



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

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| ◆ Parentlink Meeting 7.30 pm | 20 September |
| ◆ Whole School Production (Thursday evening) - 6.30 pm | 6 October |
| ◆ Final Day Term 3 (2pm finish) | 7 October |
| ◆ First Day Term 4 (8.55) am Tuesday following Labour Day) | 25 October |
| ◆ Board of Trustees Meeting | 8 November |
| ◆ Owhiro Bay Community Fair | 26 November |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

With all the winter/spring ills and chills that are currently around, we continue to remind children to use the foaming anti-microbial hand sanitizer regularly - especially before eating. We also encourage them to use tissues when coughing or sneezing, or into their sleeve if there is not a tissue available. Please note the Regional Public Health letter later in this newsletter that has some further information regarding keeping healthy.

During the next few weeks the whole school is involved in production preparation and practices. This year the script has been written by students in Pohutukawa/Room 3, and there is currently a competition open to all students to come up with a fitting name for their show. The performing arts focus in 2011 is on dance and movement, however there is also singing and acting to link these routines. If you think the World of Wearable Arts was a fantastic event, please diary the 6 October and get ready for your child's amazing performance. Thank you to the parents who have already agreed to do a job or supplied some items for the event. You may find some further requests come your way from your child's teacher or through the newsletters in the next couple of weeks.

As in past years the production will be performed at South Wellington Intermediate Hall from 6:30 – 7:30pm. The tickets for the show go on sale from next Monday at the same cost as tickets in 2009 - \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5 – 16 years of age and pre-schoolers free. The reason there is an entry fee is to cover the costs of buses to the dress rehearsal, the use of hall, lighting, sound, costumes and props.

How are those learning conversations going with your children? Please continue to talk with your child about their learning, their goals and how they are achieving these... along with their next learning steps. These conversations provide a way for you to share your child's progress and development. It also encourages them to see value in their learning and that learning occurs in many different situations or aspects of their lives eg: sports, Brownies or scouts, art clubs, music lessons, baking, walking, skiing... as well as within the classroom.

Have a great week.

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Karen.



Thanks....

To Emma, Yesim, Ling, Nicci, Klare and Melanie who have offered to clean towels for each classroom block. If anyone has any spare towels they don't require, we would be grateful of any donations.

To Grant Maiden and Ross Alexander for moving the couch to Harakeke (Room 5) last week. Your help was really appreciated.

WANTED FOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION BY HARAKEKE (ROOM 5)

- * Bob the Builder Hats (construction hats) - urgent please
- * Gumboots (to fit a five year old).

Please either drop them into Room 5 or at the school office—thanks.



HELP PLEASE!

Harakeke have a new couch. We need someone to take our old one to be recycled. Please let Deanne or Wendy know if you can do this.

Thank you.

BAY BLADES AT SCHOOL

Thank you to the parent who notified the office that some of these have been going missing at school. As always, we remind children not to bring expensive or valued toys/possessions to school. Although teachers encourage children to respect others and their belongings there is no guarantee that these will not be lost or taken.

We continue to work with children to encourage them to name any belongings they bring to school and to monitor children's property, so if any items or extra bay blades turn up at your home, please can you return them to the office or drop them into the school mailbox. Thank you.

VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Enthusiasm" or "kai ngakau" which means being inspired, full of spirit and cheerful. It means doing things whole-heartedly with zeal and eagerness. Giving 100% to what you do and being excited and looking forward to something, having a positive attitude. Everything is boring to a person without enthusiasm.

Next week the focus is "Confidence" or Maia".

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

PRINCIPAL/PARENT CUPPA AND A 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 does not suit.

PARENTLINK PAGE

PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The next sausage sizzle day is Friday 7 October (the last day of Term 3) 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.



ELECTION DAY FAIR

The annual fair is on Election Day (26 November 2011, from 10.30—2.00 pm) this year. As our school is a polling booth, we hope to attract more than the usual visitors.

