



## OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates to Remember

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| ◆ School Hangi - this Friday 5:00pm                 | 18 March        |
| ◆ Swimming starts for Rooms 1 & 3                   | 21 March        |
| ◆ 2011 Capital E National Arts Festival—Rooms 1 & 3 | 24 March        |
| ◆ Southern Zone Cross Country                       | 29 March        |
| ◆ Three Way Conferences                             | 5 & 6 April     |
| ◆ Bike & Road Safety—Constable Duncan visits        | 6, 7 & 13 April |
| ◆ Last Day of Term 1 2.00 pm                        | 15 April        |
| ◆ Beginning of Term 2—8.55 am                       | 2 May           |

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

What a wonderful effort our School Council, Room 3 and Room 1 made fundraising for the people of Christchurch last week. On behalf of the students and their teachers, thank you to everyone who supported the Red and Black Market Day. A total of \$914 was raised - \$75 from the coin donation, \$156 from the jam and pikelets, and \$669 from the market stalls. This money is going to be sent via BP as they have an offer where the company will double the amount fundraised for this worthy cause.

Also many thanks to all the parents and caregivers who made it along to the Fun Run on Friday. A big thank you to everyone who helped, and/or came along to support the students - including Parentlink who provided the much appreciated oranges at the end of the run! Well done to all our students as each and every competitor in the event gave of their best and had been preparing during the weeks leading up to the event. Thanks also to Shelley Berry for her fantastic organisation of the event, and our teachers who all played a part in its success. The year 4-6 students selected to compete in the Southern Zone Cross Country event (on Tuesday 29 March at Houghton Valley School) will bring home a notice with further details early next week.

Please note the 'Reporting to Parents/caregivers' information later in this newsletter, and remember to send in your preferences for your child/ren's conference times before **tomorrow 3pm**. The school provides care and supervised activities in the library for siblings while you and child join their teacher for the 15 minute learning conversation. We look forward to seeing you at these term 1 conferences on 5 and 6 April.

Just a reminder that the hangi is on this Friday... wet or fine. There are still some tickets available from the school office - be in quick to make sure that you get yours before the hangi. Friday evening begins with a welcome and some songs from our students at 5:00pm. Annette King is also joining us for this event. Although preparation of the pit begins on Thursday evening, there is quite a lot of activity the following day too. On Friday students watch the remaining preparations at intervals throughout the day. You are very welcome to come in to see what happens or to help out. If we don't see you during the day we look forward to catching up with you all on Friday at 5:00pm for this special Owhiro Bay community event. You may like to bring a picnic rug or chairs to sit on as autumn temperatures have started to make the evenings cooler already.

Ka kite  
Karen



## Thanks

To all the wonderful parents and caregivers who helped out on the Fun Run last Friday. We couldn't have done it without you. Hope you enjoyed your morning as much as the children obviously did.

To Parentlink for providing the oranges—also cutting these up and organizing them so everyone got an equal share of these after their run.

To everyone who helped and came along and supported Red and Black Market Day last week and to Rooms 3 and 1 and the Student Council who organized it all. The \$914.00 raised will go directly to the help Christchurch earthquake victims.

To the parents and caregivers who came with the juniors to swimming over the last four weeks. Your help has been much appreciated.

To everyone who has offered their help for the hangi this Friday. As always "many hands" make this event the success it is.

## SWIMMING

**A reminder to all Room 1 and 3 children to bring their named togs and towels each Monday and Wednesday from next Monday 21 March. Please also name underwear and garments your child is wearing as it helps identify 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.

As in past years, for Rooms 5, 6 & 7 parents/caregivers, please find attached, a feedback sheet for you to let us know how your child/you found the swimming programme provided by Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre in 2011. Rooms 1 and 3 parent/caregiver feedback will be sought at the end of your child's lessons.

## Safety in the Sun

During Terms 1 and 4, wearing of sunhats is compulsory in the playground until the end of 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.

## ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

At present there are a number of illnesses around schools and kindergartens in the area, including stomach bugs and flu/cold illnesses.

In an effort to stop the spread of sickness, please keep your child away from school until symptoms have completely cleared. For the stomach bug health professionals recommend people stay home for 48 hours after the symptoms clear. They specifically mention the importance of this if school students are currently having swimming lessons.

### STUDENT COUNCIL & STARSHIP FOUNDATION COLLECTION OF OLD CELLPHONES

A reminder to ask your friends, family, neighbours, workmates to send their old mobile phones along to school so we can convert them into valuable educational resources for our school such as interactive whiteboards, computers, camcorders, books and sports gear and at the same time raising funds for Starship's National Air Ambulance Service.

Once collected we can swap them from a list of available products. Each reward has a set value (number of phones) that can be swapped (with as few as 50 phones).

A marked collection box can be found in the foyer—opposite the school office.  
Please place those unused mobile phones in this box.



### THE 2011 CAPITAL E NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Rooms 1 and 3

As part of the Capital E National Arts Festival, Rooms 1 and 3 will travel by bus to the following performances next Thursday 24 March:

10.00 am Grimace at Downstage  
1.15 pm Boats at Capital E



Buses depart Owhiro Bay School at 9.15 am and return at 2.05 pm

As seats are limited at these performances, no further parent/caregiver help is required thank you.

Please note that the cost of these performances come from Term 1 trip money that you are asked for each term.

### VIRTUES

The focus this week is "Consideration" or "Aaro-nui" which means being thoughtful about other people and their feelings. It is thinking about how your actions affect them and caring about how they feel. Thoughtfulness begins by noticing what people need and thinking about how your actions are affecting them. You do little things to bring happiness to others. You respect other people's needs and feelings. You stop and think how your actions will affect others.

Next week the focus is "Purposefulness—"Whakatara-nga".

If you are interested in finding out more about The Virtues Programme developed by Linda Kavelin Popov try

### PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A reminder that on the first Friday of every month Parent Link will run a sausage sizzle at lunch time. The next Sausage Sizzle is **Friday 1st April** – children can have one sausage wrapped in bread with yummy tomato sauce for just \$2. Profits will go towards a **new computer cow** – to allow more children access to ICT.

If you can spare an hour or so to help at a sausage sizzle – any first Friday of every month – please contact Rachel 383 955 or e-mail [rachandchris@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rachandchris@xtra.co.nz) She is setting up a roster and would appreciate all offers of help.

### PARENTLINK MEETING

#### Drinks and nibbles at Sue's place

You are invited to our next gathering that will be held at 119 Happy Valley Road - Sue Raue's place – so come and find out what Parent Link is all about. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and caregivers in a fun, friendly and informal setting and to help our school purchase important resources for our kids.

**When:** Tuesday 22 March

**Time:** 7.30pm

**BYO:** Drink and nibbles

See you there!

Would you like more information about Parent Link? Please feel free to contact: Yvonne Trask 383 5946 or email: [yvonneyvonnevitch@gmail.com](mailto:yvonneyvonnevitch@gmail.com) or Rachel Roberts 383 9557 or email [rachandchris@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rachandchris@xtra.co.nz).

**ANNUAL SCHOOL HANGI  
THIS FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2011**

The evening begins at 5.00 pm with some whaikarero and waiata by the children and the hangi is lifted at 5.30 pm. 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.

**Tickets are on sale now at \$14.00.** Each food parcel contains, mutton, pork, chicken, pumpkin, kumara, cabbage, potato and stuffing (sorry no specialist diets can be catered for). You may like to share a parcel between two or more people. Please indicate whether an iceblock is required when ordering tickets as one child's iceblock is included in the price of each hangi ticket. Further iceblocks tickets for additional children—are available from the office at 50c.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have already volunteered their help either before, during or after the hangi.

