



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates To Remember

• Life Education Mobile Classroom (Parent meeting) 9.00—9.30 am	18 February
• Road Safety with Constable Duncan (Rooms 1, 3 & 6)	19 February
• Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm	23 February
• Hangi Organisation Meeting 6.15-6.45 pm (prior to BOT meeting)	23 February
• School Picnic (postponement date 26 February)	25 February
• School Fun Run (postponement date 4 March)	2 March
• Bikes & Wheels Safety with Constable Duncan	11 March
• School Hangi	19 March
• One Learning Community Unveiling Celebration	26 March
• Mulching Day with WCC	30 March
• Three Way Conferences	30/31 March
• End of Term—Thursday 2.00 pm	1 April
• Good Friday	2 April

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Thank you to all our parents and caregivers who made it along to 'Meet the Teacher' class meetings last night, also to those of you who sent in apologies that you were unable to make it. We hope that you came away with a clearer idea of your child's day at school and an overview of programmes in their rooms. Just to let you know that Three-way Conferences have been scheduled for next month – on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 March. These are an opportunity for you to meet individually with your child and their teacher to discuss their learning goals and achievements. Time preference slips will come home in next week's newsletter.

Our community identified the following values as important for our school. These are an integral part of our curriculum **Te Aratika o te kura o Owhiro – Owhiro Bay Pathway**. The values of

- Respect
- Inclusion/equity
- Co-operation
- Responsibility
- Aiming high/excellence

are promoted with all students and adults whenever they are in Owhiro Bay Learning Community or representing our school. Consequently our school rules apply to everyone in the school (children and adults) as a way of encouraging us to bring these values to life on a daily basis. Over the next few weeks your child/ren will be talking about their learning, also how to improve their class and school to enable them to learn. This will include how to apply the school rules so please talk with them about what they can do to promote our values and continue to make our great school a better place of learning for everyone.

Our school rules are:-

1. Be considerate
2. Be kind
3. Be respectful
4. Be careful
5. Be peacemakers

On our 'Walk or Wheel to School Day' last week we were impressed with the number of children, and their parents, who took part. Thank you for supporting your child to walk or ride to school. Constable Duncan will be in school next month to talk with our older students about wheels safety and undertake safety checks on children's bikes.

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You may have noticed a change to the entrance area at the front of the school. The large 'maui' hook that is at the gate is to become our new sign for **Owhiro Bay Learning Community**. We appreciate the work that the Kindergarten Association, the Board and Carl Gifford have put in over the past few months to improve the entrance to our learning community. Stephen Harris (Tipene's Dad) and Carl have done us proud with the fantastic hook that will support the lettering/signage for our learning community. Wellington City Council are also in the process of replacing the safety barriers outside the main entrance.

Thank you for the extra effort everyone is making to use the gate to the courts so that you and your children are not walking across the much busier car park area. Thank you to the parents and students who let us know that this was tied up yesterday morning. Unfortunately we were unaware that a contractor was to be working on the Kindergarten roof yesterday morning so did not have the opportunity to let you know that for Health & Safety reasons this entrance way would be out of use for the morning.

Have a great week everyone

Ka kite



Karen

WELCOME

To Michelle, Jenae and Harold the giraffe from Life Education. We would like to thank Michelle who has been our Life Education Teacher for the past 7 years. At the end of this term she is starting her new role in education support in the Life Education Office. Jenae is taking over her position in the mobile classroom.

Thanks

To Margit Weinert, Mireille Conti-Leslie and Sylvie Ryan who helped Warren and Karen clear the garage to access furniture. Thanks to you all for helping load our older style chairs that we no longer use onto the trailer to be sent off in a container to one of the schools being re-built in Samoa after the tsunami. Your help was really appreciated.

To Warren Rankin, George Theodorou, Robin McPhee, Hamish McIntyre, Amanda McMillan and Steve Kelly for re-erecting the shade cloths again for the term. This donated service saves the school over \$800 each time they are put up. Kia ora everyone.

Life Education Mobile Classroom

Michelle, Jenae and Harold from the Life Education Mobile Classroom joined us this week as part of our class health programmes focusing on caring for ourselves by eating healthy foods. The \$3.00 cost per student to visit the mobile class is covered from the \$10.00 per child per term that we ask you to donate towards school trips, performers and extra educational experiences for your child/ren. Each class visited the classroom twice over the last few days.

A parent information meeting is at **9.00—9.30 am tomorrow morning, Thursday 18th February.**



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 morning does not suit you.



