



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

◆ Three Way Conferences (late night Wednesday 17 August)	16 & 17 August
◆ Room 3 Re-scheduled Tuesday Conferences	18 August
◆ Southern Zone Swimming Sports	23 August
◆ BOT Meeting	23 August
◆ Daffodil Day	26 August
◆ Book Week	29 Aug—2 Sept
◆ Parentlink Meeting 7.30 pm	30 August
◆ Whole School Production (Thursday evening)	6 October
◆ Final Day Term 3 (2pm finish)	7 October
◆ First Day Term 4 (8.55) am Tuesday following Labour Day	25 October
◆ Owhiro Bay Community Fair	26 November

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Many thanks to all of the parents and caregivers who made it along to the Community Meeting last Thursday evening. It was wonderful to see so many students and their families sharing some of the learning that is happening at Owhiro Bay School and Kindergarten. Thank you also to Parentlink who provided the delicious home baking.

Also a big well done to those of you who made it to your Three Way Conferences yesterday to talk about your individual children's progress and goals... despite the inclement weather! Thank you to the parents and caregivers of students in Pohutukawa (Room 3) who rescheduled when Therese was weather bound, also thanks to those of you who let us know that you couldn't make it yesterday due to the conditions, and have spoken with your child's teacher to reschedule the conference. We look forward to catching up with many more of you this evening. Please note that the library, staffroom and Taupata (Room 4) will have heaters on for you to wait in the warmth until it is time for your conference, and that there are supervised activities in the library for the siblings of your child who is at the conference with you.

All these conversations about learning between students, their parents, caregivers, families, teachers, school and kindergarten have a positive impact on your children's learning. We are extremely fortunate in our Learning Community that people take the time and value these conversations. The 'Best Evidence Synthesis' highlights the crucial role parents play in their children's learning. It also highlights the value of

- ◆ Joint teacher and parent support of student learning
- ◆ Respectful and trusting parent-teacher relationships that are focused on student learning
- ◆ Parents, students and teachers having shared commitment to learning goals and next steps in learning
- ◆ Teachers helping to make links between learning at school with learning at home and outside school
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We are very fortunate in our school and kindergarten to have such hard working teachers and a supportive learning community where student learning paramount. Having parents, caregivers, families and teachers who know the value of working together to support learning and make learning links for children is conducive to helping students reach their full potential and encourages life long learning. So well done everyone.

Have a great week. Take care to wrap up warmly and drive safely in this polar blast.

Ka kite
karen



Welcome

To Olliver Bond who joined children in Room 5 this week and welcome back to Anchal Chetty who joined children in Room 3. Olliver has a sister in Room 6. Welcome back into the school community to Anchal's family. 

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Following on from the Community Meeting last week, Kaylene from the Wellington Emergency Management Office spoke about emergency management and preparedness. Coming home with your child today is a Tsunami awareness and emergency management pamphlet for your information.

Also, for your information, please note the Civil Defence Centres in the southern area:

Brooklyn:	Brooklyn School
Newtown:	Newtown School
Berhampore:	Berhampore School
Mt. Cook:	Mt. Cook School

YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

A reminder that this fundraiser runs through to September—so please keep munching those Yummy Apples and collecting the stickers.

More sticker charts are available from the school office.

We look forward to receiving our share of the sporting equipment that comes our way after this campaign ends.

STUDENT COUNCIL—Daffodil Day

This year Daffodil Day is Friday 26 August.

The student council are organizing a Daffodil Day event at school. More details to follow after their meeting later this week.



VIRTUES

The focus for this week is “Dilligence” or “Puku-mahi”. Dilligence is working hard doing the best job you possibly can. When you are diligent, you take special care to do things step by step. You think and move carefully to make sure things will turn out right. Being diligent is giving all you have to give whatever you do.

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

NITS, NITS, NITS

These little beasties are around again . Please check your child/ren’s hair regularly and treat if necessary.

Regular brushing of your child’s hair for long periods is also a very important part of eradication as it breaks the cycle of the nits breeding.

PARENTLINK PAGE

PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A reminder that on the first Friday of every month Parentlink runs a sausage sizzle at lunch time.

The next Sausage Sizzle is **Friday 2 September**— 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.

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.



2011/12 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The 2011/2012 Entertainment Book is available to purchase through Jennifer Dunn text 027 444-9679, phone 934.2179 or email: kevjudunn@paradise.net.nz

This Entertainment Book has great discounted rates at Wellington cafes, restaurants, family attractions, services, cinemas plus accommodation in NZ and Australia at the cost of \$60, and can be used until June 2012. You only have to use the book a few times to recover the cost of purchase, and \$12 from each book sold goes to Owhiro Bay School to provide extra learning resources for your child.

ELECTION DAY FAIR

Parentlink are holding our annual fair on Election Day (26 November 2011, from 10.30—2.00 pm). As our school is a polling booth, we hope to attract more than the usual visitors.

Ishani is co-ordinating the fair this year. Please talk with her about your ideas for this event and how you can support this event.

Ishani Noble
Ph. 3838.555

The next meeting is on Tuesday 30 August at 7.30 pm. The meeting will be held at Kelly and Kevin's home, 173a Severn Street, Island Bay. All very welcome.

MULCH FOR SALE

Hooray. We are 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. We also need 'people-power' to help bag the bark. Bags are available from the school office or 199 Happy Valley Road—so you can do this in your own time and decide on how many bags you are able to fill to help raise funds for your child/ren's school.

For more details contact Sue on 938.2484.

A huge thank you to Sue Raue for all the mulch she has been selling on behalf of the school in the weekends. She has so far raised and incredible \$525.00. Thank you so much Sue for all your hard work

**\$5 per bag—
spread the
word!**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees on 23 August at 7.00 pm.

Please note that minutes of meetings are available to read in a folder in the foyer in the office.

SOUTHERN ZONE SWIMMING SPORTS

You will have been contacted if your child is competing in this event next Tuesday.

Thank you to the parents who are transporting, supervising students at the sports or helping Shelley in running the event at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre.

Good luck to all the students who are representing Owhiro Bay School next week.



THREE WAY CONFERENCES—LEARNING CONVERSATIONS TUESDAY 16TH, WEDNESDAY 17TH and THURSDAY 18TH AUGUST 2011



Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who were able to make it along to the Three Way Conferences yesterday and those who are attending tonight. Thanks also to the parents of students in Pohutukawa (Room 3) for re-scheduling when Therese was unable to make it to school on Tuesday due to the road closures.

Thank you also for the on-going learning conversations you have with your child/ren and their class teachers

A note from Whaea Lisa

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Hukarere = snow

Pronunciation : who-car-rare-rare

PRINCIPAL/PARENT CUPPA AND A 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.

