



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

◆ Swimming for Rooms 5, 6 & 7	14 February—9 March
◆ Lantern Making & Paper Cutting Workshops in Classrooms	17 February
◆ Owhiro Bay Learning Community Picnic - 5:30pm	25 February
◆ Children's Day Event at Parliament	3 March
◆ School Fun Run	4 March
◆ School Fun Run (postponement date)	11 March
◆ School Hangi - 5:30pm	18 March
◆ Swimming starts for Rooms 1 & 3	21 March
◆ Three Way Conferences	5 & 6 April
◆ Bike & Road Safety—Constable Duncan visits	6, 7 & 13 April
◆ Last Day of Term 1	15 April

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have already been in school helping and/or helping your child/ren at home to be organised for their learning day. We appreciate that it is a busy time of year for families in organising things like stationery, sunhats, swimming togs and towels...and really appreciate your help in naming items of clothing and equipment. This makes a positive impact on your child's ability to more easily locate their belongings during the day, and has been very helpful for promoting and practicing this week's virtue of **Orderliness**.

With the headlines in this morning's paper it is a timely reminder to us all to be mindful of the many different ways we can endeavour to keep our children safe. It is a further reminder to look out for text, email or facebook messages that our children may be receiving or sending.

At Owhiro Bay School we recognise the importance of students feeling connected with other people, and having a sense of belonging at school. Staff work hard to promote this and to monitor student safety. Although school is a busy place with many demands on their time, all our staff are excellent at following through with any queries or concerns raised by students, or yourselves. We continue to encourage students to tell others if their actions make them feel unsafe or uncomfortable, and to seek help if this does not work. We also encourage students to ask us if there is something that is unclear or concerning to them. Please remind your child/ren that we are very happy to listen to them, to clarify and help resolve any issues. We encourage them to raise these with their teacher, Wendy or myself, no matter how small they may seem. We believe that it is best to clear these so that children can concentrate on enjoying their day at school and can focus on their learning.

In terms of the safety of our students, at Owhiro Bay School we believe that bullying is a community issue and one that we all need to look out for to help eradicate.

Our school community of children, parents, caregivers and staff have defined bullying as:

Bullying is unacceptable, deliberate, hurtful behaviour.

At Owhiro Bay School we have **zero tolerance** for any disrespectful or bullying behaviour.

We do not have :

- ◆ damage to property or taking others things
- ◆ physical hurting or violence
- ◆ play fighting, weapons or war toys
- ◆ hurting with words
- ◆ threatening words or body signs

Thank you for your support in helping keep our school the safe and encouraging place of learning that it is.
Enjoy your week

Ka kite
Karen



Thanks

To Lisa Jackson for her continuing support in the library and the school even though George has moved on to Intermediate. We really appreciate her support.



SWIMMING

A reminder to all Room 5, 6 and 7 children to bring their named togs and towels each Monday and Wednesday until 9 March. Please also name underwear and garments your child is wearing as it helps them identify those items in the changing sheds.

Buses depart school for the Aquatic Centre at 9.25 am to enable children to be ready for 10.00 am lessons

Rooms 1 & 3 on begin their sessions on 21 March and end on 13 April.

LANTERN MAKING AND PAPER CUTTING

As part of the Chinese New Year Festivities, a group of artists are coming into school to work with children in each class sharing their skills at lantern making and paper cutting.

Workshops will take place this Thursday from 9.30 am throughout the day.

Thank you to Kim Lau for alerting the school of this exciting extra educational experience for our students.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS WANTED PLEASE

If you would like to help in the library this year, please let Wendy or Abby Radford know as soon as possible. You can help on site in the library or at home. You can leave a message with Wendy or email Abby at abby@owhiro.school.nz. Tasks would include processing, shelving, covering, returning and marking books.



Thank you.

Safety in the Sun

During Terms 1 and 4, wearing of sunhats is compulsory in the playground, so please check your child as a **named** hat to wear at school. The school does not provide sunhats, so if your child does not bring one to school they will need to play under the shade cloth area during breaks in Term 1.

We also encourage the use of sunglasses and sunblock during these summer months.



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 you.



NEEDED URGENTLY PLEASE

We have a small supply of spare girls swimming togs at school if children forget theirs, we would also like to have a further supply of boys togs (ages 6-10).

