



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

◆ Emergency Evacuation Practice (tomorrow)	16 June
◆ Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm	21 June
◆ Emergency Evacuation Practice (postponement date)	23 June
◆ Parentlink Meeting	28 June
◆ Student Council/Red Socks Day	8 July
◆ Harry Potter Film Evening	14 July
◆ End of Term 2	15 July
◆ Beginning of Term 3	1 August
◆ Community Meeting 6.30 pm	11 August

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

What a wonderful turn out for the games afternoon on Sunday. We hope that the 30-40 people who came along to join the fun enjoyed your afternoon. Thank you for supporting this Parentlink fundraiser.

Another well supported get together was the Matariki performance and afternoon tea yesterday. Many thanks to all the parents, caregivers and family members who made it along to this Matariki celebration. We hope that you enjoyed seeing your child/ren performing and sharing some of the learning they have been involved in at school. Thank you also for supporting this event by sending along kai (food) to share, and for the feedback you provided for te reo (Maori language) and tikanga (Maori culture) at this event. If you were unable to make it along yesterday you will find a feedback sheet for you to share your thoughts attached to this newsletter. If you would prefer to share your ideas kanoahi ki e kanoahi (face to face), we are happy for you to talk directly with Wendy or Karen in the office, or any of the other staff members who will pass them on.

As the weather forecast is predicting reasonable conditions, please note that our annual Emergency Evacuation requires you (or one of your emergency release adults) **to collect your child from the Tsunami Safety Zone from 2:30pm tomorrow.** This exercise is designed to practice one possible emergency scenario that is likely to occur in our area, and is part of the learning programme in your child/ren's classrooms about emergency preparedness. As always we will be asking for your feedback on how the evacuation worked for you and any ideas for improving what we do to ensure the safety of your children and our staff should such an emergency situation occur.

Once again our thoughts are with the people of Christchurch after their horrific start to this week. We hope that your week is going well and that you are enjoying the calm weather and sunshine here in Wellington!

Ka kite
Karen



Thanks



To George Theodorou for the wonderful job of repairing the tennis nets for all to use.

To the Ng family for the donation of books to our school library. These will be well read.

To the parents/caregivers who have donated food items for our emergency food bank.

To all the families who provided food for the Matariki celebrations yesterday. We hope you enjoyed your afternoon.

SECURITY CALL OUT PERSONNEL—An Urgent Request

HELP! We require someone to be on call to come in to school, with the guidance of the security monitoring company who will advise the location of the problem area, investigate (with Police assistance if required) and re-set alarms. In the past, callouts have been for minor reasons, insects walking across sensors, rodents, draughts and a curtain setting sensor off. This donated service to the school is a valued “fundraiser” as it provides an enormous saving in call out fees which enables funding to be used directly to support the curriculum and childrens learning.

So....if you live fairly local to the school and would you be prepared to be on our building alarm callout list—please contact Wendy at school. Thanks.

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 does not suit.



STUDENT COUNCIL—RED SOCKS DAY

The Student Councils “Red Socks Day” on Friday 8th July. National Red Socks Day is a day during Leadership Week where we can celebrate great leaders and the difference a great leader can make. By celebrating Leadership Week, we are celebrating great leaders and Sir Peter Blake. Money will go into helping the Sir Peter Blake Trust run programmes such as Care for our Coast and Antarctica Leadership Programmes in Schools.

Red socks will be sold at school for \$3.00 on 8 July.



VIRTUES

The focus for this week is “Honesty” or pono-nga”. Honesty is being open, trustworthy and truthful. When honest people can rely on you not to lie, cheat or steal. It is telling the truth, admitting mistakes even when you know someone might be angry or disappointed. You don’t have to pretend to be something you are not—you can trust things to be as they appear.

Next week the focus is “Humility” or “ngakau papku”.

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



Annual Emergency Evacuation Practice

Tomorrow afternoon we are evacuating to the school's Tsunami Safety Zone. This is up the road from Domanski Crescent, across the road to the clearing/car park on the left (half way up Murchison Street).

The scenario for tomorrow is a large earthquake with the likelihood of a tsunami requiring immediate evacuation. IN ANY LARGE EARTHQUAKE you will know that the whole school will evacuate to this Tsunami Safety Zone, and expect your child to be there for collecting.

Please note the map attached to this newsletter to indicate where your child will be waiting to be collected by you or one of the emergency release adults you have notified the school of. This adult will sign for your child and the time of collection noted on the Emergency Release Log.

Thank you for your support of this evacuation. We will be asking for your feedback following the evacuation to improve safety for your child/ren and our staff.

NB: Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have already donated non-perishable items of food to store at school to be used in the event of an emergency. We are asking families to donate a can or packet of food to this 'food bank' ***by this Friday 17 June***. All donated items will be stored until next years evacuation, when it will be forwarded to the City Mission as we annually request donations from our families to be used for their children should the need arise.

