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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Working Bee at School	19 & 20 March
Icecream "Thursdae"	24 March
Easter Break (Tuesday included)	25-29 March
Educational Review Office visit Powhiri (10.00 am)	30 March
Parentlink Meeting 7.30 pm	31 March
End of Term 1	15 April

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora, Namaste, π pevet, Shalom, Talofa, Guten Tag, Vanakkam, ni Hao, Kia orana, Buenos Tardes, Namaste, π pevet, Shalom, Talofa, Konichiwa, Assalamulaikum, Salam, Hello.

This week I have a few timely reminders for everyone.

The first is around being punctual and ready for learning. School starts at **8.55am** each morning. Arriving from 8.30am gives each child time to put their bag on their hook, follow class set up routines, touch base with their teacher and spend some time playing with their friends. This is the ideal start to the day. At the moment we have lots of students arriving late which disrupts not only their own but others learning as well.

If your child is not going to be at school we need for you to contact us and let us know at the earliest possible opportunity. Feel free to ring and leave a message the night before or phone in the morning. The office is open from 7.30am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri and 8.00am on Thursdays.

A huge thank you to all our families who have paid the school donation for the year. We really appreciate your prompt contributions. These donations play a crucial role in allowing us to provide additional facilities that enrich the learning environment at our school.

We have a new club manager from Pridelands. We welcome Sarah to Owhiro Bay School. Sarah is an experienced child care worker and she is looking forward to getting to know everyone. Pridelands operate a 1-10 ratio, so when our numbers build up Sarah will be joined by a co-worker. Late last year Pridelands achieved Category 3 status from the Ministry of Social Development meaning that you may be eligible for a subsidy. All enquiries need to be directed to Moses on 0800 PRIDE 4 U (77433 4 8), email info@pridelands.org.nz.



Hello Owhiro Bay School. My name is Sarah and I am the new after school supervisor. I have been looking after children for the last 15 years in both private care and in after school and school holiday programmes. I am currently studying to become an Early Childhood Teacher, working with children is my passion. My interests and hobbies include painting and sculpture, various hand crafts, baking and cooking and dress making.

When you come to the working bee this weekend you will need to bring along the tools you need to do the jobs. We have some pitchforks and shovels for the bark along with one wheelbarrow. A handy tip is to bring safety goggles in case it's a windy day and that way the bark won't get in your eyes. We have plenty of paint, a couple of brushes, a couple of ladders and a drill. The teaching staff will be manning the BBQ to keep everyone's energy levels up.

On Wednesday 30th March we will be welcoming our visitors from the Education Review Office with a pōwhiri at 10.00am. We would love for as many of you to join with us so add this date to your diaries/calendars. All families who have already been welcomed will join the school as tangata whenua in the hall while our new families are welcomed as manuhiri, and will receive an invitation.

You may have heard from your child/children that we have new team names for 2016. Our Year 0-2's are now called Whanake meaning to blossom/grow and our Year 3-6 are called Māhuri meaning sapling. These names were chosen after consultation with our community and follow on from

Tipu and Puawai, used at Owhiro Bay Kindergarten and they show progression.

I was very excited to hear that one of our students has written to the Prime Minister during the weekend to share his ideas about the New Zealand flag. What an active learner!

He i konā mai,

Tineke and the team

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THANKS

To the W F Anderson Educational Foundation for their generous donation of \$4,000.

This will be used to provide further opportunities for education outside the classroom.

Thank you to Jude Maich and Jess Allen for all the hard work weeding the garden between the school and the tennis courts. It looks amazing!



WORKING BEE THIS WEEKEND!

This Saturday and Sunday (19th/20th of March from 10.00am-2.00pm each day) we'll be having a working bee and sausage sizzle. Pick which day suits you best.

We have quite a list of jobs both inside and outside, so there is something for everyone.

You can take your pick from;

- ✿ raking/forking over the bark under the playground areas
- ✿ topping up the bark in the playground
- ✿ scrubbing/painting the inside of the cleaners cupboard
- ✿ moving a cupboard and re-hanging some shelves/pigeon holes
- ✿ anchoring cupboards in garage and moving records into storage
- ✿ moving grey cupboard out of the hall
- ✿ sorting emergency supply cupboards in corridor (plus water?)
- ✿ spring cleaning the hall kitchen (Sunday)
- ✿ painting the bench seats

If you have a head for heights our light diffusers need emptying; we have staples that need to come out of walls, light bulbs to be replaced and high windows that could do with a dust/clean.

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. We 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.

VIRTUES

For the following fortnight our focus is "Enthusiasm" or "kai ngakau".

I am practicing enthusiasm when I...

- ☺ Let myself enjoy looking forward to something
- ☺ Think of imaginative ways to get things done
- ☺ Do things wholeheartedly
- ☺ Smile, laugh and enjoy what I do
- ☺ Enjoy the wonders of life
- ☺ Am full of positive spirit

Congratulations to Terrence Tan and Bella Sweet-Edgington who won the virtues voucher draw last week.

PARENTLINK

Ice Cream "Thursdae"

Keep cool and help our school! Parentlink will be selling ice creams after school on Thursday, 24 March - see you there!



Next Parentlink Meeting

The next Parentlink Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 31 March in the staffroom. All very welcome.

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Pikitia = picture

SPORTS SPOT

Floorball

A confident 5-2 win to the **Stingrays** this week. Great to see all the boys working hard on the rink. Player of the Day goes to Kahu for some strong passes and using the space behind the goal to clear the ball.

The **Orcas** played a fantastic game against Miramar North Kiwis with all players giving it all they had. Lenn scored our only goal making the final score 1-9. But let's not focus on the numbers. Eli and Atarau saved lots of goals for our teams. Rebecca and Ella were on fire this week, running after the ball constantly and shooting for goal. Therefore Ella was awarded player of the day. Altogether it was a fast, fun game to watch and the children showed fantastic team spirit!