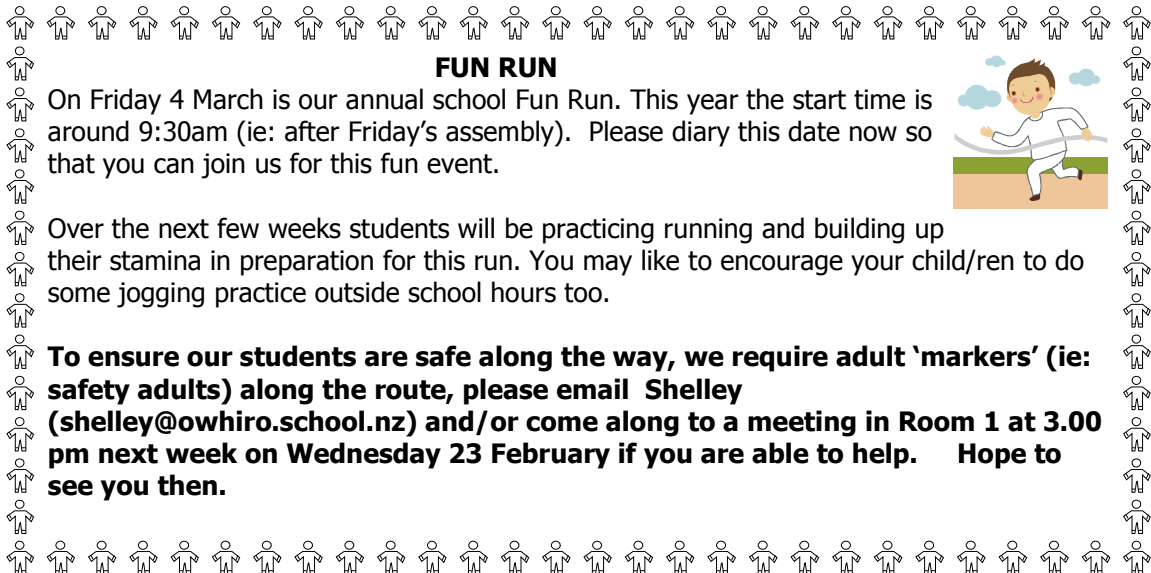
If you have any spares that your child may have grown out of or for any other reason, please drop these off either to Room 5 or Wendy in the office.

Thank you.

Children's Day Event at Parliament

On Thursday 3 March the whole school is travelling to Parliament for a special event and celebration for Children's Day. Buses leave from school at 10:30am to arrive at Parliament grounds for 11:00am. The buses pick us up at 2:00pm for our return to school that day.

If you would like to accompany us by bus please let your child's teacher know, or you may wish to meet us at Parliament if you work in the city.



FUN RUN

On Friday 4 March is our annual school Fun Run. This year the start time is around 9:30am (ie: after Friday's assembly). Please diary this date now so that you can join us for this fun event.



Over the next few weeks students will be practicing running and building up their stamina in preparation for this run. You may like to encourage your child/ren to do some jogging practice outside school hours too.

To ensure our students are safe along the way, we require adult 'markers' (ie: safety adults) along the route, please email Shelley (shelley@owhiro.school.nz) and/or come along to a meeting in Room 1 at 3.00 pm next week on Wednesday 23 February if you are able to help. Hope to see you then.

NITS

Thank you to the parents that have informed the school their child had contracted nits.

Please ensure that you check your child's hair regularly and to treat if necessary to stop the spread. If you are a little unsure what to look for, Wendy has some more information/pamphlets on nits and their eradication.

Please reinforce with your child, the importance of not sharing sunhats. Hats also need to be washed well as checking/treating hair.

A Rhobi comb is available from the school office to borrow if you wish.

VIRTUES

The focus this week is "Orderliness" or "Whaka tikatika" which means being neat, living with a sense of harmony, being organized and finding a place for things. It means doing something step by step instead of going around in circles. It also means putting first things first, taking care of things you need to do. When people are orderly, they get things done efficiently, without wasting time and effort. When you are orderly you can find a solution to any problem and find your belongings.

