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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Rms 1 & 3 Three Way Conferences	29 and 30 July
Board of Trustees Meeting	5 August
Sushi Day	7 August
Sushi Day	4 September

COMING UP

Term 4

Learning Community Fair 22 November

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora, Namaste, π pevet, Shalom, Talofa, Konichiwa, Guten Tag, Vanakkam, ni Hao, Kia orana, Buenos Tardes, Assalamulaikum, Salam, Hello

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you had a fun and relaxing break. It's great to see the students back at school ready for a busy term of learning.

Last term I took a team of swimmers to the Southern Zone Swimming event at Kilbirnie pool. All our students did a great job representing the school. Sam Hazlewood won the Year 6 Boys Non-Championship 25m Backstroke and Ollie Bond won the Non-Championship 25m Backstroke and came 2nd in the 25m Freestyle. Congratulations to all our swimmers – Ollie, Sam, Roshan, Bruno, Portia, Matthew D, and Victoria.

We will be reintroducing the Peer Mediators into the playground this term. The Peer Mediators are students who are trained in helping solve conflicts in the playground. They help the students involved discuss the problem in a calm manner and assist them with coming to a resolution. Thanks to those students who have volunteered to do this important role for the school.

27 July – 2 August 2015 is Te Wiki ō Te Reo Māori – Maori Language Week. The theme for this year's Māori Language Week is Whangaihia te reo Māori ki ngā Mātua - Nurture the language in parents so that it may grow. It aims to encourage and support every day Māori language use for parents and

caregivers with children. Check out the Facebook page for resources and news. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Te-Wiki-o-Te-Reo-M%C4%81ori-M%C4%81ori-Language-Week/121008217924952>

100 Māori words every New Zealander should know. Try the link below (it has audio with each one)

<http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/culture/maori-language-week/100-maori-words>

Ngā mihi,

Vikki and the team

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Rogue MacLeod who celebrates his birthday on 25 July



VIRTUES

Our focus for the next fortnight is "Creativity" or "whaihangatanga"

You are practicing Creativity when you...

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

The winners of the virtue voucher draw for the last week of Term 2 went to Gabrielle Aubry for Peacefulness and Javi Velasco-Cordovez for Responsibility and Kindness.

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

kura = school

PARENTLINK

Fair Co-ordinator needed

We need someone to coordinate this year's fair. The most important part of this role will be organising meetings, providing a contact point for any queries, and keeping an eye on the big picture. You'll have the support of a team of organised and experienced helpers. Does this sound like you? Michaela (Santiago and Tomas's mum) co-ordinated the fair last year and she will be on hand again this year to help you get started. For more information, have a chat with Michaela or drop her an email on pmichaela@hotmail.com

Entertainment Book

Current Entertainment Books have expired - **buy your new book or digital membership today** and help our kids to look like a team with their Owhiro Bay Rocks T-shirts when they represent our school community at events such as Kapa Haka, Art Splash etc.

Entertainment Books are available from the school office now. The books cost \$60 each and the school makes \$12 for every book sold. You can pay either by: 1. Credit card: order online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/105h108> and then pick up your book from the school office. 2. Online banking: make the payment to Owhiro Bay Parent Link 06-0577-0112365-00; then contact Wendy Abbott on wabbottnz@gmail.com or 027 344 1151. 3. Cash: pay in cash at the School Office (exact change please).

Digital version: The digital version of the book is a great option. Multiple family members can log in to the same membership meaning you can still share the book with your family. If you pay by credit card online you can simply select the Digital Membership option.

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Author Visit – The Children's Bookshop

Stacy Gregg, author of The Princess & The Foal, The Island of Lost Horses and the Pony Club Secrets series, will be at The Children's Bookshop, Kilbirnie Plaza on Wednesday 5th August from 3.30pm to 4pm, to meet her readers sign copies of her books. All welcome, no charge.

Interested in learning Mandarin Chinese as a foreign/second language? Ni Hao Children's Community is a Not-For-Profit that offers engaging, movement & interaction-based Mandarin group classes for kids 5 years old and up. **We're not your usual language class - it's fun, immersive and we even learn to do hip hop moves in Mandarin!** Thursdays 3:35-4:30pm at Berhampore School. Toddler and Preschooler classes are available at other times. Visit www.nihaocc.org.nz for more info or to enrol online

Sunday Springboard Diving

Back by popular demand, Wellington Diving Club is again running its Casual Sunday Diving lessons from 2.30-3.30pm at Kilbirnie pool. Keep out of the rain and come give diving a go! There's no need to register - just turn up. Casual sessions cost \$5 (plus pool entry) and are held this term on Sunday 2nd, 9th and 16th August. We also have a range of springboard and platform diving classes to suit all levels from recreational to competitive, and cater for all ages from 5 years up. For more information, please visit our website www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/text Maria on 021-173-6866.