



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

◆ Enviro Day—Hole Digging (1.15 pm onwards)	25 August
◆ Envrio Day—Planting	26 August
◆ Daffodil Day	26 August
◆ Book Week	29 Aug—2 Sept
◆ Parentlink Meeting 7.30 pm	30 August
◆ Whole School Production (Thursday evening)	6 October
◆ Final Day Term 3 (2pm finish)	7 October
◆ First Day Term 4 (8.55) am Tuesday following Labour Day)	25 October
◆ Owhiro Bay Community Fair	26 November

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Thank you to all the people who have been working with teachers to reschedule your Three Way Conference if you missed the opportunity to talk with your child and their teacher during 'the week the snow fell'. This conference is an important way of linking your child's learning at home with their learning at school.

At conferences you received a print out of your child's attendance. The reason for this is that attendance is one of the foundations of success in a child's learning. Student attendance, along with their attitude to leaning and their engagement with learning, has a huge influence on their learning. The Ministry of Education are very clear in stating that all students must be present at school so they can participate and engage in learning. They regularly ask for attendance information from schools to monitor student attendance. Parents and Boards are legally responsible to ensure students are attending every day.

The Education Act 1989 states that...

Students required to enroll must attend school:

Every student of a registered school who is required by section 20 of this Act to be enrolled at a registered school shall attend the school whenever it is open. (Section 25)

Parents are responsible for their child's regular attendance at school:

Every parent of a person who while enrolled at a registered school, does not attend... commits an offence, and is liable on summary conviction to a fine... (section 29)

Boards of Trustees must ensure attendance of students:

Every Board shall, by means it thinks appropriate, take all reasonable steps to ensure the attendance of students enrolled at it's school or schools (Section 31)

So thank you for ensuring that your child attends school every day, for the full day, so that they are not disadvantaged in their learning. It is really important that your child arrives a school on time and attends school every day it is open, other than for unavoidable circumstances such as illness.

Thank you to our wonderful competitors in the Southern Zone Swimming Sports yesterday. You put everything into your swimming events and your behaviour at the poolside also made you wonderful ambassadors for our school. Thanks also to Shelley, Yesim and Rachel who were officials at the event, and to the wonderful parents who transported and supported the competitors yesterday.

Next week the school and kindergarten are going to be transformed into 'Book Land'. It is Book Week at our Learning Centre with a Book Fair being held in the hall. Please read about all the wonderful events coming up next week later in this newsletter... there are dress up days, library visits, a 'Booknic' (picnic with books) and more!! Thank you to the kindergarten and school teachers who have been planning a wonderful week. We look forward to you coming along to join in as many events as you are able.

Enjoy the sunshine this week, and remember that Friday 26 August (this Friday) is 'Yellow Day' for Daffodil Day at our Learning Centre... so you will see many of the kindergarten youngsters and our students shining in yellow.

Ka kite
Karen



Thanks...

To Rachel, Yesim, Melanie, Nick, Mireille, and Keryn for transporting, supervising and being fantastic 'officials' at the swimming sports yesterday.

To our swimming competitors for their excellent sportsmanship and behaviour at the Kilbirnie Pool yesterday.

YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

A reminder that this fundraiser runs through to September—so please keep munching those Yummy Apples and collecting the stickers.

More sticker charts are available from the school office.

We look forward to receiving our share of the sporting equipment that comes our way after this campaign ends.

STUDENT COUNCIL—Daffodil Day

Daffodil Day is this Friday 26 August.

The student council is encouraging everyone to dress up in yellow and to bring a gold coin as a koha (donation) for the Cancer Society to continue their good work.



VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Generosity" or "Ohaoh-ng". Generosity is giving and sharing. Giving freely because you want to, not because you expect something in return. Being aware that there is plenty for everyone and sharing your time, interests and skills with others.

Next week the focus is :Co-operation" or "mahi-tahi"

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 A 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.



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

Whiti te ra = the sun is shining

Pronunciation : fit-eh- tee rah

PARENTLINK PAGE

PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A reminder that on the first Friday of every month Parentlink runs a sausage sizzle at lunch time.

The next Sausage Sizzle is **Friday 2 September**— 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.

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.



2011/12 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The 2011/2012 Entertainment Book is available to purchase through Jennifer Dunn text 027 444-9679, phone 934.2179 or email: kevjudunn@paradise.net.nz

This Entertainment Book has great discounted rates at Wellington cafes, restaurants, family attractions, services, cinemas plus accommodation in NZ and Australia at the cost of \$60, and can be used until June 2012. You only have to use the book a few times to recover the cost of purchase, and \$12 from each book sold goes to Owhiro Bay School to provide extra learning resources for your child.

ELECTION DAY FAIR

Parentlink are holding our annual fair on Election Day (26 November 2011, from 10.30—2.00 pm). As our school is a polling booth, we hope to attract more than the usual visitors.

Ishani is co-ordinating the fair this year. Please talk with her about your ideas for this event and how you can support this event.

Ishani Noble
Ph. 3838.555

The next meeting is on Tuesday 30 August at 7.30 pm. The meeting will be held at Kelly and Kevin's home, 173a Severn Street, Island Bay. All very welcome.

MULCH FOR SALE

Hooray. We are 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. We also need 'people-power' to help bag the bark. Bags are available from the school office or 199 Happy Valley Road—so you can do this in your own time and decide on how many bags you are able to fill to help raise funds for your child/ren's school.

For more details contact Sue on 938.2484.

**\$5 per bag—
spread the
word!**

STAR WRITERS

Our star writers this week are:

Lewis Thomson (Room 6) Age 7

For using many of the deeper features and surface features in writing about the snow to an effective piece of writing. Also for using 'personal voice' in his writing.

Carlia Dalley (Room 3) Age 10

For a powerful piece of writing about the snow and for the wonderful language choices made to captivate the readers and conjure up images in their minds.

Arunan Noble (Room 6) Age 7

For putting in the effort to plan and produce a great piece of writing with details to interest the reader. Also for the great language choices like "a flood of snow".

Sunny Wallace (Room 3) Age 10

For using descriptive language to build some Powerful imagery in this piece of writing.

(An excerpt of Lewis Thomson's report) Snow in Wellington

On the 14th and 15th of August it snowed in Wellington. Yep, that's right it did! But even cooler, it snowed in Owhiro Bay. Do you know why it's cool then? Because it's near the sea, of course!

Well, the school people were really excited. This is how the story might have gone.

It was morning, the children were all eating their morning tea but just at that moment, Adriee rushed in and said, "Snow". The children hurried off outside, but they couldn't see anything when.....

.....They went to play in the shiny snow. They also threw snowballs at Rowena. It felt like the longest morning tea ever.

An excerpt of Arunan Noble's report

The cold frosty melty snow fell quickly down on Owhiro Bay School. Everyone came out to play in the frosty snow and we had a school photo.

Jack and I went inside to warm ourselves up. It snowed for two hours. On the ground it was nearly a flood of snow. Room 7, Room 6 and Room 1 and Room 3 played in the snow.

It rained after those exciting hours.

....We laughed and played in the lovely gentle white snow. Children threw snowballs at Rowena and Ms Hardie. Rowena tried to throw a snow ball at me but I dodged it and got that teacher back.

By Carlia Dalley

White soft heavy snow hitting me in my face. We ran to get to safety. The white intelligent snow dancing upon us. We run, we cough, we scream, my eyes are sore. Snow is getting in my brown bulging eyes.

Wind By Sunny Wallace

I leap into the open. A shriek howls like a wolf. The chill is closing in on the bone. The wind lashes at me like a whip...strong...we wrap our coats around ourselves.

The wind blows my hair around. It looks like Medusa's snakes. Window blows me around like a bully. It is so strong. At once the wind stops. Down pours the rain like a waterfall. We try to get inside but the door is blown shut. So more dancing with the storm. Now our coats are drenched. Nothing to do but wait.

The wind stops, the clouds run to hide. The sun chases them away. The sun perches in the sky without a cloud. Sunshine beams down and dries our clothes. We all stay outside and play.

BOOK WEEK
29 AUGUST—2 SEPTEMBER

Book Week is next week. Calling all parents, caregivers, grandparents and friends to join us for our Book Week celebrations.

BOOK FAIR (Daily)

There will be a wonderful selection of books in the hall from Monday that are available for purchase for personal use or to donate the school library. If you would like to do this, please write your order on the order sheet in the hall before 3pm next Friday and you will be invoiced for these books the following week. The books are forwarded to you on payment of this invoice. If you donate books to the library your family will get to read these first (after they have been processed for the library). Thank you in advance to any families who donate books to our library as your generosity enables that donated book to be available to all our 115 children to read. Alternatively in the foyer of school there will be a bottle where you can donate loose change for the school to buy books for the library.

READING TO CHILDREN (Daily)

We would also love anyone willing and able to read to us. If you can't come in to school then we welcome parents, friends and grandparents to skype into classrooms to read to students at 10.20 one day. Please contact your child's class teacher to arrange this. We would love to see and read alongside someone reading at work, in front of the fire, across the world, etc.

