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# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Board of Trustees Meeting	27 October
Coffee Group	28 October
OBS Athletics	1 November
Enviro Day	11 November
Walk 'n' Wheels Day	16 November
Owhiro Bay Country Fair	27 November
Pack the Bus	2 December
Last Day of 2016 (amended date)	16 December
First Day of 2017	1 February

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	Marzipan Drama classes 8.00 am In the hall Creek Crew/Stream Team 9 – 11 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wheels Day Yoga/Pilates Classes 6.30 pm In hall
<b>Thursday</b>	Recorder Classes 8.30 – 8.50 am Code Club 3.30 - 4.30 pm Running Club 3.00 – 3.30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Coffee Group in the staffroom Last Friday of each month Assembly 2.20 pm

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora, Hello, Talofa lava, Chao, Ni Hao, Dia dhaoibh, Namaste, Giddyay, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Bula vinaka, Mälō e lelei, Sawasdee πρεπετ

I hope our invacuation drill last week was a catalyst for lots of discussion and communication around the plans you have in place for your family in case of an emergency.

The drill highlighted some important lessons for us here and we are de-briefing and working our way through these. That's what learning is all about.

In any emergency and/or drill, primary caregivers only are sent a text. It is the **responsibility** of primary caregivers to arrange collection of their child/ren by their designated adult release person. These people need to be fully versed in procedures of our school. When we sign out your child/ren to the approved adult release person that you have specified on your enrolment form, we do so in good faith. There is every possibility that we may not know or recognise that person. We will be relying on your child to do that for us and be happy to be picked up. It is therefore vitally important that your child/ren know who might be picking them up. The team here did a sterling job in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all our tamariki during this event, which I'm sure you will all find reassuring should a real emergency occur. All students were safely evacuated within 30 minutes.

Keep the conversation flowing as the 5th of November has been dubbed World Tsunami Awareness Day. Check out [www.whatstheplanstan.govt.nz/](http://www.whatstheplanstan.govt.nz/)

Today's heavy rain means that the Owhiro Bay Whole School Athletics has been postponed until Tuesday 1st November.

This morning our school roll hit 141, with 47 new enrolments throughout the year. We have a few more arrivals to come and our list for 2017 is growing daily. Roll growth is both exciting and challenging.

Next week we welcome Jennifer to our team for the remainder of the year. Jennifer will be working in Room 7 each Monday morning alongside Mrs Martin. Jennifer is a familiar face to most of our tamariki as we often call on her when we need a reliever.

Thank you to those kind helpers who took down the two netball posts in readiness for tennis season. Unfortunately one has now gone missing. Please keep an eye out for it and chat to Wendy or myself if you know where it might be.

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Nāku noa nā,  
Tineke and the team

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### PROVERB OF THE WEEK

“He iti hau marangai, e tū te pāhokahoka”  
After the storm, the rainbow appears”

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### WELCOME

To Harriet Howe and Joseph Williams who joined Harakeke, also to Abigail and Jack Gray who joined Room 6 (Tawa) and Room 7 (Karaka) respectively. Harriet has a sister in Room 1 Karo. Welcome also to Joseph, Jack and Abigail's families to our school community.



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### A NOTE FROM JAVI, REBECCA A., REBECCA W, WILL, WAIMARINO, PORTIA, STELLA M., AOIFE.....

Thank you to all the people who supported the following causes : SPCA, kids cancer, homeless people and the zoo by buying at our bake sale. We made a total of \$205.



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### HAVE YOUR SAY ON EDUCATION ACT CHANGES

Hekia Parata may be standing down as Education Minister before the General Election next year, but her Education Act Update Bill is continuing to roll through Parliament. If you want a say on the legacy she plans for the education sector, please submit on the Bill before Friday November 11th.

### Why write a submission?

The Education Update Amendment Bill proposes a range of changes to the way our education system operates that will have huge impact on governance, teaching and learning.

As teachers and support staff, NZEI members know what these changes could mean in real terms for schools or ECE services. It is important that our decision-makers hear from us.

To keep quiet sends the message that we are okay with the changes, ambivalent, or unconcerned and leaves policy makers to determine our future unfettered.

Writing a submission doesn't have to be a long essay! You can use our [briefing paper](#) to find out about the key issues and then make a brief submission online. A submission will be more powerful if it is in your own words, but feel free to refer to the key ideas in the briefing paper and add your own 'voice' and ideas.

You can find information about making a parliamentary submission [here](#) and the submission page for the Bill is [here](#)

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*“So how should we reward teachers?”*

*We shouldn't. They're not pets. Rather, teachers should be paid well, freed from misguided mandates, treated with respect and provided the support they need to help their students become increasingly proficient and enthusiastic learners”*

~ ~ ~ Alfie Kohn ~ ~ ~

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### COFFEE GROUP – A REGULAR SOCIAL EVENT FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

This Friday 28th October from 2.15 pm, Amie and company will be hosting a coffee group. Come along and settle in for a nice cup of plunger coffee, herbal tea, some delicious home baking and get to know each other.

See you then!