**URGENT** We still require:

- ◆ People to tidy the pit area and put dry sacks away in shed on Saturday 19th March, i.e., the morning after the hangi.

For those helping with the vegetable preparation on Friday morning, please bring your own peelers, chopping board and knife. There will be helpers there from approximately 9.00 am. Named chilli bins would also be appreciated for the veges and iceblocks on the Friday evening.

Please drop off supermarket bags and newspapers for the hangi in the trays in the far end of the school hall. Thank you.

**See you all on Friday**

**A note from Whaea Lisa**

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

**Te Wahi—Pounamu = South Island**

Pronunciation : te—war-he—poh-nar-mu

**THREE WAY CONFERENCES AND GOAL SETTING MEETINGS**

These three way conferences are being held on Tuesday 5 April and Wednesday 6 April. This meeting is an opportunity for you and your child to meet individually with your child's teacher to discuss their learning goals and achievements. Confirmation slips will come home with your child on 21 March, along with an information sheet about the meeting and a preparation sheet for parents and caregivers to help in preparing for this meeting.

It is important that all parents/caregivers attend these scheduled conference. Each conference last 15 minutes. The school will provide supervised activities in the library for siblings while you are at these meetings.

Your child will have an active role in these conferences. The week before they will be preparing with their teacher, to share some of their work and next learning steps at your meeting. As you fill in your preparation sheet you may like to discuss this with them too.

Following the conferences a written report comes home to you in Term 2 on Wednesday 11 May. These reports record the new goals, next learning steps and ways of supporting these at home. We will also be asking you for your feedback about the reporting form.

Please choose three times that are most suitable to you. Use 1 (first choice), 2 (second choice) and 3 (third choice) to help us allocate a meeting time for you and your child. Please return this slip by 3.00 pm Thursday 17 March so that we can confirm exact times before the meeting days. A note will come home with your child next week—Monday 21 March with your confirmed time. If you have not sent in this form, a time will be allocated to you.

**THREE WAY CONFERENCES—LEARNING CONVERSATIONS**

**Tuesday 5 April**

**Wednesday 6 April**

**3.00—4.00 pm  
4.00—5.30 pm**

**3.00—4.00 pm  
4.00—5.30 pm**

**6.30—7.15 pm  
7.15— 8.00 pm**

**For my child(ren)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **in Room** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **in Room** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **in Room** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

## HELP WANTED – WORKING BEE - HELP NEEDED

Hi Caregivers + Parents + Pupils + Community,

At Owhiro Bay School we're looking to organise a working bee on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011.**



The biggest project is to replace the bark in the junior playground but at the same time we want to do a general tidy up around the school.

We have a variety of jobs to tackle and we need people with specialised skills, as well as those willing to grab a shovel, wheelbarrow or gardening fork – there will be a way that you can help!..

- ◆ **General helpers** – Replace bark in junior playground, trim trees along fence line, clean guttering, hose down buildings, general clean & tidy, remove concrete path.
- ◆ **Gardeners** – Tidy and improve existing gardens.
- ◆ **Plumbers** – Replace two hand basins, guttering repairs, fix toilet overflows.
- ◆ **Builders** – General repairs & maintenance to make the school safer.
- ◆ **Painters** - General repairs & maintenance to keep the school looking sharp!
- ◆ **Electricians** – Install & replace exterior sensor lighting and other minor works.
- ◆ **Engineers** – Help to design/draw future projects for consideration eg: volley wall.
- ◆ **Cooks** – BBQ sizzle. To help fuel the kind considerate people who have pitched in and given their time and their skills for our children.
- ◆ **Gophers** – Just help fill the gaps, to make the day easier for all!

Should you want any further information please feel free to contact George Theodorou 021-760 847 or 383-8407 or [georgetheodorou@clear.net.nz](mailto:georgetheodorou@clear.net.nz)

If you are able to help out with any of the work & another day suits better than the weekend working bee, please contact George direct or make note on slip below.

