



## OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates to Remember

◆ Book Week	29 Aug—2 Sept
◆ Parentlink Sausage Sizzle (THIS FRIDAY)	2 September
◆ Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm	6 September
◆ Parentlink Meeting	20 September
◆ Whole School Production (Thursday evening)	6 October
◆ Final Day Term 3 (2pm finish)	7 October
◆ First Day Term 4 (8.55) am Tuesday following Labour Day)	25 October
◆ Owhiro Bay Community Fair	26 November

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Read it, read it, read it.....What a fantastic week of book related activities are occurring at School and the Kindergarten this week. We hope that you and your child/ren are enjoying these activities. How is the family book quiz going? Remember these are due back to the School (or Kindergarten) by 3.00 pm this Friday.

This week the virtue is "Co-operation" With the Annual Community Fair coming up in November it is great to see the Kindergarten and School working hard together to make our Learning Community Fair such a well co-ordinated and fun community event, that also raises funds for the School and Kindergarten. Please make the effort to become involved, as it is a fun time preparing and helping out on the day—with the added advantage of benefiting your child/ren's learning with the extra resources and educational opportunities the funding provides.

Another great example of co-operation is the school production coming up at the end of this term. The students and teachers are currently writing the script, preparing the dance and movement routines and learning songs. We look forward to you joining us on Thursday 6 October at the South Wellington School hall for this amazing event.

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite  
Karen



## Thanks....

To the parents/caregivers who were able to lend a hand hole digging and planting during Enviro Day/s last week. Your help was much appreciated

To the parents/caregivers who walked with classes to the Island Bay Library on Monday and to those of you who have been able to come in and read to children—your support has been amazing.

To everyone who donated to our Daffodil Day gold coin collection on Friday—we raised \$99.00 for the Cancer Society of NZ. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

To George Theodorou, Dale Morris, & Paul Sommerville for tree planting at the end of the field on the weekend, to Sue Raue for all her valuable advice and Warren Rankin who worked with WCC to secure the tree donations.

To Donna Graham for “all the little extra” daffodil day items used for our daffodil day.

To Steve Drummond for arranging a visit from members of the Lions Rugby Team and Leo the Lion last week. The students really enjoyed their visit.

To Peter & Ishani Noble who have donated two couches to Pohutukawa (Room 3) for use in their classroom.

To the Leamy/Feenstra family for their donated dress-up costumes for the family corner—Thanks.

## Wanted for Discovery Time Please!

If you have any of the following, please deliver to Room 5 or drop off at the office:

- ◆ Unwanted perfume
- ◆ Old bones and xrays
- ◆ Paper Towel inners (cardboard rolls)
- ◆ Old business shirts)
- ◆ Dress up clothes
- ◆ Builder/construction hard hats.

Thank you. The children will really benefit from these donations.

## VIRTUES

The focus for this week is “Co-operation” or “mahi tahi” which is working together for the good of everyone—willingness to follow rules which keep everyone safe and happy. Helping others, sharing the load, joining others to do something that can not be done alone, being willing to go along to get along/get things done. Working together we can make any place a safe and happy one.

Next week the focus is “Creativity” or “whaihanga-tanga”.

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)

## PRINCIPAL/PARENT CUPPA AND A 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.

## PARENTLINK PAGE

### PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**THIS FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER** is Sausage Sizzle Day! 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.

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).



### 2011/12 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The 2011/2012 Entertainment Book is available to purchase through Jennifer Dunn text 027 444-9679, phone 934.2179 or email: [kevjudunn@paradise.net.nz](mailto:kevjudunn@paradise.net.nz)

This Entertainment Book has great discounted rates at Wellington cafes, restaurants, family attractions, services, cinemas plus accommodation in NZ and Australia at the cost of \$60, and can be used until June 2012. You only have to use the book a few times to recover the cost of purchase, and \$12 from each book sold goes to Owhiro Bay School to provide extra learning resources for your child.

