



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

◆ Student Council "Crazy Hair Day"	2 December
◆ End of Year Trip (Rooms 5 & 7)	5 December
◆ End of Year Reports come home	7 December
◆ School Picnic	8 December
◆ End of Year Trip (Rooms 1 & 3)	13 December
◆ Farewell Assembly for Abby—9.00 am	14 December
◆ Cushion Concert and Farewell to Year 6's— 6.00 pm	14 December
◆ Farewell Assembly for Year 6 students—9.00 am	15 December
◆ Last Day of Year—2.00 pm finish	15 December
◆ First day for students at school in 2012	Tuesday 31 January
◆	(not Monday as
◆	previously
◆	indicated)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

What a fantastic learning community we have at Owhiro Bay, and what a hard working one too!! The fair is surely testament to this and how much every one supports each other for the best of all our students. Thank you to all the parents, caregivers, whanau/families and staff from both the kindergarten and school who helped make the fair such a success... and to the "weather gods" who treated us favourably this year. Please look for further thanks from the fair organizers and the amazing grand total of funds raised for our learning community.

Thanks also for the wonderful donations of new toys, clothing and non-perishable food items that you sent along for the student council/City Mission/The Breeze "Pack the Bus" yesterday. It is always a fun event as Santa, some elves and the bus driver arrive singing Christmas Carols. This was a great way to promote the virtues of generosity and service to others, and one way of giving and sharing with those who are less fortunate so that they will have a happy time over the Christmas/festive season.

Just a reminder that 2011 end of year progress reports come home to you with next week's newsletter. These will include your child's teacher, room and stationery list for 2012. Please remember that the reports come home next week so that you are able to follow up, or check your understanding of the information in the report, with your child's current teacher before the end of the year.

Please note that we will be having a special farewell assembly for Abby at 9:00am on Wednesday the 14 December, and our annual farewell assembly for the year 6 students at 9:00am on Thursday 15 December (the last day of the school year). You are invited and very welcome to join us at these events to wish Abby and our students well as they move on to another part of their learning journey.



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Karen

THANKS...

To all the parents and caregivers who were able to come along and help with Enviro Day last week—hope you enjoyed your day.



To the U Family for the donation of spare clothes for Room 5. We really appreciate these.

To everyone who helped out before, during and after the fair. A special thanks especially to all the people who cleaned up at the end of the fair. The teachers and students were very appreciative of the wonderful clean and tidy state of their rooms when they returned to school on Monday morning.

Welcome....

To Connor and Caitlin Peirse who joined Rooms 3 and 1 respectively. Also welcome to their family to our school and community.

VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Service" or "Mahi-pono-mo katoa" which is giving to others and wanting to make a difference in their lives. Looking for ways to be helpful instead of waiting to be asked. You give any job your best. People who want to be of service can change the world.

Next week the focus is "Humility" or "ngakau papku".

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

2012 Term Dates

Term 1	Tuesday 31 January	Thursday 5 April (94 half days)
Term 2	Monday 23 April	Friday 29 June (96 half days)
Term 3	Monday 16 July	Friday 28 September (110 half days)
Term 4	Monday 15 October	Friday 14 December (88 half days)

Total = 388 1/2 days

Annual holidays for 2012

Wellington Anniversary Day	23 January
Waitangi Day	6 February (Monday)
Good Friday	6 April
Easter Monday	9 April
Anzac Day	25 April (Wednesday—first week Term 2)
Queens Birthday	4 June
Labour Day	22 October

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Thanks to everyone for returning their library books. If you still have library books at home, please return these by the end of this week. The library closes this Friday 2 December for stock taking. Please check your child's bookshelves and bags to make sure all Owhiro Bay School books are returned **THIS WEEK!**

There is also some refurbishment of the library over the break and we need to move all library books out of the library into sturdy boxes.

If you have access to some boxes/plastic crates that you could either donate or lend to the school for this purpose, please drop these off at the school before 2 December.

Please name these if you need them returned—thanks.



FOUND AT THE FAIR

One pink fluffy, heart-shaped purse with "I love you" embossed on it.

Please contact Marie on 3873.392 if this belongs to your child.



FOUND IN THE MEETING ROOM AT SCHOOL

One bronze/brown and grey-lined polyester adult "Yourself" size 26 jacket, 1—2 weeks ago.

If this is yours, please contact the office as soon as possible please.

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.



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.

FAIR TREATS TO EAT ON "WILD HAIR DAY"

There are a few remaining lolly necklaces, bags of candifloss and icicles for sale from the lunchroom on Friday 2 December. These can be ordered on Friday morning with a **limit of one item per child and distributed at lunchtime only.** The cost of each will be \$1.00. Please note that the funds from these sales will be added to the fair fundraising total.



Many thanks.

STAR WRITERS

Our star writers of the week are:

Max Ware—Harakeke (Room 5) - Age 5

Who is able to hear the sounds in words and record these in words when he is writing. He also chooses words for effect, e.g., Really, really, really fun.

Nico Maiden—Tawa (Room 6) Age 7

Who is putting a great effort into write interesting recounts of his personal experience. He also makes great language choices to give detail and interest in his writing, e.g., “transparent”, “still snakes”, and is re-working drafts to improve his writing.

Victoria Prestwood-Smith –Karaka (Room 7) - Age 7

Who is putting a great effort into her writing to keep the reader’s interest. She uses an interesting introduction to hook the reader in and language choices to give details too.

Hamish Dayal—Karaka (Room 7) - Age 6

Who is putting effort into write about personal experiences using language choices to keep the reader interested. He can use speech marks accurately too.

Millie Holloway—Harakeke (Room 5) - Age 5

Who writes confidently about her personal experiences/ She can use a repetitive sentence structure for effect

Lewis Thomson—Tawa (Room 6) - Age 7

Who uses interesting beginnings to hook in the reader and re-works his draft writing to add detail, change the order of sentences and keep the reader interested until the end of a longer personal recount.

By Max Ware

We went to the school hall to practice skipping. It was really, really, really fun.

I had to practice lots.

By Nico Maiden

“Mmm, mmm” the koala said as somebody patted it. Maybe Mum and Dad got to pat it. I don’t think I patted it.

The snake looked amazing ...Still snakes were in transparent glass cages.

The crocodiles actually looked cute. There may have been alligators but I don’t think they would of looked cute.

I rode a white pony that might have been called Tom. I think Stella did too.

The elephants were getting transported by a zoo keeper. They put the rope around the elephants neck.

The wallabies and kangaroos seemed to keep out of the way of us. They didn’t kick. We didn’t get all the way to the emu. I’m not sure why.

It was when I was 5 years old, which was 2 years ago.

By Victoria Prestwood-Smith

“Yah” my cast came off two days ago and I felt weird and when the doctor cut the cast off I felt ticklish. She cut it off with a pretend chainsaw and it was really, really loud.

By Hamish Dayal

“I made a fish” I said. I made it at Discovery Time. “It’s amazing and fabulous”, I said. “It’s a kite fish”. It can fly in the sky and it was windy and it flew away from me.

By Millie Holloway

This morning I had the hiccups. I asked my mum if she could give me a big fright but it didn’t work so I tried drinking water from the other side but that didn’t work.

By Lewis Thomson

1, 2, 3, 4, 517, 18, 19, 20. “Ok it’s done, the count to 20 treatment” I said. “Second print done” I said. I went over to the sink and washed my piece of see through plastic. There were lots of strange colours in the sink. While I was there, a big black blob splattered all over my clean wrist. ...

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 last Sausage Sizzle for the year is **THIS FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER**— 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.



FUNDRAISER

The owners of the new 'Hell Pizza' store in Island Bay want to support the Learning Community by offering:

1x Snack Size Pizza (valued at \$7.50-\$8.50) for only **\$6**

and of that \$6, \$3 will be donated back to the Learning Community!

Two vouchers can be combined to purchase a Double Size Pizza.

Vouchers valid until 29.02.12 at Island Bay branch only.

A Great Xmas Present!

We have some Owhiro Bay Recipe Books that make fantastic gifts for family and friends. These are now available at the much reduced rate of \$5.00 per book.

Please send your orders in or contact the office to view this fantastic little book with taste sensations and family recipes shared by people in our community.



SHORLAND PARK TRIP THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER

We are going on a picnic. Would you like to join us? On Thursday 8 December, the whole school will be going on a trip to Shorland Park in Island Bay. We will follow our regular route, walking up Robertson & Severn Streets, over the hill through the Town Belt, and down Oku St and Milne Tce to Shorland Park.

After lunch and a play at the park, we will return to school around the coastline via The Esplanade and Owhiro Bay Parade. We will need some extra adults to join us for the walk and look forward to other adults and families meeting us at Shorland Park. The trip will take most of the day. Further details and a form for adult supervision will be sent out closer to the date. In the meantime, you might like to pop the date in your diary!



END OF YEAR TRIP ROOMS 5 AND 7



Rooms 5 and 7 are going on their end of year trip this Monday 5 December.

We leave at 9.40 am and travel by bus to the Railway Station where we catch the train to Johnsonville (through 7 tunnels). At Johnsonville we walk to Keith Spry pool where we will spend the rest of the day.

