



## OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates to Remember

◆ Sausage Sizzle (lunch option this Friday)	5 August
◆ Learning Community Evening (6.30 pm)	11 August
◆ Special Assembly for Jocelyn Oldcorn	12 August
◆ Three Way Conferences (late night Wednesday 17 August)	16 & 17 August
◆ Southern Zone Swimming Sports	23 August
◆ BOT Meeting	23 August
◆ Daffodil Day	26 August
◆ Book Week	29 Aug—2 Sept
◆ Whole School Production	6 October
◆ Final day term 3 (2pm finish)	7 October

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Welcome back to the new term everyone. I hope that you managed to have some quality time with your children during their break away from school. It is wonderful to see so many refreshed and re-energized students (and teachers) in the school after their break.

A big thank you to band and percussion group who put on a fantastic performance for us on the final Thursday of last term. If you missed the opportunity to hear them, please note that they are performing again at the beginning of the community evening next Thursday, along with choir and kapa haka. The evening starts at 6:30pm so we look forward to catching up with you all then.

Thanks also to Parentlink for organizing the Harry Potter fundraiser. Not only was it a great occasion, but a sell out audience ensured maximum returns. Well done to everyone who purchased and sold tickets for this event. Please remember that the annual fair is going ahead on election day this year. We look forward to you helping with this - it is our biggest fundraiser of the year which helps provide many extra educational opportunities for your child.

How are your learning conversations going with your child or children? A reminder to keep talking with them about **what** they are learning, and **how** they are learning and **why** they are learning this. Your child is bringing home your confirmed Three Way Conference time today, along with their term 3 'Learning Link'. The Three Way Conference meetings with your child and their teacher offer another opportunity for these important learning conversations. We look forward to catching up with you at these in a fortnight's time.

Hope that you are keeping warm. Have a great week.

Ka kite  
Karen



## Thanks

Thank you to Matthew Debreceeny's family who did some washing for Room 5 over the school break. This help is appreciated.



To the parents, families and friends who brought tickets, sold tickets and came along to support the Harry Potter fundraiser. What a great effort.

## Special Assembly to Farewell Jocelyn Oldcorn

A special thanks to Jocelyn Oldcorn who has been a great music teacher at school for a number of years. Jocelyn has let us know that she wishes to spend more time with her own children in the second half of the year, so she will not be working in our school during this time. Jocelyn will be at the community meeting with choir, and is attending a special assembly for her the following day— Friday 12 August at 9:00am. Thank you Jocelyn for sharing your wonderful gifts, skills and expertise with our students. You will be missed.

### STUDENT COUNCIL—Daffodil Day

This year Daffodil Day is Friday 26 August.

The student council are organizing a Daffodil Day event at school. More details to follow after their meeting later this week.



### Welcome

To Gideon Te Kahika who joined children in Tawa/Room 6 on Monday, also to Marissa U, Thomas van der Hoorn, Darcy Luman and Bessie Hawkings who have joined Harakeke/Room 5 since the beginning of this term. We also welcome the families who are new to our school community.

### EMPTY CARDBOARD WINE CASKS

Please can you collect these for us as they make great book boxes. You can drop these off in Room 6 or the office. Thank you.

## VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Responsibility" or "kawe-nga" which means being accountable for our actions, also that others can depend on us. It is about keeping to agreements, doing our best and making amends when things go wrong or if we make a mistake. Next week's focus is on the virtue of "Peacefulness" or "rangimarie".

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)

## PARENTLINK PAGE

### SUSHI LUNCHES

Unfortunately sushi orders will not be continuing in term 3, due to a reducing number of orders each week. Wrap it Up Sushi asked us to thank all those who bought sushi last term.

### PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A reminder that on the first Friday of every month Parentlink runs a sausage sizzle at lunch time.

The next Sausage Sizzle is **this week** ie; **Friday 5 August** — 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

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

Ishani is co-ordinating the fair 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 will be advised in next weeks newsletter.

### 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!**

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees on 23 August at 7.00 pm.

Please note that minutes of meetings are available to read in a folder in the foyer in the office.

### Owhiro Bay Learning Community Evening Sharing and Student Performance

A very big welcome to all parents, caregivers, families and friends for our Community Evening on Thursday 11 August at 6:30 pm in the school hall. Please come along to see your children perform and share some of the fantastic things that are happening in the Owhiro Bay Learning Community.

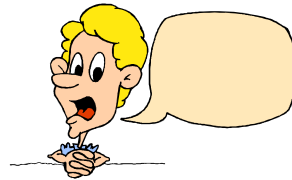


The evening begins with performances from the band, choir, and kapa haka, followed by three 15 minute stations where you can find about E-learning, Mathematics learning and Emergency Management. Children are working with the teachers and board to share some of their learning in these areas.

