



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

◆ Swimming for Rooms 5, 6 & 7	14 February—9 March
◆ Children's Day Event at Parliament	cancelled
◆ Red & Black Market Day—Owhiro Bay School 2.30—4.00 pm	9 March
◆ School Fun Run	4 March
◆ School Fun Run (postponement date)	11 March
◆ 2011 Capital E National Arts Festival—Rooms 5, 6 & 7	16 March
◆ School Hangi - 5:00pm	18 March
◆ Swimming starts for Rooms 1 & 3	21 March
◆ 2011 Capital E National Arts Festival—Rooms 1 & 3	24 March
◆ Three Way Conferences	5 & 6 April
◆ Bike & Road Safety—Constable Duncan visits	6, 7 & 13 April
◆ Last Day of Term 1 2.00 pm	15 April

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Many thanks to all the wonderful people from both the kindergarten and school who came along to the 'Learning Community Picnic' last Friday. It was a fun occasion at the end of a long, hard week!! A special thanks to the staff who organized games as part of this event, also the parents who dropped in to tell us how much they and their families enjoyed the occasion.

This Friday we are looking forward to the Fun Run which starts after assembly – around 9:30am. We hope that you have enjoyed hearing about or observing your child/ren's preparation for this event. We encourage students to practice pacing themselves when running, to take part in regular runs and exercise to build up their fitness, take care to eat healthy food options and drink plenty of water to ensure their body is fuelled and ready to face each day... as well as the extra effort involved in swimming lessons or sports events like the Fun Run!

Please remember that the hangi is coming up in just over two weeks time. Tickets for food parcels are available from the office at the discounted price of \$12 if purchased before next Friday (11 March). Thank you to all the wonderful people who have already offered their services to make the hangi a success. There are a few more jobs we need volunteers for so please take a look later in this newsletter or on the board as you come into the reception area, and let us know what you can do to help.

Have a great week everyone. Look forward to seeing you at the Fun Run on Friday.

Ka kite
Karen



Thanks

To our wonderful teachers who organized and helped run the activities for the Learning Community Picnic on Friday and to everyone who came along.



To all our students and parents at the Kindergarten and the School who attended the picnic and willingly participated in tug-o-wars, toss the gumboot, golf ball and spoon and sack races.

SWIMMING

A reminder to all Room 5, 6 and 7 children to bring their named togs and towels each Monday and Wednesday until next Wednesday 9 March. Please also name underwear and garments your child is wearing as it helps them identify those items in the changing sheds.

Buses depart school for the Aquatic Centre at 9.25 am to enable children to be ready for 10.00 am lessons

Rooms 1 & 3 begin their sessions on 21 March and end on 13 April, so please help your child to get their togs and towels named ready for then.

URGENTLY REQUIRED PLEASE

5, 6, 7 year old boys and girls pants/trousers/leggings for our spare clothing basket. If you have any of these that your child has grown out of, please drop them off at the school office

Safety in the Sun

During Terms 1 and 4, wearing of sunhats is compulsory in the playground, so please check your child as a **named** hat to wear at school. 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 area during breaks in Term 1.

We also encourage the use of sunglasses and sunblock during these summer months.



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 you.



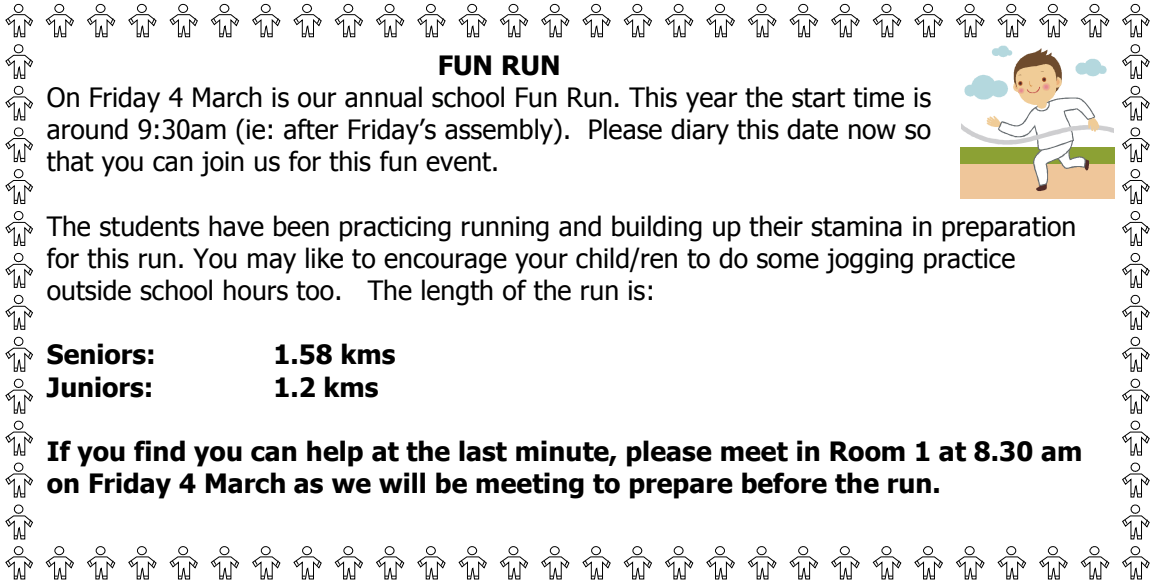
NITS

Thank you to the parents that have informed the school their child had contracted nits.

Please ensure that you check your child's hair regularly and to treat if necessary to stop the spread. If you are a little unsure what to look for, Wendy has some more information/pamphlets on nits and their eradication.

Please reinforce with your child, the importance of not sharing sunhats. Hats also need to be washed well as checking/treating hair.

A Rhobi comb is available from the school office to borrow if you wish.



FUN RUN

On Friday 4 March is our annual school Fun Run. This year the start time is around 9:30am (ie: after Friday's assembly). Please diary this date now so that you can join us for this fun event.



The students have been practicing running and building up their stamina in preparation for this run. You may like to encourage your child/ren to do some jogging practice outside school hours too. The length of the run is:

Seniors: 1.58 kms
Juniors: 1.2 kms

If you find you can help at the last minute, please meet in Room 1 at 8.30 am on Friday 4 March as we will be meeting to prepare before the run.

**CHRISTCHURCH FUNDRAISING
RED & BLACK MARKET DAY
OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL**

The Student Council is combining with Pohutukawa (Room 3) and Karo (Room 1) to invite you to help fund raise for the Christchurch victims by coming along to our market afternoon from 2:30 to 4:00 on Wednesday 9th of March.

We will be selling yummy food like cakes, muffins and sherbet under the shade cloth. Karo (Room 1) will be selling their homemade jam with pikelets in Room 1. There will also be fun games and activities. We hope to see you there.

On Red and Black Market Day the Student Council is encouraging you to wear red and black and bring a gold coin donation to fundraise money for the children in Christchurch.



**MEDICATION/ASTHMA
INHALERS AT SCHOOL**

Please check to see if the ventolin inhalers or medication that is kept at the school for your child are checked and replenished if necessary and are within the "use by date".

Thank you.

HELP PLEASE

Are you available to help put reading books away for Miss Radford. Please let Wendy know or email Abby on abby@owhiro.school.nz


Thank you.

**STUDENT COUNCIL & STARSHIP FOUNDATION
COLLECTION OF OLD CELLPHONES**

A reminder to ask your friends, family, neighbours, workmates to begin collecting old mobile phones so we can convert them into valuable educational resources for our school such as interactive whiteboards, computers, camcorders, books and sports gear and at the same time raising funds for Starship's National Air Ambulance Service.

Once collected we can swap them from a list of available products. Each reward has a set value (number of phones) that can be swapped (with as few as 50 phones).

A marked collection box can be found in the foyer—opposite the school office. Please place those unused mobile phones in this box.



VIRTUES

The focus this week is "Enthusiasm" or "Kai-ngakau" which means being inspired—full of spirit. It means being cheerful and happy. Giving 100% to what you do and being exciting and having a positive attitude.

Next week the focus is "Service" or "mahi-pono-mo katoa"

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

THE 2011 CAPITAL E NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Rooms 5, 6 & 7

As part of the Capital E National Arts Festival, Rooms 5, 7 and 6 will travel by bus to the following performances on Wednesday 16 March:

10.00 am Passing Wind at Paramount Theatre
11.30 am Grimace at Downstage Theatre

Buses depart Owhiro Bay School at 9.15 am and return at 12.20 pm

As seats are limited at these performances, no further parent/caregiver help is required thank you.

Rooms 1 and 3

As part of the Capital E National Arts Festival, Rooms 1 and 3 will travel by bus to the following performances on Thursday 24 March:

10.00 am Grimace at Downstage
1.15 pm Boats at Capital E



Buses depart Owhiro Bay School at 9.15 and return at 2.05 pm.

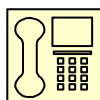
As seats are limited at these performances, no further parent/caregiver help is required thank you.

Please note that the cost of these performances come from Term 1 trip money that you are asked for.

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Please remember to notify the school office if you have changed telephone numbers, either landline/work or mobile phones and the telephone numbers of other emergency contact people we can telephone in the event of an emergency.

Thank you.



**ANNUAL SCHOOL HANGI
18 MARCH 2011**

On Friday 18th March is the annual hangi. The evening begins at 5.00 pm with some whai-karero and waiata by the children and the hangi is lifted at 5.30 pm. We hope you can join us for this social occasion. If you are not fond of hangi food, please BYO food/takeaways and join us for this evening get together. Please bring a few \$1.00 or \$2.00 coins for the raffle on the evening and something to sit on outside.

Tickets are on sale now. If purchased before 3.00 pm on Friday 11 March tickets are priced at \$12.00 per adult portion/parcel of food. Tickets purchased after this date are \$14.00. Each food parcel contains, mutton, pork, chicken, pumpkin, kumara, cabbage, potato and stuffing (sorry no specialist diets can be catered for). You may like to share a parcel between two or more people. Please indicate whether an iceblock is required when ordering tickets as one child's iceblock is included in the price of each hangi ticket. Further iceblocks tickets for additional children—are available from the office at 50c.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have already volunteered their help either before, during or after the hangi. We will be in touch with you in the next week. There is a "Help Wanted" board in the foyer of the school office for you to add your name if you can help or please contact the school office as soon as possible.

