



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

◆ Enviro Day	25 November
◆ Owhiro Bay Community Country Fair	26 November
◆ Pack the Bus (this Tuesday)	29 November
◆ Walk and Wheel Day	30 November
◆ Student Council "Crazy Hair Day"	2 December
◆ End of Year Reports come home	7 December
◆ School Picnic	8 December
◆ End of Year Trip (Rooms 5 & 7)	12 December
◆ End of Year Trip (Rooms 1 & 3)	13 December
◆ Cushion Concert and Farewell to Year 6's	14 December
◆ Last Day of Year—2.00 pm finish	15 December

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Fair Fever has hit the bay!

With only a few days to go, we thank you for pulling together and pulling out all the stops to make this years' Country Fair a great success. The school is hoping to put some of the proceeds towards further laptops and new sports tops/uniforms for our students. Please continue to contribute your time, efforts, food, good quality sale items, to purchase/sell raffle tickets and positivity to support our hardworking School and Kindergarten Fair Organizers over the next few days. Keep inviting people to contribute and also to come along to join us at this great community event... also keep hoping that the predicted sunshine arrives for a beautiful day this Saturday!

Please find attached a short summary from the responses to the Board's Community Survey. As always your feedback is valued, as it helps guide decision making for the school and learning programmes.

With less than a week until the bus arrives to collect 'Pack the Bus' donations, ***please bring these along before next Tuesday***. The bus is arriving on Tuesday morning to collect our donated goods to distribute to children and families who are less fortunate, and who would appreciate some support to have a happy Christmas this year.

Enjoy the rest of the week. We will catch up with many of you at Enviro Day on Friday, preparing for the Country Fair on Friday afternoon/evening and at the Fair on Saturday. Please can we ask you to help your child/ren ie: ***all the children*** meet at the stage in the main quad area (shade cloth/asphalt area) around ***10.15 – 10.20am*** on Saturday to perform in the 'Opening Act' for the fair. We would like this to be a rousing performance so need everyone of our talented students to come along to be part of this opening.

Ka kite
Karen



THANKS...

To Daily Waste who have donated a large rubbish skip for the day of the Country Fair. We really appreciate this kind gesture and generous donation towards this fundraising event.



To the Griffiths family for coming to the rescue with some technological help recently.

To all the amazing people who are organizing, baking, donating goods, helping setting up and all the other million-and-one tasks that need undertaking to make our Country Fair a huge success.

WELCOME...

To Constanza Carrizo who is visiting our school over the next few weeks from Chile. Constanza has a brother Sebastian in Room 1.

Staffing in 2012

At this time of year we are planning class organization along with placement of our permanent teaching staff, part time teachers and support staff for 2012. If there are any factors you feel need to be considered when placing your child next year, please contact the school by the end of this week. Also if you know of any further students who are likely to be starting at Owhiro Bay School or leaving from our school in the immediate future, it would be helpful if you could let us know.

In 2012, the year will begin with five classes. Abby has just notified us that she has decided to further her overseas experience so she will not be returning in 2012. We wish Abby well as she takes off for new teaching experiences abroad, and thank her for all the wonderful contributions to student learning she has made during the three years she has been at Owhiro Bay School. Over the next few weeks we will let you know of the date and time for a special farewell assembly for her to be held towards the end of the school year.

With Abby leaving us, Nicola Clissold will be joining the full time teaching staff for Term 1 2012. Confirmation of staffing organization for 2012 will be included in 7 December newsletter. This is the same day that your child's report comes home. Please note that your child's report includes a confirmation of your child's teacher, room name/number and stationery list for 2012. Like last year, stationery is available to be ordered on line. Details of this will accompany the stationery list.

VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Generosity" or "ohaoha-nga" which is sharing. It is seeing a chance to give what you have and then giving just for the joy of giving. When we give freely, our spirit grow stronger. When one person is generous, other people want to be generous too. When you give away something that is really special to you, that is a very generous way to show love. It feels good to give freely, just for the sake of giving.

Next week the focus is "Service" or "Mahi-pono-mo katoa".

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

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Please note that the library will close for borrowing this Friday 25th November. Please return all library books before this day as our annual stock take needs to proceed. The library will still be in use until 2 December when it will be closed for stock taking.

Thank you.



URGENT....ONLY FIVE MORE DAYS TO GO!

PACK THE BUS—29 November 2011 NEXT WEEK

The Student Council, along with The Breeze and Wellington City Mission are organizing this collection of gifts for children at Christmas again in 2011.

Please note that the organizers advised that they are seeking only:

- new toys (unwrapped)
- non-perishable food items this year, e.g., small Christmas cakes, jelly, Christmas mince pies, Christmas puddings, tinned fruit, Christmas crackers, confectionery (lollies, candy canes, chocolates), tinned meat.

The xmas tree is up in the foyer opposite the office. Please drop off your items under it. If you put your child's name on a tag on the items you donate, then your child will be able to pack these on the bus on Tuesday

Thank you for your support.



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.



SUMMER TERMS AND SUN PROTECTION

Just a reminder that in Term 4 and Term 1 each year, children need to wear a sunhat when outside or in the playground. Please can you help them locate one and name this for use at school this term. 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 during breaks in Term 4.

We also encourage students to wear sun block and sunglasses when they are outside during the summer months to keep them safe from the sun's harmful rays.

The annual fair is to be held 3 sleeps!
Date: Saturday 26 November 10.30—2.00 pm

The forecast for Saturday is sunshine, sunshine and more sunshine!



Thank you to everyone who has signed up or contributed to the fair build up. Look what we have created...

Staffs for 2011:

Temporary kids tattoos—including All Black tattoos	Café
Books & Toys	Adult tombola
2nd hand clothing	Nailpolish
Bric-a-brac—some very flash things in here—be quick!	Hairbraiding
Coffee and cake—next to election booths	Baby boutique (under 5's)
Cake stall	Facepainting
Raffles	Windmills and balloons
Garden/plants	Tupperware
Organic vegetables	Henna painting
Spooky Maze—Room 5	Miniature glass animals
Soft toy Tombola—win a soft toy	Homemade soaps
Golf game	Manna Vitamin Bears
BBQ's	Lil Orbits donuts
Island Food	American Hot Dogs
Greek Sausages	Gelato Van
Back to living chiropractic—Have your back health checked for FREE	
Friends of Owhiro Bay Stream—find out what's happening with our stream	
Sweets Stall: face biscuits, candi floss, iceblocks, lucky dip, lolly necklaces, can drinks, spider drinks	
Guess the number of lollies in the jar	

Setting up on Friday (25th): Last year it took 8 hours to set up the fair. So we welcome anyone and everyone who is able to come down and help set up. We will start at 1.00 pm (meet at the garage) and keep going till its done. So even an hour after work would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work.

People required:

- A Leo the Lion—someone to wear the costume and have photos with children from 12-2pm. Contact Ishani Noble 3838.555.
- Someone to set up/decorate a Santa cave in the entrance of the Kindy (decorations provided) Contact Anthea phone 972.6672
- Raffle ticket sellers on the 12-2. Contact Ishani 3838.555
- 8 Mainly stall helpers in the afternoon shift 12-2 still required. Contact Ishani phone 3838.555.

Donations still required:

- Wine/grape juice
- Children's lucky dip items
- Plants
- Clean clothes
- Bric-a-brac etc.
- Large cardboard boxes for the Spooky Maze
- If its tidy and clean— bring it down.

Please do not bring: Cassette tapes, VHS videos, ancient computer screens, tv's, printers, dead looking electronics or anything really rusty. It increases the costs for us to dispose. If you have inadvertently dropped off a printer, tv or other electronics could you **please come and collect these.** We are unable to put such items into the dumpster and we will incur a large cost to get rid of these responsibly which would eat into profits made from the fair.. (The key can be obtained from the office). Thanks in advance.

Raffles: If you can sell to family/friends/colleague. It is easy this year with the online booking form or by contacting Donna Graham. ph: 976 -8444. 2 raffles are sold out so get in early! Donna Graham will be outside the school office after school this Thursday selling raffles.

Helicopter rides: Are on!

Cost: \$60 per person **Children under 4:** Are FREE when sitting on the knee of an adult.

If you'd like to take a flight without the kids - childcare can be arranged. - Contact: Rachel Roberts ph: 383 9557

Harley Davidson rides: Are on!

