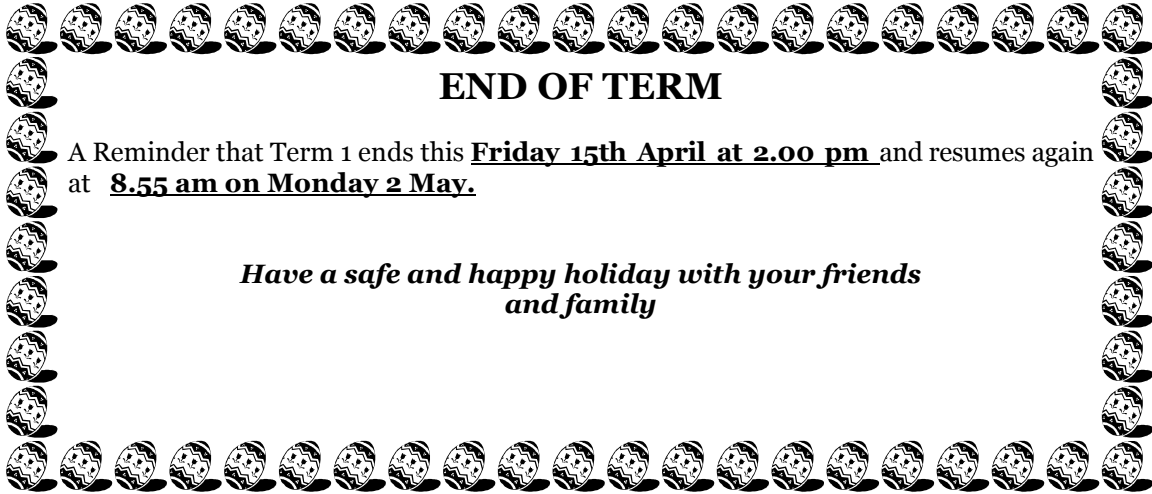
Any equipment or resources you may have available or access to, e.g. Tip truck, trailer, chain saw, concrete breaker, sky hook, garden hoses, wheel barrows, anything you may consider helpful.

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Other preferred day(s) to offer my services are.....

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On behalf of the students of Owhiro Bay School Board of Trustees, teachers/staff & community we thank you in advance.



END OF TERM

A Reminder that Term 1 ends this **Friday 15th April at 2.00 pm** and resumes again at **8.55 am on Monday 2 May.**

Have a safe and happy holiday with your friends and family

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.

KIDSCO April Holiday Programme: Theme: Journey into Space!

Dates: Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 April 2011

The children will work together in teams to create a big moon base that will double as a set for "space travel" play throughout the week. Following that they will create accessories to complement their space fantasy activities.

As always we'll keep the activity stations open to enable children the variety that they enjoy at KIDSCO Programmes, and the opportunity to stretch their legs for the more energetic of the group.

Book your place now online at www.kidsco.co.nz. or simply email us at kids@kidsco.co.nz if you have already completed an enrolment form this year.

School Holidays at ZEALANDIA

KIDS ADVENTURE BY NIGHT

Join our ranger guide to learn about the weird and wonderful world of weta, kiwi, tuatara, glow-worms and other special creatures who only venture out at night.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 6pm - 7:30pm.

Kids (7-12 yrs) \$15, Adults \$30. Booking essential. (04) 920 9200.

BUILD YOUR OWN WETA HOTEL

Build your very own take-home weta hotel to put in your garden and watch the wonderful world of weta.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11am - 12am. Booking essential. Free with admission.

PLUS EVERYDAY

Free boat rides 11am – 3pm (weather permitting).

Free explorer trail activity sheets.

Free ranger talks 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm.