



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

◆ Queens Birthday Weekend (this weekend)	6 June
◆ Parentlink Meeting	7 June
◆ Matariki Celebration	14 June
◆ Emergency Evacuation Practice	16 June
◆ Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm	21 June
◆ Emergency Evacuation Practice (postponement date)	23 June
◆ Student Council/Red Socks Day	8 July
◆ End of Term 2	15 July
◆ Beginning of Term 3	1 August
◆ Community Meeting	11 August

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

With the whole school emergency evacuation coming up in a couple of weeks, please make sure that you and your emergency back up adults know where to collect your child/ren on the afternoon of Thursday 16 June.

This year's emergency scenario is a large earthquake which requires evacuation due to the likelihood of a tsunami. Consequently the whole school will be evacuating to our Tsunami Safety Zone on Murchison Street. Please note that you will not be contacted by phone but will be expected to collect your child/ren from 2:30 – 3:00pm, and they will only be released to the people listed on the Emergency Release Register ie: the adults you have listed with the school. As in past years the time of pick up is recorded and you (or one of the listed adults) will sign for your child. Please note that this annual practice is designed to help us to be as prepared as we can be in the event of an emergency. We appreciate your help in making this as authentic as possible, and following the practice we welcome your suggestions to improve the procedure.

Your child/ren are currently discussing and learning about emergency preparedness in their classroom. Civil Defence Emergency Management Office encourages families to also discuss and plan so that you are ready to survive for three to five days without help, following an emergency. A flyer will come home to you today with some suggestions for this.

Just a reminder that although it is Queen's Birthday weekend, school finishes at the usual time of 3pm this Friday 3 June. We hope that you have a great long weekend with your child/ren.

Ka kite
Karen



Thanks



To Grant Maiden for being one of our wonderful building alarm call out parents over the last couple of years. Thank you so much for your help Grant over this time and saving the school valuable funds.

To Stephanie Peick, Sharon Leamy, Rebecca Almgren and Keryn Dixon who have offered their help in Room 3. We really appreciate your help and the benefits the children will gain from your input.

To Mark Prestwood and Edward who pumped up the tyres on Moveable Maisie to enable the mobile computer unit to continue to be used throughout the school.

SECURITY CALL PERSONNEL

Do you live fairly local to the school and would be prepared to be on our building alarm callout list and thereby saving the school valuable money? In the past, callouts have been for minor reasons, insects walking across sensors, rodents, draughts and a curtain setting sensor off. All that is required is that someone come in to school with the guidance of the security monitoring service who will advise the location of the problem area, investigate (with the Police if you feel unsafe) and re-set alarms.

If you can help, please contact Wendy at the school.

Thank you again to Grant Maiden who has helped us over the last couple of years. Thank you also to Michael Dombroski and Mark Bailey (an ex-parent of the school) who are remaining as call out people. We really appreciate this "behind the scenes" help.

VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Gentleness" or "Humarika" which means acting and speaking in a kind, considerate way. Using self-control in order not to hurt or offend anyone. You can be gentle with people and animals in the way you touch them and the way you speak to them. You handle things carefully so they will not break or be hurt.

Next week the focus is: "Caring" or "manaaki".

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

Principal/Parent Cuppa & Chat

Please remember Karen is available on Monday mornings at 9.00 am for a cuppa and a chat.

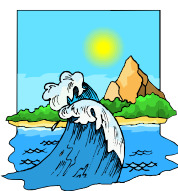
If there is anything you would like to discuss/chat about or wish to have clarified, please join her then or feel free to speak to Wendy and make an appointment to come and see Karen at another time if the Monday does not suit.



Vandalism and Care for our Grounds and Buildings

Last weekend the Kindergarten was left with a considerable mess and defacing on the outside of their buildings. Dye had been spread on the walls and concrete, sand and equipment was strewn over the decks and grounds.

