



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

◆ Swimming for Rooms 5, 6 & 7	14 February—9 March
◆ Owhiro Bay Learning Community Picnic - 5:30pm	25 February
◆ Children's Day Event at Parliament	3 March
◆ School Fun Run	4 March
◆ School Fun Run (postponement date)	11 March
◆ 2011 Capital E National Arts Festival—Rooms 5, 6 & 7	17 March
◆ School Hangi - 5:30pm	18 March
◆ Swimming starts for Rooms 1 & 3	21 March
◆ 2011 Capital E National Arts Festival—Rooms 1 & 3	24 March
◆ Three Way Conferences	5 & 6 April
◆ Bike & Road Safety—Constable Duncan visits	6, 7 & 13 April
◆ Last Day of Term 1	15 April

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Thank you to the many people who have offered help or have been helping in and around school already this year. We are very fortunate to have such a willing, caring and supportive community.

With recent events in Christchurch, and in the Middle East, our thoughts are with staff, students and families who have loved ones and friends who are experiencing these first hand. This weeks virtue focus is on 'Idealism', which can be a reminder to follow our dreams, to be thankful for the people we have in our lives, and also for the opportunities that arise from challenging events. As adults supporting and talking with children about challenging events in their lives/our lives, our positive and problem solving approach can encourage them to develop resilience, resourcefulness, keep connected and future focused. The recent events are authentic opportunities for us to work with our children to support their development in the key competencies of 'relating to others', 'participating and contributing' and 'managing self'.


Also just a reminder that this Friday (weather permitting) is the 'One Learning Community Picnic'. We hope that you can make it along to join in the fun. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Kindergarten and School to join together for a social event. If you want to start practicing for this fun you may like to get your throwing arm, running muscles and balancing skills ready for the 'Old Fashioned' activities. See the notice later in the newsletter for more details of these fun activities.

Have a great week. See you at the picnic on Friday.

Ka kite
Karen



Thanks





Thank you to Linda Lee, Karen Keddy, Jennifer Solomon, Yesim Maurer, Jenny Prestwood-Smith, Donna Graham and Abigail Riantorini who have offered their services in the library. We really appreciate your help and will contact you. 




A huge thank you to The Green Man Pub, Jo Grey and Steve Drummond for their very generous offer to supply all the vegetables for the school hangi. We really appreciate this kind donation.




Also to Paul Sommerville for obtaining and delivering hangi irons to replace the irons that were stolen from the school last year. Your help has been invaluable!

To the people who have already offered their help in preparing for and organizing the hangi. Kia ora koutou—you are wonderful.










SWIMMING





 A reminder to all Room 5, 6 and 7 children to bring their named togs and towels each  Monday and Wednesday until 9 March. Please also name underwear and garments  your child is wearing as it helps them identify those items in the changing sheds. 

 Buses depart school for the Aquatic Centre at 9.25 am to enable children to be ready for 10.00  am lessons 

 Rooms 1 & 3 on begin their sessions on 21 March and end on 13 April, so please help your  child to get their togs and towels named ready for then. 

Safety in the Sun

 During Terms 1 and 4, wearing of  sunhats is compulsory in the playground,  so please check your child as a **named**  hat to wear at school. The school does  not provide sunhats, so if your child does  not bring one to school they will need to  play under the shade cloth area during  breaks in Term 1. 

 We also encourage the use of sunglasses  and sunblock during these  summer months. 

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 you.



NITS

Thank you to the parents that have informed the school their child had contracted nits.

Please ensure that you check your child's hair regularly and to treat if necessary to stop the spread. If you are a little unsure what to look for, Wendy has some more information/pamphlets on nits and their eradication.

Please reinforce with your child, the importance of not sharing sunhats. Hats also need to be washed well as checking/treating hair.

A Rhobi comb is available from the school office to borrow if you wish.



FUN RUN

On Friday 4 March is our annual school Fun Run. This year the start time is around 9:30am (ie: after Friday's assembly). Please diary this date now so that you can join us for this fun event.



Over the next few weeks students will be practicing running and building up their stamina in preparation for this run. You may like to encourage your child/ren to do some jogging practice outside school hours too.

To ensure our students are safe along the way, we still require further adult 'markers' (ie: safety adults) along the route, please email Shelley (shelley@owhiro.school.nz) and/or come along to a meeting in Room 1 at 3.00 pm today.

If you find you can help at the last minute, please meet in Room 1 at 8.30 am on Friday 4 March as we will be meeting to prepare before the run.



SCHOOL DONATIONS

A big thank you to all the parents/caregivers and families who have already paid, part-paid or organized payment of these.

A reminder that there is a rebate from the IRD for school donations, irrespective of how each school labels these. Parents/caregivers will need a "Rebate Claim Form" (IRD 526) which can be sent to you from the IRD contact www.ird.govt.nz or phone 0800 257 773.

STUDENT COUNCIL & STARSHIP FOUNDATION COLLECTION OF OLD CELLPHONES

A reminder to ask your friends, family, neighbours, workmates to begin collecting old mobile phones so we can convert them into valuable educational resources for our school such as interactive whiteboards, computers, camcorders, books and sports gear and at the same time raising funds for Starship's National Air Ambulance Service.

Once collected we can swap them from a list of available products. Each reward has a set value (number of phones) that can be swapped (with as few as 50 phones).

A marked collection box can be found in the foyer—opposite the school office. Please place those unused mobile phones in this box.



VIRTUES

The focus this week is "Idealism" or "whakaaro rangatira". A person with ideals is a person who really cares about what is right and meaningful in life. When you practice idealism, you have beliefs that mean something to you and you follow them. You don't just accept things the way they are. You want to make a difference. Idealists dare to have big dreams and then act as if they are possible.

Next week the virtue is "Enthusiasm" or "Kai-ngakau".

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

ROOMS 5, 6 & 7 THE 2011 CAPITAL E NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

As part of the Capital E National Arts Festival, Rooms 5, 7 and 6 will travel by bus to the following performances on Wednesday 16 March.

10.00 am Passing Wind at Paramount Theatre
11.30 am Grimace at Downstage Theatre

Buses depart Owhiro Bay School at 9.15 am and return at 12.20 pm

The cost of this performance comes from your Term 1 trip money that you are asked for.

As seats are limited at these performances, no further parent/caregiver help is required thank you.

Rooms 1 and 3

As part of the Capital E National Arts Festival, Rooms 1 and 3 will travel by bus to the following performances:

10.00 Grimace at Downstage
11.30 Boats at Capital E

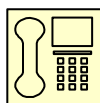
As seats are limited at these performances, no further parent/caregiver help is required thank you.



PARENTS/CAREGIVERS EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Please remember to notify the school office if you have changed telephone numbers, either landline/work or mobile phones and the telephone numbers of other emergency contact people we can telephone in the event of an emergency.

Thank you.



**ANNUAL SCHOOL HANGI
18 MARCH 2011**

Friday 18th March is our annual hangi date. The evening begins at 5.00 pm with some whaikarero and waiata by the children and the hangi is lifted at 5.30 pm. We hope you can join us for this social occasion. If you are not fond of hangi food, please BYO food/takeaways and join us for this evening get together. Please bring a few \$1.00 or \$2.00 coins for the raffle on the evening and something to sit on outside.

Tickets are on sale from tomorrow (Thursday 24 February). If purchased before 3.00 pm on Friday 11 March tickets are priced at \$12.00 per adult portion/parcel of food. Tickets purchased after this date are \$14.00. Each food parcel contains, mutton, pork, chicken, pumpkin, kumara, cabbage, potato and stuffing (sorry no specialist diets can be catered for). You may like to share a parcel between two or more people. Please indicate whether an iceblock is required when ordering tickets as one child's iceblock is included in the price of each hangi ticket. Further iceblocks tickets for additional children—are available from the office at 50c.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have already volunteered their help either before, during or after the hangi. There is a "Help Wanted" board in the foyer of the school office for you to add your name if you can help or please contact the school office as soon as possible.

We still require:

- ◆ 2-3 people to collect tickets/serve parcels (5.30 pm)
- ◆ 2-3 people to wrap food in newspaper as parcels come out of hangi (5.30 pm BYO gloves as parcels are hot)
- ◆ 2 further people to make stuffing (the night before and deliver to school before 9.00 am on Friday). Ingredients and recipe included.
- ◆ Unfolding newspapers ready for serving
- ◆ 2-3 people to empty rubbish bins and put full liners into skip (end evening 7.30—8.00 pm)
- ◆ People to tidy the pit area and put dry sacks away in shed the morning after the hangi.

Please start collecting supermarket bags and newspapers for the hangi. These can be deposited in the trays in the far end of the school hall. Thank you.

A note from Whaea Lisa

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Aotearoa = Land of the Long White Cloud

Pronunciation : a oh tee ar rowa

**OWHIRO BAY LEARNING COMMUNITY
OLD FASHIONED COUNTRY PICNIC**



Combined Owhiro Bay School and Kindergarten Picnic

Friday 25th February 2011

On the School Field

5.30 pm - Picnic

6.00 pm Games

These will include activities like tug o' war, toss the gumbot, egg and spoon, wheel barrow races, three-legged races and sack races.

BYO Picnic

We are hoping for a fine evening and plan to make the Owhiro Bay Learning Community Old Fashioned Picnic an annual event.

If the weather turns nasty, this event is cancelled.

**Thursday 3rd March
special Children's Day celebration event**

A Children's Day picnic celebration is being held on the grounds of Parliament on Thursday 3 March from 11-2pm. All our students are attending this event which is an opportunity for schools to participate in an educational, fun, event that celebrates children and provides interaction with Members of Parliament.

MC for the day is Kayne Peters, who children know as the presenter from TVNZ Kidzone. The Funky Monkeys will perform, along with Kapiti student Ash Graham. There is also the SPCA petting zoo, The Body Shop facepainters, The Department of Conservation, clowns, balloon tying, a bouncy castle and more!

GO Wellington buses will be at our school to collect the students and adults at 10.30am to take us all to Parliament for the special Children's Day celebration. After the event, buses will collect us from Parliament at 2pm and return us back to school

Children need to bring a packed lunch and a drink, a named sunhat.

If the weather is bad, the event will be cancelled. For confirmation of this listen to Classic Hits or Newstalk ZB for cancellation notices.

We welcome parents and caregivers to come with us to Parliament to share this fun event. We have places for up to 15 more adults on the buses so if you are able to come along on the bus with us, please indicate on the return slip below. Please return this to your class teacher by Monday 28 February. You are also very welcome to meet us in Parliament grounds if you work in town and can make it to the event.

**SPECIAL CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION EVENT
THURSDAY 3 MARCH**

Yes - I can attend the Children's Day event at Parliament on Thursday 3rd March and would like to come on the bus to the event.

Name: _____ **Contact Phone number:** _____

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.

PONEKE JUNIOR RUGBY **Register now for the 2011 season**

Register by going along to Poneke Clubrooms on one of the registration days. Go upstairs from the street entrance next to the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre.

Thursday 24 February , 5.30—7.30 pm
Friday 25 February, 4.00—6.00 pm
Saturday 26 February, 12.30 pm—2.30 pm
Friday 4 March, 4.00—6.00 pm
Saturday 5 March, 12.30—2.30 pm
Friday 11 March, 4.00—6.00 pm
Saturday 12 March, 12.30—2.30 pm

Meet the Hurricanes

Register between 5.30—7.30 pm on Thursday 24 February and you'll meet members of the Hurricanes, who will be available for autographs, photos and some playing tips.

VISIQUE **FREE SUNGLASSES FOR FIVE YEAR OLDS**

Please call in at the school office for an information
Package.

CLEANER WANTED
1 - 5pm Monday - Friday in Owhiro Bay
Experience preferred, but training will be given
Phone Melanie 383 4355

OFFICE ADMIN STAR WANTED
20 - 25 hours per week, hours are by negotiation.
General admin duties and wages. Must have good computer skills in Excel and Word, and be trustworthy
with good communication skills.
Confidentiality a must.
Phone Melanie 383 4355