Food: As we are expecting attendance numbers to be higher this year due to the election, we welcome your generous portions of food for sale and for the cafe. Each child has been given a plate to take home. Please return it to the staff room on Friday if it is baking. Hot and crockpot food please bring to the cafe in the kindy on Saturday morning.

- PASTA DISHES
- RICE DISHES
- SPRING ROLLS/WONTONS
- SALADS
- PIZZAS
- SATAYS
- BURGER PATTIE
- CURRY
- CROCKPOT CASSEROLES
- PIES/SAUSAGE ROLLS

Entertainment:

Make sure you take the time to check out this fantastic range of local artists:

- 10.30-11.00 Kindy haka opening, Kapa Haka school group, arrival of Santa in the helicopter, School band
11.00-11.30 Hanne Skarstel Jestensen & Steph Casey
(- original music - a bit Norah Jones, a bit Jewel - amazing music and local lyrics.)
11.30-12.00 Martin on Bag Pipes
12.00-12.30 Signs of Life
12.30- 1.00 The fashion show
1.00 - 1.30 Newtown Drumming Group
1.30 - 2.00 Lorenzo (Italian Folk music)

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Fashion Show: Anthea

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PARENTLINK

Mulch

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., 5 bags for \$20.00 or \$45.00 trailer.

Sausage Sizzle

The last Sausage Sizzle for the year is **FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER**— 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.



FUNDRAISER

The owners of the new 'Hell Pizza' store in Island Bay want to support the Learning Community by offering:

1x Snack Size Pizza (valued at \$7.50-\$8.50) for only **\$6**

and of that \$6, \$3 will be donated back to the Learning Community!

Two vouchers can be combined to purchase a Double Size Pizza.

Vouchers valid until 29.02.12 at Island Bay branch only.

Vouchers can be purchased from the Raffles Table at the Fair or from Donna on jazzgraham@yahoo.com

ENVIRO DAY FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Spring is in the air and the weeds are growing fast! A notice went home yesterday seeking adult help with our Enviro Day this Friday and specifically, weeding, mulching and supervision throughout the day.



If you can help, please return your slip by tomorrow.

HELP PLEASE

As the library is having a repaint and refurbish over the xmas holidays, we need to move all library books out of the library into sturdy boxes.

If you have access to some boxes/plastic crates that you could either donate or lend to the school for this purpose, please drop these off at the school before 2 December

Please name these if you need them returned.

SHORLAND PARK TRIP THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER

Would you like to join us? On Thursday 8 December, the whole school will be going on a trip to Shorland Park in Island Bay. We will follow our regular route, walking up Robertson & Severn Streets, over the hill through the Town Belt, and down Oku St and Milne Tce to Shorland Park.

After lunch and a play at the park, we will return to school around the coastline via The Esplanade and Owhiro Bay Parade. We will need some extra adults to join us for the walk and look forward to other adults and families meeting us at Shorland Park. The trip will take most of the day. Further details and a form for adult supervision will be sent out closer to the date. In the meantime, you might like to pop the date in your diary!



**END OF YEAR TRIP
ROOMS 5 AND 7**

Rooms 5 and 7 are going on their end of year trip on Monday 5 December.

We leave at 9.40 am and travel by bus to the Railway Station where we will get the train to Johnsonville (through 7 tunnels). At Johnsonville we walk to Keith Spry pool where we will spend the rest of the day.

The bus returns us to school about 2.45 pm.

We are in need of adults to accompany us on our trip. Adults will be required to supervise children while in the swimming pool and on the train. A letter will come home with further details in the near future.



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

Homai = give

Hoatu = be given

Pronunciation : hor-my — give
Hor-ah-too — be given

**STUDENT COUNCIL
CRAZY HAIR DAY—FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER**

The Student Council are organizing a “Crazy Hair Day” on Friday 2 December to fundraise money for Save the Children. Money raised goes to drought-stricken Eastern Africa.

Please bring along a gold coin donation and a “crazy hair do”.

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leaving from the fair.
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see www.owhiro.school.nz
for details.



Helipro are offering short flights for \$60. Imagine—flying out over Owhiro Bay and Island Bay—climbing to 1500 feet—taking in the view of the Kaikoura Ranges, airport, Wellington harbour and CBD and if you live locally spotting your house. Make your contribution to fundraising for Owhiro Bay Learning Community exciting!

*Owhiro Bay
Country Fair*
26th November