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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

OB Residents Assn Annual Meeting tonight	3 December
Swimming (juniors) last week	8 December
Wheels Day	Wednesdays
Pack the Bus & Pyjama Day	4 December
Kindergarten Carols Cushion Concert	4 December
Whole School Trip to Brookfields	9 December
Piano Performance in the Library 6.15 pm	10 December
Leaver's Dinner	14 December
School Prize Giving	16 December
Last Day of Term 4 (3.00 pm)	18 December
First Day of 2016	3 February

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

There's a lot to share in this weeks newsletter, so grab a coffee find a comfy seat and have a good read.

We are learning all the time....

Many thanks to those parents who have been in touch to discuss the changes to the school organisation for 2016. It's been great to hear that you have been doing some reading and research around multi-level classes and that you have been thinking about things like Southern Zone events. Some of you suggested we meet to chat about the changes and I think that's a great idea. You are more than welcome to join me on Tuesday 8th December at 9.00am and/or Thursday 10th of December at 3.15pm, in the staffroom for a cup of tea and a chat. Alternatively give Wendy a call and she will make you an appointment.

Your child's class placement for 2016 will come home on Friday 11th December.

During Week 10, the last week of term, we have planned a series of transition activities and our students will spend some time each day with their classmates and teacher for 2016. We are very excited about next year.

Student achievement reporting

We continue to analyse your feedback regarding the reporting system and it's evident that we will need to make some changes especially to the progress reports and the way in which we deliver them.

Education Act update - Have your say

Our current Education Act became law in 1989. Changes are being proposed. This public consultation is now open and closes at 5pm on Monday 14 December 2015.

What's the point of going to school?

The Government is reviewing the Education Act and wanting the public's views about the purpose of education. This is an opportunity to have your say about what we as parents, whanau, teachers and students think successful learning looks like. It's about the future of education - and that affects everyone.

We think this conversation is way more important than the flag debate, even if it's not being given as much attention. So even if you only have a few minutes and can only answer the first question, please do, because it's the most important one: What is the purpose of education and what are your goals for your kids' schooling?

There are 3 ways you can make your submission:

Go to the [consultation website to make your submission online](#). Here you will find a video from Education Minister Hon Hekia Parata talking about the consultation, and a copy of the full discussion document.

1. email your submission to education.update@education.govt.nz

2. write to:

Education Act Update
Ministry of Education
PO Box 1666
Wellington 6140
New Zealand

Submissions close **5pm on Monday 14 December 2015**

Thanks to Matt for putting a link on our school website.

Good news and more good news

It does pay to participate in the democratic process. Thanks to EVERYONE who attended meetings, made submissions, lobbied the Councillors etc...

Camp Ground Update / OB Residents Association Annual Meeting

Here is the news release I received from the Mayor following the council meeting.

Further information on the camp ground, along with an update on the speed limit change and the landfill will be available at tonight's residents association meeting 7.00pm in the hall. I encourage you to attend if you can.

NEWS RELEASE

27 November 2015

Wellington wants a piece of the half a billion campervan market

At yesterday's WCC Environment committee it was agreed that the Council develop a regional camping strategy to provide much needed camping options for visitors to Wellington given the popularity of Wellington as a camping destination.

"The campervan market is worth \$500m a year to New Zealand. Numbers are projected to grow and Wellington is keen to get a bigger slice of this pie", says Councillor Iona Pannett, Chair, Environment committee.

The Committee agreed that there is a need to provide paid campgrounds and freedom camping sites in Wellington and that further work needs to be done on options for potential sites.

"Council has taken on board the feedback from the Owhiro Bay and wider community that we need to consider a broader range of options and identify long-term solutions for camping in Wellington. Although Happy Valley Park may still be part of a future mix of fee paying managed camping ground options, it was rejected as a freedom camping site."

"We need to balance the needs of locals with campers and provide a solution that is acceptable to as many people as possible", she says.

A report will be made to the Environment committee in April 2016 covering several options for low to moderate cost accommodation options for self-drive tourists including campgrounds for a fee, freedom camping sites and private options throughout the Wellington region. The report will also evaluate the potential for peer to peer apps and websites as options for campers and locals to use private land for tents and vehicles.