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## STREAM CLEANUP AND FAMILY PICNIC

Due to a crazy forecasted high of 11 degrees for this Sunday, the Cleanup and Picnic has been moved to the following Sunday November 6th.

The flooding over early autumn has seen a huge amount of rubbish collect on the stream banks.

We have mostly cleared the school side of the stream but now **we need your help** to tidy up the rest.

**When:** Sunday November 6th starting at 10.30am

**Where:** Meet at stream by apple tree through the gate by Rooms 4&5

**Bring** Waders (if you have them) gloves, clothes/shoes for getting in the stream or for helping from the stream bank.

Picnic food - hope to get this underway around noon.

Hope we see you there enjoying the newly cleared picnic area.

Jess & Jude

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## ENVIRO DAY – 11 NOVEMBER

Spring is in full swing and the weeds are growing fast!

The school is going to be weeding around the plants we've planted and spreading mulch to control weed growth and trap in moisture.

Can you help supervise filling buckets with mulch or spreading it around plants?

Can you help with supervision?

Adult helpers are needed on the Friday morning from 9am to 12:40 pm.

Children and helpers will need to wear appropriate gardening clothes and footwear.

Please let us know if you can help.

Talk to Rowena, Wendy, Jude, Jess or email [office@owhiro.school.nz](mailto:office@owhiro.school.nz).



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## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday wishes to the following children who have birthdays coming up:

Alby Currier 28/10

Clement Ausseil 1/11

Enjoy your Day!



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## VIRTUES

For the following fortnight our focus is "Enthusiasm" or "kai ngakau"

You are practising enthusiasm when you...

- 🍷 Let yourself enjoy looking forward to something
- 🍷 Think of imaginative ways to get things done
- 🍷 Do things wholeheartedly
- 🍷 Smile, laugh and enjoy what you do
- 🍷 Are full of positive spirit

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## SUNSMART SUNHATS

A reminder that in Term 1 and Term 4, children need to wear a sunhat when outside every day. We encourage hats as opposed to caps to provide extra care in looking after the necks and ears of students and also encourage students to wear sunblock and sun glasses when they are outside during the "sunsmart" months to keep them safe from the sun's harmful rays.



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## SPORT SPOT

### TOUCH – A Note from Klare

"I know the weather is dodgy today, but we will still run a touch practice.

I have taken the time off work anyway and I am aware that others may have adjusted their days around this. It would also be really good to get that dummy half, getting back five and taking the touches sorted. It would be good to make this second nature, instinctive behaviour last week some of them had 'forgotten' about this" 😊. If its raining we will improvise and find a way to do it under the shades or down the hall way!!!:)

Thanks  
Klare

### FLOORBALL

#### Sharks

SUPER win for the Owhiro Bay sharks. End score of 5-1 was very much deserved by good passing by Arun, Dylan and Lenn. Arun and Dylan both score our goals and Ethan as well as Atarau both did well as goalies. Player of the day is Atarau for great listening to the coach and determined running on the field.

#### Stingrays

Yesterday the Owhiro Bay stingrays lost 3-6 against Kilbirnie Aces. Austin, Freeman and Olli scored a goal each. Thanks to the pre game training session with Matt the team showed improved passing and communication skills. Keep up the good work, Stingrays!



Here is the latest news from the Fair Committee.

### HELICOPTER BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

The helicopter bookings are now open. Wanting a unique experience flying over Owhiro Bay and the rest of Wellington? Looking to treat your family or friends to an early xmas present? You can make a booking for yourself or someone else using the fair website below:

[http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country\\_fair\\_portal.html](http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country_fair_portal.html)

### FEEL LIKE HAVING A SPRING CLEAN?

The school garage is now open on a Tuesday and a Thursday, 15 mins before school starts and 15 minutes after school ends. We would be very grateful for donations of good quality, clean, clothing, books, toys, bric-a-brac, puzzles, complete games, good quality dvds and cds, household items, tools, bikes and garden items. Contact me, Bindi Robertson ([bindi.robertson@outlook.com](mailto:bindi.robertson@outlook.com)) if you'd like to drop off items outside of these hours. There will be a couple of Saturday drop off times available before the fair too. Stay tuned.

### Electronic volunteer sign-up sheet

Thanks so much to everyone who has signed up and filled up all the committee and stall manager roles. It's fantastic to have such great support within the school/kindy community. However, we still need volunteers to help with the stalls on the day for a couple of hours. There are two time slots to choose from, 10.30 - 12.30pm and 12.30 - 2.30pm. It's lots of fun selling the goods and chatting to people on the day. Simply click on the following:

<http://signup.com/go/7NVpPp>

Note, you don't need to sign up using facebook - just enter your email address in the box provided (and re-enter it to confirm, as prompted)

### Facebook page

Here is the website and facebook page which will have lots of information as well as posts about items the fair might need. Please check it regularly and click on the 'like' button to spread the word.

<http://tinyurl.com/owhirobayfair>

### Garden Stall request

Please start thinking about planting / repotting seed and plants for fair. All plant donations, especially natives, will be gratefully received.