### ELECTION DAY FAIR

The annual fair is on Election Day (26 November 2011, from 10.30—2.00 pm) this year. As our school is a polling booth, we hope to attract more than the usual visitors.

Ishani is co-ordinating the fair for the school and kindergarten this year. Please talk with her about your ideas for this event and how you can support this event.

Ishani Noble  
Ph. 3838.555

The next meeting is on Tuesday 20 September, 7.30 pm, at Ishani and Peter Noble's house, 84 Happy Valley Road (back section) Owhiro Bay. All very welcome.

### MULCH FOR SALE

Hooray. We are 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. We also need 'people-power' to help bag the bark. Bags are available from the school office or 199 Happy Valley Road—so you can do this in your own time and decide on how many bags you are able to fill to help raise funds for your child/ren's school.

For more details contact Sue on 938.2484.

**\$5 per bag—  
spread the  
word!**

### STAR WRITERS

Our star writers this week are:

Mayson Bennett—Karaka (Room 7) Age 6

For writing a great explanation for why he wanted to be a rugby player. Mayson worked hard to put all the letter sounds he heard into words and wrote several sentences.

**By Mason Bennett**

*"I want to be a rugby player so I can kick the ball and tackle and wear a t-shirt with a symbol".*

### A note from Whaea Lisa

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

**Panui puka puka = read book**

Pronunciation : par-noo-ee pucar pucar

### YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

A reminder that we only have three weeks left of this fundraiser. Please keep munching your way through Yummy apples and collecting the stickers.

More sticker charts are available from the office.

We look forward to receiving our share of the sporting equipment that comes our way after this campaign ends in September.

### EMAILING NEWSLETTERS

In an effort to reduce paper cost, we continue to email newsletters each Wednesday for parents/caregivers who have provided their email addresses. If you have changed or yet to provide us with your email address, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

**BOOK WEEK**  
**29 AUGUST—2 SEPTEMBER**

This week is Book Week. If you've been into the main foyer area we hope you have enjoyed walking through the wardrobe into Narnia.

**BOOK FAIR (Daily)**

There is a wonderful selection of books in the hall this week that are available for purchase for personal use or to donate the school library. If you would like to do this, please write your order on the order sheet in the hall before 3pm next Friday and you will be invoiced for these books the following week. The books are forwarded to you on payment of this invoice. If you donate books to the library your family will get to read these first (after they have been processed for the library). Thank you in advance to any families who donate books to our library as your generosity enables that donated book to be available to all our 115 children to read. Alternatively in the foyer of school there is a bottle where you can donate loose change for the school to buy books for the library.

**READING TO CHILDREN (Daily)**

We would also love anyone willing and able to read to us. If you can't come in to school then we welcome parents, friends and grandparents to skype into classrooms to read to students at 10.20 one day. Please contact your child's class teacher to arrange this. We would love to see and read alongside someone reading at work, in front of the fire, across the world, etc. Kia ora Penny

**STORY TELLING (Daily)**

Also during the week we welcome Penny from the Kindergarten (a fabulous story teller) who will be coming to tell stories to classes each day during the week.

**D.E.A.R. (Daily)**

Each day at 10.20 am we are Dropping Everything And Reading. It is important that children have adults as good role models of readers so we encourage people to join us at school or skype in to help model this.

**AUTHOR VISIT (Wednesday 31 August)**

Today we had Fleur Beale visiting. Fleur has written over twenty novels for young adults. She has been short-listed in the NZ Post Book Awards. Fleur talked with the students about the writing process and answered children's questions about her writing.

**TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC/BOOK-NIC (Wednesday 31 August)**

What a great time we had today as the school and kindergarten had a 'Teddy Bear's Book-Nic'. Thanks you to everyone who joined us with their rug, a book and teddy today.

**BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY (Thursday 1 September)**

Please note that tomorrow (Thursday 1 September) is dress up as a Book Character Day. We appreciate you helping your child to dress up as a book character tomorrow to share in the fun of Book Week.

**PJ BEDTIME STORY DAY (Friday 2 September)**

On Friday 2 September as we head "snoozily" into the weekend, the children and staff will be dressed in pyjamas and reading will focus on bedtime stories. You are very welcome to join us throughout the day to read with, or to children....and are welcomed to wear your PJ's too.

**HOME BOOK QUIZ (By Friday 2 September)**

Please remember that the family book quiz for home learning for School and Kindergarten families is due back by this Friday. Book vouchers will be awarded to the families that come 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Entries must be to Therese by 3.00 pm this Friday. If more than one family has the answers all correct they will be drawn from a hat.



## 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.

### INTERNATIONAL BEACH CLEAN-UP DAY

As part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Clean-up Day, 12 local groups, and members of the public, are banding together to pick up rubbish from Owhiro Bay to Breaker Bay. This event follows on from the successful first combined community group clean-up of the south coast in 2010.

Join us to help make this a fun, many hands make light work job. When: Saturday 17 September, 11.00-12.00.

Where: Meet at one of the 12 meeting places (see map with locations on attached poster). Look out for the person in a high viz vest from each of the groups.

All rubbish will be gathered up at 12.15 and taken to Lyall Bay to form one large pile. There will be a sausage sizzle outside Wild Style Surf Shop and Café afterwards where participants can mingle and meet each other.

What to Bring: Bags and gloves will be provided. If you have your own gardening gloves please bring them along.  
Networking: Please pass this on to your networks and if you can display the poster somewhere that would be great.

Hope to see you there and together let's keep our seas free of rubbish!

For more information contact [southcoastcare@gmail.com](mailto:southcoastcare@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook site - Wellington South Coast Clean-up.  
(Note: Sunday 18 September is a backup day but only if the weather is really bad).

### ISLAND BAY TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB—OPEN DAY

Sunday 4 September 2011, 10.00 am—1.00 pm  
All welcome—from beginners to seasoned players, ages 7 to 70!  
For more information see our website, [www.islandbaytsc.org.nz](http://www.islandbaytsc.org.nz)

### OLIVE OILS

On behalf of the Wellington Chinese Preschool – Yau Yih Yun (YYY) - Kim Lau (Katelin's mum—Room 6) is selling award winning olive oils from The Villiage Press, Hawke's Bay at \$16 per unit. The Villiage Press donates \$3.00 (inc GST) per unit sold back to the preschool. You can check this out for more information on <http://www.thevillagepress.co.nz>.

There are three packs available (expiry July 2013).

- ◆ 1 Litre Bag 'n Box, \$16 – **Barnea** olive oil (smooth and buttery, delicious served with red meat or pasta). This is store in a cask to keep the oil in premium condition by not letting light and air in.
- ◆ Varietal 3 bottle giftpack, \$16 – packed in The Villiage Press giftbox, of 3 x 250ml bottles of award winning olive oils: **Barnea** (see above), **Frantoio** (brings intensity and depth, drizzle over vegetables and salads) and **Picual** (rich and peppery, perfect for chicken, fish or side dishes).
- ◆ Infused 3 bottle giftpack, \$16 – In The Villiage Press giftbox, consists of 3 x 250ml bottles of delicious **lime, lemon and garlic** infused olive oils.

A leaflet is displayed on the school community notice board outside Wendy's office. All orders and payment by 20 September. Oils arrive on 1st week of October.

**How to order:** Kim will be by the stone garden after school on Monday and Friday for the next few weeks collecting orders and payments or contact Kim Lau, 3838978, 021 1836602, [kimjit@gmail.com](mailto:kimjit@gmail.com) to email your order with payment by direct debit to this ASB bank account: 12-3122-0156103-01. Please state "Olive Oil" in particulars and your name in reference/code.