



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

◆ Community Surveys due back	30 September
◆ Last day for Parentlink Calendars/Cards/Diaries	3 October
◆ Whole School Production (Thursday evening) 6.30 pm	6 October
◆ Final Day Term 3 (2 pm finish)	7 October
◆ Parentlink Sausage Sizzle	7 October
◆ First Day Term 4 (8.55 am) Tuesday following Labour Day	25 October
◆ Parentlink Meeting	27 October
◆ School Photographs	2 November
◆ Board of Trustees Meeting	8 November
◆ Owhiro Bay Community Fair	26 November
◆ End of Year Reports come home	7 December
◆ Cushion Concert and Farewell to Year 6's	14 December
◆ Last Day of Year—2.00 pm finish	15 December

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Well done everyone for setting your clocks forward and making sure that your child/ren were here to start school at 8.55am on Monday. We really appreciate your efforts to ensure your children are here before the bell rings so that they can get organised and have a peaceful start to the beginning of their day. Please remember that for your child/ren's safety they should not be at school before 8:30am as teachers are in their rooms preparing for the day and are not available for supervising students.

The count down is on for "The Nation That We Built". Only eight more days (or eight more sleeps) until your child stars in this years show. Please remember that tickets for the production are available from the school office...and it is a show that is not to be missed! The students in Pohutukawa/Room 3 have written the script and every child is a star in the show. This year the performing arts focus is movement and dance, but there is also singing and acting to keep you entertained. We look forward to seeing you at the South Wellington Intermediate School Hall on Thursday 6 October. The show begins at 6:30pm so we ask for children to arrive around 6:10pm to make sure they are ready to start...this also helps you to get a seat of your choice. Also there is plenty of parking on the asphalt alongside the southern end of the hall.

To keep your child safe from the dangerous UV rays, next term we ask all children to have a sunhat that they can wear at school. During term 4 and term 1 everyone is required to wear a sunhat at breaks and when they are outside during the day. Over the break please can you organise for your child to have a named sun-hat that they can wear at school next term. We also encourage the use of sun-block and sun-glasses when children are outside during the summer months.

A reminder to that the Board survey is due in next week. Please, if you have filled this in on-line using 'survey monkey', please let Wendy know so that your child can be included in the prize draw at the last assembly for the term.

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite
Karen



VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Courage" or "hautoa" which is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. It is needed when trying new things, admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing. Without courage no-one would try new things, they would only do what is easy. Fear would be in charge. Courage helps you do the right thing, great things, and face any situation.

Next week the focus is "Flexibility" or "Ngawari-wari".

If you are interested in finding out more about The Virtues Programme developed by Linda Kavelin Popov try looking up www.virtuesproject.com

PRINCIPAL/PARENT CUPPA AND CHAT

Please remember Karen is available on Monday mornings at 9.00 am for a cuppa and a chat. However next Monday she is not on site on Monday so 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.

STAR WRITERS

This week Star Writers are:

★ Nina Maurer—Karo (Room 1) Age 9

For writing a very long narrative that contained detailed descriptions and that "set the scene" and created a "video in the reader's mind"

★ Zoe Kyne—Karo (Room 1) Age 8

For her great effort when writing a Narrative. Her introduction was a real Hook that made the reader want to keep Reading to see what was going to happen. Also her "personal voice" for effect in her narrative.

An excerpt from Nina Maurer's narrative "Mousey Kitty"

...Mousey and Kitty and Mum and Dad stayed there for lunch for 1 week. In the afternoon we went to a beautiful restaurant. Mousey and Kitty ate burgers. It was yummy yummy. Mum and Dad and the Queen and King and Princess and Prince all ate sea food like fish, crab, squid, shark, octopus and sushi.....

An excerpt from Zoe Kyne's narrative "Jelly and Sting"

...."Ready or not here I come". "Jelly where are you?". "Boo!!! " "Don't scare me sorry". "Hey look there's the rest of the group". Snap snap! Shark heads for the castle. The castle is blue with shells piled around the castle with an emerald door. Suddenly the door shut. Wait we're locked out and there was a shark charging for us.....

PARENTLINK PAGE

PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The next Sausage Sizzle is **Friday 7 October (the last day of Term 3)**— 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.



ABACUS CALENDARS, CARDS AND DIARIES FUNDRAISER

The last day for orders is Monday 3 October. You will receive your order back by Friday 4 November.

Your children have completed their fantastic artwork and can be transformed into professionally printed calendars, cards and/or diaries. These make great gifts, are ideal for posting overseas and the calendars are perfect for the family fridge! Every sale makes a return to our school fundraising so thank you for your support.

