



*e tipu e rea* In our children lies our future

# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

|                                      |               |
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| Wheels Day every Wednesday           |               |
| Skipping September                   | All September |
| Enviro Meeting 5.00 pm               | 1 September   |
| Sushi Day                            | 4 September   |
| Fair Committee Meeting               | 17 September  |
| South Wellington Intermediate School |               |
| Open Evening 6.00 pm (date change)   | 22 September  |
| School Production Rehearsal          | 22 September  |
| School Production                    | 23 September  |
| Last Day of Term 3                   | 25 September  |

## COMING UP

### Term 4

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| School Photographs      | 21 October  |
| Learning Community Fair | 22 November |

## 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

We had a good turnout for our Country Fair introductory wine and cheese evening and it was great to see some new faces. Congratulations to Miss Mills who was the lucky winner of the Robbie Williams tickets. A big thank you to Emma Debreceeny for taking on the role of fair co-ordinator. Please note the next planning dates in your calendar and come along to support the One Learning Community. We need everyone to get involved.

On Tuesday the teaching staff are joining with the Resource Teachers of Behaviour for a workshop with Mark Osborne on how to support students in an enhanced learning environment. We will be leaving school promptly at 3.00 pm as the workshop is being held in Titahi Bay. If you are here before the bell we will let you and your child/children go a little early.

Our students are busy developing their dance/ drama and oral language skills alongside our usual numeracy and literacy programmes. They are also making the most of fine days to learn/practice their skipping skills. The tracking tunnels that were put down on Enviro Day are generating lots

of student interest and we are consulting with the experts to see which creatures also enjoy our outdoor learning environment. Council staff will be hard at work in our stream area tomorrow.

For your information, attached to the newsletter is Owhiro Bay School's Tsunami Safety Zone Escape Route should we ever have to evacuate.

Noho ora mai rā, nā

Tineke and the team

## WELCOME

To Lenni Weightman who joined children in Room 5 this week. Welcome also to Lenni's family to our school.

## LOST PROPERTY

Apart from the lost property/clothing situated in the corridor outside the hall, Wendy has in her office a stainless steel Sony IPOD, a Purple BlackBerry, a hearing aide, a phone charger, a snapper card chip, an orange inhaler and a black watch with one strap missing (that chimes at 3.00 pm)

Any un-named, unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the week.

## ENVIRO STREAM PROJECT MEETING – 1 SEPTEMBER

### Enviro Meeting 1 September at 5.00 pm

What a great year it has been down the stream so far! With the support of the teachers, council, corrections, FOS, parents and the children there has been some fabulous work done.

Just a couple of the highlights have been the track has being cleared and mulched, the successful planting day and that we were the lucky recipients of several fruit trees through the Council's fruit tree guardian programme. The children have been very enthusiastic and keen to participate.

The next stream project meeting is going to be held on the **1st of September at 5pm. All very welcome!**

We will start with a walk down the stream followed by discussion in the staff room.

### Proposed Agenda

- Ⓢ Meet in the staffroom
- Ⓢ Review minutes and action points from previous meeting
- Ⓢ Restoration plan - including planning for 2016 clearing and planting
- Ⓢ Maintenance
- Ⓢ Pest control
- Ⓢ Grants
- Ⓢ Willow tree
- Ⓢ Extra flaxes
- Ⓢ Enviro Days
- Ⓢ Friends of Owhiro Stream
- Ⓢ Ongoing document management
- Ⓢ Health and safety
- Ⓢ Date for next meeting

Hope to see you there!

Jess Allen



### BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Sofie Worth 28/8



### VIRTUES

We continue to focus on "Confidence" or "Maiā"

You are practising Confidence when you...

- ☺ Remember that you are worthy, whether you succeed or fail
- ☺ Are willing to try new things
- ☺ Learn your own strengths and weaknesses
- ☺ Practice until you master something
- ☺ Think positively

Next week, the focus is "Determination" or "hiri-nga"

Congratulations to Kingston Ridout-Gordon who won the virtues draw for "Peacefulness" and Kyla Crerar for "Tidiness" last week.

### TE KUPU O TE WIKI

**Tangi = cry**

### PARENTLINK

Thanks to everyone who supported the Abacus Calendar/Card Fundraiser. Orders are on their way.

A big thank you to Helen Orange for co-ordinating this fundraiser again this year.

Please see the Fair Notice attached at the end of this newsletter.

### 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 goods or services advertised).*

#### WFC Fencing holiday programme:

Date: 30/9 Wednesday & 1/10 Thursday (9am – 3pm) at Miramar Holy Cross Church, 90 Miramar Avenue.

Fee: \$130/two days

For further information and to book a place contact PING YUAN at [nz\\_wfc@outlook.com](mailto:nz_wfc@outlook.com) or 021 059 2558"

#### Parenting Workshops:

Jenny Hale (Senior Coach) from Parenting Place (as seen weekly on TV One's Good Morning show) will be in Wellington presenting ....

#### **Hot Tips on raising happy, confident and resilient children**

7:30pm - 9:00pm - Friday 11 September  
Confident, resilient children deflect trouble, resist pressure, handle stress and recover from set-backs and trauma. All children can be helped to tackle life and grow up to have a 'can-do' attitude.

#### **Hot Tips on the strong willed child**

2.30pm - 4.00pm - Saturday 12 September 2015  
Some children are naturally compliant and others seem to fight their parents for every bit of ground. A practical session for all those parenting strong-willed and spirited children.