We still require:

- ◆ 2-3 people to collect tickets/serve parcels (5.30 pm)
- ◆ 2-3 people to wrap food in newspaper as parcels come out of hangi (5.30 pm BYO gloves as parcels are hot)
- ◆ 2 further people to make stuffing (the night before and deliver to school before 9.00 am on Friday). Ingredients and recipe included.
- ◆ 2 more people to empty rubbish bins and put full liners into skip (end evening 7.30–8.00 pm)
- ◆ People to tidy the pit area and put dry sacks away in shed the morning after the hangi.
- ◆ 1-2 more people to collect rubbish and place in the rubbish skip at the end of the evening
- ◆ 1-2 people to collect iceblock tickets and distribute iceblocks

Please start collecting supermarket bags and newspapers for the hangi. These can be deposited in the trays in the far end of the school hall. Thank you.

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

Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa = Pacific Ocean

Pronunciation : te—mo-ana noohee a kee wah

Every Child Counts special Children's Day celebration event at Parliament—cancelled

A note from the organizing Agency

“The lead agencies involved in ECC are working to provide practical support to staff, as well as to the children and young people we work with in and around Christchurch.

We also want to show respect for the children of Christchurch, and as such we will not proceed with our event. At this time, it is imperative that we all focus on the needs of Christchurch children.

We know this will be disappointing for all of those people planning to attend but we trust that you will understand.

There are Children's Day events occurring around the Wellington region, including at Civic Square in Wellington, and other Children's Day events are likely to proceed on Sunday 6 March. We hope you will participate in those events in your communities if you can. <http://www.childrensday.org.nz/whats-on/index.html>”

Thank you to our Owhiro Bay School parents and caregivers who had offered their help to accompany us to this event.

PARENTLINK

Sausage Sizzles are here!

On the first Friday of every month Parent Link will run a sausage sizzle at lunch time. Starting this Friday – **March 4th** – children can have one sausage wrapped in bread with yummy tomato sauce for just \$2. Profits will go towards a **new computer cow** – to allow more children access to ICT.



Orders for the sausages will be taken the Thursday before. Just give your order and money to your class teacher **in a named envelope. Please note no change will be given.** The cooked sausages will be delivered to each classroom at lunchtime on Friday.

We cannot take orders on the day so please **get your order in this Thursday March 3rd** for this Friday lunchtime. You can order as many as you can eat!! **You must have the correct money in a named envelope.**

If you can spare an hour or so to help at a sausage sizzle – any first Friday of every month – please contact Rachel 383 955 or e-mail rachandchris@xtra.co.nz She is setting up a roster and would appreciate all offers of help.

Drinks and nibbles at Sue's place

You are invited to our next gathering that will be held at 119 Happy Valley Road - Sue Raue's place – so come and find out what Parent Link is all about. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and caregivers in a fun, friendly and informal setting and to help our school purchase important resources for our kids.

When: Tuesday 22 March

Time: 7.30pm

BYO: Drink and nibbles

See you there!

Would you like more information about Parent Link? Please feel free to contact: Yvonne Trask 383 5946 or email: yvonneyvonnevitch@gmail.com or Rachel Roberts 383 9557 or email rachandchris@xtra.co.nz.

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.

LOST FROM OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL

We have lost a new pair of ballerina style shoes from the playground. They have "Alexandra" written on them on the outside. They are white colour and a rose painted on them.

OPEN DAY

AT THE SOUTH COAST'S NEW VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COASTAL ECOLOGY LABORATORY

–See: <http://www.seaweek.org.nz> for information about SeaWeek

Date: Saturday March 5th **Time:** 10am -4pm **Venue:** Coastal Ecology Lab, 396 The Esplanade, Island Bay (*between Island Bay and Owhiro Bay*) **FREE EVENT** in support of the south coast's new **Victoria University Coastal Ecology Laboratory**

- Interactive displays showcasing the diversity of marine biology research that happens on your doorstep!
- Fun for all ages!
- Touch tanks of marine creatures, see examples of research equipment in action, talk to knowledgeable researchers

Take this rare opportunity to tour New Zealand's newest, state-of-the-art research facility!

See <http://www.seaweek.org.nz> for information about SeaWeek
See <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/vucel> for information about VUCEL

SKYLIGHT CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Skylight's next Children's Bereavement Group is coming up in Term 2. This counsellor-facilitated and structured programme is for children aged 6-11 and their parent/caregiver who have been bereaved.

Date: Tuesdays from 10 May – 14 June 2011
Time: 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Venue: Skylight
143 Riddiford Street, (National Bank Building)
Newtown, Wellington
Cost: \$125.00 per child

To register your interest in this group or for more information please contact Peggy Delaunay on 04 939 6767 or gc@skylight-trust.org.nz

Alternatively register your interest on our website