



## OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates to Remember

- Matariki Celebration 2.15 pm— (**postponed until Term 3**) 27 July
- Enviro/Planting Day at school (CANCELLED) 1 July
- Talent Quest Finalists and Farewell for Colin (at 9.00 am assembly) 2 July
- Last day of Term 2 (2.00 pm finish) 2 July
- Fun Day Dress up as something beginning with "T" 2 July
- First day of Term 3 (8.55 am start) 19 July
- Welcome Powhiri for Mr Norman—9.00 am 19 July

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Although it has been a longer one, it is still hard to believe that another term is nearly over - and that we are officially half way through the year tomorrow. Our school is such a busy place that the time just seems to fly by.

I would like to say a big "Thank You" to all our students and their teachers for the effort and energy they have put in to improve learning during term 2. Our teachers often go the extra mile to organize exciting programmes and authentic opportunities for learning - this week alone there has been the Football/Soccer Tournament, Talent Quest and Planting Day!

Thanks also to our parents, caregivers and whanau for the amazing contributions you make in supporting children's progress – both your own children and others in the school. This community support is what makes our school such a special place and enables us to make available the best possible learning opportunities for all our students. Please put yourself forward to help those wonderful people at the Waitangi Car park fundraiser (through the school office) and put your name in one of the job slots for the Spring Fair (on the notice-board in the foyer). These fundraisers are invaluable in providing further equipment and additional educational experiences for your child's learning programmes. We need your help for these too.

Please check that you have 11 and 12 August marked in your diary as these are the dates of the second 'Three Way Conferences' for this year. At these conferences you can share in more of your child's individual learning successes and their next learning steps.

To finish the term with a difference, this Friday we are having a fun "**T day**" as a way to celebrate the end of term and the great things Mr **T** has contributed to Owhiro Bay School during his time here. We are encouraging everyone to take the **T**ime to come up with a dress up/costume around the **T** theme. There is a notice about this later in today's newsletter. Also please remember that you are warmly invited to join us at Friday's assembly to see everyone in their costumes, help us celebrate Colin's contributions in school and see our **T**alented students who were judged highest in each category of the **T**alent Quest perform their routines.

Have a wonderful, refreshing, healthy and safe time with your child/ren and your whanau during the break from school. I also wish the teachers a restful and relaxing break after a very busy time this term. We look forward to catching up with you all again for the start of term 3 on Monday 19 July.

Ka kite

Karen



### Thanks

**To Helen Scott (Webster's nan) for the Te Reo Maori and Tokelau books she has donated to the school.**

**Kia ora Helen.**

### FUN DAY COMING UP - "T" DAY ON FRIDAY

In honour of Mr T's last day of term, we are going to have a "T" day this Friday. This includes the "Talent Quest" winners performing at assembly and farewelling Mr T.

We are asking all students and staff to dress up as something beginning with T. It might be something like a tiger or tyrannosaurus rex or you may be able to come up with something a bit more creative like a thermometer, tinsel town or time machine.

Have fun creating your "T" costume. We look forward to a fun "T" day on Friday.

### PARENTLINK

Can you help us ensure that the fair this October 17th goes ahead? Please see the ways you can help on the whiteboard in the foyer outside the office and add your names to either one or more tasks. We really need your help please.

### FOOTBALL WITH SPORTZONE

Owhiro Bay School would like to sincerely thank SportZone for coming to our school to run football coaching sessions as well as an in-school football tournament. We found the organization to be extremely professional.

The students improved their football skills and had a great time doing it. Thank you to all the students for working hard during the coaching sessions, and for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship during the tournament. Every child can feel proud of the way they participated. Thank you also to the parents that came along to support the tournament.

### WAREHOUSE STATIONERY

#### 'SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL' FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SCHOOL

Our school is automatically enrolled in "Support your School" as we operate an account at Warehouse Stationery.

This fundraising begins on 28 June—1 August 2010. Our school will get 1 BlueBiz Point for every dollar spent by parents, caregivers, in fact anyone who presents the following unique voucher when they shop at Warehouse Stationery during the period above.

