



## OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates to Remember

◆ Room 6 Trip (all day)	4 November
◆ Board of Trustees Meeting	8 November
◆ Southern Zone Athletics	8 November
◆ Owhiro Bay Community Country Fair	26 November
◆ Pack the Bus	29 November
◆ Walk and Wheel Day	30 November
◆ End of Year Reports come home	7 December
◆ School Picnic	8 December
◆ Cushion Concert and Farewell to Year 6's	14 December
◆ Last Day of Year—2.00 pm finish	15 December
◆ First day of school for students in 2012 (Monday)	30 January

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

A big thank you to all the parents, caregivers, friends, families, ex-parents and staff from both the kindergarten and school. We really appreciate how much people are getting in behind the organising committee for the Country Fair and doing what they can to help make this a great event. As always there is an enormous amount of effort and energy required for this fundraising event which provides extra learning equipment and opportunities for the present and future babies, toddlers and children who come to Owhiro Bay Kindergarten and Owhiro Bay School. Please contact the school or kindergarten if you can help with the jobs that still needing some willing hands. Please remember that no offer of help is too small, as "many hands" is what makes this fundraiser possible.

Learning is a complex process that continues throughout our lives. At Owhiro Bay School we continue to talk with children about what quality learning is, and what we can do to support students with their learning so that they can continue to strive for their personal best. All students are supported and encouraged to put in the effort to do their personal best so that they can develop the skills, attitudes and capabilities to enable them to have greater choices in their lives. Using current educational research and professional readings, the staff regularly review what quality learning is, as a basis for planning effective programmes for your child/ren. Please find following the most recent review of Quality Learning which was undertaken as part of a Teacher Development Day during the recent October break from school.

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite   
Karen

## Quality Learning at Owhiro Bay School is...

- Both individual and collaborative
- Influenced by learners prior knowledge *and* experiences
- Influenced by learners self management *and* peer interactions
- Planned so that learners experience new learning at least 3 different times *and* in 3 different ways
- Enhanced by providing opportunities to practice new learning
- Explicit and specific - clear, consistent, school wide language for learning and feedback to learners
- Challenging *and* varied
- Very broad - programmes provide a wide range of experiences and activities for experiencing learning in different ways
- Holistic so takes into consideration the whole individual - social, emotional, physical, academic, health, welfare, behavioural, home and school values
- Inclusive of social and cultural influences *and* aims to align the school programmes with these
- Research based with educational credibility
- Based on strong home-school-community links
- Focused on improving learning capacity/capability, building knowledge and understanding
- Encouraged through providing authentic, purposeful learning for students to self manage their own learning
- Imitation of others effective habits for learning - peers and adults
- Raising young people's level of resources to build resilient, self managing, independent learners

## Thanks

To Klare Braye for the donation of towels for use in the children's bathrooms.

To the Student Council, families and friends who supported the Yummy Apple Sticker campaign. We have been awarded \$499.00 to spend on sporting equipment which is a great addition to the Sports and PE programmes at the school.

To Joss Debrecey, Keryn Johnston-Dixon, Jo Grey, Sharon Leamy and Roger Feenstra for volunteering to help with the Environmental Projects, any further forms please be handed in at school.

## STAR WRITERS

Our star writers of the week are...

Angela Peng from Karaka (Room 7) - Age 6

For her ability to re-read her writing to edit it and make it more clear for the reader, e.g., checking full stops are in the correct places.

Jasper Feenstra from Karaka (Room 7) - Age 6

For using punctuation (like elipses and exclamation marks) and exciting language for effect in his writing.

### By Angela Peng

"I got a new toy make-up table. It was pink. I like it and I got a toy table too".

### By Jasper Feenstra

At the Zoo! I got to pat a tiger. I was scared but... it was amazing. I loved it.

## PACK THE BUS—29 November 2011

The Student Council, along with The Breeze and Wellington City Mission are organizing this collection of gifts for children at Christmas again in 2011.

Please note that the organizers advised that they are seeking only new toys and non-perishable food items this year so please no second hand toys for Pack the Bus. These will be gratefully accepted by the Country Fair organizers.



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

**Tino Pai te rangi, ne ra? = Lovely day isn't it?**

Pronunciation : tea noh pie tay rah-ingi, nay rah

### **VIRTUES**

The focus for this week is "Forgiveness" or "Muruhara" which is giving someone another chance after they have done something wrong or made a mistake, knowing that everyone makes mistakes, including yourself. Forgiveness is forgiving yourself, others and moving ahead.

Next week the focus is "Detachment" or "Wehenga Ke"

If you are interested in finding out more about The Virtues Programme developed by Linda Kavelin Popov try looking up [www.virtuesproject.com](http://www.virtuesproject.com)

### **SOUTHERN ZONE ATHLETICS**

The Southern Zone Athletics are on Tuesday 8th November with the postponement date on 15th November.

The event is held at Newtown Park, and children will depart school at 9.00 am and leaving Newtown Park to return at 2.30 pm.

As these events require adult help, please let me know if you would be available to help on the day.

