



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates To Remember

• One Learning Community Unveiling Celebration 5.30 pm	25 March
• Movin' March (Walk & Wheels Day)	25 March
• Mulching Day with WCC	30 March
• Parentlink Meeting 2.00 pm	31 March
• Three Way Conferences—Learning Conversations	30/31 March
• End of Term—Thursday 2.00 pm	1 April
• Water Tabloid Sports	1 April
• Good Friday	2 April
• Board Nominations Close	23 April
• Board Election Date	7 May
• Term 2 begins—8.55 am	19 April

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

A very special thanks from the students, staff and myself for the wonderful people who helped organize, prepare, serve, come along and cleaned up after the hangi. What an amazing event this is was because of our wonderful community. We are hoping for an equally calm and fine day for the Unveiling Celebration again tomorrow evening. This Thursday at 5:30pm, please come along and join us on the asphalt area in front of the school and kindergarten to celebrate the arrival of the kindergarten and our extended community. The event starts off with some songs and a few short speeches followed by a sausage sizzle and a chance to catch up with some of our present and past community members, along with Annette King, Ministry of Education and other invited guests.

Please look at the attached Health and Physical Education Survey Summary. We really appreciate the feedback we received from the families who responded. This feedback helps guide us in planning and preparing school programmes to meet the needs of our students and their families. Over the next two years our Health and Physical Education Programmes will focus on the key areas of Physical Activity, Body Care & Physical Safety, Food and Nutrition and Mental Health. In addition to this we have booked Constable Duncan to work with us next term on 'Kia Kaha'. This is a Police Supported series of programmes that are designed to support schools in reinforcing communities where everyone feels safe, respected and valued, and where bullying is not tolerated. Our Health and Physical Education team is also planning further sporting activities to focus on sports teams. The visit from the 'Penguins Inline Hockey' demonstrators was the beginning of this. The school will endeavour to keep our families informed regarding local teams and registration information as soon as this becomes available. We ask parents and caregivers to pass any information about local sporting teams to the school so that we can keep all our parents and caregivers aware of sports opportunities for their children.

Have a wonderful week. We look forward to catching up with you tomorrow evening at the Unveiling Celebration.

Ka kite
Karen



WELCOME

Kylie Hall and Rachel Burns from Wellington Teachers College who are working in Room 3 and 5 respectively. These two teacher trainees will be with for 7 weeks.

Thanks

To Andrew Ioannou for erecting the final two class murals to Rooms 4 and 5. They all look fantastic!

To the parents/caregivers who transported our athletes to the Southern Zone athletics yesterday. Your help and support at the event is appreciated.

To Parentlink....our wonderful fundraising team. The computer cow and 16 laptops have now been purchased and are in the school. Laptops are currently being loaded with software so will be available for student use soon.

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 morning does not suit you.



One Learning Community Unveiling Celebration and Main Entrance Way

Just a reminder tomorrow, 25 March there is a celebration for the unveiling of our Learning Community – ie: Owhiro Bay Kindergarten and Owhiro Bay School. All parents, caregivers, families and children are invited to this celebration where there will be an unveiling of the new 'maui hook' sign at the front of the school. The celebration starts at 5.20 pm with a few short speeches and songs from the children, followed by a sausage sizzle.

Please note:

With addition of the new main entrance to our one Learning Community, the existing gate coming in near the bus shelter, will be removed during the Easter/school holiday break.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Next term an ERO team is visiting our school as part of their regular cycle of visits. We will notify you of specific dates when they have been confirmed with us. Further details of a welcome powhiri will follow.

The team are in our school in mid-May. All parents and caregivers are welcome to join students and staff to help us welcome these visitors to speak with them about our school.

Education Review focuses on education improvement. ERO reports are designed to help schools see what they are doing well, where they need to improve and what they should do next. We welcome the review and their feedback on how we can improve what we do to promote student learning and achievement at Owhiro Bay School.

A NOTE FROM ROOM 6

A reminder that homebooks need to be returned each Thursday—thanks.

If you have any spare supermarket bags, please drop these off to Rowena in Room 6.

VEGE BINS FROM HANGI

Do you own the vege bin from a fridge and clear vegetable bin loaned to the school for the hangi. These are in the staffroom ready for collection.

Thank you for the loan.

OUR STUDENT COUNCIL ARE PROMOTING

"EARTH HOUR"

Wellington households, cafes, hotels, businesses and schools got behind the spirit of Earth Hour last year and we're hoping even more will support this year's World Wide Fund for Nature's (WWF's) global climate change initiative.