Purchasers will need to present at the checkout a voucher with a barcode (below) which is unique to our school so that the appropriate BlueBiz Points are allocated correctly. Points will be allocated to the school account at the end of the campaign period.

Remember, the more people who know about the programme, the more benefits our school will see from it. Please pass on to friends, relatives, work colleagues and print a copy off of the attached voucher. Thank you for your support.



**WAITANGI MARKET PARKING FUNDRAISER  
SUNDAY 18 AND 25 JULY (Start of Term 3)**

Thank you to the people who have already signed up to help, however, we **URGENTLY** need four more volunteers to fill the remaining timeslots:

11am-1pm 18 July

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2.....

11am-1pm 25 July

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If you can spare a couple of hours to help collect money and direct drivers to car parks, please contact Wendy in the School Office ASAP.

Roster contact details will be circulated to our wonderful volunteers at the end of this week. Any queries, please contact Klare Braye on 3837.727 or email [klare.braye@weltec.ac.nz](mailto:klare.braye@weltec.ac.nz) or Helen Orange on 383 5223 or email [mattandhelen@extra.co.nz](mailto:mattandhelen@extra.co.nz)



**WORLD VISION 40 HOUR FAMINE BOOKS/MONEY**

For those children who participated in the 40/20 hour famine—please ensure all money and books are returned for processing/banking before this Friday 2 July. We need to return these to World Vision by the end of this term.

Thank you.

**WELCOME POWHIRI**

On Monday 19th July - first day of Term 3, there will be short Powhiri to welcome Mr Norman to our school and Karo/Room 1. All parents and caregivers are warmly welcomed to join us to welcome Mr Norman in the hall at 9.00 am on the first Monday of Term 3.

**HELP!**

Have you seen an elusive pair of glasses in the school grounds or buildings. A student has lost a grey wire-framed pair at school in the past week.

We would love to help find these for the student and their family.

**CHOIR—ARTSPASH**

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who forwarded their \$12.00 for bus fares to St. Patricks last week and for the rehearsal at the Michael Fowler Centre on 18th August.

If you have yet to pay the \$12.00 to cover the cost of bus trips, please do so before the end of term. Thank you.

Wendy now has tickets for the Artsplash Concert available from the office for \$4.00 each. Please note that choir members **do not** need to buy a ticket, just the audience.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Treat yourself to a wide variety of great dining, drinks and entertainment discounts. Entertainment books cost \$60.00 each and \$12.00 from every sale goes to the school. Books can be viewed and purchased at the school office.

### Matariki Celebration— 27 July

You are invited to come along to a Matariki Celebration at 2.15 pm in the school hall now Tuesday 27 July.. Your child is performing some kapa haka items followed by afternoon tea with their parents/ caregivers who can make it along.

Please can your child bring along some food to share at this celebration as the whole school will be taking part in this event—both the performance and the afternoon tea.

### VIRTUES

The focus for this week is “Gentleness” or “Humarika” which is acting and speaking in a kind, considerate way. Using self-control, in order not to hurt or offend anyone. You can be gentle with people and animals in the way you touch them and the way you speak to them. You handle things carefully so they will not break or be hurt.

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

**Kia Maia = be brave**

Pronunciation : key-ah may-ah

### STUDENT COUNCIL TALENT QUEST 2010

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the 2010 Talent Quest. It has been fantastic watching all the performers. Thank you to the audiences also - both students and the parents/ caregivers who came along.

The following students will be performing at the assembly on Friday at 9.00 am:

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| ★ | Singing | Alexandra                 |
| ★ | Jokes   | Damian & Ateo             |
| ★ | Dance   | Zoe W, Kaylani and Alyssa |
| ★ | Magic   | Regan & Adam              |

### WANTED PLEASE

Old business shirts or t-shirts for visual art (painting).

Please drop off to Abby or Deanne in Room 4/5. Thank you.



