



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

◆ Owhiro Bay Community Country Fair	26 November
◆ Pack the Bus	29 November
◆ Walk and Wheel Day	30 November
◆ End of Year Reports come home	7 December
◆ School Picnic	8 December
◆ End of Year Trip (Rooms 5 & 7)	12 December
◆ End of Year Trip (Rooms 1 & 3)	13 December
◆ Cushion Concert and Farewell to Year 6's	14 December
◆ Last Day of Year—2.00 pm finish	15 December

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

The Country Fair Organising Committee is working extremely hard to make this a successful fundraising event, so please continue to offer your support to set up, provide items, sell raffle tickets or be a stall holder. More details later in this newsletter.

With only another four weeks of term, please note the important dates to remember above. Also a big request that sports t-shirts, school readers and library books are returned to school in readiness for the end of year stocktakes. We would appreciate you or your child checking out their book shelves, bags, etc., for any school items that need to be returned.

Have a great week and remember to join our wonderful organizers in "Fair Fever" to ensure its success in just over a weeks time.

Ka kite 😊
Karen

THANKS...

To everyone who continues to let the Country Fair Organisers know of how you can help. This is very much appreciated...and your help will make sure the fair is another successful one.



WELCOME

To Makaela Cheung who joined children in Room 5 recently. Makaela has a sister in Room 6.

Interzone Zone Athletics 2011

Thanks again to all the parents that helped out at the Southern Zone Athletics last week. Congratulations to all competitors for representing the school to a high standard.

Special congratulations to Nelson Ah Hoi who achieved the following results in the Year 4 Boys Competitions:

- 2nd place in the Short Sprints
- 2nd place in the Long Sprints
- 2nd place in the High Jump
- 1st place in the Long Jump

This is a tremendous achievement in so many events. Nelson will be competing in the Inter Zone Competition taking place on 22 of November.

Congratulations also to Bo Ryan who gained 1st place in the Year 4 Boys Vortex. He will also go on into the Inter Zone Competition.

The Year 4 Boys Relay Team did a stunning job coming 2nd place, and only by a whisker. Excellent effort and congratulations to: Fergus Jobson, Ben Hazlewood Bo Ryan, Nelson Ah Hoi and Jackson Drummond. Unfortunately, they do not get to go onto the Inter Zone competition because of limited track spaces so only those teams who came first are competing in the Interzone.

Again well done to all children who competed in the Southern Zone Athletics

Shelley Berry
Sports Co-ordinator

VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Loyalty" or "Pumau". Loyalty is staying true to someone. It is standing up for something you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals—when the going gets tough as well as when things are good. When you are a loyal friend, even if someone disappoints you, you still hang in there with them.

Next week the focus is "Generosity" or "ohaoha-nga".

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

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Please note that the library will close on Friday 25th November. Please return all library books before this day as our annual stock take needs to proceed.

Thank you.



PACK THE BUS—29 November 2011

The Student Council, along with The Breeze and Wellington City Mission are organizing this collection of gifts for children at Christmas again in 2011.

Please note that the organizers advised that they are seeking only:

- new toys (unwrapped)
- non-perishable food items this year, e.g., small Christmas cakes, jelly, Christmas mince pies, Christmas puddings, tinned fruit, Christmas crackers, confectionery (lollies, candy canes, chocolates), tinned meat.

The xmas tree is up in the foyer opposite the office if you would like to begin dropping off your items under it this would be appreciated. If you put your child's name on a tag on the items you donate, then your child will be able to pack these on the bus when it arrives.

Thank you for your support.



PRINCIPAL/PARENT CUPPA AND 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.



SUMMER TERMS AND SUN PROTECTION

Just a reminder that in Term 4 and Term 1 each year, children need to wear a sunhat when outside or in the playground. Please can you help them locate one and name this for use at school this term. 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 during breaks in Term 4.

We also encourage students to wear sun block and sunglasses when they are outside during the summer months to keep them safe from the sun's harmful rays.

The annual fair is to be held 9 sleeps!
Date: Saturday 26 November 10.30-2.00pm

Thank you to everyone who has signed up or contributed to the fair build up. There are still plenty of ways to contribute.

An updated sign up sheet will go up later this week with the gaps needing to be filled so if you haven't done so already, please put your name down for any and all tasks that you and or your family can help with.

Drop off times:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri : 2.45-3.15

Wed: 8.30-9am

Sat 19th Nov: 10-11am

Setting up on Friday (25th): Last year it took 8 hours to set up the fair. So we welcome anyone and everyone who is able to come down and help set up. We will start at 1pm (meet at the garage) and keep going till its done. So even an hour after work would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work.