The hour-long switch off is set to happen at 8.30 pm on Saturday 27 March

**Please support our planet by switching off your lights and appliances for one hour
on Saturday 27th March at 8.30 pm**

**A NOTE FROM WHAEA LISA AND
WHAEA KAHU**

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Ngahuru = autumn

Pronunciation :

Nar-who-roo

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is on Tuesday 4 May at 7.00 pm. Please note that minutes of these meetings are available to read in a folder in the foyer in the office.

WATER TABLOID SPORTS

The Student Council have helped teachers to organize a fun tabloid sports event on the final afternoon of the term. We look forward to a fine day and warn you that your child may arrive home with a few wet splashes on their clothing that day. They can bring along a change of clothes if they are worried about getting wet or have wet clothing to go home



PARENTLINK

Entertainment Books

Owhiro Bay School is pleased to be offering the new edition of the Entertainment Book to parents/caregivers/friends/relatives as part of our fundraising campaign this year.

Entertainment Books contain hundreds of 25-50% off and two-for-one offers from popular restaurants, cinemas, hotels, the arts and leisure activities. The sale of each book will raise \$12.00 for Owhiro Bay School and contribute much needed funds to our fundraising targets for this year. We have a limited amount of pre-sale bonus offers worth over \$150.00 including offers from Lone Star, Reading Cinemas, Sierra Café, Mondo Espresso, La Marche Francois, The Hurricanes.

Please contact Jennifer Dunn to place your order and snap up these bonus offers. Email kevjendunn@paradise.net.nz, Phone 934.2179 or text 0274 449679.

Easter Raffle

Your last chance to purchase a \$2.00 ticket for this tempting Easter Raffle is at the "One Learning Community Unveiling ceremony, 5.30 pm on Thursday 25th March. The raffle will be drawn at this event. Thank you to Island Bay New World for their generous donation.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Parentlink is held at 2.00 pm in the staffroom on Wednesday 31 March. All very welcome. Hope to see you there.

VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Determination" or "Hiri-nga" which is focusing your energy and efforts on a task, sticking with it until it is finished. Using your will power to do something when it isn't easy. If you are determined to reach your goals you will still keep going even when it is hard or you are being tested. Without determination things don't get done, people give up easily and don't ask for help when they need it. With determination we do things that matter in the world and important things.

Next week the focus is "Excellence" or "Tino—Pai Rawa".

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

2010 HANGI

What another great night! Perfect weather, perfect kai and perfect company! All thanks to the wonderful help and donations we have had from our community

Thanks to Island Bay New World for the donation of bread and the wonderful raffle, thanks to Steve Drummond & Jo Grey through The Green Man Pub and 24 Carrot Produce donated the vegetables and liquid refreshments for the men working at the pit. To George Theodorou for the loan of his digger and truck, to C & D Landfill for disposing of the ashes at no cost to the school.

To George Theodorou, Grant Reid, Dion Russell, Tane Downes & Jumbo who donated their time on the Thursday evening to prepare the pit, and then again on Friday, also to Mark Bailey, Dave Pepere and Eno Lepaio who helped with the pit on the Friday. Thanks also to Eno and George who cleared the grounds on Saturday morning, top-soiled and spread grass seed over the pit, packed the baskets away and removed the ashes.

To Dion Russell who purchased the meat for us, the wonderful "stuffing makers" - Sheryl Bush, Jennifer Dunn, Tracy Russell and Vaneesa Theodorou, to our flyer delivering parents— Jennifer Dunn, Maria Ioannou, Jo Grey and Sheryl Bush. Thanks to Helen Orange and Lisa Jackson our wonderful patient tinfoil cutters, to Yvonne Trask who travelled far and afield to purchase the foil plates, tin foil, stuffing ingredients and other consumables at the best price. Thanks to Keryn Dixon and Mireille Conti-Leslie for unfolding and preparing the newspapers. Thanks to Helen Orange and Klare Braye for selling raffles on behalf of Parentlink. Thanks to Maria Bowley, Yvonne Trask, Deborah Osborne, Kathryn Hazlewood, Helen Scott and Budgie Mason, Rachel Roberts, Karen Sommerville, Margit Weinert, Helen Orange, Keryn Dixon and Vicki Mokalei for the preparation of the vegetables, to Kathryn Hazlewood, Sylvie Ryan, Morgan Bailey, Tracey Russell, Jaegar and Jasmine Russell for wrapping and distributing food parcels, to Deborah Osborne for collecting tickets and distributing iceblocks. To Wendy Davenport who co-ordinated the organization of this event. Thanks to all who helped clean up after the hangi, to the students who spoke and who sang so beautifully on the night and to all who supported our annual hangi by purchasing tickets and enjoying the evening with us.....you are all wonderful!

