



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates To Remember

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| • Board Election Date—voting closes 12.00 noon this Friday | 7 May |
| • ERO team visits Owhiro Bay School— Powhiri 9.00 am | 17 May |
| • Parentlink Meeting 2.00 pm in the staffroom | 21 May |
| • Band and Music Tuition begins | 25 May |
| • Orchestra Concert & visit to Te Papa/Sea Museum | 28 May |
| • Queens Birthday Break | 7 June |
| • School Planting Day | 11 June |
| • Sportzone Soccer Tournament (at school) | 14 June |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Many thanks to the parents/caregivers and families who have already talked with us or sent back the yellow feedback sheet that was in with your child's written report. We really appreciate you sharing your thoughts and letting us know how clear these were in letting you know how your child is achieving in reading, writing and mathematics. Your feedback will help improve the way that we work with you to continue to improve your child's learning.

Constable Duncan was in school again yesterday as part of Kia Kaha programmes in classes. He was reinforcing our school message about recognizing bullying as hurtful behaviour which may be words or actions. We work with the Police bi annually to focus on what bullying is and taking positive action to stop it. However this is something that the school endeavours to work on continually with students and their families. The definition our students, staff and community worked on together is...

Owhiro Bay School Definition of Bullying:

At Owhiro Bay School we believe that bullying is a community issue.

Bullying is unacceptable, deliberate, hurtful behaviour.

We regularly work with students to help them identify different types of bullying, where it occurs and the impact of bullying. We work also work with parents/caregivers and families to help support students to take action when they feel hurt by another person's words or actions.

At Owhiro Bay School we have zero tolerance for any disrespectful or bullying behaviour. **We do not tolerate:**

- 1. damage to property or taking other peoples things**
e.g., graffiti, littering, defacing others work
- 2. physical hurting or violence**
e.g., poking, pinching, pushing, inappropriate touching.
- 3. play fighting, weapons or war toys**
e.g., using sticks as swords, guns, pocket knives
- 4. hurting with words**
e.g., put downs, swearing, racist comments, gossip, yelling inside.
- 5. threatening words or body signs**
e.g., fingers, rolling eyes, peer pressure.

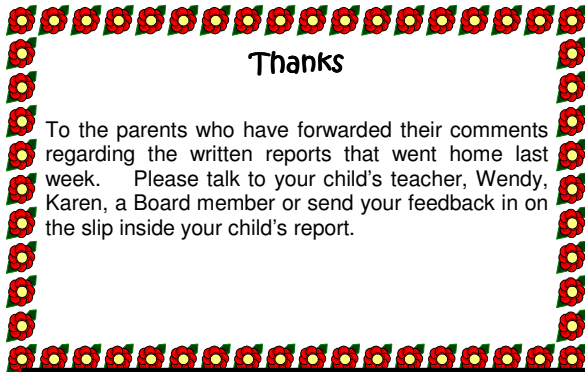
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All classrooms have recently reviewed our school rules with their teacher. These reviewed rules have been attached to this newsletter for you to talk with your child/ren about and are based on the five rules in 'Te Aratika o te kura o Owhiro – Owhiro Bay Pathway' (our school curriculum):-

1. **Be considerate**
2. **Be kind**
3. **Be respectful**
4. **Be careful**
5. **We are peacemakers**

Children work with their teachers to interpret these rules. You may notice that the reviewed **Rules for Owhiro Bay School Playground** attached to the newsletter, are written in the children's language. These rules help our school to be a positive, peaceful environment which encourages non-violent interactions. We promote this so that all our students are able to learn and develop into capable, confident, connected young people who are actively involved and developing into life long learners. Thank you for continuing to talk with your child/ren about their learning and supporting them with this. Thanks also for working with the school when any issues arise for your child. By supporting them to bring this to our attention we can work together to help resolve anything that may be troubling them or adversely affecting their learning.

Ka kite
Karen



Thanks

To the parents who have forwarded their comments regarding the written reports that went home last week. Please talk to your child's teacher, Wendy, Karen, a Board member or send your feedback in on the slip inside your child's report.

PRINCIPAL/PARENT CUPPA & 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 morning does not suit you.



TERM 2 DONATIONS/TRIPS

Statements are coming home with your child today. Please look out for these in your child's bag. As is the case each term, you may wish to pay by installments, or automatic payments. Please just contact the office to arrange this as suits you. Our account details are printed on the bottom of each statement for your use.

Donations are tax deductible and receipts will be issued for all payments. 1/3 is refundable from the Inland Revenue Department.

Any queries regarding statements, please contact Wendy in the office. Thanks.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees has been scheduled for Tuesday 25 May at 7.00 pm, however this date and time will be confirmed with the new Board once they take office.

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

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

A reminder that this month an ERO team is visiting our school as part of their regular cycle of visits.