If you could complete the form & return to school offering your services it would be greatly appreciated!

Name/s -

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Home Phone -.....

Mobile Phone -..... e-mail -.....

Service & skills you are offering:

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Any equipment or resources you may have available or access to, e.g. Tip truck, trailer, chain saw, concrete breaker, sky hook, garden hoses, wheel barrows, anything you may consider helpful.

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Other preferred day(s) to offer my services are.....

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**On behalf of the students of Owhiro Bay School Board of Trustees, teachers/staff & community we thank you in advance.**

## Owhiro Bay School – Reporting to Parents Overview

### **Introduction**

At Owhiro Bay School we put considerable effort in to improve the way that we work with students and their parents/ caregivers. In an approach that reflects the intention of the National Curriculum we particularly encourage students to become more actively involved in both their learning and assessment.

The following outline gives you an idea of the ways we report to you as parents and caregivers about your child/ren's achievement in 2011.

### **1 Student/Parent/Teacher Three Way Conferences – Term 1 and 3**

These meetings are an opportunity for learning to be discussed between children, their parents/caregivers and teachers. The goal of these conferences is to celebrate successes and discuss areas for improvement. They involve highlighting student strengths, current achievement, next learning steps and ways to support this learning. Following these conferences parents/caregivers should have a clear picture of their child's current developmental learning needs and goals.

### **2 Individual Written Reports**

The first written report comes home to you on Wednesday 11 May. This is a follow up to the first Three Way Conference learning conversation with you and your child on 5/6 April. The second report is an individual progress summary of each child's learning for the year. The report is written at the end of the year and comes home to you on Wednesday 7 December. Teachers and students are involved in producing these reports.

### **3 Individual Contact with your Child's Teacher**

We encourage teachers to contact parents/caregivers, **AND** parents/caregivers to contact teachers at other times of the year if there is further need to share student goals, progress and information.

### **Our Shared Goal**

In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century we are educating students for a significantly different age to the one we grew up in. As such we are expected to work with a curriculum that is very different to the one that determined our own schooling.

An important aspect of the New Zealand Curriculum is the expectation that students are 'Managing Self' (one of the key competencies) by becoming more involved and taking greater responsibility for their own learning. Consequently we as teachers and parents/caregivers need to work together to support children with this to achieve their goals. Recent research by Professor John Hattie highlights the importance of home and school partnerships ie:- when home and school actively support shared learning goals the outcomes for student achievement is higher. We encourage parents/caregivers to help value and normalise discussions that focus on learning. Please consider this checklist:-

As parents/caregivers do we...

- ◆ have regular learning conversations in our families?
- ◆ encourage our children to talk about the areas of their learning they need to improve in?
- ◆ celebrate the effort and attempts our children make to improve?
- ◆ regularly follow up on goals that are set?

### **Term 1 Three Way Conference Organisation – 5/6 April**

Next Monday a confirmation of your conference time will come home, along with a preparation sheet for you to fill in and return to school before the conference. Your child and their teacher will also have prepared for the learning conversation at the conference. We are aiming to create honest, meaningful, real/authentic AND supportive discussions about achievement and next learning steps.

It is important that all parents/caregivers AND children attend their scheduled conference time. Each conference lasts for 15 minutes. The school is providing supervised activities in the library for siblings to attend while you are at these meetings and will ring a bell to indicate the end of the conference.

A feedback sheet regarding these conferences is coming home in the newsletter during the week of conferences and the following week, to enable you to share the things that worked well for you and any suggestions for improvements for our Three way Conferences in Term 3. We look forward to meeting with you and your child at their conference. Please note that Karen is available to meet parents/caregivers after 3:30pm playground duty both days should you like to take this opportunity.