Now that the selection of students has been made, a notice has come home to parents and caregivers to those who have been selected and will be representing our school at this event.

Please contact the school or me directly if you can transport and/or help supervise students on the day. Your help is appreciated.

Shelley Berry  
Sports Co-ordinator.

### **PRINCIPAL/PARENT CUPPA AND 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.



### **STATEMENTS FOR TERM 4 DONATIONS, TRIPS & CONSUMABLES**

Coming home this week with your child are statements for Term 4. Please look out for these in your child's bag.

As is the case each term, you may wish to pay by installments or automatic payments. Please just contact the office to arrange this as suits you. Our account details are printed on the bottom of the statement.

Donations are tax deductible and receipts will be issued for all payments. Receipts for internet banking deposits will be forwarded when the school's monthly statements arrive.

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

**Date:** Saturday 26 November 10.30-2.00pm



**WE NEED  
YOU!**



**Yes, you!**

**All hands on deck - The count down is on!**

Every family connected to the school and kindergarten can contribute to this event - and there are so many ways to do so that can suit any timeframe available, or any skill you have. It is actually a lot of fun too!

Have a look at this list and please put your name down for any and all tasks that you and or your family can help with. Please return to the school office or email it to [ishanipeter@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:ishanipeter@yahoo.co.nz)

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**Donations still required:** Wine/grape juice, children's lucky dip, plants, clean soft toys, clothes, bric a brac etc! If its tidy and clean - Bring it down!

**Raffles**

Please find attached with this newsletter an updated raffle list. Do you think you could sell some tickets to your workmates/family/friends? All you have to do is email or show the raffles list to anyone you think would be interested and the Raffles Committee will do the rest. Easy! 100% of the profits go to the Learning Community so we're hoping to sell as many tickets as possible.

**Donna will be in the school foyer before and after school on Thursday. We really, really need a few people to sell tickets outside New World from about 4-5.00 pm on Saturday, 8th, 15th and 22nd November. Please contact Donna on 976.8444 or [jazzgraham@yahoo.com](mailto:jazzgraham@yahoo.com) or [furlongfamily@fresher.net.nz](mailto:furlongfamily@fresher.net.nz)**

**Next meeting:**

**Kindy Fair committee meeting:** Thursday 3 November 7pm at the kindy.

**Parentlink Fair committee meeting:** Tuesday 8 November 117A Severn St @ Klare Bray's 7.30pm



## PARENTLINK

### Mulch

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., 5 bags for \$20.00 or \$45.00 trailer.

### Sausage Sizzle

The next Sausage Sizzle is **FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER**— 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](mailto:rachelandchris@xtra.co.nz).



## SUMMER TERMS AND SUN PROTECTION

Just a reminder that in Term 4 and Term 1 each year, children need to wear a sunhat when outside or in the playground. Please can you help them locate one and name this for use at school this term. 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 during breaks in Term 4.

We also encourage students to wear sun block and sunglasses when they are outside during the summer months to keep them safe from the sun's harmful rays.

### NITS

Nits have been reported to be around some children in the school.

Please check your child/ren's heads and treat if necessary.

### ROOM 6 OCEANIA FIELD TRIP This Friday 4 November

A reminder that Room 6 are off on their field trip this Friday 4 November

This trip is for the full day. Please refer to the notice sent home re what to bring/wear to this day.

## HELP!

We have two pohutukawa trees to be planted on the edge of our school field.

If you are able to do this outside school hours or would like to work with a small group of students to do this, please contact the school office.

Many thanks.



## 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.

### CAPITAL INLINE HOCKEY

Capital Inline Hockey - Learn to Skate & play Inline hockey, Kilbirnie Recreation Centre, Kilbirnie Cres, Wednesday 3.30pm - 5.15pm, Cost: \$5.00 per session Playing & Safety Equipment supplied. To get an idea of what its about SEE: <http://www.youtube.com/slapshotprods> Select Penguins Inline Hockey Junior, more info phone Barbara on 389 8272

### Ridgway School Ethnic Food Fiesta

WHEN ..... SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER  
TIME..... 4-7PM (great early and easy dinner option following the Santa Parade)  
WHERE ..... Ridgway School (Mornington Road, Brooklyn)  
WHAT ..... RIDGWAY SCHOOL FOOD FIESTA featuring a Cafe, Wood Fired Pizza, Indian, Greek & Turkish Cuisine, BBQ & even British Bacon Buttys plus Silent Auction, live entertainment and fun for the kids.  
MORE INFO ..... [www.ridgway.school.nz](http://www.ridgway.school.nz)

### MEDITATION COURSE ISLAND BAY

Weekend meditation course in Island Bay Would you like to experience more peace in your life? Nowspace offers a simple, effortless meditation course that allows you to move beyond the chaos of the mind. Benefits include dissolving stress and anxiety, improving sleep, relationships, health, focus and clarity. A weekend course is running in Island Bay on 18-20 November (7-9.30pm on the Friday, 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-4pm Sunday). For bookings and further information, please contact Rebekah on (04) 383-8499, or see [www.nowspace.co.nz](http://www.nowspace.co.nz). Thanks!