



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

◆ Parentlink Sausage Sizzle this Friday	1 July
◆ Student Council/Red Socks Day	8 July
◆ Harry Potter Film Evening	14 July
◆ End of Term 2 (2.00 pm)	15 July
◆ Beginning of Term 3 (8.55 am)	1 August
◆ Community Meeting	11 August
◆ Three Way Conferences (late night Wednesday 17 August)	16 & 17 August

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Thank you to the many parents, caregivers and community members who regularly donate their time to work alongside students and their teachers to provide improved learning opportunities for children. We really appreciate the support you provide for the school and improving learning.

Early next term the second individual Three Way Conferences for students take place. At these meetings your child will share with you some of their successes, progress and current learning goals. Please take note of the dates for these meetings now as we will be sending home a preferred time slot sheet in **next week's newsletter** for you to return to school before the end of this term.

Please remember to keep talking with your child/ren about what they are learning on a regular basis and ask them why they think it is important for them to learn this – for 'in-school' and 'out-of-school' activities eg: cooking, sport, music. Student engagement is a major factor (along with regular attendance at school) in promoting learning progress and achievement for your child. The New Zealand Curriculum emphasizes the importance of building **connected, confident, actively involved, life long learners**. At Owhiro Bay School we actively involve students in setting their learning goals and taking responsibility for their own behaviours and learning. We stress that the person who makes the biggest impact on learning is themselves, their attitude to learning and their perseverance when learning is challenging. We encourage students to take risks to give things a try, to acknowledge and learn from mistakes, to work through any issues or problems, and to persevere when something is tricky or hard for them. We aim to put the student at the centre of everything we do at school and encourage them to be connected, actively involved learners so that they discover that they have the power to improve their learning and that learning adds to the quality of their lives.

With chicken pox in the community, along with the latest winter colds and flu, we remind students to wash their hands regularly and to use a tissue or their hand to cover coughs or sneezes. Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have been keeping your child home until they are well again so that these viruses and bugs do not spread any further in the school.

Have a great week.

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Karen



Thanks

Thank you to the parents that returned their Emergency Evacuation Feedback sheet.

To Kim Lau for laminating and guillotining some resources for the school last week. We really appreciate your help.

To Jenny, Mark and family for the donated items for the family corner and general school use.



Welcome

To Stella Maiden who joined children in Room 5 this week. Stella has a brother in Room 6.

Principal/Parent Cuppa & 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.



STUDENT COUNCIL—RED SOCKS DAY

Please remember the Student Councils “Red Socks Day” next Friday 8th July. National Red Socks Day is a day during Leadership Week where we can celebrate great leaders and the difference a great leader can make. By celebrating Leadership Week, we are celebrating great leaders and Sir Peter Blake. Money will go into helping the Sir Peter Blake Trust run programmes such as Care for our Coast and Antarctica Leadership Programmes in Schools.

Red socks will be sold at school for \$3.00 on 8 July.



EMPTY CARDBOARD WINE CASKS

These make great journal boxes. If you have any of these or could collect them for us, please drop these off in Room 6 or the office. Thank you.

VIRTUES

The focus for this week is “Courtesy” or “whakaaro-atawhai” which means being polite and having good manners, speaking and acting in a way that helps others feel valued/respected. Greeting others with respect e.g., excuse me, you’re welcome...are courteous expressions that show others you respect/care about them.

Next week the focus is “Tolerance” or “tuku-marie”

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

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

Pai/rawe = excellence

Pronunciation : pie / ra-way

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is the Community Meeting on 11 August and the following Board meeting is on 23 August at 7.00 pm.

Please note that minutes of meetings are available to read in a folder in the foyer in the office.

STAR WRITERS

This week our star writers are:

Amy Grover (Room 7) age 6

For giving several reasons to support her ideas. She can also use commas and ... in the correct places in her writing.

Gabriel Hawkings (Room 7) age 6

For giving several reasons to justify why he does not want to be a bunyip, and a for making great language choices.

Caprice Henry (Room 7) age 6

For giving reasons to supply why you want to be a Bunyip. Great use of capitals and fullstops too.

Skyler Solomon-Gavin (Room 7) age 6

For writing some very well thought out reasons for why he would not like to be in a flood. Fantastic, accurate use of fullstops at the end of sentences and capitals at the beginning.

By Caprice Henry

I want to be a Bunyip in the Billabong because I like water and it is hot and because I like slushing.

By Amy Grover

I would not like to be in a disaster because I might get drowned, burnt, struck, really sick and die.