Please can we request that you look out for the safe and appropriate use of our grounds out of school/ kindergarten hours. If your child or family is using the grounds, we appreciate you using this appropriately and leaving the area tidy/in the same safe state as when you arrived. If you should see anyone inappropriately using the grounds or damaging buildings, please contact the police immediately by calling 111.



ANNUAL EMERGENCY EVACUATION PRACTICE—2011

*Please remember to check
out where your child will
be evacuated in the
likelihood of a Tsunami*

A reminder that this year the scenario for the emergency evacuation practice from the school site, is a large earthquake with the resulting likelihood of a tsunami heading towards Wellington. The Emergency Management Office advice is that any earthquake lasting for a period of a minute or more, requires the school and kindergarten to evacuate to our Tsunami Safety Zone. This Safety Zone is up the road from Domanski Crescent, across the road to the clearing or car park area on the left, half way up Murchison Street.

Please note:- This year **we will not be telephoning** parents and caregivers to notify them of the event as the scenario is that there is a significant 'earthquake with a resulting tsunami' requiring immediate evacuation. In any large earthquake you will know that our emergency procedure requires us to evacuate the school to the Tsunami Safety Zone and to expect your child/ren to be there for pick up.

This practice is scheduled to occur on Thursday 16 June in the afternoon with a postponement date of the following Thursday afternoon (ie:23 June) if the weather is such that it is a health risk for students waiting to be picked up by their emergency release adults. Students **need to be** collected from 2:30 – 3:00pm on the day of the evacuation practice.

You will find the map attached to this newsletter to indicate where you (or your emergency release adult) will be expected to collect your child whenever there is a 'earthquake/tsunami' emergency. It also marks the escape route that staff and children follow.

As always we appreciate your support and apologise for any inconvenience the evacuation may cause your family. However as recent events have indicated, having some procedures and preparedness for such emergency situations does help should they arise.

An Emergency Management Office flyer is coming home with your child today that may help your family plan for a major emergency.

A suggestion has been forwarded to the school regarding the storage of a small amount of food on site. This could be used in the event of an emergency stranding students at school for a short period. The suggestion is that families donate a can or packet of food that would be stored in the school. Each year when the whole school evacuation practice occurs, parents and caregivers will be asked to donate a can or packet of food and the previous years donations will be forwarded to the City Mission for their foodbank.

Please forward these donations and deposit them in the bin in the foyer over the next two weeks. Thanks.

Matariki Celebration – 14 June

Parents and caregivers are invited to join us at a Matariki Celebration on Tuesday 14 June at 2:15pm in the hall. Your child is performing some kapa haka items followed by afternoon tea with the parents and caregivers who can make it along. Please can your child bring along some food to share as part of this event.



A note from Whaea Lisa
Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Hue = gourd

Pronunciation : who-ee

A Note from Owhiro Bay Kindergarten

Please see the flyer from the Brainwave Trust attached to the newsletter.

"We are very excited to be able to offer you the opportunity to hear a representative of the Brainwave Trust present on brain development from to age three. The focus strongly on the importance of the early years.

It is something that is highly recommended and we think is worth getting a baby sitter for".

Please RSVP to owhirobay@wn-kindergarten.org.nz by Monday 13 June.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is on Tuesday 21 June at 7.00 pm.

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

MOBILE DENTAL UNIT

The expected day of arrival for the Mobile Dental Unit will be Monday 20th June.

Last year the unit was based at our school for a month but the length depends on the needs of our school and kindergarten children.



PARENTLINK

BOARD GAMES IN THE BAY 2-5.30pm, Sunday 12th June, Owhiro Bay School Hall

Enjoy a great family afternoon playing modern board & card games like the Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride and Carcassonne.

Free entry and refreshments / goodies available so bring your pocket money to spend if you want.

Games supplied by www.BoardGameRentals.co.nz with people available to help teach.

We will have games available for sale. 50% of game sale profits go to Owhiro Bay School's Parentlink.

