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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Labour Day holiday	24 October
School Photographs	26 October
OBS Athletics	27 October
Board of Trustees Meeting	27 October
OBS Athletics postponement date	1 November
Enviro Day	11 November
Walk 'n' Wheels Day	16 November
Owhiro Bay Country Fair	27 November
Pack the Bus	2 December
Last Day of 2016 (amended date)	16 December
First Day of 2017	1 February

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday	Marzipan Drama classes 8.00 am In the hall Creek Crew/Stream Team 9 – 11 am
Wednesday	Wheels Day Yoga/Pilates Classes 6.30 pm In hall
Thursday	Recorder Classes 8.30 – 8.50 am Code Club 3.30 - 4.30 pm Running Club 3.00 – 3.30 pm
Friday	Coffee Group in the staffroom Last Friday of each month Assembly 2.20 pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

This term is shaping up to be a busy one, and everyone has hit the ground running. As mentioned in the newsletter last week, we have been practicing our invacuation/evacuation drills with the children and discussing the different events that might cause these. The school will be practising an INVACUATION drill during the next week, which will involve parents picking their children up from the school foyer. In previous practices we have evacuated up to Tawa Tawa reserve and children have been picked up from there. Please note that the drill we will be practising this term will be an invacuation, which will require students to be signed out and collected from school. Please keep your eyes on your phones, as you will receive a text to signal this drill. If you haven't updated your contact details with Wendy, now would be a good time!

Last term, a group of children were selected to sit the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) exams – these tests are run by the University of New South Wales in Australia. We entered the Maths and the English tests, and had some great results! Congratulations to all students who sat these tests, and those that received credit and merit awards. Special congratulations to Bessie Hawkings, Makaela Cheung and Max Ware who received Distinction awards in Maths and to Millie Holloway who received High Distinction in English. Well done!

We've had cases of nits, chicken pox, tummy bugs and colds since the term began. Just a reminder that it is important to keep your child at home until they are 48 hours symptom free, to ensure we're not spreading bugs.

The whole school athletics is being held on the morning of Thursday 27th October. We are always in need of helpers on the day to help us with the events. All the children are in the middle of 'Run, Jump, Throw' training. If you could help with the event, please let Wendy know.

Have a great long weekend,

Ngā mihi,

Vikki and the team

PROVERB OF THE WEEK

"He rau ringa e oti ai"
or
"Many hands make light work"

WELCOME

To Keir Prebble and Pippa Mardell who joined Harakeke this week. Welcome also to Keir and Pippa's family to our school community.



A NOTE FROM JAVI, REBECCA A., REBECCA W, WILL, WAIMARINO, PORTIA, STELLA M., AOIFE.....

Dear parents and caregivers,

This term our inquiry is to make a difference. We want to help SPCA, Kids Cancer, and homeless people. That is why we are holding a bake sale if you are interested it will be held outside Wendy's office from 3.00 – 4.00 pm on Friday 21st of October.

Items from 50c - \$2.00.



YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

Thanks everyone for your support. We now have \$390.00 to spend on PE equipment. Well done!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday wishes to the following children who have birthdays coming up:

Antonio Cooper 21/10

Maia Clarke-Sarisaltik 23/10

Enjoy your Day!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2016

Coming home today with your child is a slip as follows. Please only return this if you require a family/sibling photo to be taken. Do not pay now. You will receive a payment envelope (with a proof of the photo) to place your order after photoday.

Owhiro Bay School on 26th Oct, 2016

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.
You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.
You will receive an order envelope featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

Premium Pack(A) plus You get The File	Value Pack(B) plus You get The File	Single Pack (C) plus You get The File	Pack prices (do not pay now) A = 35.00 B = 29.50 C = 28.00 D = 20.00 E = 14.00
Portraits only (D)	Class only(E)		

Packs include:
Premium Pack: 20x15, 2x10, Portraits, Wallchart, Calendar, The File voucher and a Class photo
Value Pack: 12x10, Portraits, Wallchart, The File voucher and a Class photo
Single Pack: 12x10 portrait, The File voucher and a Class photo
Class Photo: All class photos in portrait packs and Class only are 4x6 and laminated.
The File voucher includes the code to redeem the 2000 file of your child's portrait.