Art Calendar	\$10.00
Art Cards	\$12.00
Art Diary	\$15.00

Artwork can be viewed at the school office from 19—30 September.

By now parents would have received their calendar/card/diary order forms which went home with last weeks newsletter.

If paying by internet banking—Parentlink account details are :

National Bank
Owhiro Bay School Parentlink
06 0577 0112365 00

Please remember to drop off your order form at the school office and indicate that you have paid by internet banking as your order may be missed.

MULCH FOR SALE

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.

PARENTLINK PAGE (Continued)

The annual fair is to be held in 8 weeks and 3 days!

Date: Saturday 26 November 10.30-2.00pm

Sign up sheets are now up in the foyers of the office and kindy. (Thank you Mireille)

There are many opportunities to contribute before the fair and also on the day. The urgent needs at the moment are:

- Re-organise the garage - a small working bee to re-organise the garage to make room for everything.
- A roster of volunteers who can be available at the garage each day either before or after school (and maybe a Saturday) for half an hour or so, to let people drop off items to the garage in an organised manner. Roster to start next term
- Assistance with ringing around business to request items for the raffle. There are approximately 100 businesses to be contacted. If 10 people can ring 10 businesses, that would be gratefully appreciated. Business names and phone numbers will be supplied. - Please contact Donna Graham on jazzgraham@yahoo.com

There are many new roles this year. Check out this list and try something!

Eg: Hair braiding, photos with Santa, henna painting, spray tattoos, tombolla, car park security (advising people that the car park is only for election voters 20min parking).

We'd also like to encourage you to start looking around your home for items to donate. Items such as good quality (no rips, tears, stains etc) books, working toys, tidy adult, childrens & baby clothing, unwanted gifts you'd like to recycle to a good home etc.

Contacts:

Fair Co-Ordinator: Ishani Noble	ph: 3838-555	ishanipeter@yahoo.co.nz
Raffles: Donna Graham	ph:976 8444	jazzgraham@yahoo.com
Entertainment: Sharon Leamy	ph: 977 1693	sharon.leamy@clear.net.nz
Garden/Plants: Klare Bray	ph: 383 8727	
Advertising & signage: Matt Kyne	ph:383 5223	mattandhelen@xtra.co.nz
Books & Toys: Yvonne Trask	ph: 383 5946	yvonneyvonnevitch@gmail.com

Raffles:

Thanks to Donna Graham who has offered to be a co-ordinator for school-sourced raffles this year and to Nic Furlong who is co-ordinating Kindergarten-sourced raffles.

As raffle pre-selling in the weeks before the fair is crucial, donated items would really be appreciated sooner rather than later.

So.....please contact Donna (jazzgraham@yahoo.com) if you can help with the above or have any contacts who might be able to donate items for the raffles. Also, if families within the school or kindergarten would like to donate an item (e.g., chocolates, wine, toiletries, that kind of thing) that would be gratefully received. Any items can be left at the school office—thank you.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is at Chris and Rachel Roberts house, 21 Dargle Way on 27 October 2011 at 7.30 pm.



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

Taonga = treasure, precious possession

Pronunciation : tar-un-gah

**A NOTE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL
CANTEEN BANDANAS**

CANTEEN Bandannas are being sold for \$4.00 each morning before school outside the office for this week. Be in quick as these are selling fast.

BOOK FAIR PURCHASES

Donated library books are currently being processed and will be sent home with your child to read first before being placed on the library shelves. These will be home to you in time for school holiday reading.



Only two days to go... be in quick

Your child/ren may have already reminded you that the school's annual survey is due back this Friday (30 September). So if you haven't already done so, please can you fill this in either in hard copy or on line using 'survey monkey'. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Owhirobayschool2011>.

Survey Q12 about the Community Meeting correction:

If you have already done the survey we are keen you get you to help us. Due to an error setting up SurveyMonkey, question 12 on the survey about the Community Meeting only allowed one option for the responses. Below is a link to that question with the correction allowing multiple responses. If you did the survey before Monday 26th can you please redo just Q12 via the survey below.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OBS_Survey_Q12_correction

Please remember to let Wendy in the office know that you have filled this in so that your child/ren can be in for the draw for one of ten prizes - these will be drawn at assembly on Friday 7 October

YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

The Yummy Apple Sticker fundraiser is about to finish! Please could we have all apple stickers back to school by the end of next week (30 September—the same day as the Community Survey return dates).

Thank you everyone for your amazing support again this year! We look forward to receiving our share of the sporting equipment and will advise you of what we received.

