



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

◆ Band Performance 2.30 pm (in hall)	14 July
◆ Harry Potter Film Evening 8.30 pm (Empire Theatre)	14 July
◆ End of Term 2 (2.00 pm)	15 July
◆ Beginning of Term 3 (8.55 am)	1 August
◆ Parentlink Sausage Sizzle	5 August
◆ Learning Community Evening (6.30 pm)	11 August
◆ Three Way Conferences (late night Wednesday 17 August)	16 & 17 August
◆ Whole School Production	6 October

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for the term. Even though it has been an eleven week term, it seems to have flown by - and we are now officially half way through the academic year!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students and their teachers for all the effort they have put in to learning programmes and their learning goals in term 2. Our teachers spend many extra hours preparing exciting programmes to provide new learning challenges for your children, and they also put in the extra effort at many school events too. This is appreciated by us all. Please check that you have returned your Three Way Conference slip (attached to the newsletter if you still need to do this before 3pm tomorrow) as we are currently organising times for the 16 and 17 August meetings. Confirmation slips will come home with your first newsletter next term.

Thank you also to the parents, caregivers and whanau who go the extra mile to help out at school, transport students, supervise students at events, work to fundraise...and more! All these things help your own child/ren but also all of the children in our learning community. Kia ora koutou. I know that this year's fair organization group is currently keen to recruit new members; also our Parentlink fundraisers are working away to provide extra educational resources and opportunities for our children, so please join them ...'many hands make light work' and you will have some fun while making friends with other parents in our community.

A big thank you to all the students and their families that supported the Student Council Red Socks day last week. It was interesting to see all the brightly coloured feet in the school on Friday, and the socks were great value at \$3.00 a pair. With seven pairs left, you are very welcome to purchase a further pair (or pairs) through Wendy at the office.

Often at this time of year, Room 5 starts to grow in terms of student numbers. To help our newest students get the best possible start to school we try hard to keep the numbers low in our New Entrant classroom. Consequently next term some students are moving on from Harakeke/Room 5 to Karaka/Room 7. Next term Austin, Eden, Freeman, Jasper, Kahn and Serena are joining Abby and the children in Karaka/Room 7.

Have a warm, restful and safe winter break over the next two weeks. We look forward to catching up with you all again on 1 August.

Ka kite
Karen



Thanks

Thank you to George Theodorou who straightened some shelving for us in the Resource Room. As always George, your help is appreciated.



To the parents, families and friends who came along to hear their child's keyboard recital at school last night. What talented children you have!

STUDENT COUNCIL—RED SOCKS DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported Red Socks Day last Friday.

There are 7 more pairs of socks available at \$3.00 each if your purchase these before 2.00 pm on Friday.



Welcome

To Millicent Holloway who joined children in Room 5 yesterday. Welcome also to her family into our school community.

EMPTY CARDBOARD WINE CASKS

These make great journal boxes. If you have any of these or could collect them for us, please drop these off in Room 6 or the office. Thank you.

VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Compassion" or "pa te-aroha" which is having kind feelings towards someone who is hurt or troubled. Caring deeply and wanting to help, even if you don't know them. Being kind and forgiving someone who has hurt you.

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

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property which will be laid out in the corridor or under the shade cloth (if fine) during the latter part of this week.

There is an enormous amount of clothing that needs to be re-united with owners. Please check before this Friday, as any un-named, unclaimed items will be given to charity.



STAR WRITERS

This week our STAR WRITERS are:

- ★ Sophie Tait (Pohutukawa—Room 3) Age 10 For her powerful piece of writing about the cold, southerly weather. Her language choices produced an effective image for her reader of what it is really like.
- ★ Mac Johnson (Pohutukawa—Room 3) Age 9 For an amazing piece of writing about the cold southerly weather conditions and being prepared to network his writing to make it even more effective for the reader.
- ★ Ellen Griffiths (Pohutukawa-Room 3) Age 10 For making some excellent language choices to evoke imagery from her writing about the cold, blustery weather. Fantastic similies too!
- ★ Te Rangihau Te Uatuku (Tawa—Room 6) Age 8 For working independently on every second line, putting sounds he hears in words, using correct spelling of words he knows and writing interesting pieces of writing.
- ★ Jasper Feenstra (Harakeke—Room 5) Age 5 For writing some exciting stories using 'wow words" or words that add interest to his story.

