



## OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates to Remember

◆ Parentlink Meeting	27 October
◆ School Photographs	2 November
◆ Room 6 Trip (all day)	4 November
◆ Board of Trustees Meeting	8 November
◆ Southern Zone Athletics	8 November
◆ Owhiro Bay Community Country Fair	26 November
◆ Pack the Bus	29 November
◆ Walk and Wheel Day	30 November
◆ End of Year Reports come home	7 December
◆ School Picnic	8 December
◆ Cushion Concert and Farewell to Year 6's	14 December
◆ Last Day of Year—2.00 pm finish	15 December
◆ First day of school for students in 2012 (Monday)	30 January

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone... and a big thank you to everyone who came along to see "The Nation That We Built" at the end of Term 3. What a wonderful supportive audience, and a great number of helpers to clean up afterwards! We hope you enjoyed seeing your child/ren sharing their skills and talents in the show. The staff are very appreciative of all the people who helped out, also all of you who have given such positive feedback/thanked them for their efforts. Once again thank you to John Griffith for his wonderful work in making sure that the children could be heard, and to Steve Kelly for his assistance with the lighting.

With the change of school terms due to the Rugby World Cup in 2011, this term promises to be a busy one. Please take note of the important dates to remember (above) so that you do not miss out on any of these great events.

Coming up soon is the Country Fair on election day (26 November). This is held here at Owhiro Bay Learning Centre – in the school and kindergarten buildings and grounds. Please note that preparations are well under way and if you haven't yet let Ishani and her team know how you can help, there is the board in the foyer of the office of jobs that require your assistance. Please look for further details of this important fundraiser in this newsletter.

Have a great week.

Ka kite  
Karen



### Thanks

To all the students and their teachers for putting together and performing "The Nation that we Built".

To the parents and caregivers who helped "source" costumes and loaned clothing to other students for the production. If there are any items that have not yet been returned to you, please contact the school.

To the parents and helpers who packed up the chairs at the end of the show...and an extra big thank you to the parents, teachers, their partners and students who helped remove the very resistant stickers from the stage afterwards.

To Genna Grindrod and Grant Maiden for their ongoing work pumping up all our sets of rugby balls, soccer balls, netballs, basketballs and dodgeballs. Your help is really appreciated.

To Fuji Xerox and the Dahya family for the donation of some new sports balls. These will be well utilized thank you so much.

### Welcome

To Waimarino Garland-Ross and Maia Clarke-Sarisaltik who joined children in Room 5 this week. Welcome also to their families to our school community.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 2 November 2011

A reminder that school photographs are being taken next week. Pre-paid envelopes went home with your child/ren at the end of last term. If you have misplaced your envelope, please call in at the office for a replacement if required.

**Please note: If you are having a family/sibling photograph, please collect the pre-paid envelope you will require from school office.**

Please have all envelopes and money returned to school **before 28 October** to ensure these are all processed before photograph day. Thank you.



### PACK THE BUS—29 November 2011

The Student Council are organizing this collection of gifts for children at Christmas again in 2011.

We have been advised that they are seeking only new articles or those in near new condition along with non-perishable food items.



### SOUTHERN ZONE ATHLETICS

We are currently selecting the squad. The Southern Zone Athletics are on Tuesday 8th November with the postponement date on 15th November.

The event is held at Newtown Park, and children will depart school at 9.00 am and leaving Newtown Park to return at 2.30 pm.

As these events require adult help, please let me know if you would be available to help on the day.

Once the selection of students to compete has been made, a notice will come home to parents and caregivers.

Shelley Berry

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

**Kohanga = Spring**

Pronunciation : kor-hunga

### **VIRTUES**

The focus for this week is "Peacefulness" or "Rangimarie" which means having an inner sense of calm. It is getting very quiet and looking at things so you can understand them. It is being fair to others and yourself. With peacefulness, everyone wins. When you are peaceful you respect others and their differences. People around you feel calm and safe. With peacefulness, any problem can be solved.

Next week the focus is "Forgiveness" or "Muruhara"

If you are interested in finding out more about The Virtues Programme developed by Linda Kavelin Popov try looking up [www.virtuesproject.com](http://www.virtuesproject.com)

### **RANGIMARIE DAY AT RIDGWAY SCHOOL TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER**

Next Tuesday our school is visiting Ridgway School for our Rangimarie Day "Promoting Peace" celebration this year. There will be a powhiri at their school then students are working together with similar aged students.

Buses will depart Owhiro Bay School at 12.15 pm for the powhiri at 12.30 pm and leave Ridgway at 2.30 pm to return to our school.

All parents/caregivers are very welcome to join us at this event.

#### **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.



#### **SAFETY—ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURES FROM SCHOOL**

We ask all students and adults coming to school from south of the carpark to enter the school through the gate to the courts and those coming from the north to enter through the main gate. This is to stop any foot traffic in the carpark area and prevent possible accidents from occurring.

We also wish to reinforce the car parking on Happy Valley Road is also undertaken safely, avoiding "u" turns, not parking over driveways. The traffic at 3.00 pm yesterday was very chaotic.

**The annual fair is to be held in 5 weeks and 3 days!**

**Date:** Saturday 26 November 10.30-2.00pm

Check out the latest fair happenings, raffles and more online on the schools dedicated fair page [http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country\\_fair.html](http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country_fair.html)."



**WE NEED YOU!**



**Yes, you!**

**Raffles:**

We have some fantastic raffles this year for the Learning Community Fair, and we need your help to sell tickets! Do you think you could sell some tickets to your workmates/family/friends? All you have to do is email or show the raffles list (next page) to anyone you think would be interested, and the Raffles Committee will do the rest! Easy! 100% of the profits go to the Learning Community, so we're hoping to sell as many tickets as possible.

