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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Maori Language Week	27 July – 2 August
Board of Trustees Meeting	5 August
Wheels Day every Wednesday	
Pōwhiri for new families/staff	7 August
Sushi Day	7 August
Student Teachers starting in Rms 1 & 3	10 August
Environment Day	14 August
Parentlink Sausage Sizzle	14 August
Walk 'n' Wheels to School	19 August
Abacus Fundraiser Order Forms due back	21 August
Skipping September	All September
Sushi Day	4 September
School Production	23 September
Last Day of Term 3	25 September

COMING UP

Term 4

Learning Community Fair 22 November

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora, Namaste, π pevet, Shalom, Talofa, Konichiwa, Guten Tag, Vanakkam, ni Hao, Kia orana, Buenos Tardes, Assalamulaikum, Salam, Hello

It's great to be back. During the last week of last term I was fortunate enough to attend the New Zealand Principals' Federation Conference in Wellington. The conference was opened by the Prime Minister John Key. During the conference we heard from speakers from America, the United Kingdom, Singapore and a range of New Zealand experts. While many of the messages were positive there were also some pitfalls we were encouraged to avoid, including a continuous negative narrative through the media around failing schools. I will be doing my best to bring you good news!

It was heartening to hear Minister Hekia Parata espouse the need for a quality education system for New Zealand, and while we could look and learn from others, we need to find solutions that best fit our unique identity. I look forward to sharing my learning with you over the coming weeks.

Mid way through the year we take the opportunity to welcome all the families that have joined us since February with a whole school pōwhiri. Our pōwhiri is being held on Friday 7th August at 9.00am. We would like as many of our new families to join us and also invite present school families to join us as tangata whenua to be part of the welcome process. Our powhiri includes a karanga (call of welcome), a short speech followed by a waiata (song). We conclude with the hariru (handshake or hongiri). It is important as hosts to provide hospitality as part of a pōwhiri, so our manuhiri (visitors) are invited to the staffroom for morning tea. In accordance with Māori tikanga, once you have been welcomed in this way you become part of the whanau (family) of the Owhiro Bay Learning Community.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the Team

WELCOME

To Claire and Blaise Robinson who have joined Rooms 1 and 4 respectively. Welcome also to their family to the school community.

BIRTHDAY WISHESTO:

Louis Turnidge 31/7
Ella Brennan 1/8
Bessie Hawkings 3/8



VIRTUES

We continue to focus on "Creativity" or "whaihanga-tanga" this week

You are practicing Creativity when you...

- ☺ Discover the gifts you have
- ☺ Use knowledge and training to develop your gifts
- ☺ Think of new ways to make things work better
- ☺ Use your imagination
- ☺ Have the discipline to practise
- ☺ Take time for dreaming
- ☺ Do things your own creative way.

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

The winner of the virtue voucher draw last week went to Lucia Catan

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Parakuihi = breakfast

SUSHI LUNCH ORDERING

Sushi lunch ordering is next Friday, 7 August.

Order forms are coming home in hard copy next Wednesday and need to be returned by Thursday 6th August for Friday lunch. Please place orders in an envelope with CORRECT payment to Wendy in office or internet banking to Kim's bank account (ASB, 12-3223-0129702-00). Any questions, feel free to contact Kim on kimjit@gmail.com or 0211836602.

The flavours are:

- Teriyaki Chicken (\$1/piece)
- Fresh Salmon (\$1.60/piece)
- Surimi Mayo (\$1/piece)
- Vegetarian(\$1/piece).

The minimum order is 4 pieces.

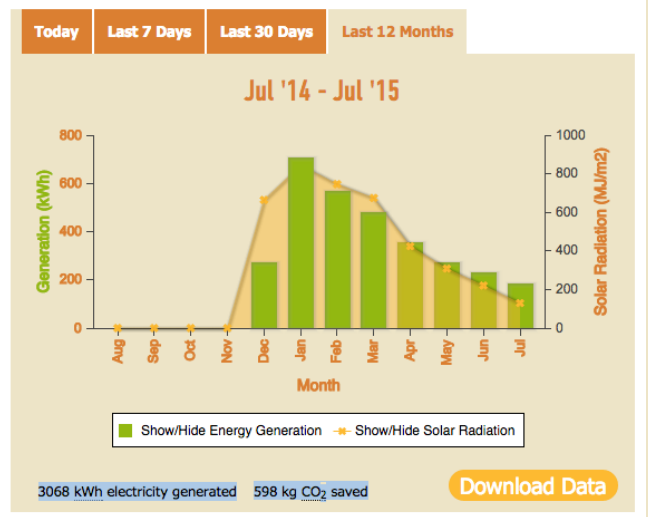


SCHOOLGEN

Our school is able to generate a portion of its electricity from a totally renewable source - the Sun!

We have organised a Schoolgen Lead Team - called the "Power Rangers" who are going to help the school learn to turn lights and heaters off when they are not needed and also write reports for the newsletter.

Since installation of the solar panels in December last year, we have generated 3068 kWh of electricity and saved 598 kg of CO₂.



PARENTLINK

Abacus Fundraiser

Your child/ren have created amazing artwork in class which can be transformed into professionally printed 2016 calendars, cards, diaries, notepads and now also including mouse mats! These items make fantastic, unique gifts and are perfect for posting overseas!

You can view your children's artwork and sample products at the school office. Please return your order form with correct payment to the school office **by Friday 21 August.**

You can also pay online to the Parentlink Account:

06 0577 0112365 00. Please reference: "Abacus and your child's name and room number"

Cheques payable to Owhiro Bay School Parentlink

We hope to have your order back to you by the end of this term. Every order makes a return to our school fundraising so thanks for your support.

Art Calendar	\$10.00
Photo Calendar	\$12.00
Cards (8 pkt)	\$12.00
Diaries	\$15.00
Notepads	\$12.00
Mouse Mats	\$12.00

Sausage Sizzle Help!

The next sausage sizzle is held on Friday 14th August. If you can help with the cooking of the sausages, please contact Kim on 3838.978 or 021 1836602. This will only take between 1 and 1 ½ hours for the preparation, cooking and distribution to classes.

Fair Co-ordinator needed

We need someone to coordinate this year's fair. The most important part of this role will be organising meetings, providing a contact point for any queries, and keeping an eye on the big picture. You'll have the support of a team of organised and experienced helpers. Does this sound like you? Michaela (Santiago and Tomas's mum) co-ordinated the fair last year and she will be on hand again this year to help you get started. For more information,

have a chat with Michaela or drop her an email on pmichaela@hotmail.com

Entertainment Book

Current Entertainment Books have expired - **buy your new book or digital membership today** and help our kids to look like a team with their Owhiro Bay Rocks T-shirts when they represent our school community at events such as Kapa Haka, Art Splash etc.

Entertainment Books are available from the school office now. The books cost \$60 each and the school makes \$12 for every book sold.

You can pay either by: 1. Credit card: order online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/105h108> and then pick up your book from the school office. 2. Online banking: make the payment to Owhiro Bay Parent Link 06-0577-0112365-00; then contact Wendy Abbott on wabbottnz@gmail.com or 027 344 1151. 3. Cash: pay in

cash at the School Office (exact change please).

Digital version: The digital version of the book is a great option. Multiple family members can log in to the same membership meaning you can still share the book with your family. If you pay by credit card online you can simply select the Digital Membership option.

Please note that this fundraiser is about to “wrap up” – if you want an Entertainment Book, please do so as soon as possible.