Touch

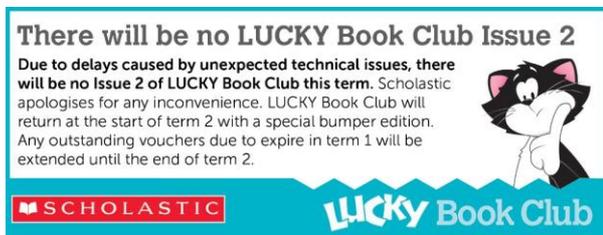
OB1s were on fire this week in their game against St Marks. We may not have won but the team played like a team, with lots of passing, really great dummy halves, some awesome breaks with the ball, and good defence. Our kids have come a long way in a few short weeks, and their concentration and confidence in running forward with the ball is growing. Nice to see everyone getting a turn trying new things. Thanks to Klare for stepping in as coach this week, and to all our cheerleaders (parents & caregivers) on the sidelines. Player of the day this week was Joel for outstanding focus and following the game- good effort Joel.
(from Max)

Great game for us **Owhiro Bay Rocks**. The score was so much we lost count.

There was some outstanding passing from Austin, Freeman, Max and Ollie. The passing was strong, accurate and straight to the catcher's hands.

Max played out of his skin got the player of the day as easy as a mice stealing a piece of cheese.
(from Ollie)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



There will be no LUCKY Book Club Issue 2
Due to delays caused by unexpected technical issues, there will be no Issue 2 of LUCKY Book Club this term. Scholastic apologises for any inconvenience. LUCKY Book Club will return at the start of term 2 with a special bumper edition. Any outstanding vouchers due to expire in term 1 will be extended until the end of term 2.

SCHOLASTIC **LUCKY Book Club**

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 goods or services advertised)

GUITAR LESSONS

Professional guitar lessons available for beginner to intermediate level players on the acoustic and electric guitar - all ages welcome!

Studio located in Island Bay. For more information please contact **Lauren King** on **021 103 8222** or laurenk productions@gmail.com

Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshop

"The Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshop is back! It runs from 10am-4pm Tuesday 26 - Thurs 28th April. Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day!

Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment".

For more information check out our website! Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick!

W: marrzipandrama.co.nz E: workshop@marrzipandrama.co.nz T: 021 02645487

Artrageous Kids

Easter Tuesday Artrageous Fun Day Tuesday 29 March 2016

Just because we parents have to work Easter Tuesday doesn't mean the kids shouldn't have some fun! We will be providing a wild and wonderful artrageous session. Messy play, construction, Painting, your imagination is where it is at!
Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington

www.artrageouskids.co.nz

Artrageous April Holiday Programme 18-22 April + 26-29 April

April's regular Holiday Programme will run from **18-29 April 2016** (excluding weekends and Anzac Day, 25 April) catering to children aged 5-13 years; **it's going to be FUN!** **Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington**

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Artrageous Big Kids April 2016 Holiday Programme 18-22 April

Our BIG KIDS week is aimed at children aged 10-14 years. Providing them with a space, focused adult attention and loads of resources. This programme is tailored to draw out older children's interest in creating art and using their creativity by themselves and collaboratively. **Venue: Vogelmorn Bowling Club 93 Mornington Rd, Brooklyn, Wellington**

www.artrageouskids.co.nz

A Note from NZ School Trustees' Association

"Dear Chairs and Principals

Regional Governance Advisors

NZSTA is looking for 3 talented people (2 fulltime and 1 x 40 weeks per annum) to identify boards of trustees support needs, ensure these are delivered and measure the impact on the board's performance. This position also provides low level governance advisory services to boards of trustees and supports service providers contracted by NZSTA. "

For a job description outlining more about the job, to your trustees or anyone you think may be interested in this work, please see Wendy in the school office.

School Holiday Computer Classes

For ages 5 – 15 in Minecraft, Create 3D Games, Coding, Web Design, Animation, Video Editing, and Building a PC and if young the Discovery Computer Class. For further information call 488 0787 or e-mail www.grandtraining.co.nz.

FROM THE BOARD

Hi everybody,

Welcome to 2016, we got off to a great start with a Strategic planning meeting in January and our regular meeting in February.

BOARD ELECTIONS 2016

At the last meeting the Board moved and approved the use of a staggered election cycle. This decision was made to ensure continuity in the governance of Owhiro Bay School. In the upcoming elections we are looking to fill 3 parent representatives who will serve a 3 year term and 2 parent representatives who will serve an 18 month term. Any parent is eligible to stand as parent representative and nominations will be called for by our Returning Officer Joanne Leggett in early May. Nominations close on the 20th May. The new Board will take office on the 10th June. If you would like more information please chat to Peter, Jude, Jess, Matt or Joss. We are looking for new faces.

GENESIS ENERGY

Last year our annual power bill decreased by approximately \$2000.00. We are delighted with the savings generated by our SOLAR PANELS on the roof of the main block. Our investment has already paid for itself. We will reinvest this money into further energy saving measures.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Every three years the Board undertake to consult with the community to inform the future direction of education at Owhiro Bay School. Currently we are working on the questions, creating new whānau groupings, and thinking about how best to gather your ideas. This is the focus for Term 2, 2016

We are looking forward to your presence at the working bee on either Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th of March. We need your help to keep our school looking ship shape as we do not employ a regular caretaker.

SCHOOL DOCS

Our school policies and procedures are available for viewing on School Docs.

Visit <http://owhiro.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Username: owhiro

Password: happy

Our policies and procedures are reviewed in a 3 year cycle. This term we are looking at **Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances**

Take a look and add your comments to the review. Thank you.