Family/Sibling Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home or you can go to Family Order Form at www.schoolmemories.co.nz to download a form. Order form MUST be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

VIRTUES

We continue our focus on "Creativity" or "whaihanga-tanga" this week..

I am practising creativity when I....

- Discover the gifts I have
- Use knowledge and training to develop my gifts
- Think of new ways to make things work better
- Use my imagination
- Have the discipline to practice
- Take time for dreaming
- Do things my own creative way

Next week the focus is "Enthusiasm" or "kai ngakau"

WRITING SAMPLES FROM ROOM 3 STUDENTS

About Spring

The life cycle of a pear tree

The dormant begins its adventurous journey into life. The keen swollen bud sprouts away after a long waited slumber.

The bud burst explodes with excitement showing off its buttoned-up groom.

The green cluster shows a long face, as others often ask "why so mellow?"

Suddenly, after weeks of confinement the green cluster morphs into Bloom.

Petal fall is over and its journey has come to an end, the fruit is set, its job is done.

By Daniel Long (10)

Blossoming Pear

The dormant waits and waits until the excitement begins
Swollen buds explode into power over their younger siblings
The green cluster grieves to be blooming
Blooms think that petal fall is disgraceful.

Gina Bacon, 8 years

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.



TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Ko wai I toa? Ko tātou katoa!

Who won? We all won!

PARENTLINK



Here is the latest news from the Fair Committee.

FEEL LIKE HAVING A SPRING CLEAN?

The school garage is now 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.

Electronic volunteer sign-up sheet

Thanks so much to everyone who has signed up and filled up all the committee and stall manager roles. It's fantastic to have such great support within the school/kindy community. However, we still need volunteers to help with the stalls on the day for a couple of hours. There are two time slots to choose from, 10.30 - 12.30pm and 12.30 - 2.30pm. It's lots of fun selling the goods and chatting to people on the day. Simply click on the following:

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

Note, 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)

Facebook page

Here is the 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>

Garden Stall request

Please start thinking about planting / repotting seed and plants for fair. All plant donations, especially natives, will be gratefully received.

URGENT PLEASE THREE MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – HARBOURSIDE MARKET COMMUNITY CAR PARK PROGRAMME



"THREE MORE CAR PARKERS NEEDED"

THIS SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER FROM 11.00 AM – 2.00 PM

**COME JOIN OUR BAND OF HIGH VIS PARKERS,
DIRECTING TRAFFIC AND RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
ACCESSIBILITY RAMP REVAMP!**

Harbourside Market (Chaffers St) allows community groups to manage the parking for their Sunday markets to help with fundraising. Community groups are given two consecutive Sundays to do this.

We appreciate that we're asking for assistance at a very busy time of year and at a time that is close to the Fair. However, this opportunity doesn't come up often and, when it does, we can't afford to miss it. We've been in the ballot for the last two years and the last time we used this as a fundraiser, we raised approximately \$1,000. We're hoping to use the funds raised to replace the accessibility ramp into the school hall.

If you can help, please contact klare.brave@matuaraki.org.nz (027 703 9829) to let her know when you can assist and to get further information.

REMINDER : SWIS OPEN EVENING

Just a little reminder that SWIS Open Evening for parents and students is Tuesday 25 October from 6pm-7:30pm, beginning at the SWIS school hall.



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Artrageous Kids

Artrageous Kids is bringing back after school sessions on Fridays at The Poneke Dojo in Mt Cook.

Oct 28 - December 9th \$161.00 for the 7 sessions all materials and resources provided. 3.30pm till 5.15

There will be a different theme each week and also all our old favourites and most popular activities will be available.

Bookings can be made by following this link

https://enrolmy.com/artrageous-kids/activity/8-Artrageous_After_School_Extravaganza

To find out more about us please visit our website www.artrageouskids.co.nz

Wonderplay Drama Classes

Wonderplay drama classes are free to try this week. Classes for 4-8 and 9-12 year olds as well Advanced Drama for 11-13 year olds. Classes are on Thursdays at Island Bay Community Centre. First lesson is free to try. Please contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz