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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Swimming (juniors)	Every Tuesday
Wheels Day	Wednesdays
Walk 'n' Wheels to School Day	25 November
Pack the Bus & Pyjama Day	4 December
Kindergarten Carols Cushion Concert	4 December
Whole School Trip to Brookfields	9 December
Piano Performance in the Library 6.15 pm	10 December
School Prize Giving	16 December
Last Day of Term 4 (3.00 pm)	18 December
First Day of 2016	3 February

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Well what can I say? Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all involved in the Country Fair! Your enthusiasm was infectious and made for another spectacular community event. I'll leave it to the Fair Committee to make the grand announcement.

Coming up we have combined One Learning Community carols at the Kindy on 4 December at 5.30 pm

Our prize-giving on 16 December at 6.30 pm will also feature singing, the distribution of prizes, and the Year 6 skit just like last year. If it's a lovely fine evening we hope to be able to hold it outside, if not it will be in the hall as usual. We do expect everyone to attend.

Planning for next year is underway and as we are expecting a bumper crop of new entrant enrolments in Term 1 and throughout the year, the organisation for 2016 will look a little different. We will still have 6 classes, and 2 teams. There will be:

2 x New Entrant/Year 1 classes

1 x a Year 2 class

3 x Year 3-6 classes

Teachers have yet to be allocated to these classes and our vacancy closes this Friday afternoon. As is always the case we have considered every option thoroughly to ensure the very best learning opportunities for our students. It is not unusual in a small/country school to have a range of ages and stages across classrooms. Careful consideration and professional judgement goes into determining which class will best cater for your child's learning and social needs. Individual notification of Year Level/Class and Teacher will go home prior to the end of school.

There will be some transition activities organised for the last week of term and full class lists will be displayed in the foyer on the last day of term and throughout the holiday break. It looks likely that we will have a starting roll of around 115 students and end 2016 with 140 students or more.

Today the Wellington City Council are meeting to discuss the Happy Valley Camping Ground proposal, I await the outcome which I will share with you, as soon as possible.

Have a well deserved relaxing weekend, rest up, recharge and I'll see you all on Monday.

Noho ora mai rā, nā

Tineke and the team

OWHIRO BAY COUNTRY FAIR

Thanks to everyone who came out to support the Country Fair on Sunday. We had a fantastic day – the weather was perfect, we had a huge turn-out, the food was delicious and there was heaps to see and do on the day.

From the helicopter rides to the horse rides, the ever popular spooky maze and the new additions like the bumper balls and the sponge toss. I've spoken to a few people who've said that the feedback they got from visitors was that our fair was the best fair around. That's a huge credit to our learning community and everyone who worked so hard in the months before the fair, and on the day, to make it a success. As soon as all the final expenses are tallied and reconciled, Tineke will be able to let you know exactly how much money

we have raised to benefit the learning of our children at the school and the kindergarten.

Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of our raffle prizes.

- Interislander Ferry voucher – Fraser McLean
- Seal Coast Safari voucher – Phil Young
- New World hamper – Jess Allen
- Brooklyn Unichem Pharmacy skincare hamper – Jess Allen
- Iconic NZ food hamper – Yvonne Trask

We hope you enjoy your prizes. Thanks again to the businesses who donated the prizes, Sammy from Fuji Xerox for printing the tickets, Jo Aitken for designing the tickets and Kim McNicol and Inka Jackson for organising the raffle prizes.

Silent Auction

The silent auction was a huge success this year. Thanks to all the businesses and families who donated goods for the auction – we had an amazing range of great items to bid on. If you had the winning bid for any of the auction items, Kim and her team will be in touch with you to arrange payment and collection of the items you have won. Thanks to everyone for bidding. Thanks also to Matt Kyne, Kim and Inka for running the silent auction.

Cupcake competition winners

The winners of the cupcake competition will be announced at the school assembly.

Jam and Christmas cards

The kindy still has a few items, like jam, bath salts and Christmas cards, for sale.

Thank you

I'd like to say a huge thank you to Tineke, Sharryn, Wendy Davenport, the teachers and staff at the school and the kindy and their families for all their hard work and support of the fair each year – we really appreciate you giving up your precious evenings and weekends to the Fair.

I'd also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the Fair organising committee this year: Inka, Kim, Erin, Nat, Deb, Katie, Jill, Bindi, Derek, Jo, Jody, Amanda, Matt, Klare, Wendy and Chantelle – you did an amazing job!

Thank you also to everyone who managed or helped on a stall this year, who donated food or goods to the fair, who sold raffle tickets, who distributed flyers, who made jam and lolly bugs, who transported everything we needed, who checked our power, who helped set up and clean up and did a multitude of other things to make the fair a success. We couldn't have the Fair each year without your help and your support is gratefully appreciated!

Finally, thanks to the families and children who ran their own stalls this year. It's particularly cool to see children coming up with a stall idea, running their stalls on the day and then donating some of their proceeds back to the school. We'd love to see this continue to grow in the future.

Feedback

If you have any ideas for future Fairs, different stalls we could run, or ways we could improve the Fair, please let me know.

Take care and thanks again, Emma

BIRTHDAY WISHES

To:

Gabriel Hawkings 29/11

Tomas Molina-Paul 1/12

Hamish Dayal 2/12

Enjoy your day!



PACK THE BUS AND FUN PYJAMA DAY

We are again supporting, along with The Breeze and the Wellington City Mission the annual Pack the Bus. The Breeze with all their Christmas frivolity will arrive on the morning of 4 December and accept/collect around the Wellington area, gifts for families less fortunate than ours.

A Christmas tree will be placed in the foyer this week for families to place their items. Please do not wrap your items, just a sticker with your child/ren's names on as they get to pack their item/s on the bus.

Some of the suggested items that would be appreciated are:

Christmas items:

Muesli Bars

Tinned Fruit

Jellies

Tinned Meat and Fish

Meals in a Can

Breakfast Cereals

Spreads: Jams, Peanut Butter, Vegemite

Fancy Biscuits and Confectionery

New Toys & Gifts: (new toys only please - and unwrapped)

Retail Vouchers

Event Vouchers: Movies, Zoo, Pool

Lego/Meccano

Art Equipment

Educational Books

Beach/Picnic/Water Toys

Puzzles

Outdoor Sports Gear

Board Games

Other:

Toiletries for the Whole Family

Please – no pre-loved toys – thanks.

Pyjama Day

We are incorporating a fun Pyjama dress us day this day as well – so come in your PJ's.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

Please have a good look at home for any library books and please return these back to school as we need them back before the end of year – thanks



SWIMMING LESSONS IN TERM 4 FOR ROOMS 4,5,6 AND 7

These occur EVERY Tuesday

Please ensure your child has named togs and a towel at school each Tuesday. We are unable to ring you if these are forgotten. These lessons are funded by the Board of Trustees and provide valuable life skills for your child. We appreciate your support.

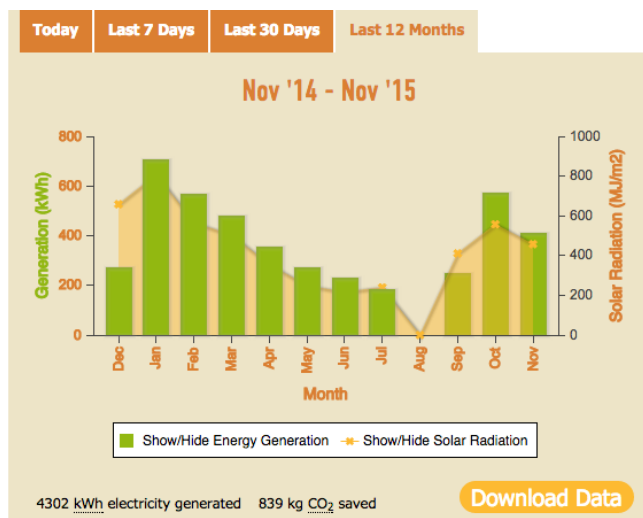
Please also ensure that your child has sunblock as the pool area is not under a sun shade.



SCHOOLGEN

Our Power Ranger team has been very busy checking & encouraging the school to turn off lights & heaters. Now that summer is, at times, here we are outside most break times. The team is pleased to say we are turning things off before we go out and even working out that there is often enough light in our rooms to work without turning the lights on at all. It is almost a year since we became a School Gen school with our solar panels installed. The following graph shows how much energy we have generated. August had a blip with the data not being generated so our savings are even higher than shown.

School Power Rangers



VIRTUES

For the following fortnight our focus will be "Respect" or "Whaka-ute"

You are practising Respect when you....

- 🌀 Treat others as you want to be treated
- 🌀 Speak courteously to everyone
- 🌀 Take special care of other people's belongings
- 🌀 Expect respect for your body and your rights.

Congratulations to Will Kirton who won the virtue voucher draw last week.

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Toru = three

SPORTS SPOT

Interzone Athletics

Well done to Freeman Dombroski and Rico Jackson who represented the Southern Zone schools at the Interzone Athletics Competition on Tuesday. You were a credit to the school!

Touch Rugby

OB1s vs Scots Missiles

This week the team played excellent. All boys were super motivated and Lenn and Thomas each scored 2 tries! Thank you Olli and Arun who helped out in the first half. Olli even added another try to the final result of 5-6. Such a close call. Player of the day became Lorenzo for his good work at defence. See you all on Sunday 4pm for our practice games!

Owhiro Bay Rocks vs Lyall Bay Lightning

The boys played like troupers this week against another great and enthusiastic team. They scored ties, we scored tries; they ran, we ran; they defended, we defended...ultimately- they pipped us to the post. Great game boys

Owhiro Bay Herons vs Seatoun Skillz

The Herons gave it their best but were outclassed by a swift running and passing Team. Nico got the player of the Day for his solid defence.