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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Prize Giving/Poroporoaki at SWIS 6.00 pm	15 December
Last Day of 2016 (2.00 pm)	16 December
First Day of 2017	1 February

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Kia ora, Hello, Talofa lava, Chao, Ni Hao, Dia dhaoibh, Namaste, Giday, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Bula vinaka, Mālō e lelei, Sawasdee πpevet

"It takes a village to raise a child," is a well used African proverb. Many thanks to all those parents who joined us on the zoo trip as part of our Learning Community village. We appreciate that you gave of your time to ensure all our students enjoyed another successful Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) experience.

Last night our Country Fair team met to celebrate their hard work and share new learning from this years event with a view to making next year's event run even more smoothly. We'd like to encourage more parents to join Parent Link and become involved in our major fundraiser for the year. Keep an eye out for details of our infamous Silent Auction which

will run in the New Year. This year we raised approximately \$22,000. Yahoo! The school portion of \$14,000 will be put towards furnishing the community space when we remodel Block A in 2017. This year Parent Link have continued to support curriculum development with a donation of \$16,000 towards upgrading our computer hardware. A full report of donations from Parent Link and how the school used these in 2016, will be available at the beginning of 2017.

On Friday from 11.00am we have lots of moving to do. Mrs Martin is moving back into Room 1, Rowena is moving into Room 3 and Mrs Reynolds is moving into Rooms 6/7. If you are able to help us with this we'd love to see you. Mrs G will be supervising students in the Hall during this time.

When talking to your child/children about their day at school try these 3 questions:

How were you brave today?
How were kind today?
What did you fail at today? (Let's celebrate it) More ideas like these can be found online at MindShift.

Have a good sleep tonight.

See you all tomorrow night at the Prizegiving to celebrate our school year and Farewell at South Wellington Intermediate Hall, access off Rintoul Street, Berhampore..

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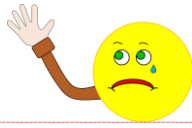
Nāku noa nā,
Tineke and the team

FAREWELL

To our wonderful Year 6 students, Maddison Buddle, Matthew Debrecey, Max Ware, Serena Dahya, Tia Dry, Anusha Noble, Austin Kyne, Daniel Long, Nico Buhne, Stella Maiden, Freeman Dombroski, Kahn Barrington and Matthew Abbott. Also to the families of Serena, Austin, Stella, Freeman and Kahn who are also leaving our school community. Thank you to each of you for all the support over the years.

Farewell also to Joseph and Theo Massey and Isabella McIntyre who are leaving the area. All the best in your new schools.

To the wonderful members of our teaching team - Nicola Clissold, Sean Mead and Sara Maret. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.



VIRTUES

We continue this week with our focus on "Purposefulness" or "Whakatara – nga"

I am practising purposefulness when I.....

- 🕒 Have a vision of what I want to accomplish
- 🕒 Concentrate my efforts on the goal
- 🕒 Keep from getting scattered or distracted
- 🕒 Do things one at a time and finish what I start
- 🕒 Get back on purpose if I do get distracted
- 🕒 Persevere until I get results

TAKE PART IN THE SCHOOL READING CHALLENGE! WIN PRIZES AND BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

The Challenge is open to all 5-12 year olds with their own Wellington City Libraries membership. It's free to participate and registrations are not required. It runs from 1st December until 31st January.

The Challenge encourages children to continue reading over the summer holidays, by providing incentives for reading and reviewing books from a reading list of carefully selected titles. Children will earn prizes for their book reviews, as well as gain entries into the challenge's main prize draw for each review they write.

The Challenge is run online, which means that children can participate from anywhere at any time. Book reviews can also be handed in to any Wellington City Library.

The Reading Challenge booklet can be picked up from any Wellington City Library (or downloaded from the website). It contains the reading list for the Challenge, and information on how to participate. It is set up to encourage children to read, critically review and comment on their reading choices, while discovering new reading interests and genres.

At the end of the Challenge, the school with the highest number of students reading and reviewing (as a proportion of their total student population) will win Bookseller tokens. There are \$500 of vouchers to reward the top school.

STATIONERY LISTS

By now you should have received reports and stationery lists for your child/ren. A reminder that these stationery items need to be brought to school on the first day (1 February) As in the past you will have the choice of purchasing your stationery requirements online this year from Eeny Meeny (www.schoolpacks.co.nz) from late December or from your choice of stationery companies.

Please note – only the items marked specifically on the stationery list can be purchased from the school at the beginning of the year, all other items must be purchased from elsewhere.

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 of students and 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.

SPORT SPOT

Total Touch Report

What an excellent end to a term of touch. There has been outstanding team play, resulting in wins all round! Thanks heaps to our coaches and parent support.

Year 3-4 Owhiro Bay Sharks

The final touch game for the year we won 7 – 3 winning our grade and securing a 3rd place in our draw. The Sharks have come a long way and are now ready to be challenged next year at a higher level. My pick for Most Improved Player of the year was Atarau. His attitude to listening and learning impressed me and as a result, he was able to go from point zero to being a valued team player. Joel, Kobe and Cheech provided the flue to support the team, whilst Lenn, Arun and Dylan prevented tries by making touches on the fastest opposition players. Dylan stood out this week with his sidestep and acceleration and was literally the Most Valuable Player of the Year. Thanks Dean.



Year 5 – 6 Owhiro Bay Orcas

It was a very exciting and competitive final game but the Orcas fought hard to the end, taking a 3 – 2 win over Scots, a win for our grade and an overall third placing for our division. Thomas stole the show with a run-away try and also received Most Valuable Player. Kahn was our Most Valuable Rookie! All the boys showed great defence and teamwork. Well done Thomas, Kahn, Ollie, Nico, Matthew A, Austin and Freeman! Best luck to those who have been playing with the team since we began four years ago and are moving on to SWIS next year. You are all individual stars and amazing team players.

Thanks to Klare for all her organising and co-ordinating and to Rachel for her great commitment as our team coach.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

A reminder that school finishes at 2.00 pm this Friday 16th December and resumes again for 2017

*on Wednesday 1 February at 8.55 am
Hope you have a safe and happy holiday
From the Board and Staff at Owhiro Bay School*