## 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—'HANG OUT WITH US' HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Exciting themes have been planned for our July Holiday Programme. Children learn whilst they have fun exploring new ideas, getting involved and messing in with creative and cooking activities. Our popular activity stations will operate each day—weather permitting and our excursions are action orientated as well.

Week 1 : Medieval Spectaculum and Week 2 : Explore the Roman Empire.

Immerse yourself in fairytale castles, medieval games, knights and princesses. We'll prepare a medieval feast and build a miniature Colosseum. Full day and half-day options, we plan to combine our Owhiro Bay Programme with our Crofton Downs Programme until numbers are sufficient to run the programme from Owhiro Bay. We'll organize pick up and drop-off from Owhiro Bay School at the end of each session. See our website for more details and to enroll. [www.kidsco.co.nz](http://www.kidsco.co.nz)

### FOR SALE

Nearly new pink Pink Pippins/Brownie Girl Guide top, size 10. Excellent condition \$5.00. Please contact Deanne Daysh.

### Kiwi Chess Junior Classes

Johnsonville, Wadestown, Karori & Island Bay Community Centres

Coaching by a former NZ Chess Champion

\$70 per student per school term

Contact Scott on 461 7079 or [kiwichess@clear.net.nz](mailto:kiwichess@clear.net.nz)

A good chance for children interested in the Wellington inter-school championships in term 3 to get some coaching and practice

### ZEALANDIA (formerly Karori Sanctuary)

Is running a number of special educational activities for children and their families over the July school holidays. For the first time ever, they are running nightly Kids Night Walk with hot chocolate, stories and a visit to the glowworm grotto. Booking is essential. Call 04 920 9200 or book online at [www.visitzealandia.com](http://www.visitzealandia.com). Also, on Saturday 10 July, there is a Kiwi Fun Day with displays, demonstrations and hands-on activities from 10am-2pm. ZEALANDIA is on Waiapu Road, first left after the Karori Tunnel.

ZEALANDIA is managed by the not-for-profit Karori Sanctuary Trust. By helping us spread the word, you are helping us make our 500-year vision a reality!

### Bright Pre-schooler?

Small Poppies is NZ's longest running extension and enrichment programme for bright and gifted pre-schoolers aged 3 - 6 years, run by the Gifted Education Centre. Founder and Lead Teacher, Sue Breen, will be in Johnsonville, Wellington, on 7 and 8 July 2010, to hold parent and teacher workshops and to see children who wish to be considered for the programme. For further information, please contact the Coordinator: Shirley Lawn, tel 04 232 3523, email: [shirley.lawn@giftededucation.org.nz](mailto:shirley.lawn@giftededucation.org.nz), website: [www.smallpoppies.co.nz](http://www.smallpoppies.co.nz)

### Laserforce

Has moved to 133 Tory Street at the end of the Warehouse in the Tory Street Complex. We have the same phone number and email so get in quick to book the amazing \$10 per player sessions every week day of the school holidays. Session times are 10am-12.30pm or 1pm-3.30pm. That's 2 ½ hours of entertainment for the crazy price of \$10 per player! We have a new custom built Laserforce maze and new targets to find.

Also plenty of video and arcade games to play inclusive of the \$10 price! AMAZING VALUE!

Bring in a group of friends or your family for some fun at the New and Improved

Laserforce. Look forward to hearing from you to book your session. Phone 3844 622. [www.laser-force.co.nz](http://www.laser-force.co.nz)

### VIOLIN LESSONS

Konstanze Artmann offers violin lessons in Vogeltown at all levels (from beginner to advanced). Since moving to Wellington three years ago from Central Europe, she plays in the Vector Wellington Orchestra and also has her own String Quartet ([www.eliosstringquartet.co.nz](http://www.eliosstringquartet.co.nz)). She is an experienced and qualified teacher and her focus is on teaching the right technique right from the start while also having a lot of fun playing music! If you are interested in violin lessons for your child, just ring Konstanze at 04 970 0085, mobile 021 217 6098, or email: [artmann\\_scott@yahoo.com](mailto:artmann_scott@yahoo.com).