HANGI ORGANISATION MEETING

Please join us at this meeting on Tuesday 23 February between 6.15 and 6.45 pm to plan and hear all about what is involved in the organization of the hangi. If you are unable to make the meeting and wish to learn more about what is involved or offer your help, please contact Wendy/Karen at school. At this meeting we will put a video on in the library for any parents who need to bring their child(ren) with them.

Further details regarding the hangi will be in next weeks newsletter.

SAFETY IN THE SUN

During Terms 1 and 4, wearing of sunhats is compulsory in the playground, so please check your child has a **named** hat to wear at school. We also encourage the use of sunglasses and sunblock during these summer months.

We are currently looking for 3–4 people to help re-erect the shade cloths on Thursday 11 February. If you can help please contact Wendy.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is on Tuesday 23 February at 7.00 pm. Please note that minutes of these meetings are available to read in a folder in the foyer in the office.

ROAD SAFETY WITH CONSTABLE DUNCAN

This Friday 19th February Rooms 3, 6 and 1 will be working with Constable Duncan on pedestrian safety, especially focusing on travelling to and from school. Other classes will meet with Constable Duncan later.

BIKE & WHEELS SAFETY WITH CONSTABLE DUNCAN



On Thursday 11 March, all senior students and maybe some other students who bicycle to school regularly will work with Constable Duncan on wheels safety and have their bicycles checked. Constable Duncan will send more information closer to the date.

SCHOOL PICNIC

THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

(postponement date 26th February)

At the beginning of each school year, the whole school walks to a local venue for this special event. This year we intend walking along the coast to Red Rock's Visitors Centre and the shoreline there.

During the walk we will be visiting rockpools and discussing care for seashore creatures as a review of 2009 learning and building on this.

We will leave school after morning tea at 11.10 am, have lunch on the shoreline and return to school by 3.00 pm.

Please let your child's teacher or the office know if you can come along with us.



A NOTE FROM WHAEA LISA AND WHAEA KAHU

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Kanohi ki te kanohi

Pronunciation :

car-no-he key tear car-no-he

LIBRARY HELP PLEASE

Are you willing/able to come in and meet with Therese and Shelley in the library next Wednesday from 12.45 pm?

This is with the view of some possible help with processing and shelving books in our library.

If you can help, please contact either Therese, Shelley or Wendy in the office.

A NOTE FROM ROOM 3

Do you have green fingers? Room 3 would like your help with a garden plot they have planned.

If you can help, please contact Therese or Wendy. Thanks.

"Nude Food" Days

Keep up the great work in promoting "Nude Food Tuesdays" or "Nude Food Everyday" if you are able. The reduction of wrappers makes a significant impact on our environment and the amount of waste being sent to the local landfill.

One Learning Community Unveiling Celebration

Another date for you to diary now is Friday 26 March. This is when there will be an "Unveiling Celebration" for our One Learning Community—of Owhiro Bay Kindergarten and School. All our students, teachers, parents, caregivers and community are invited to attend. There will also be invited guests from the Ministry of Education, City Council and the government attending. We look forward to you joining us for this event. More details about this will be outlined in the newsletter as they come to hand.

ANNUAL SCHOOL HANGI

Please diary Friday 19th March as hangi date. The evening begins at 5.30 pm with some whaikarero and waiata by the children. 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 or \$2 coins for the raffle on the evening and something to sit on outside.

Hangi tickets are on sale from 1 March at a cost of \$12.00 per parcel if purchased before 13th March and \$14.00 after that date. Bring your friends and family along to this.

Each hangi parcel contains an adult portion of food—meat and vegetables (sorry no specialist diets can be catered for). You may like to share one parcel between 2 or more people. Please BYO drinks for children and adults. An iceblock ticket is issued for children with ticket purchases. Extra iceblock tickets can be purchased at 50c. Please let us know how many of these you require when you get your tickets.

Hangi Organisation Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday 23 February between 6.15 and 6.45 pm (prior to BOT meeting) and learn all about proceedings and how you can possibly help. Following is a list of the types of jobs that we will need help with prior to, during and after the hangi.

HELP! We need:

- 3-4 men to prepare pit on Thursday 18th (5.30 - 7.00 pm ish)
- 3-4 men to work during the day (9.00—1.00 pm)
- 4-5 people to help with veggie preparation on day (9.00—11.00 am BYO peelers and knives)
- 2-3 people to collect tickets/serve parcels (5.30 pm)
- 2-3 people to wrap food parcels in newspaper as come out of hangi (5.30 pm) BYO gloves as parcels are hot.
- 3-4 people to make stuffing (the night before and deliver to school before 9.00 am on Friday)
- Unfolding newspapers ready for serving
- Tinfoil cutting prior to Friday
- 2-3 people to empty rubbish bins and put full liners into skip (end evening 7.30—8.00 pm)
- People to deliver flyers

If you can help with any of the above, please contact Wendy.