SUSHI LUNCHES—EVERY THURSDAY

Wrap It Up Sushi is providing sushi lunches to our school every Thursday. Choose a healthy lunch option and order sushi for your child. Check out our website—www.wrapitupsushi.co.nz. Don't forget to have order in **by 9.00 each Wednesday** or make it easy on yourself and pre-pay for the whole term. Just email us at wrapitupsushi@gmail.com **Having trouble remembering to order? If you would like a reminder email every Tuesday drop Rachel & Jane a line at wrapitupsushi@gmail.com and you'll never forget your sushi order again!**

Orders must be in an envelope (with the correct money), the child's name, room number and order on the outside. Envelopes can be dropped off in the plastic container in the foyer opposite the school office no later than 9.00 am on Wednesday.

PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE—THIS FRIDAY

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



The next Sausage Sizzle is **this Friday 3 June**—children can have a sausage wrapped in bread with yummy tomato sauce for just \$2.00. Students need to bring their order to school by the Thursday before, 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 will go towards a new computer cow—to allow more children access to ICT.

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. She is setting up a roster and would appreciate any offers of help.

2011/12 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

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

The Entertainment Book offers great discounted rates at Wellington cafes, restaurants, family attractions, services, cinemas plus accommodation in NZ and Australia.

A sample of the book for you to look over can be found in the school office foyer and orders can be placed at the office to be picked up by Parentlink.

The books cost \$60.00 and can be used immediately, expiring June 2012. \$12 from each book sold goes to Owhiro Bay School. You only have to use the book a few times to recover the cost of purchase.

NEXT PARENTLINK MEETING

The next meeting of Parentlink is held at Peter & Ishani Noble's house, 84 Happy Valley Road on Tuesday 7 June at 7.30 pm.

Why don't you come along—Parentlink is a friendly, inclusive group of parents and all are very welcome.

STAR WRITER

Our star writer for this week is:

Carlos Henry—Room 1 (Age 9)

For focusing really hard during writing time.

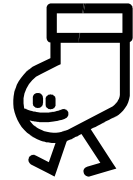
By Carlos Henry

I go to Owhiro Bay School. My teacher's name is Mrs Berry.

I like playing ball tag with Sebastian and Quentin. My favourite subject is PE

STUDENT COUNCIL—RED SOCKS DAY

The Student Council are organising and our school is celebrating “Red Socks Day” on Friday 8th July. Red Socks Day is a day where we can celebrate great leaders and the difference a great leader can make. National Red Socks Day will take place during Leadership Week 2011. By celebrating Leadership Week, we are celebrating great leaders and Sir Peter Blake. The money will go into helping the Sir Peter Blake Trust run programmes such as Care for our Coast—Antarctica Leadership Programmes in Schools.



Red socks will be sold on this day for \$3.00.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Every effort is made to present accurate information.
The Board of Trustees does not accept responsibility for any inaccuracies.
The Board is unable to accept responsibility for guaranteeing the goods or services advertised.



Parents Needed for Study Triple P: Positive Parenting Group Programme

The **Child Behaviour Group** at Victoria University of Wellington is running a study evaluating the effectiveness of a new version of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Group Programme. The programme aims to support parents to manage their child's emotions and behaviour. Backed by 30 years of international research, Triple P has been shown to be effective for many different families.

- ◆ Do you have a child aged between 3 and 6?
- ◆ Are you having difficulty managing the behaviour and emotions of this child?
- ◆ Would you like to take part in an 8-week parenting programme (involving group sessions) at Kelburn designed to promote positive child development?

Yes, yes and yes? Group attendance is free! Families will participate in assessment sessions as part of the study.

For further information, please contact
Associate Professor Karen Salmon on 04 463 9528, or Rebecca Burson on 04 463 5233
ext. 8074
email: positive-parenting@vuw.ac.nz

For more info on Triple P, please visit www.triplep.net.