But I would not mind...if it was a tidal wave because I live on a big hill.

By Gabriel Hawkings

I do not want to be a Bunyip because a hunter will shoot me. I do not want ever to be a Bunyip. It will hurt if you get touched by a bomb you will never turn into a Bunyip.

Bunyips are huge monsters with sharp claws and snapping jaws.

By Skyler Solomon-Gavin

I wouldn't like to be in a flood because I would drown and I would crash and often I would be in a house. I would die and I would have to swim. It would be a disaster. It would be the baddest thing.

I would not like it all. I would hate it. I would get water in my eyes... and I would have to close my mouth really tight. It would be as bad as an earthquake.

PARENTLINK PAGE

SUSHI LUNCHES—EVERY THURSDAY

Don't forget to have your order in by **9.00 each Wednesday** or make it easy on yourself and pre-pay for the whole term. Just email us at wrapitupsushi@gmail.com **Having trouble remembering to order? If you would like a reminder email every Tuesday drop Rachel & Jane a line at wrapitupsushi@gmail.com and you'll never forget your sushi order again!**

Orders must be in an envelope (with the correct money), the child's name, room number and order on the outside. Envelopes can be dropped off in the plastic container in the foyer opposite the school office no later than 9.00 am on Wednesday.

PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A reminder that on the first Friday of every month Parentlink runs a sausage sizzle at lunch time.

The next Sausage Sizzle is **this Friday 1 July**— 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.

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.

2011/12 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The 2011/2012 Entertainment Book is available to purchase through Jennifer Dunn text 027 444-9679, phone 934.2179 or email: kevjdunn@paradise.net.nz



The Entertainment Book offers great discounted rates at Wellington cafes, restaurants, family attractions, services, cinemas plus accommodation in NZ and Australia.

A sample of the book for you to look over can be found in the school office foyer and orders can be placed at the office to be picked up by Parentlink.

The books cost \$60.00 and can be used until June 2012. \$12 from each book sold goes to Owhiro Bay School. You only have to use the book a few times to recover the cost of purchase.

We have secured the premier of HARRY POTTER-THE DEATHLY HALLOWS -part two (last of the series)

Thursday 14th July 8.30 pm at the Empire
Tickets \$20 are on sale on Friday mornings from the school foyer.
Alternatively contact klare on klare.brave@matuaraki.org.nz. Or Yvonne on owhirobayparentlink@gmail.com



You can also use internet banking. Bank details are as follows:

Owhiro Bay School Parentlink
National Bank
A/c No. 06 0577 0112365
Reference: Harry Potter (also print your name)

After you have made the deposit a quick message to Kelly Smith on k3lly.k3vin@paradise.net.nz would be appreciated so she can cross reference.

Thank you.

MULCH FOR SALE

We are selling bark mulch and need people-power to bag it up. Bags are available from the school office or 199 Happy Valley Road—so you can do it in your own time.

For more details contact Sue on 938.2484.

**\$5 per bag—
spread the
word!**

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.

PUBLIC INFORMATION NIGHT ON DYSLEXIA JULY 13TH AT OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL KOHA/DONATION \$5.00 IS APPRECIATED

SPEAKERS:

Paula Gilbert is an expert in learning difficulties, a tester for SPELD Wellington and she is internationally recognized.

Olivia is a College NCEA level 1 students. She will speak about her experience living with Dyslexia is for her.

Topics Paula will cover:

- ◆ The indicators of a specific learning difficulty
- ◆ What is Dyslexia?
- ◆ What to do when you recognize your child is having difficulty
- ◆ What is available to your child within the school? How do I access help?
- ◆ What other services can you access yourself?
- ◆ What is SPELD and what does it offer?
- ◆ Question time.

Some printed material will also be available.

Invite your friends, teachers, anyone.

MARANUI WATERPOLO CLUB

If you enjoy swimming this sport is for you! Maranui Waterpolo club is one of the country's oldest and most prestigious clubs having supported young people in this sport for over 75 years.

Children, teenagers and adults can all take part. There are currently team openings available for boys and girls U12, U14, U16, U18, U20. Phone Geoff and Catherine Burt on 3885-426 or email The_Burts@xtra.co.nz

Wellington School of Cricket July holiday programmes are a fun way to spend your holidays learning cricket skills Enrolments are now open.

Contact Asoka or Ivan on 471 2157 or visit our website for more details and easy enrolments

www.cricketwellington.co.nz