



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

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| ◆ Whole School Production (Thursday evening) 6.30 pm | 6 October |
| ◆ Final Day Term 3 (2 pm finish) | 7 October |
| ◆ First Day Term 4 (8.55 am) Tuesday following Labour Day | 25 October |
| ◆ Board of Trustees Meeting | 8 November |
| ◆ Owhiro Bay Community Fair | 26 November |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

The countdown is on for our 2011 School Production, "The Nation that we Built". If you haven't already heard about this amazing show, your child will certainly be able to tell you more. Each class has been practicing their parts and whole school practices begin next week. We also have one practice at South Wellington Intermediate Hall before the big night. Please note that there is only one performance which is on Thursday 6 October, so please diary this date and get your tickets from the school office now. The show is written, directed and performed by your children/our students. It relates to this year's whole school study regarding "Enterprise" and enterprising groups in Aotearoa/New Zealand

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite 
Karen

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ollie Wallington, Marco Brown and Ayla Sweet-Edgington whose artwork and idea for the name of our school production won our competition to name the production practice and design for the programme cover and the tickets.

Our Production is called:

"THE NATION THAT WE BUILT"

Look out for their fantastic artwork on the tickets and programme cover.

BRINGING TOYS AND VALUED POSSESSIONS TO SCHOOL

A reminder that children are asked not to bring expensive or valued toys/possessions to school. Although teachers encourage children to respect others and their belongings there is no guarantee that these will not be lost or taken.

We continue to work with children to encourage them to name any belongings they bring to school and to monitor children's property, so if any items turn up at your home that do not look familiar, please can you return them to the office or drop them into the school mailbox. Thank you.

VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Confidence" or "Maia". This means having faith in something or someone—having trust. Self-confidence is when you trust that you have what it takes to handle whatever happens. Feeling sure of yourself and enjoy trying new things.

Next week the focus 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

PRINCIPAL/PARENT CUPPA AND 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.

STAR WRITERS

This week our Star Writer is: Ben Hazlewood - (Karo—Room 1) Aged 8

For the huge effort put into producing such a large amount of written work in just two days of writing time! This was an action-packed narrative which could easily be published as an adventure action novel.

"Action Attack" An excerpt from Ben's story

.....I was in a tank at the top controlling the AK47. I looked up in the bushes, then I saw a SMG, then a body followed by the gun. I looked around, there was hundreds of them. I looked around the corner and I saw an Asian tank. Behind the tank I saw a sniper tower. I called for back up but just at the time they got there they attacked.....

PARENTLINK PAGE

PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The next Sausage Sizzle is **Friday 7 October (the last day of Term 3)**— children can have a sausage wrapped in bread with yummy tomato sauce for just \$2.00. Students need to bring their order to school 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 go towards a new computer cow and laptops.

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.



ABACUS CALENDARS, CARDS AND DIARIES FUNDRAISER

Your children have completed their fantastic artwork and can be transformed into professionally printed calendars, cards and/or diaries. These make great gifts, are ideal for posting overseas and the calendars are perfect for the family fridge! Every sale makes a return to our school fundraising so thank you for your support.

Art Calendar \$10.00

Art Cards \$12.00

Art Diary \$15.00

Artwork can be viewed at the school office from 19—30 September.

By now parents would have received their calendar/card/diary order forms which went home with last weeks newsletter. The last day for orders is **Monday 3 October**. **You will receive your order back by Friday 4 November**.

If paying by internet banking—Parentlink account details are :

National Bank
Owhiro Bay School Parentlink
06 0577 0112365 00

Please remember to drop off your order form at the school office and indicate that you have paid by internet banking as your order may be missed.

MULCH FOR SALE

We are still selling bark mulch to raise funds for the school. This is a great time of year to give your garden some TLC so please purchase this and tell your family/friends that it is available from the school at \$5.00 per bag.

ELECTION DAY FAIR

The annual fair is to be held on Election Day (26 November from 10.30-2.00pm) this year. As our school is a polling booth & Christmas is right around the corner we hope to attract more than the usual visitors

The committee is keen to grow the fair and welcomes your new ideas for stalls, activities and entertainment. Sign up sheets will appear shortly in the foyer of the office and outside the kindy where you can let us know how you'd like to contribute.

We'd also like to encourage you to start looking around your home for items to donate. Items such as good quality (no rips, tears, stains etc) books, working toys, tidy adult, childrens & baby clothing, unwanted gifts you'd like to recycle to a good home etc.