Please remember to check out where your child will be evacuated to in the likelihood of a tsunami (and during the evacuation tomorrow afternoon).

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

Korowai = cloak

Pronunciation : cor-o-why

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is on Tuesday 21 June at 7.00 pm.

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

STAR WRITERS

This week our star writers are:

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| Alyssa McIntyre—Room 1 (age 8) | For writing an original song during a wet break. Your brainstorm was numbered to organize your ideas into your draft. |
| Bela Graham—Room 1 (age 9) | For writing an original song during a wet break - lunchtime. |
| Kaylani Leota—Room 1 (age 8) | For writing an original song during a wet break - lunchtime. |
| Nina Maurer—Room 1 (age 8) | For writing an original song during a wet break - lunchtime and for the report on Life Guards. It had all the elements of a good report with an opening, a closing, and all the information organized so that it followed in a logical order. |
| Hamish Dayal—Room 7 (age 6) | For the effort put into writing a long recount about your Dad's birthday—also for being proud of the hard work you put into this piece of writing and using punctuation in your draft. (Unfortunately we were not able to publish Hamish's recount as it has since gone home) |

Life Guards
By Nina Maurer

Life guards are heroes out at sea. They save lives. Being a fast swimmer is very important. Every time you go to the beach you will see life guards sitting on a big chair and they will have a red and yellow swimming hat on. That is so people can identify where they are. They have lots of equipment like: boats, helicopters, surfboards, kayaks, jets skis and they have a special red board they put people on, and bring them out of the water. Then they do the CPR on person. CPR means cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Life Guards can do CPR on babies, children, adults. Life guards are all over the World. Every day they have to train. Life guards have to save people in deep water, ocean and pools. When you see people and they are not okay you run to a life guard and say, "there is someone not okay".

Another skill, they swim under water and they also have under water gear. They risk their own lives. When there is someone that is not okay and life guards can't help you call 111 and then a helicopter will come. You could be on television. Life Guards are very important because they save lots of people.

PARENTLINK PAGE

A HUGE THANK YOU

To Parentlink for their generous donation of \$13,000. This is being used for the purchase of a computer "calf" and 10 ASUS laptops. Thank you to everyone who supported and continues to support our wonderful Parentlink fundraising team and fundraising events.

SUSHI LUNCHES—EVERY THURSDAY

Don't forget to have your order in **by 9.00 each Wednesday** or make it easy on yourself and pre-pay for the whole term. Just email us at wrapitupsushi@gmail.com **Having trouble remembering to order? If you would like a reminder email every Tuesday drop Rachel & Jane a line at wrapitupsushi@gmail.com and you'll never forget your sushi order again!**

Orders must be in an envelope (with the correct money), the child's name, room number and order on the outside. Envelopes can be dropped off in the plastic container in the foyer opposite the school office no later than 9.00 am on Wednesday.

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 1 July**— 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 the 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: kevjudunn@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.

NEWSFLASH!

We have secured the premier of
**HARRY POTTER-THE DEATHLY HALLOWS -
part two (last of the series)**

Thursday 14th July 8.30 pm at the Empire

Tickets \$20 are on sale on Friday mornings from
the school foyer.

Alternatively contact klare on
klare.brave@matuaraki.org.nz.

**Feedback for Improving Learning Programmes
At Owhiro Bay School**



What has your child enjoyed most (or valued learning) in te reo (Maori language) and tikanga (Maori culture) at Owhiro Bay School?



What else would you like your child to learn in te reo (Maori language) and tikanga (Maori culture) during their time at Owhiro Bay School?



What are your expectations and aspirations for your child's learning in te reo (Maori language) and knowledge about Maori history, culture and heritage by the time they leave Owhiro Bay

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.

AUDITION NOTICE

Hutt Repertory Theatre- The Velveteen Rabbit

108 Oxford Tce, Epuni

Sunday 10th July 1pm

lots of lovely parts for children of all ages.

Will be staged in the October holidays.

Weekend meditation course in Island Bay

Would you like to experience more peace in your life? Nowspace offers a simple, effortless meditation course that allows you to move beyond the chaos of the mind. Benefits include dissolving stress and anxiety, improving sleep, relationships, health, focus and clarity. A weekend course is running in Island Bay on 15-17 July (7-9.30pm on the Friday, 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-4pm Sunday). For bookings and further information, please contact Clelia on (04) 970-4267, or see www.nowspace.co.nz.

Island Bay Marine Education Centre

[Bait House Aquarium](#)

Next Open Day

Sunday, June 19th

10.00

am-3.00 pm

\$2 per person

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Brooklyn Indoor Community Market

at the Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street.

Saturday 25 June, 9.30am to 1pm, rain or shine.

A great variety of stalls on offer, including pottery, plants, books, crafts, jewellery, garments, homemade biscuits, cakes and jams, plus a fun playground for the kids.

Everybody welcome.