Next week the focus is "Idealism" or "whakaaro rangatira"

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

ROAD AND BIKE SAFETY

Please note that all children are required to wear helmets when they are riding their bikes, scooters or wheels to school and on "Wheels Day" at school (i.e., Wednesday). Later this term Constable Duncan will be in school working with students to do safety checks on their bikes, and to reinforce road safety messages—especially when crossing the road.



Thank you to all the students who are walking their bikes, scooters and wheels to and from the bike stands before and after school. By doing this the pedestrians entering and leaving are kept safe as well as the students with wheels. Please help us to reinforce this with your child or other children in the school that you see with bikes, scooters and wheels.

Te Kete Rourou Classes 2011

Te Kete Rourou classes have started for the year. Please fill in and return the slip below and return to school as soon as possible if you wish your child/ren to attend these classes in 2011.

Te Kete Rourou Teina (junior) classes start at 1:30pm, whole school Kpapa Haka at 2:00pm and Te Kete Rourou Tuakana (senior classes) at 2:30pm.

TE KETE ROUROU—MAORI ENRICHMENT CLASSES 2011 WITH WHAEA LISA AND WHAEA KAHU

If you would like your child(ren) to join these classes, please sign and return this slip to school as soon as possible.

I/we request that: _____ Room No. _____
_____ Room No. _____
_____ Room No. _____

Join Te Kete Rourou Maori Enrichment classes in 2011.

**ANNUAL SCHOOL HANGI
18 MARCH 2011**

Please diary Friday 18th March as the hangi date. The evening begins at 5.30 pm with some whaikarero and waiata by the children. We hope you can join us for this social occasion. If you are not fond of hangi food, please BYO food/takeaways and join us for this evening get together. Please bring a few \$1.00 or \$2.00 coins for the raffle on the evening and something to sit on outside.

Each hangi parcel contains an adult portion of food—meat and vegetables (sorry no specialist diets can be catered for). You may like to share one parcel between 2 or more people. Please BYO drinks for children and adults. An iceblock is issued **for children** with ticket purchases. Extra iceblock tickets can be purchased at 50c. Please let us know how many of these you require when you get your tickets.

Ticket sale dates and costs to be advised closer to the date.

In the meantime please think about how you can help. Listed below are some of the jobs we will need your help with before, during and after the hangi.

- ◆ 3–4 men to prepare the pit on Thursday 17th (5.30–7.00 pm ish)
- ◆ 3-4 men to work during the day (9.00 am–1.00 pm)
- ◆ 4-5 people to help with veggie preparation on the day (9.00–11.00 am BYO peelers and knives)
- ◆ 2-3 people to collect tickets/serve parcels (5.30 pm)
- ◆ 2-3 people to wrap food in newspaper as parcels come out of hangi (5.30 pm BYO gloves as parcels are hot)
- ◆ 3-4 people to make stuffing (the night before and deliver to school before 9.00 am on Friday). Ingredients and recipe included.
- ◆ Unfolding newspapers ready for serving
- ◆ Tinfoil cutting prior to Friday
- ◆ 2-3 people to empty rubbish bins and put full liners into skip (end evening 7.30–8.00 pm)
- ◆ People to deliver flyers
- ◆ People to put dry sacks away in shed the morning after the hangi.

Please contact Wendy or Karen to let us know how you can help as soon as possible as there is only four weeks until the hangi.

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

Swim = kaukau

Pronunciation : cow cow

**DONATIONS/EVENTS/CONSUMABLES
& SWIMMING**



Invoice/statements are coming home with your child today

These contributions can be paid per term or per year. We would like to offer anyone who is able to make the payment in full by 31 March 2011, a \$10.00 discount per child. By paying by 31 March 2011, you are also able to make a claim for a tax rebate for the 2010/2011 tax year.

Thank you to everyone who has already paid these.

Please note for internet payments—receipts may take longer to be processed as bank statements are only sent to us monthly. Thank you for your patience.



We appreciate that the beginning of the year can be expensive for parents and caregivers. If you are unable to pay for all these at this time, please contact Wendy or Karen as payments can be spread throughout the year.

LUNCH MENU & PRICING

Please see attached menu and 2011 pricings for items available from the school lunchroom daily.

