



*e tipu e rea* In our children lies our future

# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Parentlink Matariki Disco (this Friday)	23 June
Pre-Planting for Enviro Day (Sunday)	25 June
Mr Eco	29 June
Parentlink Coffee Club 2.15 in the staffroom	30 June
Enviro Day	30 June
Staff Training Day – Inquiry Learning	6 July
Last day of term 3.00 pm	7 July
First day of Term 3, 8.55 am	24 July

## COMING UP

First Fair Committee Meeting 7.30 pm	2 August
Parentlink Movie Night	25 August
One Learning Community Fair	19 November
Swimming (whole school)	Term 4

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	Marzipan Drama Classes
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wheels Day Assembly 2.20 Soccer Practice
<b>Thursday</b>	Recorder Classes 8.30 a.m. (Beginners) Code Club 3.30 – 4.30 pm

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

One of the key messages I share with children is to seize every opportunity that comes along. Last week I did just this, attending the Generation Next Conference in Melbourne at the invitation of South Wellington Intermediate School. This cross-school co-operation will become more evident as the Capital City Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) gets underway.

The focus of the conference was the mental wellbeing of our youth with various speakers covering topics of anxiety, depression, anger, aggression and cyber-safety. It was affirming to hear that basic child development needs have not changed and that emerging research is helping us understand the impact of technology on the brain.

We all need a good night's sleep. Sleep patterns are affected by blue light. An hour and a half before bedtime omit all use of blue light/back lit devices. Replace with some old fashioned television time, music, or better still read a book. A no-screens in the bedroom is a great family rule to adopt. Have a landing pad where all devices are collected at a set time each evening for charging. As an extra measure feel free to turn off the router when you go to bed. For normal eyesight to develop at least 10 hours of sunshine are required each week, make sure your child/children are making the most of playing outside.

To protect your child's hearing check the volume settings on each device, and use quality headphones for no more than 1 hour a day. Leading by example is the way to go. It's important also to remember that technology is neither good nor bad. There are many more tips in the handouts and I'm happy to share my learning about JOMO, sharenting, phubbing and finstas.

In our new Parentlink 'Parent Library' we now have a book titled "Growing Happy, Healthy Young Minds. Feel free to pop into the staffroom and browse whichever chapter you might find most useful.

Congratulations to Warren Rankin Cluster Manager of Ngā Hau e Whā Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour Cluster 28, who lead the team through a very affirming and successful Education Review Office process last week. The results of this review will contribute to a nation-wide report on the RTLB service due out in 2018.

Congratulations also to Elsie Aitken and Eimear Trainor who represented the Southern Zone at yesterday's Interzone Cross Country. Check out the report in the sports spot. Confidence and Success in action!

See you at the pre-planting day down at the stream on Sunday at 10.00am.

Rocks  
Originality  
Confidence  
Kindness  
Success

Tineke and the team

## WELCOME

To Liam Campbell-Towns who joined children in Harakeke and Troy Kokkinidis who joined Whanake (Room 6) this week. Welcome also to Liam and Troy's families to our school community.



## YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

Yummy Apple Sticker charts are coming home with your child today. Please help us collect the stickers and bag cut-outs from Yummy apples. Sticker charts need to be returned by the end of Term 3 (September) so you have plenty of time to collect.

We look forward to receiving our share of the \$200,000 sports equipment in October



## VALUE OF THE WEEK

Our focus this week is "Originality"

## PRE-PLANTING DAY SUNDAY 25 JUNE AND ENVIRO DAY - 30 JUNE

To get ready for this term's Enviro Day and our annual planting we need to prepare the spots and dig the holes for the plants to go into. The plants are not large, so we'll be digging lots of small holes. To give us a head start we are having a pre-planting session on Sunday 25 June from 10.00 - 12.30 pm. For those who can't join us on Friday 30 June for our Enviro Day, this is an ideal opportunity to still be involved. Enviro Day is a combined learning community effort and supported by the Wellington City Council. The more we plant the healthier our stream environment becomes.



## PARENTLINK

### Matariki Disco - Friday 23rd June

Come along to the Matariki school disco at 6.00-7.30pm in the school hall. Entry is \$5 and includes an ice-block.

Please note - there is no food being sold at the disco so please ensure that your child/ren have had dinner before they come so that they have energy to dance the night away. If a child/ren are attending after school care until 6pm please ensure that they have adequate food.

There will be a Matariki themed dress-up competition for the best dressed "Stars." We also have a "chill-out" room in the Staffroom for adults with drinks and nibbles when you are ready to rest those dancing feet or escape the chaos.



### Abacus Calendar Fundraiser

The popular Abacus calendar fundraiser is happening again. Your child/ren are currently creating fantastic artwork in class which can be ordered as professionally printed calendars, cards, diaries, notepads and mousemats. Great for gifts and posting overseas.

You can be creative too! Cut and paste multiple kids' artwork into one family creation. Design your own Christmas cards or choose a favourite photo to submit. Please note that all artwork must be submitted on special art paper which is available from the school office.

Look out for more details and order forms coming home soon.

## SPORTS SPOT

### Interzone Cross Country Champs

Eimear and Elsie did Owhiro Bay School proud yesterday in the Interzone Cross Country Championships, each facing a daunting field of the 60 fastest girls from their year in the region.



In the first race of the day, Elsie held her own in the middle of a fast pack, and found some extra energy for a sprint finish to come an awesome 29th.