This is a chance to see what your child/ren are doing, to find out from students and teachers more about your child/ren's learning, and what is coming up for them in the remainder of the year.

We are looking forward to you joining with us for a cuppa and a chance to see your children in action.

### THREE WAY CONFERENCES—LEARNING CONVERSATIONS TUESDAY 16TH AND WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST 2011



Please note that these three way conferences are being held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August. This 15 minute meeting is an opportunity for you, your child and your child's teacher to talk about their individual learning goals and achievements.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their preferred times for meetings. The confirmed time for your meeting is coming home with your child today. Please note this in your diary now, as we look forward to you joining your child and their teacher to celebrate their learning successes and focus on their next learning steps.

### Learning Links

Each term teachers send home a class 'Learning Link', which gives you an overview of the class programme for the term and suggested ways to link this with your child's home learning. Term 3 Learning Links are coming home today. Please take a look at this to give you some further ideas for supporting your child's learning programmes.



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

**Makariri = cold**

Pronunciation : "mah-car-ree-ree"

### 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.

**The Incredible Years  
Programme for Parents of Children Aged 2-7  
Are you looking for a Parenting Programme that is proven to change behaviour?**

The Incredible Families Charitable Trust, together with Capital Coast DHB and Hutt Valley DHB are running three Incredible Years programmes in the Wellington region beginning August 2011. Details are:

Johnsonville (evenings) Wednesdays, starts 24 August 7.00—9.30 pm  
Newtown Tuesdays (starts 23 August 8.30—12.00 noon  
Naenae Wednesdays starts 10 August 9.30—12.00 noon

Cost: Free

Course Duration: 14 weekly sessions, excluding school holidays.

Content: Play  
Praise and Rewards  
Effective Limit Setting  
Handling Misbehaviour

For an enrolment form please contact Vicki Nelson, Incredible Families Charitable Trust, phone or text 027 474 5075, email [vm.nelson@paradise.net.nz](mailto:vm.nelson@paradise.net.nz), [www.Incrediblefamilies.com](http://www.Incrediblefamilies.com).

For more information, please also see school noticeboard.

**JOIN THE NEXT 12 WEEK ISLAND BAY WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE TODAY**

You could even win a cash prize if you are one of the top achievers in your challenge.

In a 12 week course you will get:

Group support to cheer you on.

Your own personal coach

A free meal plan

Helpful tips and information on good nutrition and long-term health

Class size is limited to 20 people so call today to reserve your place . (only 5 places left)

Join the challenge for only \$49

Next class starts Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August (Evenings)

**WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO LOSE**

To pre-register, or for more information call Alexia:  
0800 145 111



Dear School Community:

**A NOTE FROM OUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

Please find attached some information about Scarlet Fever. This illness is reported among youngsters in our health region from time to time, and this winter is no exception.

As always, we support schools in insisting that **ALL** unwell children are kept at home until they are able to participate fully at school.

**What is Scarlet fever?**

Scarlet fever is a streptococcal infection with a scarlet coloured body rash. It is caused by the same bacteria that causes strep throat. Scarlet Fever is more likely to affect children under the age of 18. The onset of Scarlet Fever may be quite sudden, and symptoms include; sore throat, high temperature, vomiting, headache and a fine red rash. The face is often flushed except for a pale area around the lips. A whitish coating can appear on the surface of the tongue. The tongue itself looks like a strawberry because the normal bumps on the tongue look bigger.

**What does the rash look like?**

The rash shows up as tiny red bumps starting on the neck/chest and then spreading to other areas of the body. It looks like sunburn, but is rough to touch. The rash may last for 2 -7 days. After the rash is gone there may be some peeling on the tips of the fingers and the toes.

**What is the incubation period?**

A child may have contracted the infection 1 -3 days before any symptoms appear.

**How is Scarlet Fever spread?**

It is spread by contact with a sick person through contact with droplets from nasal and throat discharges when coughing and sneezing. It can also spread through contact with contaminated hands, food, food utensils and other items.

**Should children be excluded from the centre?**

Yes, a child is infectious during the early stages of the disease and usually until 24 hours after treatment begins. Penicillin or other effective antibiotics will be prescribed by a doctor. A child who is untreated will remain infectious for as long as they are sick, usually between 3 -7 days.

**Suggested precautions.**

Encourage good hand washing procedures among all children and teachers.

As far as you can, clean all toys and surfaces with detergent, AND then disinfect by wiping with or soaking in 1:100 dilute bleach. (Disinfecting toys and general surfaces such as tables is a precaution for outbreaks, not a 'normal' procedure. When you don't have an outbreak make sure they are frequently washed with detergent).

Pay particular attention to those items in the family play corner which children may put in their mouths, pretend food, cups, etc.

Discourage sharing of food and drink and other utensils.

**Please contact your school's Public Health Nurse at Regional Public Health for any further information on 570 900**