Please contact Donna on 976-8444 or [jazzgraham@yahoo.com](mailto:jazzgraham@yahoo.com) or Nicola on 383-8264 [furlongfamily@fresher.net.nz](mailto:furlongfamily@fresher.net.nz).

Donna will be in the school office on Friday 28th from 8:45am and again in the afternoon from 2:45pm to sell tickets.

**Helicopter rides:**

Yay! Helipro have confirmed they will run helicopter rides from the school again this year.

Pre-bookings are essential - Please contact Rachel Roberts on 383 9557 [outlookmedia@xtra.co.nz](mailto:outlookmedia@xtra.co.nz)

**Thank you:**

To the wonderful team of parents and kindy teachers who tidied the garage in the holidays. Thank you Yvonne Trask, Yesim Maurer, Andrew Ioannou, Ishani Noble, Mirelle Contileslie, Jody and Garth from the kindy. It looks fabulous!

**Donations to the fair:**

Items for the fair can be dropped off at the garage at the following times:

Monday	2.45 - 3.15pm
Tuesday	2.45 - 3.15pm
Wednesday	8.30-9.00am
Thursday	2.45 - 3.15pm
Friday	2.45 - 3.15pm

We welcome items such as good quality (no rips, tears, stains etc) books, working toys, tidy adult & children's clothing.

**Please do not bring:** Cassette tapes, VHS videos, ancient computer screens & printers, dead looking electronics or anything really rusty. It increases the costs for us to dispose of if they don't sell.

Thank you in advance :-)

**Tombolla (Lucky dip for adults):** Any donations of wine / sparkling grape juice / other bottled items can be dropped off at the kindy.

**Childrens Lucky dip items:** Can also be dropped off at the toy section of the garage or given to the kindy to wrap.

### **Sign up today!:**

There are still a number of key roles to be filled before and on the day.

Before hand can you help with: shopping for groceries, selling raffles, setting up on Friday, assist with transporting trestle tables??

### **Do you know...**

- Anyone who would like to come and sell their products at the fair?
- Bands, entertainers, string quartets, gymnastics or kung fu groups who would like to have an entertainment slot?
- Anyone who has a portable coffee machine?
- A barista (or two) who can make good coffees?
- Anyone who can do hair braiding? or Hair cuts?

Make lolly necklaces with the kids? A fun activity on a rainy day. Lollies and instructions provided.

### **Fair Website & facebook:**

Check out the fantastic fair website: [http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country\\_fair.html](http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country_fair.html)

Are you a wizz on facebook? We need some assistance linking facebook to the fair website. Please contact Matt on mattandhelen@xtra.co.nz

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is tomorrow night (27 October) at 7.30 pm at Chris and Rachel Robert's house, 21 Dargle Way, Island Bay. See you there.



## PARENTLINK PAGE (Cont'd)

### 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.

### Calendars

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who supported the Abacus Calendar/Diary/Card Fundraiser again this year. An incredible \$567.50 profit has been made. Thank you so much to Helen Orange and Karen Sommerville who helped collate orders.

### Sausage Sizzle

The next Sausage Sizzle is **FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER**— 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](mailto:rachelandchris@xtra.co.nz).



## 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.

## “THE NATION THAT WE BUILT” PRODUCTION DVD ORDER FORM

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room No. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of DVD's ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
@ \$15.00 per DVD)

**Please note, the last day for orders is Thursday 3 November as orders will be forwarded to the company on Friday 4 November.**

## **Environmental Projects - Assistance needed!**

1. Worm Farms - Assistance needed to fix leaks in our Worm Farms! The worm farms are leaking out the bottom and need siliconing up (or similar). The worm farms are kept indoors. They are made of plastic. This is probably easier to do at school. However, the bases could be taken home overnight if that's easier for someone.
2. Worm Farms - Once a term the worm farms need to have a "make over"! This includes removing the new compost and re-organising the worms and layers of food scraps. Assistance is sought for some adults who could work with our children to do this.
3. Owhiro Stream Enviro Area - With the start of spring, the grass has been growing fast - too fast! The grass paths and around our plantings needs weed-eating. The stream area is not locked, and so this could be done at any time during the day, evening or weekend.
4. Term 4 Enviro Day - Fri 25 Nov - This term we will focus on weeding and mulching around our new plantings from Term 3 and the smaller plants and trees from previous plantings. Adults are needed to assist on the day.
5. Further Development of Owhiro Stream Enviro Area - Our Stream area has been developing fantastically from a blackberry and rubbish covered "out of bounds" area to a beautifully planted riparian strip which the children can learn from and the whole community can enjoy. Assistance is sought for a few adults to help with removing rubbish from the water, obtaining "paint" buckets, removing the occasional bit of blackberry, and helping liase with our very helpful contacts at WCC over tree removal etc.

Could volunteers for any of the above projects please fill in the form below and return it to school or contact Rowena Johnstone. Thanks.



### **Environmental Projects - Please return this form to school**

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Room:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ph:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would be interested in assisting with the following....**

<b>Worm Farms - Sealing leaks</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
<b>Worm Farms - Reorganising layers/"make over"</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
<b>Owhiro Stream Enviro Area - Weedeating</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
<b>Owhiro Stream Enviro Area - Term 4 Enviro Day Fri 25 Nov</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
<b>Owhiro Stream Enviro Area - "Paint" buckets</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
<b>Owhiro Stream Enviro Area - Rubbish in the stream</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
<b>Owhiro Stream Enviro Area - Other assistance as above</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>

