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# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Walk 'n' Wheels Day	16 November
Interzone Athletics	22 November
Owhiro Bay Country Fair	27 November
Board of Trustees Meeting	30 November
Pack the Bus 10.00 – 10.30 am	2 December
Marzipan Drama School Performance 9.00 am	5 December
New Parents Evening	6 December
Whole School Big Day Out - Wellington Zoo	9 December
Marzipan Drama Parent Performance 8.30 am	12 December
Prize Giving/Poroporoaki	15 December
Last Day of 2016 (2.00 pm)	16 December
First Day of 2017	1 February

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	Marzipan Drama classes 8.00 am In the hall Creek Crew/Stream Team 9 – 11 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	Choir 8.00 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wheels Day Yoga/Pilates Classes 6.30 pm In hall
<b>Thursday</b>	Recorder Classes 8.30 – 8.50 am Code Club 3.30 - 4.30 pm Running Club 3.00 – 3.30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Assembly 2.20 pm No Coffee Group this month

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora, Hello, Talofa lava, Chao, Ni Hao, Dia dhaoibh, Namaste, Giddy, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Bula vinaka, Mälō e lelei, Sawasdee πρεπετ

Thank you everybody for your co-operation on Monday following the major earthquake centered in the South Island. Our thoughts are with those worst affected. I wish to clarify that as advised, a visual inspection of our buildings was undertaken and the all clear given, however because of the initial threat of tsunami we remained closed, until that warning had been downgraded which did not occur until mid-afternoon.

Yesterday's rain storm has caused some slips behind houses on Happy Valley Road affecting school families and local residents. Matt Kyne alerted us to the plight of a couple up the road and we responded until emergency services arrived. It's reassuring to know that we are all keeping an eye out for each other. A big thank you to the team here for keeping everyone calm and focused on learning yesterday. Thomas, Daniel, Kahu and Anusha represented Owhiro Bay School at Ridgway School's chess tournament, which was a new learning experience. They shared some tips with me for next time.

The pick up message that went out yesterday afternoon was purely an advisory from WREMO, and meant for those families affected by road conditions around the city and further north. Once again thank you all for making sensible decisions and following our normal sign out procedures. We had a few offers from those who live locally to be a 'safe house' for students to go to should parents not be able to get across the city to do a pick up. If you can help in this way please pass on your details to Wendy so we can update our list and inform all families. There is lots of information available to help parents. We have found "What are you worried about" by [www.skylight.org.nz](http://www.skylight.org.nz)

Our Country Fair is nearly upon us. If you can't be there on the day we'd love some more help delivering flyers to letterboxes. Come in a grab a pile, head out for a walk and check out your local neighbourhoods. We had lots of people walk n wheel this morning. Ka pai!

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Nāku noa nā,  
Tineke and the team

### PROVERB OF THE WEEK

‘He tina ki runga, he tāmore ki raro’

‘Firm standing, strong roots

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday wishes to the following student who has a birthday coming up:

Kahurangi Cormack 20/11

Enjoy your Day!



### VIRTUES

The focus for the following fortnight is “Honour” or “Honore”. I am practising Honour when I.....

- Keep my agreements
- Speak respectfully to others
- Do what I believe is right no matter what
- Set a good example for others
- Avoid doing things which make me feel ashamed

### Awards from last week

Congratulations to Kahurangi Cormack and Egerton Garland-Ross for winning the virtues voucher draw for “Friendliness” and “Kindness” respectively

### PACK THE BUS



We are again supporting, along with the Breeze and Wellington City Mission, the annual Pack the Bus. The Breeze with all their Christmas frivolity will arrive on the morning of 2 December, between 10.00 – 10.30 am and accept/collect around the Wellington area, gifts for families less fortunate than ours.

A Christmas tree will be placed in the foyer from 22 November for families to place their items. Please do not wrap your items, just a sticker with your child/ren's names on as they get to pack their item/s on the bus.

Some of the suggested items that would be appreciated this year are:

#### Christmas Items

Muesli bars, tinned fruit, jellies, tinned meat and fish, meals in a can, breakfast cereals, fancy biscuits and confectionery spreads: - jams, peanut butter, vegemite.

#### New Toys & Gifts (new toys only please – unwrapped)

Retail vouchers, event vouchers: - movies, zoo, pool.  
Lego/Meccano, art equipment, educational books, beach/picnic/water toys, puzzles, outdoor sports gear, board games

#### Other

Toiletries for the whole family



### 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 of students and 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.

### SPORT SPOT

#### TOUCH

#### Owhiro Bay Sharks – Our Year 3-4 Touch Team.

A BYE this week

#### Owhiro Bay Orcas – year 5-6

Some good passing and communicating on the field today. The boys played well as a team but could not match the determination of the opposition. Well done to Thomas and Freeman for finding the try line! Final score, 6-2 to Scots College.

Practice is at school this Saturday 10am. It'll be a game of touch - kids vs parents.

## PARENTLINK



**PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW. WE HAVE LESS THAN TWO WEEKS TO GO AND WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS DAY A SUCCESS!!! THANKS.**

### HELP WITH A STALL ON THE DAY

If you've got two hours to spare, we still have just a few spots to fill at the stalls on the day of the fair. It's lots of fun and very easy to help. We need volunteers for:

- Helicopters – 10.30-12.30
- Toys – 10.30-12.30
- Entertainment – someone to help with MC'ing for ½ an hour or an hour to tell everyone about fun fair stuff
- Raffle – 10.30 – 12.30 and 12.30 – 2.30
- Coffee cart (just taking orders and money) – 10.30 – 12.30 and 12.30 – 2.30

Simply email Bindi Robertson (bindi.robertson@outlook.com), sign up on the board in the school/kindy office, or click on the following link to see what's still open:

<http://signup.com/go/7NVpPp>

You don't need to sign up using facebook - just enter your email address in the box provided (and re-enter it to confirm, as prompted)

**Note**, total proceeds from the fair get split between the school (2/3) and kindy (1/3) so it doesn't matter which stall you work at.

### BAKING FOR THE FAIR

The baking stall is always a winner at our annual Fair and to guarantee its success we need as MANY parents as possible to contribute at least one plate. Whatever you can contribute will be very much appreciated. Every child will be sent home with a plate, a label and a bag for your lovely and much appreciated baked goods. Details and instructions will be inside the bags. Please return to the school or kindy on either **Friday 25 November** (school day), **Saturday 26 November** (fair set up day) or **Sunday 27 November** (Fair Day!!!!!!) to the kitchen in the kindy or the school staff room. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CAKE THERE ARE CAKE BOXES AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OR KINDY OFFICE.

### RAFFLE TICKETS

Please remember to sell your raffle tickets and return to the school or kindy no later than **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**, 2016. The raffle is a very important part of the Fair as it makes up a large percentage of the profits, with all proceeds going directly towards the Owhiro Bay learning community. If you would like more raffle tickets to sell, please just ask.

### PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR AWESOME FAIR

We need help with flyer delivery and with putting up posters. The flyers come in packs of about 100, with easy to follow street maps, depending on the suburb. There are also posters available for people to put up around their local

businesses, shops, at work etc. Please pick up from the school office. Thanks for your support.

### CUPCAKE COMPETITION

Do you love making cupcakes? Do you secretly aspire to winning a Country Fair Cupcake Competition? If so, bake and decorate 6 cupcakes. Deliver to the cupcake competition stall. Judging will be at **10.45am on the day of the fair**, with the cupcakes then to be sold at the fair. There are three categories, Kindergarten, Junior school (Yrs 1 -3) and Senior school (Yrs 4 – 6),

### OWHIRO BAY'S GOT TALENT!!!!!!

Come one, come all! Registration is now open for our school talent show which will take place from **noon-1:30pm** at the School Fair on **Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November**. The show is all ages and open to all whanau of the Owhiro Bay One Learning Community.

Like to sing? Like to dance? Maybe you can do a magic trick, or you've got a cool joke to tell? Maybe you want to get together with your friends and do a group performance? Contact Kedron Parker [kedronparker@gmail.com](mailto:kedronparker@gmail.com) for more details.

And don't worry, it's not a contest – it's all about participation, and showing the world that all of Owhiro Bay's GOT TALENT!

### PLANTS

If you have any plants for the Fair please drop them off at Kindy. If you need help with transportation please contact Klare Braye [klare.braye@matuaraki.org.nz](mailto:klare.braye@matuaraki.org.nz) and she'll organise a time to pick them up.

### TRADEME SALES OPEN!

There are some items for sale on trademe being sold before the fair day. Currently, we're selling some kids toys, a child's Disney Pixar 'Cars' bed, a large wooden pink dolls house, a stereo and another bread maker. Please make a bid or spread the word to others who may be interested in buying items. 100% of the proceeds go to the fair. Just type 'Owhiro Bay School' into the search field in trademe and the items will show.

### GARAGE STILL OPEN FOR DROP-OFF

The garage continues to be open on a Tuesday and a Thursday, 15 mins before school starts and 15 minutes after school ends. We would be very grateful for donations of good quality, clean, clothing, books, toys, bric-a-brac, puzzles, complete games, good quality dvds and cds, household items, tools, bikes and garden items. Contact me, Bindi Robertson (bindi.robertson@outlook.com) if you'd like to drop off items outside of these hours.

### HELICOPTER BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

The helicopter bookings are now open. Wanting a unique experience flying over Owhiro Bay and the rest of Wellington? Looking to treat your family or friends to an early xmas present? You can make a booking for yourself or someone else using the fair website below:

[http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country\\_fair\\_portal.html](http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country_fair_portal.html)

### FACEBOOK PAGE

Here is the website and facebook page which will have lots of information as well as posts about items the fair might need. Please check it regularly and click on the 'like' button to spread the word.

<http://tinyurl.com/owhirobayfair>

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN BAGS TO THE FAIR. WE'RE TRYING TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF PLASTIC AND WASTE. THANK YOU.**