The Council will work with Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency, Tourism Industry Association of New Zealand, Holiday Accommodation Parks Association of New Zealand, New Zealand Motorcaravan Association and neighbouring councils to develop the strategy.

Kea Crossing

It turns out that Owhiro Bay School can have Kea crossing outside the school. At last night's Board meeting we all agreed that we should continue to explore this option and make a safe crossing a reality for the students of Owhiro Bay School. The crossing is likely to be placed just in front of the bus stop, and I'll be able to confirm further details once I have met with WCC representatives.

Lastly a big thank you to the team here at Owhiro Bay School for all their hard work and going above and beyond the call of duty in so many ways especially during the periods I was away on bereavement leave. You have all been fantastic.

Our next One Learning Community Event is Carols at the Kindy tomorrow night. BYO dinner or have a sausage sizzle. See you all there with your singing voices.

Falalalalalala

Tineke and the team.

PARENTLINK FUNDRAISER

The Bata Factory in Owhiro Bay are having an Open Day with lots of specials on this Saturday and have generously offered us the opportunity to run a Sausage Sizzle from 10.00 – 1.00 pm.

Sausages/bread and sauce are funded by Bata with all proceeds going to the school.

A huge thank you to Inka Jackson for organising this and her family for preparing/cooking and distributing sausages this Saturday. Please pop in and support this fundraiser.

One Learning County Fair Proceeds

Please see attached document.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Austin Kyne 4/12

Marlena Trotter 7/12

Culhane Clark 7/12

Lorenzo Buhne 8/12

Enjoy your day!



WELCOME

To Jorja and Joshua Pomfret who joined children in Room 5 and Room 6 respectively. Welcome also to their family to our school community.



PACK THE BUS AND FUN PYJAMA DAY

Tomorrow morning at approximately 10.00 am, is Pack the Bus Day and we are also incorporating a Fun Pyjama Day! The Breeze/Wellington City Mission with all their Christmas frivolity will arrive on the morning of 4 December and accept/collect around the Wellington area, gifts for families less fortunate than ours.

A Christmas tree is now in the foyer by the office for families to place their items. Please do not wrap your items, just a sticker with your child/ren's names on as they get to pack their item/s on the bus.

Some of the suggested items that would be appreciated are:

Christmas items:

Muesli Bars
Tinned Fruit
Jellies

Tinned Meat and Fish
Meals in a Can
Breakfast Cereals

Spreads: Jams, Peanut Butter, Vegemite
Fancy Biscuits and Confectionery

New Toys & Gifts: (new toys only please - and unwrapped)

Retail Vouchers
Event Vouchers: Movies, Zoo, Pool
Lego/Meccano
Art Equipment
Educational Books
Beach/Picnic/Water Toys
Puzzles

Outdoor Sports Gear
Board Games

Other:

Toiletries for the Whole Family
Please – no pre-loved toys – thanks.

Pyjama Day

We are incorporating a fun Pyjama dress up day this day as well – so come in your PJ's.

HELP

Please could all Library books, school readers, journals, rainbow readers, dice, reading and maths cards be returned to school before the end of the year. - thanks



SWIMMING

Please note that swimming lessons for the junior classes will cease next Tuesday 8 December.

Swimming 2016

Swimming lessons for all students will continue in 2016.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION DVD

These will be available from the school office in the last week of term.



VIRTUES

This week we continue to focus on "Respect" or "Whaka-ute"

You are practising Respect when you....

- Ⓢ Treat others as you want to be treated
- Ⓢ Speak courteously to everyone
- Ⓢ Take special care of other people's belongings
- Ⓢ Expect respect for your body and your rights.

Next week the focus is "Service" or "mahi-pono-mo katoa"

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Hokomaha = supermarket

SPORTS SPOT

TOUCH RUGBY – Week 5

OB1's

OB1s lost 9-1

I think we learned that it's good to be facing the opposite when they are in possession.

Lenn chased like a demon (preventing 2 or 3 tries) and Thomas scored our try.

Owhiro Bay Herons vs Owhiro Bay Rocks

Finally some good weather for the boys to show their talent.

And what a close, fast and exciting game- for the players and for supporters. With 7 tries scored in total: one to OB Rocks, then one to Herons, another to the Rocks, with return fire from the Herons; the Rocks came through again with the Herons retaliating...and the Herons sneaking a last goal in in the final minutes

Good performances all round. Freeman was player of the day for the Herons for his two fine tries and Arun for the Rocks

Excellent game boys.

FLOORBALL – Week 6

The Year 6 OBS Stingrays put in a great all round performance and thoroughly deserved their 6 – 1 semi final win over Island Bay. Some good passing enabled the sharp shooters, Arun (4), Roshan and Ollie to get on the score sheet. The team are growing in confidence and it was difficult to name a player of the day. After careful

consideration it was agreed that this should be a team award this week. Well done the Stingrays and good luck for the final next week!

Yr 4 Orcas played Worsler Bay an unfortunately lost 4-1. However it was a high energy fast-paced game with our kids running their hearts out and putting up a fight. Player of the day was Santiago.

Year 3 Snappers - WOW!!! What a magnificent game! Their first win for the season 3 -1, played against Island Bay Stormers. It was a great team effort. There was lots of great defence & attack and most importantly there were great team work. We had great goalies: Aoife & Eli saving lots of goals. Ella & Eimear did some great passes to Erika & Eli which gives them the opportunities to strike 3 goals. The team has developed

Cigna Kids Waterfront Fun Run

Come and be a part of the Cigna Kids Waterfront Fun Run on Wednesday 16 December at Frank Kitts Park. Personalised race bibs, certificates, spot prizes and a Cigna Carnival including a BBQ, face painting and much more. Races for pre schoolers through to year 8s. First race starts at 4.30pm. Only \$7 to enter at www.athleticshub.co.nz or contact Jo Murray for more info at jo@athleticswellington.org.nz. Enter before 8 December for your personalised bib and certificate and the chance to win spot prizes.

Babysitting Service

My name is Elle and I am 22 and have recently finished my Bachelor of Nursing, and am looking to help out a few families over the summer holidays and increase my childcare experience as I am hoping to be an au pair in Italy next year. My cell is 0273148036, or I can also be contacted with this email address.

Island Bay Community Carols

The Island Bay Community Carols evening is happening on Sunday 13th December, 5-7pm, on the lawn of St Hilda's church, 311 The Parade. Come along for the free BBQ (including vege/gluten free), organised 'Push Play' games, and carol singing. Gather your family, a blanket and some picnic food and enjoy some favourite Christmas Carols! Coffee, ice cream and soft drinks are provided.

Stardate 2016 – January 8, 9, & 10th

Stardate is a three day convention for people interested in astronomy and viewing the night sky. It caters for beginners through to experienced astronomers with a range of talks, workshops and observing sessions. A large variety of telescopes will be available to explore the wonders of the Universe. This year's Stardate also includes geology and a field trip to the magnificent Waiohine Gorge. Stardate is the place to meet other people and share ideas. This year's convention will be the 28th year that Stardate has been held, making it the longest running, and largest star-party in New Zealand.

Stardate 2016 will be held at Stonehenge Aotearoa, near Carterton in the Wairarapa. The main part of the programme will be based around the 8, 9 and 10th of January but attendees will be able to arrive earlier by arrangement. This is an attractive site with good swimming holes in the Ruamahanga River just down the road. The wine growing areas of Martinborough, Gladstone and Masterton are within 30mins.

Camping and caravans is the order of the day. Attendees will be able to use the toilets and other facilities in the AV centre. Barbecues will be available and we will arrange a mobile caterer to visit the site. We do not have bunk rooms, however, full details of local accommodation are available at <http://www.stonehengeaotearoa.co.nz/Tours++Treks/Booking+Your+Visit/Carterton+Accommodation.html>

Registration costs will be the same as last year: \$23 for adults, children (pre-teens) accompanied by parents free.

If you are interested in attending Stardate 2016 please email Kay Leather: hellfa@xtra.co.nz with Stardate in the subject line.

Missing Kitten

Last seen around 34 Happy Valley Road on Saturday 28 November.

A distinctive looking, lean, leggy cat with wavy, black/grey fur and huge ears.

We miss him and want him back. The children are devastated.

He could be locked in a shed, hit and disposed of or may have been 'rehomed'?

It is unusual for him to go far from home, so if you have seen him, or any cat like him please call or text me. 049703434 or 0220344667.

A reward is offered for his return or information leading to his whereabouts.

