



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

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| • “Preparing for School” Meeting | 5 August |
| • Three Way Conferences | 11 & 12 August |
| • Artsplash Rehearsal at Michael Fowler Centre | 18 August |
| • Artsplash Concert 5:30pm Michael Fowler Centre | 19 August |
| • Book Week | 23 – 27 August |
| • Community Meeting | 24 August |
| • Book Character Dress-up Day | 27 August |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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



A very big thank you to all the parents, caregivers and family friends who came along to the Matariki Celebration yesterday. We appreciate your support for tikanga and te reo programmes at our school and hope you enjoyed catching up with some of the things your child/ren are learning. Thank you for sharing such lovely food with us and the great feedback, ideas and aspirations you shared with staff. If you were not able to make it along yesterday but would like to share your ideas, please feel free to talk kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) with staff or write your ideas on the questions at the back of this newsletter and return it to school.

Please remember that Three Way Conferences are coming up in two weeks time. We need an indication of your preferred times that you can join your child and their teacher for this learning conversation. Please fill in the attached slip and return this to school or email us to indicate suitable times for you **before 3pm this Friday.**

As Wendy has been ill this week, you will notice that your newsletter is a rather reduced and simplified version this week. Please accept my apologies if anything is missed in today's newsletter. I am sure this will be rectified next week. As I do not have access to all your email addresses the newsletter has come home in hard copy today, however it will be available on our website and forwarded to you electronically once Wendy is well enough to be at school again.

Please note the attached Summary of our recent Education Review Office report. It is great to have such wonderful acknowledgement that there is much to celebrate in our school. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Board and the staff on such a clear affirmation of our teaching, learning and school direction. If you wish to read the full report you will find this on the website noted in the EO summary, from 9 August.

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite

Karen 😊

A NOTE FROM WHAEA LISA AND WHAEA KAHU - Kapu Hou (new word for this week)

Matariki = Maori New Year

Pronunciation: Mar tar ree kee

Thanks

To Klare Braye, Rachel & Chris Roberts, Grant McIntyre, Melanie Wallace, Yvonne Trask, Sue Raue, Gordan Keay and Paul Leslie for their fundraising efforts in Waitangi Park Carpark on Sunday. Along with the fantastic people mentioned in last week's newsletter these wonderful people made \$1041.60 over the two weekends. Well done everyone and thanks for your work for our students and school.

To everyone who sent along food for the Matariki Celebration yesterday. This was very much appreciated.

To the students who have been helping out in the office over the past three days in Wendy's absence. We hope that she is recovering well.

Virtues



This virtue of the week is **Pumau** or **Loyalty**. Loyalty is staying true to someone or something you believe in – without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals – even when the going gets tough. When you are a loyal friend, even if someone disappoints you, you still hang in there with them.

Next week the virtue is **Manawa-roa** or **Patience**. If you are interested in finding out more about the virtues project developed by Linda Kavelin Popov, try looking in www.virtuesproject.com.

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Three Way Conferences – Learning Conversations

If you haven't already done so, please let the school know your preferred three times that are most suitable to you (in order of 1, 2, 3 for first, second and third choice) to help us allocate a meeting time that most suits you and your child. Please let the school know by this Friday 30 July. Meeting times will be confirmed with a note that comes home to you with next week's newsletter. We look forward to sharing your child's learning successes and next learning steps at these meetings.

Please note that there is supervision in the library for siblings while you and your child are talking with your child's teacher.

Three Way Conferences – Preferred Time (return by Friday 30 July)

Wednesday 11 August

3:00 - 4:00pm

4:00 - 5:30pm

6:30 - 7:30pm

7:30 - 8:00pm

Thursday 12 August

3:00 - 4:00pm

4:00 - 5:30pm

5:30 - 6:00pm

For my children _____ in Room ____
_____ in Room ____
_____ in Room ____

Please indicate if you would like supervision for siblings during your conference time and the number of siblings

YES/No. Number of children _____ signed _____