STORY TELLING (Daily)

Also during the week we welcome Penny from the Kindergarten (a fabulous story teller) who will be coming to tell stories to classes each day during the week.

D.E.A.R. (Daily)

Each day at 10.20 am we will be Dropping Everything And Reading. It is important that children have adults as good role models of readers so we encourage people to join us at school or skype in to help model this.

LIBRARY VISITS (Monday 29 August)

We need parents/caregivers/grandparents/friends to join us with the following:

- ◆ Pohutukawa (Room 3) are walking to Island Bay Library on Monday 29 August from 9.30—11.30 am
- ◆ Karo (Room 1) will also walk to the library on Monday from 10.30—12.30 pm

We need 2-3 adults to walk with each class. Can you come with us?

AUTHOR VISIT (Wednesday 31 August)

On Wednesday 31 August we have an author visiting. Fleur Beale has written over twenty novels for young adults. She has been short-listed in the NZ Post Book Awards. Fleur will talk with the students about the writing process.

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC/BOOK-NIC (Wednesday 31 August)

Also on Wednesday the school and kindergarten are having a 'Teddy Bear's Book-Nic'. Please join us and bring along a rug, a book and a teddy to your child's classroom at 12.25. We would love to have you there.

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY (Thursday 1 September)

Thursday 1 September is dress up as a Book Character Day. You have plenty of time to think of your favourite books and characters to dress up as that is when children and adults are encouraged to dress up as book characters.

PJ BEDTIME STORY DAY (Friday 2 September)

On Friday 2 September as we head "snoozily" into the weekend, the children and staff will be dressed in pyjamas and reading will focus on bedtime stories. You are very welcome to join us throughout the day to read with, or to children....and are welcomed to wear your PJ's too.

HOME BOOK QUIZ (By Friday 2 September)

Once again we will have the family book quiz for home learning for School and Kindergarten families. Book vouchers will be awarded to the families that come 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Entries must be to Therese by 3.00 pm next Friday. If more than one family has the answers all correct they will be drawn from a hat.



**ENVIRO DAY—FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST
HOLE DIGGING DAY THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST**

It is the season for planting. So this Friday we will be continuing our weeding, planting and mulching down in the Owhiro Stream and beside our school. Adult help with planting, digging holes and supervision is required throughout the morning. Buckets, spades, shovels and trowels are also needed. If you are able to lend any please label them with your child's name.

However, before we can plant the over 100 trees that we have, we need to have holes dug! Janey from the GWRC needs parents and community members to help her dig holes on Thursday 25 August from 1.15 pm onwards. If you are busy during school hours but can lend a hand after school from 3.00—4.00 pm then your assistance would be great. We have two volunteers so far and more would be appreciated.

Could children please come dressed suitably for practical outdoor work.
Children and adults will need to wear/bring:

- ◆ Jacket/raincoat
- ◆ Warm clothes
- ◆ Shoes (or gumboots) with covered in toes (not sandals)
- ◆ Gardening gloves (optional)

Please contact Rowena or Wendy in the office if you can assist for the hole digging on Thursday 25 August, both from 1.15 and/or from 3.00 pm or assisting on Enviro day on Friday 26 August.

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.

BROOKLYN INDOOR COMMUNITY MARKET

**Brooklyn Indoor Community Market at the Brooklyn Community Centre, 18 Harrison Street.
Saturday 27 August, 9.30am to 1pm, rain or shine.**
A great variety of stalls on offer, including pottery, plants, books, crafts, cards, jewellery, garments, delicious Indian food, homemade biscuits, cakes and jams, plus a fun playground for the kids.

**ISLAND BAY PLAYCENTRE SPRING GALA
SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER—10.00—1.00 PM**

There will be Japanese, Chinese, Mexican, Indian, Italian and Kiwi food with a huge garage sale, fantastic raffle, music, stalls, crafts, face painting and bouncy castle!

Our raffle features a grand prize courtesy of Interislander (\$500 voucher) signed tops from Wellington Phoenix FC, Wellington Rugby Lions, Memorabilia from the Hurricanes, a book from our local Island Bay artist Michael McCormack and we will have vouchers for a grand day out in Island Bay.

ALL ABOUT KIDS EXPO

The **All About Kids Expo** is coming to the Wellington Town Hall on Sunday 28th August. Created for the parents of children 0—10 years the Expo focuses on entertainment, education and expo only specials.

The school has three COMPLIMENTARY tickets to the Expo. Tickets will be distributed on a "first in" basis and need to be collected in person from the school office.