Later in the day, Eimear showed what a determined and talented athlete she is, by blitzing most of her opposition and racing strongly to an amazing 14th place finish.

Both girls gave it their all, and supported each other admirably to help find that extra ounce of effort towards the end of the race. We were incredibly proud of them both.

Well done girls, you totally rocked it!

If you would like more information and/or for your child to be involved, please contact Connor at [connor@owhiro.school.nz](mailto:connor@owhiro.school.nz)



### BIRTHDAY WISHES

To the following students who have a birthday coming up...

Jake Castle 22/6

Elizabeth Blakeley 26/6

Have a great day!



### EASTERN SOUTHERN YOUTH TRUST : ESYT presents BREAK-OUT Dance Classes

**Breakout Dance** is a Dance school offering HIPHOP Dance Classes that are run by experienced dance tutors; all who have graduated from EXCEL school of performing arts. All classes cost \$7.50 per lesson or you can pay this online per term. Times of classes are as follows:

- Monday 3:30-4:15pm 5 and 6 year olds at Island Bay Community Centre
- Monday 4:15-5pm 7 to 10 year olds at the Island Bay Community Centre.
- Wednesday 5-6pm Wellington South Baptist Church 9-14 year olds.

We have a number of places available in from Term 3  
If interested contact us now and we will secure a place for you in the classes available  
We would love to hear from you [lorna.esyt@gmail.com](mailto:lorna.esyt@gmail.com) or [legion.esyt@gmail.com](mailto:legion.esyt@gmail.com)

### Diabetes Youth Wellington Quiz Night

Venue: 1841 Bar & Restaurant in Johnsonville

Date: Sunday July 9

**Thank you Jo Aitken for the photographs and report.**

#### Dates coming up:

Southern Zone Swimming	25 August
Southern Zone Athletics	7 November

### UKULELE ORCHESTRA

In term 3, Connor Driver-Burgess would like to begin a ukulele orchestra. Practices are likely to be Wednesday mornings from 8.00 am.

Time: Quiz starts at 7pm

Tickets are \$20 and teams are made up of 6 - 8 people. Tickets can be purchased on an individual basis or as a team. Team names and themes are strongly encouraged!

Spot prizes and raffles will be available for auction on the night - we already have an array of items **including a signed All Blacks Jersey**.

All profits made will go towards supporting the children and families of Diabetes Youth Wellington.

Please note that due to the venue, those attending must be over 18 years old.

Please RSVP via the link below or send your response to [vice.presdyw@gmail.com](mailto:vice.presdyw@gmail.com)

<https://goo.gl/forms/wdaasbUVgogZjkKV2>

Online payments can be made to 03-0502-0158465-00 - please reference your name in the details.



### Marzipan Drama

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The PARENT PERFORMANCES are for family only (extended family welcome!) The PEER PERFORMANCES are for invited friends. You are invited to watch the whole lesson, including the games before the actual performance, so you can see what we have been getting up to all term! The performances run at the normal weekly lesson time, unless otherwise specified below.

I will be giving out 'tickets' to the Peer Performances next week, for students to pass on to their friends. Those classes that run before/after school require a signature from the parents of the invited friends. Please follow up with friends' parents/caregivers to make sure they have signed, otherwise the friends cannot attend...and we'll have no audience! Classes that run during school time do not require a signature.

If you can't make it, let me know! I respect that the term has come around fast and some changes have been made to the shows AND that some may not be able to get out of other commitments. So, if you have not already, please let me know and we will work together to see what I can do (students usually love helping me video it!).

Regarding costumes, just fix something up with whatever you have at home! The \$2 store and TradeMe are also great! As long as your child feels awesome in it, that is all that matters. I have a costume box too!

### Owhiro Bay

Owhiro Bay School Bank A/c details: 02 0576 0101736 00

| [www.owhiro.school.nz](http://www.owhiro.school.nz)

Time of Lesson Monday 8.00 – 8.45 am

Lesson 8 (Week 9) – 26 June 2017 – Parent Showcase  
Lesson 9 (Week 10)– 3 July 2017 – Peer Performance

MYRTLE RUST BRINGS CHANGES TO  
TREES FOR SURVIVAL



The winds of change have blown in microscopic pores of the deadly fungal disease Myrtle rust to mainland New Zealand early in May this year. This is potentially a landscape changing event for New Zealand.

Myrtle Rust can kill plants in the Myrtle family and spreads rapidly. Since its first detection on Pohutakawa plants in Kerikeri, it has been found in Taranaki, Waikato and most recently in the Bay of Plenty. Among the plants this affects are Pohutukawa, Manuka, Rata, Kanuka, Swamp Maire and Ramarama.

One of the sites identified as being infected with Myrtle rust is in close proximity to a Trees for Survival school. This may result in the school's plants not being able to be moved off site to be planted out without first being treated, or possibly not at all.

Manuka and Kanuka top the list of plants that Trees for Survival use in its plantings. To side-step the Myrtle Rust threat, Trees for Survival will not be supplying any further Myrtaceae Family seedlings to schools this year. That means no Kanuka, Manuka or Ramarama, which is a big call. In its stead, Trees for Survival will provide Pseudopanax, Pittosporum, Hoheria, Plagianthus and Cordyline seedlings.

If you come across Myrtle rust, don't touch! Take a photo and call the MPI hot line on 0800 80 99 66. For more information, visit their [website](http://www.mpi.govt.nz) or email [info@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:info@mpi.govt.nz).