HELP URGENTLY REQUIRED—BEFORE NEXT TUESDAY

Please can you help. These are required by an 8 and 9 year old student in Karo/Room 1. They need them for Tuesday's dress rehearsal and Thursday evenings performance, and are happy to wear a larger size.

Do you have any or all of the following items that we could borrow for three days.

- Two All Blacks shirts
- Two pairs of All Black shorts
- Two pairs of All Black socks



Also needed for Harakeke/Room 5

Eight Black T-shirts for five year olds

We assure you these items of clothing will be well looked after and returned to you before the end of term.

**SCHOOL PRODUCTION
"THE NATION THAT WE BUILT"**

Tickets to this great show are on sale and selling fast at \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 children (5-16 years) with pre-schoolers free. The reason the school charges you for tickets to the show is to cover costs of costumes, lighting, props, hire of hall, buses to practice, e.g., the bus alone costs nearly \$300.00 for the practice/dress rehearsal at South Wellington Intermediate.

Please keep Thursday 6 October between 6.30 and 7.30 pm free to come to this great show performed in the hall at South Wellington Intermediate School. Students and teachers have one practice at the hall on the Thursday of the evening performance, but are practicing prior to this at our school.

If you have ordered/paid for production tickets using internet banking—please notify Wendy so she can forward tickets once deposit has been made.

"Production DVD"

"DVD's by Alan" a professional group, will be filming the production. For a small cost you will have the chance to enjoy the show then relive the memories on a quality DVD. It may even be a great Christmas present for the relatives.

Costs:

\$15.00 per copy. Orders close on Thursday 3 November.

Please fill in the slip below and send along with your money to the school office.

**"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)

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 guaranteeing the goods or services advertised.

KIDSCO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME—'CONNECTING WITH NATURE'

We just can't go passed a "Spring" theme. It is such a good opportunity to bring nature into our lives, and in our experience, children just love to explore and play surrounded by all things natural. Simone has developed a great programme of activities to engage every interest and what better time to take advantage of nature than when Spring is beginning to make an appearance! See our attached programme for more details. Enroll online at www.kidsco.co.nz ; Phone: 04 479 7480 or email: kids@kidsco.co

ISLAND BAY KINDERGARTEN GALA

This Saturday 1st October, 10am - 1pm at 100 Melbourne Road, Island Bay (enter off Avon Street). Zappo the Magician will hold 2 shows (11am and 12.30 pm - entry by gold coin donation), there will be games and activities, cakes, plants, food, nursery, books and kid's clothes, great prizes in the silent auction and rapid raffle. Fun for the whole family, don't miss it!

TEAM WELLINGTON SOCCER

Team Wellington Soccer Incorporated represent Wellington in the New Zealand National Football League which runs over spring and summer, starting in late October and running through to the middle of April. Team Wellington fields a senior side in the ASB Premiership and an Under 19 side in the ASB Youth League. During the upcoming October School Holidays we will be running a skills clinic during both weeks at the Wakefield Park artificial in Island Bay

For more details and registration form please contact the school office.

The final Newtown Movie School for this year is the Nitro Movie Challenge. Monday 10 to Friday 14 October 2011.

The Nitro Movie Challenge is a competitive movie making programme where groups of children are given the challenge (and support) to write, record and edit a 5 minute movie (similar to popular 48-hour movie making events, but run at kid speed).

We've found this to be a particularly exciting movie making programme as the creativity is 95% the work of the children themselves.

- They brainstorm a story which fits the task and write the script
- They act in it
- They record it
- They edit it
- They celebrate the joy of making their own movie.

Each team has an adult movie maker as a coach. Their role is to teach and lead so that together the children achieve better than their best.

At 4pm on the last day (Friday 14 October) all parents, teachers and friends are invited to the premiere, prizegiving and party.

You can watch previous Nitro Movie Challenge entries here – www.acumen.net.nz/pages/NMSNitroMovieChallenge.html

SPECIAL PRICE OFFER

The 5 day Nitro Movie Challenge costs \$300 per child.

Bring a friend for half price (that is 2 children for \$450 - a saving of \$150)

The registration form attached is also available here – www.acumen.net.nz/pages/MovieSchool.html

ST HILDA'S CHURCH HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

St Hilda's Church (311 The Parade Island Bay) will run a half day School Holiday Program in the second week of the holidays from 17th October to 21st October. The cost is \$8 per morning per child. Registrations can be made at the church office 3838547 or by e-mail to officesthildas@paradise.net.nz We are looking forward to seeing you there for some fun games, crafts and learning together.



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IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION for SCHOOLS and EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTRES

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

In September there have been 5 cases of meningococcal disease including the death of a young person in the Wellington region. Sometimes there is an increase in meningococcal disease in Spring and when there has been a lot of respiratory illnesses in the community.

Now is a good time to make sure you are aware of the signs of meningococcal disease and when and how to seek medical help.

Meningococcal Disease can be either meningitis (infection in the linings of the brain and spinal cord) or septicaemia (infection in the blood). The disease may start with a flu like illness, and then rapidly progress to a more serious illness with fever, headache, drowsiness, vomiting, stiff neck, a skin rash like blood spots under the skin, and sensitivity to bright lights.

Meningococcal disease is caused by bacteria that live in the back of the nose or throat and usually this does not cause disease. The bacteria are usually only passed on from person to person in very close contact, such as people living in the same household, by kissing, coughing, drinking from the same container or sharing cigarettes. The bacteria do not live long outside the human body. While secondary cases (i.e. a second case in a family or other close group) occasionally occur, the bacteria are not passed readily from person to person like the flu or common cold.

People who live in the same house or are in very close, frequent contact with the ill person are given antibiotics. Other people do not need antibiotics. The main purpose of the antibiotics is to treat people who may be carrying the bacteria in the back of the nose and throat and stop the spread of the disease. Antibiotics to get rid of the bacteria will not stop the development of the disease if someone is already developing the illness.

It can be very hard to tell meningococcal disease from the flu in the early stages. If you become unwell with a combination of these symptoms and are concerned you should seek help urgently by contacting your GP, Healthline 0800 611 116 (Healthline is available 24 hours a day) or After Hours Medical Centre.

There is further information on meningococcal disease on the Ministry of Health web site www.moh.govt.nz or you can contact either the school public health nurse or the Disease Control Public Health Nurses on 570 9002.



Owhiro Bay Country Fair News

Saturday, 26 November 2011

www.owhiro.school.nz

<http://www.facebook.com/page/Owhiro-Bay-Kindergarten>

Mark the date in your calendars
Sat 26 November
10.30am



SIGN UP TO HELP !

- CAFÉ
- BAKE
- DELIVER FLYERS
- SET UP
- PACK DOWN
- GROW PLANTS
- DONATE DRINKS AND FOOD
- FLOATERS
- GAMES
- FACE PAINTING
- AND MORE

Coffee
Do you know a Barista or two? —we would love to have them on board for our fair.

Car parking
 This year the fair will take place on Election Day. We will need to keep the car park free for short term parking for the voters.

2 months until the fair

Building on last year's inaugural and successful Owhiro Bay Learning Community Country Fair we are eagerly anticipating a fun-filled day of entertainment for all on Saturday 26 November.

A small and dedicated school and kindergarten team have commenced planning for this event.

To help, we need you and your ideas, your contacts and your enthusiasm!

Last year's event was awesome despite the weather, with attractions such as the fashion show, a bouncy castle and of course the helicopter rides that many of you enjoyed after the fair. This year we hope to do this all again — plus more.

Please do as much or as little as you can. The more help and support we have, the better our fair will be and the more money we'll raise for our learning community.

Email, call or text us to register your interest or pop your name on the board in the kindy or outside the school office.

Ishani Noble 027 328 2602
ishanipeter@yahoo.co.nz

Thanks to those who have donated and volunteered so far!

CAN YOU HELP US NOW?
 Donations for the raffles are required.

This is a big component for the fair and requires many helpers before fair day.

If you can lend a hand calling a number of businesses we would like to hear from you.

Donna Graham 976 8444 or jazzgraham@yahoo.com
Nic Furlong : furlongfamily@fresher.net.nz

Keep those donations coming through!

Donations of baskets, cellophane and ribbons also required. Thanks!

Please Note

The Fair this year will be held on a Saturday.

We will need many helping hands to set up at the kindy and school on Friday afternoon/early evening and a similar amount to pack down on Saturday.

How can you help this year?

- This year we are going to have a **Christmas theme**— can you provide materials and help create Santas Grotto!
- Do you have some decorations we can borrow?
- Helicopter rides maybe on site this year weather permitting— makes a great Christmas present.
- Do you have any Christmas contacts that would like to participate in our fair?— crafts, food, music, preserves and more!
- Do you have any old Christmas favourite recipes you can share?
- Do you know someone who sells real Christmas trees?
- OBLC Online Silent Auction— if you have quality items to sell let us know (proceeds to the Owhiro Bay Learning Community).
- Your ideas.....

PLUS ALL THE USUALS—SIGN UP TODAY—THANKS!

Tombola
 Can you donate a bottle for the Tombola stall?