Contacts:

Fair Co-Ordinator: Ishani Noble ph: 3838-555 ishanipeter@yahoo.co.nz
Raffles: Donna Graham ph:976 8444 jazzgraham@yahoo.com
Entertainment: Sharon Leamy ph: 977 1693 sharon.leafy@clear.net.nz
Garden/Plants: Klare Braye ph: 383 8727
Advertising & signage: Matt Kyne ph:383 5223 mattandhelen@xtra.co.nz
Books & Toys: Yvonne Trask ph: 383 5946 yvonneyvonneevitch@gmail.com

Raffles:

Thanks to Donna Graham who has offered to be a co-ordinator for school-sourced raffles this year and to Nic Furlong who is co-ordinating Kindergarten-sourced raffles.

As raffle pre-selling in the weeks before the fair is crucial, donated items would really be appreciated sooner rather than later. Both Donna and Nic would also really appreciate a few volunteer parents to make some phone calls during the day to follow-up on letters sent to companies requesting help. Phone numbers and names are provided—all that is required is a phone call as Donna/Nic can collect prizes if necessary.

So.....please contact Donna (jazzgraham@yahoo.com) if you can help with the above or have any contacts who might be able to donate items for the raffles. Also, if families within the school or kindergarten would like to donate an item (e.g., chocolates, wine, toiletries, that kind of thing) that would be gratefully received. Any items can be left at the school office—thank you.

A big thank you to the families who have already donated items.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is at Chris and Rachel Roberts house, 21 Dargle Way on 27 October 2011 at 7.30 pm.



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

Ako = learning together
(the teacher is the learner and the learner is the teacher)

Pronunciation : ah cor

A NOTE FROM YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTES—Have your Say.

It's survey time again! Each year, as a follow-up to the annual Community Meeting, the Board of Trustees puts out a Community Survey.

We would really appreciate if you would take a few minutes to fill out the survey form. It helps us gauge how well the school is meeting your wishes for your children's education and how we can ensure the best possible environment is provided for their learning experience.

This year we are offering the option of completing the survey on-line using "survey monkey". <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Owhirobayschool2011> or hard copy that is being sent home to those that receive the newsletter as hard copy.

You can complete the on-line or the paper-based survey, whichever you prefer. All completed surveys received by 30 September will enable your child/ren to go into a prize draw. If you fill in the survey electronically please notify the office so that your child/ren can be entered for the prize draw at the final assembly for this term.

BOOK FAIR PURCHASES

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have forwarded their money for book fair purchases and received their books. If you have still to do this, it would be appreciated if this could be forwarded as soon as possible.

Donated library books, once processed will be sent home with your child to read first before being placed on the library shelves.

YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

The Yummy Apple Sticker fundraiser is about to finish! Please could we have all apple stickers back to school by the end of next week (30 September—the same day as the Community Survey return dates).

Thank you everyone for your amazing support again this year! We look forward to receiving our share of the sporting equipment and will advise you of what we received.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION
“THE NATION THAT WE BUILT”

Tickets to this great show are now on sale at \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 children (5-16 years) with pre-schoolers free. The reason the school charges you for tickets to the show is to cover costs of costumes, lighting, props, hire of hall, buses to practice, e.g., the bus alone costs nearly \$300.00 for the practice/dress rehearsal at South Wellington Intermediate.

Please keep Thursday 6 October between 6.30 and 7.30 pm free to come to this great show performed in the hall at South Wellington Intermediate School. Students and teachers have one practice at the hall on the Thursday of the evening performance, but are practicing prior to this at our school.

If you have ordered/paid for production tickets using internet banking—please notify Wendy so she can forward tickets once deposit has been made.

“Production DVD”

“DVD’s by Alan” a professional group, will be filming the production. For a small cost you will have the chance to enjoy the show then relive the memories on a quality DVD. It may even be a great Christmas present for the relatives.

Costs:

\$15.00 per copy. Orders close on Thursday 3 November.

Please fill in the slip below and send along with your money to the school office.

“THE NATION THAT WE BUILT”
PRODUCTION DVD ORDER FORM

Child’s name: _____ Room No. _____

Number of DVD’s ordered: _____

Total Amount: _____
@ \$15.00 per DVD)



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.

CLEANER NEEDED—Owhiro Bay

1—5 pm Monday to Friday—experience preferred,
But training will be given.
Call Melanie at Bata 3834.355