Ishani is co-ordinating the fair for the school and kindergarten this year. Please talk with her about your ideas for this event and how you can support this event.

Ishani Noble
Ph. 3838.555

Raffles

Thanks to Donna Graham who has offered to be a co-ordinator for school-sourced raffles this year and to Nic Furlong who is co-ordinating Kindergarten-sourced raffles..

Please contact Donna if you have any contacts who might be able to donate items for the raffles. Also, if families within the school or kindergarten would like to donate an item (eg. chocolates, wine, toiletries- that kind of thing) that would be gratefully received. Any items can be left at the school office—thank you.

The next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 20 September at Ishani and Peter Noble's house, 84 Happy Valley Road (back section) Owhiro Bay. All very welcome.

ABACUS CALENDARS, CARDS AND DIARIES FUNDRAISER

Your child/ren are currently in the process of completing their fantastic artwork that can be transformed into professionally printed calendars, cards and/or diaries. These make great gifts, are ideal for posting overseas and the calendars are perfect for the family fridge! Every sale makes a return to our school fundraising so thank you for our support!

Art Calendar	\$10.00
Art Cards	\$12.00
Art Diary	\$15.00

Please note the following timelines:

14 September	Order forms sent home—please return to the school office with correct payment
19—30 September	Please view your child/ren's artwork at the school office and submit your order
MONDAY 3 OCTOBER	LAST DAY FOR ORDERS

You will receive your order back by Friday 4 November.

MULCH FOR SALE

Hooray. We are selling bark mulch to raise funds for the school. This is a great time of year to give your garden some TLC so please purchase this and tell your family/friends that it is available from the school. We also need 'people-power' to help bag the bark. Bags are available from the school office or 199 Happy Valley Road—so you can do this in your own time and decide on how many bags you are able to fill to help raise funds for your child/ren's school.

For more details contact Sue on 938.2484.

**\$5 per
bag—**

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

ua whatu = rain stones or hail stones

Pronunciation : "ooh-ah far-to"

SLAPPED CHEEK

Thank you to the family who notified the school regarding their child who had their doctor confirm they had "Slap Cheek".

From: Public Health Service—Childhood Conditions

Slapped Cheek is a viral illness caused by the human parvo virus.

A rash on the face (giving the appearance of slapped cheeks) and a rash on the arms and legs. The child will also have a fever and feel unwell. The infection spreads by drops of fluid from the nose and throat.

The incubation period is between 4—20 days. The child will only be infectious before the rash appears. Although the disease itself may last from 1—3 weeks once the rash appears the infectious period is over.

General supportive treatment such as rest and plenty of fluids. If the fever is high, get advice from the family doctor.

Providing there is no fever, a child may attend school or pre-school with the rash. The child will not be infectious at this stage.

BOOK FAIR PURCHASES

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have forwarded their money for book fair purchases and received their books. If you have still to do this, it would be appreciated if this could be forwarded as soon as possible as we need to return the unsold books and the money to the suppliers.

Donated library books, once processed, will be sent home with your child to read first before being placed on the library shelves.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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GIVE IT A TRY

GIVE IT A TRY at Capital EDive into the history books with this clever high-tech recording and score the winning try in style! With a little bit of help from Capital E's greenscreen technology you'll be superimposed into a stadium so real you'll hear the roar of the crowd. Filmed at two angles, jump right into the action with a minute on the clock, before soaring over the try line and into rugby history! No need to worry about grass stains – off-screen you'll be landing on a specially designed mat. Afterwards compare your run and dive with other rugby stars as your footage is uploaded online. Fun for the whole family! 10am – 4pm daily until 23 Oct
www.capitale.org.nz

CONSERVATION WEEK.