If we have omitted to mention your name, please accept our apologies, our school was a hive of activity during the lead up to and on the evening of the hangi. We really do appreciate the busy hands and warm hearts who donated their time and help to this event.

Thank you all for your support

MOVIN' MARCH TOMORROW THURSDAY 25 MARCH



We are having a "walk or wheels" to school day tomorrow, Thursday 25 March to help keep the environment clean and ourselves healthy. We appreciate you helping your child to walk or wheel to school tomorrow.

School Trustees Board Elections

Nominations are now open for election to the Board of Trustees. Spare nomination forms are also available from the school office.

The new Board will be elected in May for the next three year term. Maybe you would like to be part of this team or you know of someone else who you think would be great in the role; if so please encourage them to think about standing for our Board.

What's Involved?

The role of the Board of Trustees is to guide and support the Principal, teachers and our community to provide a fantastic learning environment for our all children.

Ideally, trustees will have a mixture of skills, knowledge and experience. The sort of attributes that are desirable include financial know-how, communication and consultation skills, minute-taking skills, strong community links, and experience in working as part of a team.

Previous Board experience is useful, but not essential. However, trustees do need to understand and accept that their role is to guide and govern. Day to day management is the responsibility of the Principal; teaching is to be left to the teaching professionals.

The Owhiro Bay School Board of Trustees comprises of up to seven parent/caregiver representatives, along with a staff rep and the Principal.

If you would like to find out more about what being on the Board entails, please feel free to contact me on 021 534 010

Regards
Chris Roberts
OBS Board Chair

Nominations

Board nominations close **on 23 April** and may be accompanied by a candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection on the school noticeboard in the foyer of the school office.

If there are more than seven nominations an election will be required, with the poll closing at noon on **7 May 2010**.

If you have any questions about the election process, our returning officer is Jan Bergquist, 029 9347147.

THREE WAY CONFERENCES AND GOAL SETTING MEETINGS

By now you would have received your time slot of these conferences held on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 March.

Please remember how important it is that all parents/caregivers and their children attend your scheduled conference. Each conference lasts 15 minutes. The school will provide supervised activities in the library for siblings to attend while you are at these meetings.

Following the conferences a written report will come home to you on Friday 30 April recording the new goals, next learning steps and ways of supporting these. We will also be asking you for your feedback about the new reporting format.

OFFICE CHAIRS

With the arrival of our new mobile laptop unit (The Computer Cow) the computer pod has been removed from the end of the hall.

We have around 6 office chairs that the school no longer needs. If you would like one of these for a \$5—10 koha please contact Wendy in the office.

Hangi 2010

PHOTO'S EXCLUDED
AS PERMISSION NOT GRANTED BY ALL
PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF SOME CHILDREN
FEATURED TO HAVE THEIR PHOTO'S
POSTED ELECTRONICALLY
THESE WILL ALSO NOT APPEAR ON THE
WEBSITE

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.

Next **Brooklyn Community Centre Indoor Monthly Market Day** will be held on **Saturday 27 March 2010, 9.30am-1pm** at the **Brooklyn Community Centre 18 Harrison Street, Brooklyn.**

Absolute treasures and bargains that would make great gifts for all ages and tastes are on sale at this Market. Playground right outside, L'Affaire coffee, tasty fare, plants, clothes, books, toys, gift wrap and cards, jewellery, hand crafted items, bric a brac and more. **Ph:043846799**
only **\$10 per stall!**

Kiwi Kids Learn

A new educational magazine has been launched for parents and caregivers to support their children to be all they can be. Kiwi Kids Learn is a fantastic resource and full of useful information to use with school age or preschool children. Kiwi Kids Learn also includes two sections specifically for kids. There is a dedicated 8-page lift-out for the kids with activities and games. There is also a section within the magazine for students to 'showcase' their work to the rest of New Zealand. To find out more or to order a copy go to www.kiwikidslearn.yolasite.com

WELLINGTON COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Would you like your child to join a friendly and lively vocal group for young people?

The choir is for children between the ages of 5 and 11 and each week learn songs, rhythms and musical games from around the world. The children practice singing with movement and in parts, develop listening and ensemble skills including percussion and will prepare pieces for public performance.

The artistic director is Julian Raphael—music educator and director of the Wellington Community Choir.

Held at Island Bay School between 3.30 and 4.45 pm on a Monday. The choir will commence on a weekly basis in Term 2 at Island Bay School. Fees will be between \$30.00 and \$50.00 per term depending on circumstances.

If you would like more information or want to register your child for the choir, please contact the choir's administrator Isabelle Lefrancq at isabelle.l@ihug.co.nz