The team are in our school the week beginning 17 May. Our review team is lead by Claire Cockburn who is accompanied by Beverley Steele, and Christine Austin. All parents and caregivers are welcome to join students and staff to help us welcome these visitors and to speak with them about our great school. The Powhiri will be on the morning of 17 May at 9.00 am.

ERO reports are designed to support our school's own self review processes and programmes. We welcome the Review Team and their feedback on how we can continue to improve what we do to promote student learning and achievement at Owhiro Bay School.

**School Trustees Board Elections
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

The election for the Owhiro Bay School Board of Trustees closes at noon this Friday 7 May. You must get your voting paper to the returning officer (postmarked before 12.00 noon) or into the school office by noon on Friday for it to be counted. Also we ask that the word **VOTE** is placed on the outside of the envelope.

There are eight candidates standing for the five parent representative positions on the Board of Trustees. They have all provided short profiles, which can be viewed at www.owhiro.school.nz/bot.html or in the foyer of the school office.

Don't forget that these people are seeking to be your representatives on the Board. School trustees have a very important role in helping to ensure that every child achieves their potential at school. Here are some of the things they do:

- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school
- Monitor how the school is progressing against its annual targets and how well students are achieving
- Consult with the community.
- Support the principal and the development of all staff.
- Decide how the school's funding will be spent.
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

Being a school trustee is an important job so please try and find the time to view the candidate profiles so you can make an informed choice—and get your votes in!

Your votes are all counted by Thursday 13 May so on Friday 14 May a note will come home once the returning officer has notified the school to let you know who has been elected to our new Board of Trustees. The new Board takes office from Friday 14 May.

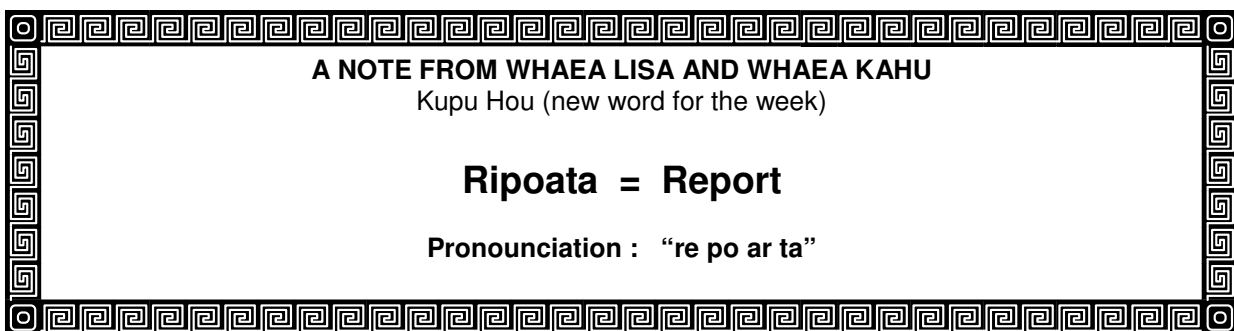
If you have any questions about the election process, our returning officer is Jan Bergquist, 029 9347147.



VIRTUES

This week the focus is "Justice" or "U-ki-te-tika" which means being fair in everything you do. Seeing with your own eyes and not judging someone or something by what other people tell you. It is standing up for your rights and the rights of other people. It is taking responsibility when you make a mistake and making amends.

Next week the focus is "Self-discipline" or "whai-aaro".

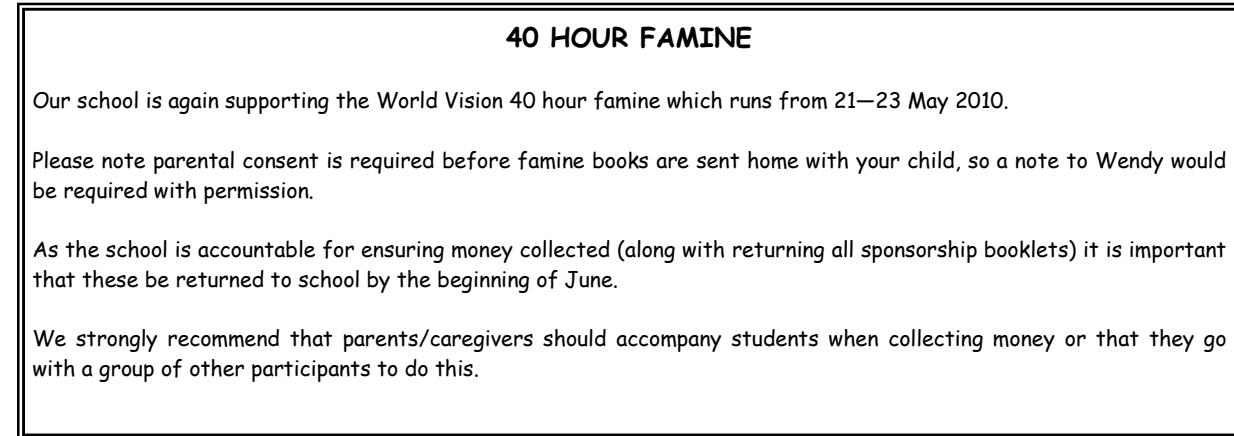


A NOTE FROM WHAEA LISA AND WHAEA KAHU

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Ripoata = Report

Pronunciation : "re po ar ta"



40 HOUR FAMINE

Our school is again supporting the World Vision 40 hour famine which runs from 21–23 May 2010.