The bus returns us to school about 2.45 pm.

We are in need of adults to accompany us on our trip. Adults will be required to supervise children while in the swimming pool and on the train. A letter will come home with further details in the near future.

STUDENT COUNCIL / SAVE THE CHILDREN “CRAZY HAIR DAY” —THIS FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

The Student Council are organizing a “Crazy Hair Day” on Friday 2 December to fundraise money for Save the Children. Money raised goes to drought-stricken Eastern Africa.

Please bring along a gold coin donation and wear a “crazy hair do” for the day.



Pokemon Cards – Not at Owhiro Bay School

At Owhiro Bay School we do our best to make sure that everyone is able to focus on their learning during school time. Over the past few months there have been a growing number of students bringing Pokemon Cards to show their friends, and to play with during the break times. Students have understood that trading of these was not allowed at school, because trading had created issues for children in the past.

However in recent weeks a rising number of concerns and issues surrounding Pokemon Cards at school have meant that some students have lost cards or been upset as a result of having Pokemon Cards at school. As these issues have started to affect learning time and programmes for some students. Pokemon Cards are no longer welcome at Owhiro Bay School. We ask that these stay at home and are enjoyed outside school hours.

Please note that any cards brought to school will be confiscated ie: taken from the students. Any confiscated cards will be stored and returned to the student at the end of each week.

As we continue to work to promote the best possible learning environment for all students at Owhiro Bay School, we thank you for understanding the reasons behind this decision.

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

Nge Nge = tired

Pronunciation : neah neah



One word sums up Saturday - Awesome! **\$25,000** was raised for our learning community.

Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success. - [Henry Ford](#)

Some interesting anecdotes to share:

- "It was the real Santa - his beard didn't come off!"
- We were out doing the Harley Rides, almost everyone who came over (and there were a few) said it was the best fair they'd ever been to!
- A private stall holder assumed the learning community student roll was 300 based on the fair and the numbers that attended on Saturday!
- Some Owhiro Bay School students from 1939 were reminiscing about when the creek used to run in front of the learning community alongside Happy Valley Road!
- A Canadian visitor, here for two weeks, commented how fun the fair was and how happy she was to have the chance to come along!

A massive amount of work goes into creating a successful fair so there are many people to thank for their contribution and effort. Here goes, thanks everyone...

- To Ishani Noble, Fair Coordinator, for a well organised and successful day.
- To Parent Link and the Kindergarten fundraising committee for all the weeks of planning, and many after-hours meetings, to organise the fair.
- To all the teachers and staff of the learning community for helping with the fair planning, organising the Kindergarten and school performances, running stalls, setting up and cleaning up. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated staff team!
- To everybody who donated items for the raffles and stalls and everyone who baked or prepared food for the cafe and food stalls.
- To all the stallholders, helpers and floaters - you were awesome!
- To all the people who donated their time and energy to set up and pack down the fair. This is always a big job and deserves a big, big thank you! It only took 7 1/2 hours this year - we're getting faster!
- To the Raffle Coordinators, Donna Graham, Nic Furlong and those who approached businesses for raffle items. Thank you for your huge investment of time and energy to put together an amazing array of raffles!

- To the Raffle sellers on the day and all the parents who sold tickets to their family, friends, neighbours, and workmates. A special thank you to those who sold tickets to the public in pubs, cafes & at the "meet the candidates" meeting.
- To Island Bay New World, our gold sponsors. All the money raised from the BBQ and the New World Hamper raffle was funded by the New World. Thank you Anna and Tim Carmichael.
- To Sammy Dahya and Fuji Xerox for their generous donation to print over 6000 flyers and posters.



- To Helipro and their staff: pilot JK and crewmen Chris and Shane for being on site and providing so many people with an awesome helicopter flight and all the profit to our learning community.
- To the Harley Davidson riders Shane, Trish and Kurt who donated their time, bikes and petrol to our good cause!
- To our Santa photographer Clarence U & helpers Sylvie Ryan-Verhaaren and Anne Lau. If you know of anyone who would like family portraits or event photos taken, please do contact Clarence - www.clarenceu.co.nz.
- Photo Espresso, in Victoria street, for printing the photos.
- To the Keith from Lil Orbits Donuts for the huge fair sign at the Basin Reserve.
- To Commonsense Organics Kilbirnie for donating organic tangelos, lemons, avocados and asparagus.
- To Chantal Billington for the use of the Coffee machines from JJ Murphies.
- To Rachel Roberts for coordinating the Helipro flights.
- To Anthea Grob for organising the fashion show, maintaining the Country Fair facebook page and the fantastic flyer and poster design!