The Wind
By Sophie Tait

The Wind
Hitting me like a truck
Pulling the trees and the bushes
So cold it's licking my bones
Freezing me inside and out
Speeding like a bullet
But impossible to see
Shimmering the puddles
Running through the grass
Screaming in my ears
The Wind

By Mac Johnson

Spirits Swimming
Waves crashing against the sandy shore
Cold whispers tingling the back of your neck
Misty hills swaying with grim dismay
Breathtaking wind, crashing against your skull
Gulls circling above the atmosphere.
Whispering wind begging for mercy.

By Jasper Feenstra

Solomon and me rode on Harry. We wibbled and wobbled and tripped and trotted. It is cool. I really like it.

By Ellen Griffiths

The trees that are dancing with the wind are like a whole orchestra playing together in harmony.
The powerful wind slaps me hard it stings making it hard to breathe, gnawing my clothes.
A disco is here, everybody, everything has got the dancing syndrome, if you don't dance you get forced to by the wind.
The chit chat from class neighbours is drifting away, floating like jellyfish in the wind.
The fierce, fiery wind pushes anything and everything in its way.

By Te Rangihau Te Uatuku

I am going to play Bey Blades. It was poisonous snakes. It is strong. Fares has two Bey Blades. It was good.

Mum did some shopping and she put some in the cupboards.

PARENTLINK PAGE

SUSHI LUNCHES

Unfortunately, due to decreasing number of orders, sushi will not be continuing in term 3.

Wrap it Up Sushi thanks all those who bought sushi this term.

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 5 August (the first week back)**— 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.

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: kevjdunn@paradise.net.nz



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

A sample of the book for you to look over can be found in the school office foyer and orders can be placed at the office to be picked up by Parentlink.

The books cost \$60.00 and can be used until 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.

NEXT PARENTLINK MEETING (FAIR ORGANISING MEETING)

Parentlink have been given permission by the Electoral Office to run our fair this year in conjunction with Election Day (26 November 2011) and as our school is a polling booth, we hope to attract more than the usual visitors.

We would love you to join the organizing committee at the first meeting on Monday 25 July at 7.30 pm. This is at Ishani and Peter Noble's home, 84 Happy Valley Road, Owhiro Bay.

Please come along to meet and talk with Ishani about your ideas for this event.

Ishani Noble
Ph. 3838.555

MULCH FOR SALE

We are selling bark mulch and need people-power to bag it up. Bags are available from the school office or 199 Happy Valley Road—so you can do it in your own time.

For more details contact Sue on 938.2484.

**\$5 per bag—
spread the
word!**

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

Hararei = holiday

Pronunciation : "har-rah-ray"

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is the Learning Community Evening on 11 August and the following Board meeting is 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 on Thursday 11 August. 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.

This is a chance to find out from students and teachers more about what your children are learning, and what is coming up for them in the remainder of the year.

The evening starts at 6:30pm in the school hall, and will go no later than 8:00pm. Please note that there will be supervised activities for your children while you attend the three stations.

SUPPORTING EDUCATION

Free, inclusive, universal access to all children with 100% qualified teachers is the ethos of Kindergartens in New Zealand. With the recent Government cuts to Early Childhood Education, it is of great concern to educationalists and parents that these are now under threat. The Kindergarten Association is campaigning to retain 100% qualified teachers to protect the quality of early childhood education. They are asking us to support them and their commitment to preserving quality early education for the children of New Zealand. As their biggest advocates, they are asking parents, caregivers, families and community members to contact their MP to ask that funding is put back into Early Childhood Education.

If you would like any further information about this, please contact the Owhiro Bay Kindergarten staff, committee or Wellington Free Kindergarten Association.

LAST DAY OF TERM 3—THIS FRIDAY 15 JULY

Please note school ends at 2.00 pm so your child will need collecting at this earlier finish time.

Have a happy and healthy holiday with your child/ren.

See you all again on Monday 1 August at 8.55 am.

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.

A Knight to Remember

A Magical Medieval Interactive Improv Experience for Kids 3-10 years old! A Knight to Remember is about a brave and noble Knight who while on an important Quest from the Queen, stumbles across a powerful magic spell – and now he's lost his memory! The Improvisors create a totally interactive show for kids that uses the audience's ideas and suggestions to steer the course of the story, maybe even joining in the action live on stage!

We welcome and encourage the audience to come dressed up for the occasion – Knights, Queens, jesters and magicians are all welcome to add to the interactive experience (and fun).