Families are invited to participate on a Treasure hunt during this current conservation week (11-18 September). This event will be carried out on Sunday 18th September, starting at mid-day at Island Bay Beach, and finishing at 14:30pm at Owhiro Bay Ramp. It is FREE cost, supported by Victoria University of Wellington, Department of Conservation, Ministry of Fisheries, and The Forest and Bird. The treasure hunt will be based on games and questions related to conservation, biodiversity, and Taputeranga marine reserve.

Five stations along the Taputeranga Marine Reserve Coast. Questions about conservation, funny family games, prizes for all children participants. We will raffle super awesome surprise prizes for the best clue hunters and cartoonist!.

WELLINGTON DIVING CLUB

Wellington Diving Club Would you like to learn to dive ? Springboard and Platform diving improves confidence, co-ordination, agility and its great fun ! We are running an introduction session on Saturday 24th September 11am-12, at Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie. Cost \$5 + pool entry. Numbers are limited, please contact me for expressions of interest by email wellingtondiving@gmail.com or phone 9732874.

OLIVE OILS—Hurry last week!

On behalf of the Wellington Chinese Pre-school—Yau Yih Yun (YYY) Kim Lau (Katelin's mum—Room 6) is selling award winning olive oils from the Village Press Hawkes Bay at \$16.00 per unit. The Village Press donates \$3.00 per unit sold back to the pre-school. You can check this out for more information <http://www.thevillagepress.co.nz>

A leaflet is displayed on the school community noticeboard outside Wendy's office. All orders and payment by 20 September. Oils arrive on 1st week of October.

Please contact Kim on 3838.978 or 021 1836602 or kimjit@gmail.com.



9 September 2011

To Staff and Parents and Caregivers of Wellington Region Schools and Early Childhood Education Centres (ECECs)

You are probably aware of a primary school in Karori which is reporting high levels (~30%) of illness amongst pupils and staff. The main symptoms are sore throat, headache, fever, cough and vomiting. This would fit with a viral illness one possibility being an influenza virus. To prevent spread of viral illnesses (including influenza) in educational institutions and in the community there are some simple but effective steps that can be taken as follows:

1. Children or staff who are unwell should not be at school/ECECs or attend social function and sports matches. Children can still be infectious even when symptoms improve so ensure they do not return to school/ECEC until 48hrs after symptoms have stopped.

If unwell children, parents and staff are worried about their symptoms or have an underlying condition that makes them vulnerable to severe illness, they should telephone Healthline 0800 611 116 or their own GP for further advice.

If children or staff become unwell while at school they should be rested in an area away from others where they can be monitored until they are able to be taken home. Staff caring for ill children should take care to avoid becoming ill themselves by wearing a face mask if the child is coughing, using gloves and an apron if required and washing hands regularly after any contact.

2. Prevent the spread of germs by ensuring everyone covers their mouth and nose with tissues when coughing and sneezing and put used tissues in a covered bin or a plastic bag. (If there are no tissues available, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve – not your hands). Remember to wash your hands afterwards.

3. Encourage children and staff to wash their hands regularly. Clean hands are the single most important factor in preventing the spread of germs. Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water and dry them for 20 seconds with a dry towel or paper towel, or use an alcohol-based hand rub. Hands should be washed before preparing food and eating; after coughing, sneezing, blowing your nose, or visiting the toilet. Consider having hand sanitising stations and/or hand washing reminder signs and stickers throughout the building(s).

4. Regularly clean surfaces that are touched a lot (e.g. door handles, bench tops, toilet and bathroom areas). Viruses can live up to 48 hours on hard surfaces. One of the most effective and cheapest disinfecting solutions to clean these surfaces is a solution of household bleach and water (see Appendix). This is useful in educational institutions and in the home.

Further useful information can be found at www.moh.govt.nz.

Please contact Regional Public Health (04 570 9002 and ask for call centre or after hours the On-Call Medical Officer of Health) if you recognise there is increased illness over what is expected for this time of year in your school/ECEC. It will be useful to have information on the numbers of illness and the types of symptoms.