- To Leah Reilly for the Fashion show photography.
- To Matt Kyne for all the fair advertising, the fair newsletters, the school's fair web page and the online Helipro booking and raffle forms.
- To Matt Kyne and Helen Orange for all the stall signs, for their donation to the fair street signs and to Matt for putting them all up and taking them all down again.
- To the Dalley family/Daily Waste for the donation of the skip bin.
- To Melanie Wallace and Grant McIntyre for their ongoing donation of fabulous jewellery.

- To Val Munro for the donation of juice from Simply Squeezed and for organising the transportation of the stage & trestle tables.
- To Supreme Coffee for the donation of the coffee to the cafe and Havana coffee for the donation of coffee in the courtyard.
- To Sue Raue for the donation of plywood for signage.
- To Sue Raue and Val Munro and the kindy team for running the Cafe.
- To the BBQ team and helpers who cooked and sold 400 sausages and 200 burgers! The Y men volunteers and many more!
- To Toy Siaana for the Island food stall.
- To James Diamantis for supplying and cooking the Romanian sausages.
- To Vanessa Theodorou, Alexia Baker and Maria Ioannou for making the candy floss.
- To Tracey McIntrye and the Bric a Brac team.
- To Sonya Jivan Patel and the baby boutique team.
- To Klare Braye and team for running the garden & organic produce stall.
- To Jamie U for running the miniature glass animal stall.
- To Kathryn Hazlewood and the clothing team.
- To Yvonne Trask and the books and toys team.
- To Karen Hardie, Wendy Davenport and team for running the cake and sweets stall.
- To Grant Maiden, Richard Thomson and team for running the spooky maze.
- To Deanne Daysh for the Teddy Tombola stall.
- To Helen Orange and Jen Dunn for running the jewellery stall.
- To the face painting, nail polish, lucky dip and hairbraiding teams.
- To Simone from Kidsco for your amazing balloons.
- To Bianca Barrington and Lizzy Luman for the tattoo stall.
- To Maria Ioannou for making the lolly necklaces and running the spider stall and bulk juice stall.
- To Karen Keddy for helping with the sweet stall all day.
- To the kindergarten teachers Mary and Susan who ran the adult tombola stall.
- To Shelley Berry and Therese Young for the money golf game.

- To Roger Feenstra for running the rugby ball passing game.
- To our Baristas Beate Gehricke, Brett Luman, Holly Carstens , Lydia Lim. The coffee was great!
- To Kevin Smith for connecting the coffee machine to a water supply! (And George Liska for disconnecting it!)
- To Steve Drummond and Jo Grey for the use of the Greenman marquee, the Leo the Lion suit and for organizing the pass the rugby ball game.
- To Sharon Leamy for picking up the organic produce, PA System and Eftpos machine - and sharing her in-depth fair knowledge.
- To the garage volunteers in the weeks leading up to the fair.
- To Nicci Lock and Terry Hawkings - the Harley team



- To all of the car parking attendants - Andrew & Lilian Lim, Rob Scheffers, Tim Kuper, Jess Arcus and Jody Hazlett. Eno and Helen for the orange security vests.
- To Christina Barrett and team for setting up Santa's grotto.
- To Kelly Smith, Sharon Leamy and Andrea Liska – National Bank volunteer - for organising the floats, running the EFTPOS and taking responsibility for counting and banking all monies.
- To our shoppers Donna Graham and Emma Debreceny. Thanks also to Emma for your help on the coffee and cake stall.
- To everyone that helped deliver the flyers.
- To the helpers who kept our visitors informed by handing out the fair programme.
- To all the rubbish collectors at the end of the fair.
- To all of the private stall holders who helped to create the great vibe at the fair!
- All our star performers from the kindergarten and school – what a great way to open the fair!
- To the fashion show organisers, designers and models!
- To Troy Leamy for managing the stage and sound for us again.

- To our gifted entertainers - thanks for sharing your talents with us.
- Big thumbs up for Martin McPhee - your bagpipe playing was great!
- To Leo the Lion and Santa for being Leo and Santa! Thanks Michael Mylvaganam and Rick Barrett for your role in this.
- To Chris Roberts for doing a great job as MC.
- Former parents Sheryl Bush and Debbie Johnston.
- To the many friends, extended Owhiro Bay Community, old boys and girls of the school and families of past pupils of the school - thanks for lending us a hand and providing ongoing support for the learning community.
- Thanks to the unsung heroes who saw a job that needed to be done and just did it.
- Thanks again to everybody who contributed before, during and after the event - awesome effort!