18 – 30 July, 11am & 1pm weekdays, 11am Sat, no show Sun, Circa Theatre, 1 Taranaki St, Wellington , Bookings: 04 801 7992 or www.circa.co.nz , \$10 all ages

Newtown Movie School

Making stop motion movies in the school holidays.

Nitro Movie Challenge (all the fun of the 48 hour film festivals but at kid speed)

Monday 18 to Friday 22 July 2011 (5 days - 9am to 5pm) Cost \$300

Stop Motion

Monday 25 to Wednesday 27 July 2011 (3 days - 9am to 5pm) Cost \$200

Programmes are limited to 12 children aged 9 to 15. Registration forms and examples of our previous movies are on our website - www.acumen.net.nz/pages/MovieSchool.html, or contact Craig Lauridsen (04 389 1000 / 021 966 277) or craig@acumen.net.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES (Cont'd.....)

The Incredible Years Programme for Parents of Children Aged 2-7 Are you looking for a Parenting Programme that is proven to change behaviour?

The Incredible Families Charitable Trust, together with Capital Coast DHB and Hutt Valley DHB are running three Incredible Years programmes in the Wellington region beginning August 2011. Details are:

Johnsonville (evenings) Wednesdays, starts 24 August 7.00—9.30 pm
Newtown Tuesdays (starts 23 August 8.30—12.00 noon
Naenae Wednesdays starts 10 August 9.30—12.00 noon

Cost: Free

Course Duration: 14 weekly sessions, excluding school holidays.

Content: Play
Praise and Rewards
Effective Limit Setting
Handling Misbehaviour

For an enrolment form please contact Vicki Nelson, Incredible Families Charitable Trust, phone or text 027 474 5075, email vm.nelson@paradise.net.nz, www.Incrediblefamilies.com.

For more information, please also see school noticeboard.

Harbour City GymSports

Harbour City GymSports, situated in Haitatai Park, is now accepting enrolments for Term 3, 2011 gymnastic classes. For enrolment and registration information please contact our office ph: 386 4443 or email: office@hcg.org.nz. In Term 3 we are offering two new (5 week block) classes in Introductory Rhythmic Gymnastics and Junior Trampoline 6-9 years."

Koru Artspace July School holiday Art and Craft Classes:

OAMARU STONE SCULPTURE:

Wednesday 20th 1.00 - 2.30
Thursday 28th 1.00 - 2.30
You will learn to use handtools to create a small stone sculpture.

PAINTED GLASS CANDLE HOLDER:

Wednesday 20th 10.30 - 12.00
Thursday 28th 10.30 - 12.00
Handpaint a glass candleholder (t-lite)
using sponge, brush and outlining
techniques.

MONO-PRINTING

Thursday 21st 10.30 -12.00
Learn this easy and fun art technique and mount your artwork onto cards and a fridge magnet.

BEADED NECKLACE AND EARRINGS

Thursday 21st 1.00 - 2.30
Make a beaded and crimped necklace on tigertail and matching earrings.

CHARM BRACELET

Wednesday 27th 10.30 - 12.00
Attach charms and gemstone beads to a bracelet chain.

HANDPAINTED TILES

Wednesday 27th 1.00 - 2.30
Paint a tile using sponge, brush and outline techniques. A name plaque for your room or an artwork for the wall.

Phone Ruth 383-5757, 027-313-8183

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

These three way conferences are being held on Tuesday 16th August and Wednesday 17th August. This 15 minute meeting is an opportunity for you and your child to meet individually with your child's teacher to discuss their learning goals and achievements.

Please mark your preferred three times that are most suitable to you in order of preference by using 1 (first choice), 2 (second choice) and 3 (third choice) to help us allocate a meeting time for you and your child. Please return this slip by Thursday 14 July so that we can confirm exact times before the meeting days. Confirmation of meeting times will come home on Wednesday 3 August (first week back).

For these meetings the school will provide supervision in the library for siblings while you are attending these conferences.

Tuesday 16th August

3.00— 4.00 pm
4.00—5.30 pm
5.30—6.30 pm

Wednesday 17th August

3.00—4.00 pm
4.00—5.30 pm
6.30—7.30 pm
7.30—8.00 pm

For my child(ren) _____ in Room _____
_____ in Room _____
_____ in Room _____

Please indicate whether you have a child who requires supervision during your conference time YES/NO. Number of children _____

Signed: _____