**ROOMS 5, 6 & 7  
SWIMMING QUESTIONNAIRE 2011**

In line with Owhiro Bay School long-term plans our students are taught swimming one year and water safety the following year.

At the end of each alternate year, we survey children, teachers and parents/caregivers to help us improve on swimming programme for the future.

Please can you give us some feedback to let us know how the 2011 swimming programme as provided by Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre went for your child/ren. We appreciate the time you take to fill this in. Your ideas and suggestions are appreciated as they help us to improve what we do to enable your child/ren to further learn and develop their skills.

What did you or your child/ren find successful when swimming this year?

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Have you any suggestions for improvement for the next time we go swimming (2013)?

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Does your child/ren have swimming lessons outside of the swimming programme provided through school?

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Any other comments/feedback on 2011 swimming and organization?

**Please return this form to school by Friday 25 March.**



## 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.

### BROOKLYN INDOOR COMMUNITY MARKET

Brooklyn Indoor Community Market at the Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street.  
Saturday 26 March, 9.30am to 1pm, rain or shine. Homemade jams, chutneys, biscuits and cakes from  
St Matthew's Church, donating all proceeds to the CHCH earthquake appeal.  
Great coffee and a variety of stalls selling fresh produce, plants, books, crafts and bric a brac.  
Everybody welcome.

### WEEKEND MEDIATION 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 April (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](http://www.nowspace.co.nz).

### ST HILDAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Island Bay Anglican will be running "Kidspace School Holiday" program From 18th – 21st April from 9am-12 noon. The cost is \$8 per child per day. Register at the church 311 The Parade or e-mail [officesthildas@paradise.net.nz](mailto:officesthildas@paradise.net.nz)

### ARTSIGHT

ARTSIGHT is offering 3 fantastic Visual Arts professional development workshops in March at Toi Poneke (65 Abel Smith St, Wellington)  
These one day workshops are run by specialist Visual Arts Teachers and focus on drawing fundamentals, how to use artist models and printmaking processes.

See attached PDF for further information or check out our website  
<http://www.artsight.co.nz/professional-development-wellington.html>

Note: Booking is essential as there are limited places

### THE CHRISTCHURCH RUMBLE JUMBLE

The Christchurch Rumble Jumble: Raising money for kids of the quake [www.facebook.com/chchrumblejumble](http://www.facebook.com/chchrumblejumble)  
A huge sale of preloved baby and children's gear in support of children affected by the devastating earthquake in Christchurch.  
Saturday March 19th 10am-1pm  
South Wellington Intermediate School Hall, 30 Waripori Street, Newtown, Wellington  
Plenty of parking available from Rintoul Street entrance.  
On-site there will be sausage sizzle, coffee, a children's play area, live music, and of course bargains galore. All proceeds will be donated directly to Plunket, who will use the funds specifically for services in quake affected areas.  
Donated items are needed for the sale, so clear out your attic and drop clean items at [Island Bay, Karori, Hataiatai, Newtown, Brooklyn or Kilbirnie /Lyall Bay Community Centres Monday- Friday between 9am and 2pm.  
For further information about the sale, or to get involved contact Rosie Zwart: 938 2302, [rosiezwart@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:rosiezwart@yahoo.co.nz)

### OPENING OF THE ISLAND BAY SNORKEL TRAIL

The Friends of Taputeranga Marine Reserve Trust invite you to join Her Worship the Mayor of Wellington, Celia Wade-Brown for the official opening of the Island Bay Snorkel Trail  
Join us at the site of the Snorkel Trail, opposite 192 The Esplanade, Island Bay at 11am on Saturday 26 March  
For more information about the trail go to [www.taputeranga.org.nz](http://www.taputeranga.org.nz); for more information about this event contact Murray Hosking at [mrhosking@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mrhosking@xtra.co.nz)  
The Taputeranga Marine Reserve is a mixing place of ocean currents. These bring a richness of marine creatures and a diversity of fish, seaweeds and marine life which are yours to explore!