Photos of the day can be seen on: <http://www.clarenceu.co.nz/obsheli> or <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Owhiro-Bay-Learning-Community-2011-Fair/193545144057285>



If you have some photos please email them to Anthea Grob -anthea@ecofabric.co.nz for loading onto the Fair website and facebook.

RAFFLE

Thanks to those who donated items for the raffle. The raffles raised over \$4000 for the Owhiro Bay Learning Community.

Thank you all parents and caregivers who donated items for the raffles, bought and sold tickets.

Bats Theatre, Bay Shoes, Blue Bridge Cook Strait Ferry, Blue Cactus, Bond and Bond(Lower Hutt), Bunnings Warehouse Lyall Bay, Burger Wisconsin, Cafe Laffare, California Home & Garden, Carlucci Land, Carter Observatory, Circa Theatre, Configure Gym, Kilbirnie, Copthorne Solway Park, Elements Cafe, Embassy Theatre, Empire Cinema, Empire Skate, FATSO DVD Rentals, Floyds Cafe, H2O Extreme, Hair By Ange, Hair Phenomena Brooklyn, Hells Pizza Island Bay, Hyper ride, Hot Yoga, Infantesimal, Isubscribe, Inhabit Designstore, Interislander, Island Bay Butchers, Island Bay Pharmacy, Island Bay New World, Island Bay Stationers, Island Bay Video, Jo Frances Photography, Junglerama Newtown, Karate Classes - Cafe Italia, Kathmandu, Kilbirnie Tobacconists, Kilbirnie Pool, Laserforce, McCormack Studio Gallery, McDonalds Basin Reserve, Mediterranean Food Warehouse, Mitre 10 Petone, Moore Wilsons, Museums Wellington, Nairn Street Cottage Family Pass, New Leaf Skin & Body, Nicola Bark, Noel Leeming, Only Organics, Paperplus Kilbirnie, Penthouse Cinema, Pete Lamb Fishing Charters, Placemakers Kilbirnie, Rachael van Diggele from Tupperware, Repco Kilbirnie, Reading Cinema, Resene Paints, Rodney Wayne, Lambton Quay, Southern Cross Restaurant and Bar, South Wellington Seido Karate, Southend Motors, Southlight Studio, Southward Car Museum, Splash Gordon Dive Specialists, Staglands Wildlife Reserve, Strawberry Fare, Strike 10 Tenpin Bowling, Supercheap Auto Lyall Bay, Synergy Pilates Lyall Bay, The Bach, The Blue Bell Cafe, The Childrens Bookshop, The Pet Centre, The Realm, The Warehouse, Trilogy, Trust House Community Enterprises, Weta Workshop, Whittakers Chocolate, Zealandia, Zumba and more!

Thank you! Kia ora! Fa'afetai! Muchas gracias! Nandri! Dhannvaad!

Parentlink Final Meeting/celebration: Tuesday 13 Dec 7.30pm at 21 Dargle Way.

New and old members welcome. There are 25,000 reasons to celebrate!

Bring: A small dessert and/or drink (tea, coffee, or something stronger than a cup of tea!)



COMMUNITY NOTICES

CAFÉ@CHURCH **Fundraising projects for Developing Countries**

Fundraising Café @ St. Hilda's Anglican Church, 311 The Parade, Island Bay
4 Advent Sunday's 2 – 4 pm
27 Nov., 4 Dec., 11 Dec., 18 Dec.

We invite you to come along to meet our great team of volunteers
Profits made in the 4 Sunday's before Christmas will support Owhiro Bay School and
Christian World Service hunger relief projects in Africa and other countries.

Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Tea, Juice, Iced Chocolate, Iced Coffee, Cake

EASY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

- Shop, save money, save time and raise funds for your school.
 - Step 1 – sit down & relax !
 - Step 2 – get someone to make your favourite coffee !
- Step 3 - simply go to www.yourfastshop.co.nz, select your school and start browsing for Christmas presents.
 - No queues, No parking problems, No aching feet !
 - Save on petrol costs.
- Over 70 online stores to choose from including electronics at Apple, fashion at Ezibuy, books at The Nile, toys at Mighty Ape and you can even get your groceries online at Woolworths.
 - Your shopping is dealt with directly by your chosen online store.
 - www.yourfastshop.co.nz automatically provide funds to your school.

Treat yourself to easy shopping and help your school this Christmas.

HARBOUR CITY GYM SPORTS

“Harbour City GymSports, situated in Haitatai Park, is having a holiday programme in week upcoming to Christmas (Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd December). Each session runs from 9am – 1pm, and costs \$25.00. Please check out our website www.hcg.org.nz to view our flyer and download a registration form, alternatively email us on office@hcg.org.nz or phone 386 4443 for more information.”