People required:

- A Santa - Required to have photos with children at the Santa cave. Santa will get a free ride to the fair in the helicopter with Helipro - Contact Anthea ph:972 6672
- A Leo the Lion - Someone to wear the costume and have photos with children. Contact Ishani ph:3838555
- 3 people to help put up the Marquee and take it down again on fair day. Contact: Steve ph: 0274 881 994
- Someone to set up/decorate a Santa cave in the entrance of the Kindy (Decorations provided) - Contact Anthea ph:972 6672
- 6 raffle ticket sellers on the day. Contact Ishani ph:3838 555
- 15 stall helpers still required & more floaters. Contact Ishani ph:3838 555

Equipment required:

- Large cardboard boxes for the Spooky Maze
- We require 200 shopping bags (folded nicely please) - Drop off at garage
- Fancy / biodegradable shopping bags for the baby boutique - Drop off at the kindy
- Pump to blow up balloons - Drop into Simone at Kidsco after school programme in the hall
- Hair ribbons & beads for hair braiding - Drop off at the kindy

Donations still required:

Wine/grape juice, children's lucky dip, plants, clean soft toys, clothes, bric a brac etc. If it's tidy and clean—bring it down!

Raffles: We have over \$6,000 worth of prizes on offer and have sold around \$1,500 worth of tickets to date. All ticket sales are pure profit so we urgently need to sell the majority of the tickets before the fair. If you can sell to family/friends/colleagues—please contact Donna Graham asap. Phone 976.8444.

Helicopter rides: We need to sell a minimum of 21 tickets by this Friday (18th) to ensure that this activity is viable. If you are thinking of booking a flight please do so asap to ensure we can confirm the helicopter.

Cost: \$60.00 per person. **Children under 4:** Are FREE when sitting on the knee of an adult. If you'd like to take a flight without the kids, childcare can be arranged—contact Rachel Roberts ph: 3839.557

P.T.O.

Food: As we are expecting attendance numbers to be higher this year due to the election, we welcome your generous portions of food for sale and for the cafe. Each child will be given a plate to take home. Please return it to the staff room on Friday if it is baking. Hot and crockpot food please bring to the cafe in the kindy on Saturday morning.

- PASTA DISHES
- RICE DISHES (ALONG WITH RICE COOKERS IF POSSIBLE)
- SPRING ROLLS/WONTONS
- SALADS
- PIZZAS
- SATAYS
- BURGER PATTIES
- CURRY /CHILLI CASSEROLES
- CROCKPOT CASSEROLES
- PIES/SAUSAGE ROLLS
- SUSHI
- VEGETARIAN DISHES REQUIRED

Contacts:

Fair Co-Ordinator: Ishani Noble

Raffles: Donna Graham

Entertainment: Sharon Leamy

Garden/Plants: Klare BrayE

Advertising & signage: Matt Kyne

Books & Toys: Yvonne Trask

Helicopter rides \$60pp: Rachel Roberts

Fashion Show: Anthea

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Next meeting: Tuesday 22 November @ 84 Happy Valley Road (Back section) 7.30pm

Want a top of the world experience. What are you waiting for?



Flights begin at 11.00
leaving from the fair.
e-mail Rachel Roberts —
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see www.owhiro.school.nz
for details.



Helipro are offering short flights for \$60. Imagine—flying out over Owhiro Bay and Island Bay—climbing to 1500 feet—taking in the view of the Kaikoura Ranges, airport, Wellington harbour and CBD and if you live locally spotting your house. Make your contribution to fundraising for Owhiro Bay Learning Community exciting!

*Owhiro Bay
Country Fair*
26th November

PARENTLINK

Mulch

We are still selling bark mulch to raise funds for the school. This is a great time of year to give your garden some TLC so please purchase this and tell your family/friends that it is available from the school at \$5.00 per bag., 5 bags for \$20.00 or \$45.00 trailer.

Sausage Sizzle

The last Sausage Sizzle for the year is **FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER**— 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 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 and laptops

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.



A note from Whaea Lisa

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Whakatotanga = planting

Pronunciation : fah-car-tor-tunga

STAR WRITER

Our star writer of the week is:

Jack Keddy –Pohutukawa (Room 3) Age 11

For the effort and enthusiasm he put into Producing this piece of writing. His enthusiasm was infectious and inspired others.

When I Grow Up

When I'm 12 I'll be running around trying to get to all my different classes.

When I'm 13 I'll be flying to Japan to fight in the Japanese nationals.

When I'm 14 I'll be having lunch with new friends

When I'm 15 I'll be getting my last phone

When I'm 16 I'll be sitting in a seat. Hot and sweaty, trying to figure out my questions

When I'm 20 I'll be listening to the sounds of the forest

When I'm 21 I'll be partying all night.

When I'm 25 I'll wash the dirt off my knees.