Metro Mince Pie	\$2.00
Hawaiian Pizza	\$2.00
Sausage Roll	\$1.50 (new item)
Apple Pie	\$1.50 (new item)
Butter Chicken Wrap	\$3.00
Muffin (chocolate)	\$1.00
Muffin (blueberry)	\$1.00
Small cookie	.80
Mooju (frozen flavoured milk)	\$1.20
Joosicles (frozen juice)	\$1.00
Water	\$1.00

Parent Link



It's the year of the bunny and it's also the year to join Parent Link!

You can be involved in working with our children's teachers and the Board of Trustees to help provide additional resources that our school requires for your child/ren.

Parent Link is a team effort. We have a meeting Chair, Treasurer and Secretary plus other team members. We meet during the school term about once a month (mainly on a Tuesday night) or as required for specific fundraising events. The meetings last as long as we want - it's a very relaxed, enjoyable way to help our children.

We are a very welcoming, wonderful group of parents and caregivers. Parent Link members contribute either by offering our skills or our time to help out - or by simply voicing an opinion. We plan events for each term; the Annual School Fair is our major fundraiser and is a great opportunity for everyone to get involved and help support the school.

The first meeting for this year will be held at Tracey McIntyre's place
– 49A Severn Street.

Date: Tuesday 22 February

Time: 7.30 pm

You are most welcome – go on, come along and help plan the year's activities!
If you would like to talk to us about Parent Link please contact

Yvonne Trask ph: 383 5946

or e-mail balagan@paradise.net.nz

or Rachel Roberts ph: 383 9557

Emailing Newsletters

In an effort to reduce paper cost, we continue to email newsletters each Wednesday for parents/caregivers who have provided their contact address. If you have changed your address or have yet to provide us with your email address, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

OWHIRO BAY LEARNING COMMUNITY OLD FASHIONED COUNTRY PICNIC

Combined Owhiro Bay School and Kindergarten Picnic

Friday 25th February 2011

On the School Field

5.30 pm : Picnic

6.00 pm Games

BYO PICNIC

***We plan to make the Owhiro Bay Learning Community
Old Fashioned Picnic
an annual event.***



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.

Family Change Support Group

Skylight's next "Family Change Group" is coming up in Term 1. This six weeks counselor-facilitated and structured programme is for children (aged 6-11) and their parent/caregiver who have had a family separation or divorce.

Date: Tuesdays, 1 March—5 April
Time: 2.30—4.00 pm
Venue: Skylight, 2a Green Street (National Bank Building), Newtown, Wellington
Cost: \$125 for six weeks

To register your interest in this group or for more information, please contact Peggy Delaunay on 04 939 6767 or ac@skylight-trust.org.nz

Women's Fitness Classes

A combination of Yoga, Pilates & Tai Chi

Improve posture, core strength and overall tone in Newtown—\$50.00 buys 6 sessions....an Owhiro Bay School special!

Monday @ 10.30 am
Tuesday 4.30—6.00 pm
Thursday 10.00 am or 6.00 -7.10 pm

For more information please see www.happybodies.co.nz or Sue on 938.2484

"The Incredible Years"

The Incredible Years BASIC parenting programme is for parents of children 2-7 years old. It is designed to develop positive family relationships and empower parents to make change and to manage difficult behaviour.

The next course in the Wellington City area is:

Newtown: Tuesdays, start date 22 February morning session. Co-facilitated with Capital Coast DHB.

This is a free programme, courtesy of the Ministry of Education and various charitable grant organizations.

For more information and to enroll please contact Vicki Nelson (027 474 5075) or vm.nelson@paradise.net.nz, www.incrediblefamilies.com

Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club

Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club is holding a "Milo introduction to cricket session" from 10am -11.30am on the 20th of February. This session is aimed at kids who haven't played cricket before, but are keen to learn the basics and have a bit of fun. The session will be held at Wellington Bowling Club, Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn. Contact Mark Jones ph 389 1067.

ARTSIGHT TERM 1 AFTER SCHOOL AND WEEKEND ART PROGRAMME

Artsight offers inspiring After School Art classes in Painting, Sculpture and Film for ages 5-10 years and Teens. All classes are taught by registered Visual Arts teachers. Locations-Toi Poneke (Wellington Art Centre) and Chilton St James School (Lower Hutt). Classes begin week of 14th February, bookings essential. For more information and to book check out our website: www.artsight.co.nz or contact Fiona Sullivan 021786629, email fiona@artsight.co.nz