Hosted at St Johns in the City Cnr Willis and Dixon Sts, Wellington CBD

**Single ticket:** \$20.00 (purchase online [www.theparentingplace.co.nz](http://www.theparentingplace.co.nz) (see events) - or at the door)

#### Tawatawa Reserve Wetland Planting Day – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2.00 – 4.30 pm

The Southern Environment Association (SEA) invites you to help us plant 500 wetland plants around the wetland in Tawatawa Reserve between the main carpark (off Murchison St) and SEA's native plant nursery. Everyone is most welcome to come along and give us a hand, even if it is only for a couple of minutes.

Bring a water bottle, some warm clothes, gumboots and garden gloves. All other tools and equipment will be provided as well as light refreshments.

If the weather is bad on 29<sup>th</sup> August, details will be posted on our Facebook Page, including the postponement date (probably the following Saturday). Find us on Facebook "Tawatawa Reserve – SEA". Any questions email us at

southern.environmental.assn@gmail.com or phone Ken on 021 054 3456

## The countdown to the Owhiro Bay Country Fair has begun....



The first Fair committee meeting was held last week. A number of the key co-ordinator roles have been filled but some key roles still need a volunteer

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| <b>Fair Co-ordinator</b>                       | <b>Emma Debreceeny</b>   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                               | <b>Wendy Abbott</b>  |
| <b>Food stall co-ordinator</b>                 | <b>Nat Randall</b>   |
| <b>Stall co-ordinator</b>                      |  |
| <b>External vendor co-ordinator</b>            | <b>Deb Kirton</b>  |
| <b>Silent Auction</b>                          | <b>Inka Jackson (another co-ordinator from the kindergarten would also be appreciated)</b> |
| <b>Raffle co-ordinator</b>                     |  |
| <b>Logistics co-ordinator</b>                  | <b>Bindi Thomas</b>  |
| <b>Kindergarten stalls / café co-ordinator</b> |  |
| <b>Entertainment co-ordinator</b>              |  |
| <b>Advertising co-ordinator</b>                |  |
| <b>Signage co-ordinator</b>                    |  |
| <b>Helicopter ride co-ordinator</b>            |  |

The Fair is the major fundraiser for our learning community each year. We would like to make this year's Fair bigger and better than ever – but we need your help to make this happen. There are a number of ways you can help:

- sign up for one of the co-ordinator roles above – there are a great group of people on the Fair Committee with a lot of experience from previous fairs that you will be able to call on for help
- sign up to help with a stall or activity (volunteer sign – up sheets will be appearing at the school and kindergarten shortly)
- start finding items to donate to the Fair: do you have any connections to businesses who might be willing to donate items for the raffle or silent auction?
- visit the Fair website ([http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country\\_fair\\_portal.html](http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country_fair_portal.html)) and like our facebook page (search for Owhiro Bay Learning Community Country Fair)
- talk to our Fair Co-ordinator, Emma Debreceeny (mum to Matthew in room 1, Oscar in room 7 and Sam at the kindergarten) about any ideas you may have for the Fair or ways you might be able to help (emma.debreceeny@gmail.com or 021 2668255)
- start advertising the Fair with your friends, families and work mates

Our next Fair Committee meeting will be on 17 September 2015 – we'd love to see you there.

Look for more information on the Fair in next week's newsletter.

Owhiro Bay School Bank A/c details are as follows: BNZ, Wellington South Branch – 02 0576 0101736 00.



# PRIDE LANDS SPRING FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES!

**MON SEP 28**  
**Bugs Life**  
Create a world of colourful insects

**TUE SEP 29**  
**It is cool to be different**  
Share your hidden talents openly and be inspired

**WED SEP 30**  
**Trip Day: Wellington Zoo**  
Explore the animal kingdom in a safe environment

**THUR OCT 1**  
**Rise of the zombies**  
Look different, scary & funny!

**FRI OCT 2**  
**PL Cultural day**  
A snippet of the world: East Timor  
What will you learn?

**MON OCT 5**  
**Magic Show & Tricks**  
Show us your tricks and we will show you ours

**TUE OCT 6**  
**Pride X Games**  
Challenge other Pride Lands  
Programmes to a healthy competition

**WED OCT 7**  
**TRIP DAY: PRIDE LANDS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE**  
Growing better citizen's: Give something back to your community

**THUR OCT 8**  
**Giant treasure hunt and Hide & Seek Games**  
Get your treasure hunt hot on end seek!

**FRI OCT 9**  
**LAST SUPPER**  
Relax and enjoy a shared lunch with the Pride

**Pride Fair:** One person's junk is another person's treasure

PRIDE LANDS

For more information & to enrol online visit: [www.pridelands.org.nz](http://www.pridelands.org.nz)

## Homestay

My name is Genevieve Krefft and I am an ex-student of Owhiro Bay School (quite ex now...) and am emailing you on behalf of the English Teaching College (ETC) in the hopes that you might help as spread the word about a programme that could benefit your families.

I work for the English Teaching College as a Student Services Officer. Part of my role is helping to find host families for International students, and at the moment I am trying to find 5 families to host some Swiss and German Students arriving from September for a Demi-pair programme.

In this programme International students can combine an **English Qualification certificate with a child care qualification**. Students provide **20hrs child care and house work in exchange for board and pocket money**. They typically stay for 12, 24 or 36 weeks and it's an ongoing opportunity as they are arriving all the time. This could be a chance for some mothers to get a little bit of extra help around the house and time for themselves.

Aroha nui,

**Genevieve Krefft** | Student Services Officer

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