LUNCH ORDERING MENU 2010

For your information, please note the following items and prices for lunch ordering from the school lunchroom.

Hawaiian Pizza	\$2.00
Monty's Spaghetti Pie (bread base)	\$2.00
Metro Mince Pie	\$2.00
Butter Chicken Wrap	\$3.00
Muffin—chocolate	\$1.00
Muffin—blueberry	\$1.00
Small cookie	\$ 80c
Popcorn	\$ 80c
Mooju	\$1.00
Bottle of Water	\$1.00



VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Manaaki" or "Caring". Caring is about giving love and attention to people and things. When caring about people you can help them. Caring is about treating people and things gently and respectfully.

The focus for next week is "Courage" or "Hautoa"

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

TE REO & TIKANGA WITH LISA AND KAHU

Lisa and Kahu are currently working in the school on Friday afternoons. Please let us know if you wish your child to join them for enrichment classes. All students take part in whole school Kapa Haka.

TE KETE ROUROU—MAORI ENRICHMENT CLASSES 2010 WITH WHAEA LISA AND WHAEA KAHU

If you would like your child(ren) to join these classes, please sign and return this slip to school as soon as possible.

I/we request that : _____ Room No. _____
_____ Room No. _____
_____ Room No. _____

join Te Kete Rourou Maori Enrichment classes in 2010

Signed: _____

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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COOL KIDS PROGRAMME

For children 7—11 years of age whose fears and worries stop them from doing things, shyness, worries about making mistakes and other fears.

When: Wednesdays from 4.00—5.30 pm
From 21 April—16th June
Where: Victoria Psychology Clinic, Level 5, Easterfield Building, Kelburn Campus, Kelburn Parade
Cost: \$20.00 per session, fee negotiable if necessary.
Contact: Clinic for more information 463.6400

STAR DANCE ACADEMY WELLINGTON 2010 : DREAM IT, DANCE IT, DO IT FIRST CLASS- 24TH February 2010

Location:

Newtown Hall
Corner of Daniell and Constable Street, Newtown, Wellington

Ages:

Juniors- 5-7years
Intermediates- 8-10 years
Seniors- 11-13years
Senior Leaders in Training (Star LIT)-14-17years

Times:

WEDNESDAY
Juniors/Intermediates- 3.30pm (Arrive)
3.45 (Start)-4.30 (Finish)
Seniors/LIT- 4pm (Arrive)
4.15 (Start)-5.15 (Finish)

Fees:

Juniors/Intermediates: \$60
Seniors: \$70
Star Dance Academy runs on a school term bases. 8/9 weeks per term.
STAR DANCE ACADEMY teaches a variety of dance styles from Salsa to Hip-hop.

Contacts:

Ms Bex- 0276365819
Ms Chloe- 027285927

CARLUCCILAND E PETITION

If you would like to support Carlucciland in the Bay, please sign the petition at www.wellingtoncitycouncil.govt.nz. The final date for the online petition is 2 March 2010 to keep Carlucciland up and running

HarbourCity Hockey Club want you!

If you are looking to play a winter sport and would like to give hockey a try or have played before then HarbourCity hockey is for you.

Harbourcity hockey is an established Club which last year had 13 junior teams in the local competitions. Team sizes range from 4 to 11 depending on player age and capability. The junior Club caters for all children between the ages of 5 and 13. Games are on Saturdays in Terms 2 and 3 and are very rarely cancelled. Practices are once a week after school. Registration date is on the 28th of February at 11.30am at the National Hockey Stadium in Newtown. Alternatively children can be registered through accessing the registration forms on the website: www.harbourcityhockey.org.nz
If you have any queries feel free to contact Fiona on 3836947 or email fiona.morgan@paradise.net.nz

FOOTBALL/SOCCER 2010

Island Bay Junior Football invites players (girls and boys) to register for the 2010 soccer season.

Starting age = minimum age of 5 years at 01 April 2009

Fees start at \$70.00 per child. Family concessions also available.

Registrations forms available from the website: www.ibuafc.wellington.net.nz

Registrations close 28th February 2010

Register via post/online or registration night at the Wakefield Park Clubrooms, Adelaide Road, Island Bay, **Tuesday 23rd Feb 6pm - 8pm**