



## OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates To Remember

- Parentlink Meeting 2.00 pm in the staffroom 21 May
- Band and Music Tuition begins 25 May
- Orchestra Concert & visit to Te Papa/Sea Museum 28 May
- Queens Birthday Break 7 June
- School Planting Day 11 June
- Sportzone Soccer Tournament (at school) 14 June

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Thank you to those parents/caregivers and whanau who made it along to the powhiri on Monday. It was great to have you as part of our welcome for the ERO team. Your children did us proud as they welcomed Claire, Beverly and Christine to the school at this powhiri. They are leaving our school today. The timeframe for receiving the written report is approximately 11-12 weeks. We will notify you once this is available and send home the summary with the newsletter once it is available.

Jonathon begins work at school next Tuesday. He is auditioning interested Year 4—6 students who already play an instrument, for band and beginning a percussion ensemble. If you have filled in a tuition form, he will be in touch with you directly to confirm private tuition times.

Please look for a notice coming home with your child later this week with more details about next Fridays Orchestra performance and museum visit. Rooms 4, 5 and 6 are going to the City and Sea Museum and Rooms 1 and 3 to Te Papa. All students are attending the Orchestra Performance at 1.00 pm.

Ka kite

Karen

### Thanks

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who were able to make it along to the Powhiri on Monday morning to welcome the Education Review Office team to our school and who have managed to drop by and talk with the team. Thanks also to Evan and Mac for leadership in whaikorero and Jaegar and Jasmine for leadership in karanga at the powhiri.

To Jaegar Russell for all the lovely books donated to the school library. These will be well read.

To Jason Brown for helping lift and carry some heavy paper down to the resource room this week. Your help was very much appreciated.

To Ashleigh and Cathy who did a shift each in the office on Monday when Wendy was unavailable to come in.

To Maria Wallace for all the help in Room 6 last week. Hope you enjoyed your time in Room 6 as much as they enjoyed having you.

To Neil Booth who acted as 'Friend of the School' for both this and our last ERO review.

## WELCOME

To Bruno Vasbenter who joined children in Room 5 last week. Welcome also to Bruno's family to our school community.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Welcome to our new Board of Trustees:

Chris Roberts  
Karen Sommerville  
Kathryn Hazlewood  
George Theodorou  
Peter Noble  
Warren Rankin (Staff Representative)  
Karen Hardie (Principal)

We thank Joanne Leggett and Karin Keith for their wonderful work on the Board and service to the school over the past Board term. Kia ora koutou.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees has been scheduled for Tuesday 25 May at 7.00 pm.

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

## 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.

## EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

The Education Review Team depart our school today and will report back to the Board on Thursday evening.

ERO reports are designed to support our school's own self review processes and programmes. We look forward to their feedback on how we can continue to improve what we do to promote student learning and achievement at Owhiro Bay School.

If you have been unable to come in to speak to the Team, Claire has offered you the opportunity to contact her by email at [claire.cockburn@ero.govt.nz](mailto:claire.cockburn@ero.govt.nz).

## ROOMS 4, 5 AND 6 TRIP TO MUSEUM OF WELLINGTON, CITY & SEA TRIP ROOMS 1 AND 3 TRIP TO TE PAPA FOLLOWED BY WHOLE SCHOOL VISIT VECTOR WELLINGTON ORCHESTRA 'ORCHESTRA THROUGH THE AGES'

On Friday 28 May the whole school will travel by bus and visit the above. Buses depart Owhiro Bay School at 9.15 and leave the Michael Fowler Centre at 2.15 pm, arriving back at school at approximately 2.45 pm. Please ensure your child has adequate lunch and is dressed appropriately.

More details will come home with your child this week.

## VIRTUES

.This week the focus is "Moderation" or "ata-ngawari" which means being in charge of your time and using self-discipline to keep the balance between work and play. Moderation helps us to stay balanced, so that we are not controlled by our desires. Without moderation we wouldn't do our fair share. When we practice moderation we make a choice to be the way we want to be. When you practice moderation you are content to have just what you need.

## PRIMARY TEACHER COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT NZEI UNION MEETING

Thank you to our amazing teaching staff who have covered their colleagues on a staggered basis so they could attend afternoon NZEI meetings at different sites around Wellington over the past two weeks. This has meant that classes have proceeded without any disruption to timetables.

## A NOTE FROM WHAEA LISA AND WHAEA KAHU

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

**Tino pai rawa = excellence**

Pronunciation : tea-noh pie rah-wah

## PARENTLINK

Parentlink is your school fundraising committee. Please help us continue to raise funds for much needed new IT resources for student learning at Owhiro Bay School.

### New Promotion for Term 2: The Little Red Book

Treat yourself to \$1000 worth of dining and entertainment discounts including:

- \* 25% off the total bill deals at Instana Malaysia, Kayu Manis, The Long Bar and Strawberry Fare
- \* Complimentary drinks offers at Esquires Coffee Houses, The Coffe Club and Butlers Chocolate Cafe
- \* Buy one karting and/or indoor golf and get one free at Indoor Grand Prix

Plus many more great deals for a night out, a coffee break and weekend and school holiday fun!

**This is fantastic value for only \$29.95 and the school receives \$8.00 from every sale!**

A sample book can be viewed at the school office. For more information please visit

[www.LittleRedBook.co.nz](http://www.LittleRedBook.co.nz) or contact Helen Orange on 383 5223 or [mattandhelen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mattandhelen@xtra.co.nz)

**To purchase your copy/s please return your order (below) and payment to the school office.**

### Owhiro Bay School T-Shirts

There are still some size 10 and 12 good quality school t-shirts available. Remaining stock is being sold at a reduced price of only \$15.00. T-shirts can be viewed and purchased at the School Office.

### Entertainment Books

The Entertainment Book contains hundreds of 25-50% off and two-for-one offers from popular restaurants, cinemas, hotels and arts and leisure activities. Books cost \$60 each and \$12 from every sale goes towards our school fundraising targets. An Entertainment Book can be viewed at the School Office.

**Next Meeting:** 2pm this Friday 21 May in the school staffroom. All parents, caregivers and your ideas are very welcome.



*And watch this space for a tasty croissant*

*fundraiser coming later this term.*



## THE LITTLE RED BOOK

Your name:.....

Your child's name and room number:.....

I would like to order ..... copies of the Little Red Book @ \$29.95 each = \$.....



Please make cheques payable to Owhiro Bay School or place the correct cash in an envelope.

**Thank you for your support.**