Please note parental consent is required before famine books are sent home with your child, so a note to Wendy would be required with permission.

As the school is accountable for ensuring money collected (along with returning all sponsorship booklets) it is important that these be returned to school by the beginning of June.

We strongly recommend that parents/caregivers should accompany students when collecting money or that they go with a group of other participants to do this.

A NOTE FROM OUR STUDENT COUNCIL....



Come along at 2.15pm on 11 May

**The Owhiro Bay School Student Council
is supporting the
OXFAM Fair Trade Coffee Break campaign.**

We would like to invite all Parents and Caregivers to see our whole school Kapa Haka session followed by a cup of FairTrade Caffè L'Affare coffee or tea for \$2.00 donation to OXFAM

**On Tuesday 11 May
Starts: 2.15pm Kapa Haka in the hall followed by coffee in the staffroom.**

PARENTLINK

Parentlink is your school fundraising committee. Please help us continue to raise funds for much needed new IT resources for student learning at Owhiro Bay School.

New Promotion for Term 2: The Little Red Book

Treat yourself to \$1000 worth of dining and entertainment discounts including:

- 2 for 1 main meal deals at Cafe Neo, Dockside and Masala.
- 2 tickets for \$20 and 2 gold lounge tickets for \$50 at Reading Cinemas
- Buy one game get one free at The Lanes Bowling Lounge
- 2 for 1 adult admission to Zealandia, Wildlifel Karori

Plus many more great deals for a night out, a coffee break and weekend and school holiday fun!

This is fantastic value for only \$29.95 and the school receives \$8.00 from every sale!

A sample book can be viewed at the school office. For more information please visit

www.LittleRedBook.co.nz or contact Helen Orange on 383 5223 or mattandhelen@xtra.co.nz

To purchase your copy/s please return your order (below) and payment to the school office.

Owhiro Bay School T-Shirts

There are still some size 10 and 12 good quality school t-shirts available. Remaining stock is being sold at a reduced price of only \$15.00. T-shirts can be viewed and purchased at the School Office.

Entertainment Books

The Entertainment Book contains hundreds of 25-50% off and two-for-one offers from popular restaurants, cinemas, hotels and arts and leisure activities. Books cost \$60 each and \$12 from every sale goes towards our school fundraising targets. An Entertainment Book can be viewed at the School Office.

Next Meeting: 2pm Friday 21 May in the school staffroom. All parents, caregivers and your ideas are very welcome.



And watch this space for a tasty croissant



fundraiser coming later this term.

THE LITTLE RED BOOK



Your name:.....

Your child's name and room number:.....

I would like to order copies of the Little Red Book @ \$29.95 each = \$.....

Please make cheques payable to Owhiro Bay School or place the correct cash in an envelope.

Thank you for your support.

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.

STAR DANCE ACADEMY WELLINGTON

A wide range of dance styles for youth.... Hip-hop, Jive, Disco, Fun Dances, Jazz, Dance Games, Cha Cha, Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, Team Work, Confidence, FUN!

Newtown Hall - Corner of Daniell and Constable Street, Newtown.

Wednesdays - Juniors (5-7yrs)/ Intermediates (8-9yrs) = 3.30 - 4.30pm

Wednesdays - Seniors (10-15yrs) = 4 - 5.15pm

Fees: Juniors/Intermediates = \$60 a term/Seniors = \$70 a term (9 weeks)

Contact: stardancewellington@gmail.com for information or visit www.stardanceacademy.co.nz

DREAM IT DANCE IT DO IT

NEW! After-School Computer Programme at Samuel Marsden Collegiate

Bubble Dome is launching an exciting new afterschool programme in 3D Animation, Games Design and Inventions at Samuel Marsden Collegiate this term on Wednesday afternoons for 8 weeks starting May 12th. This is an 8 week programme, open for all students aged 6- 11 years interested in Computers, Art, Design, and Inventions. Students will be given a software list so they can continue using the software for their own school and personal projects providing hours of learning and creative opportunities! Spaces strictly limited.

For questions Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438 282) or Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or Visit:
www.bubbledome.co.nz.

HARBOUR CITY GYM SPORTS

Term 2 Gymnastic classes at "Harbour City GymSports commence Monday 26th April. For enrolment and registration information please contact our office ph: 386 4443 or email: office@hcg.org.nz or visit our website www.hcg.org.nz

GERMAN GARAGE SALE - FLOHMARKT

This Saturday 8 May 2010 between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm at the Ngaio Union Church, Cnr Crofton Road and Kenya Street.

Children's gear (clothing, toys....), household items and German food.

RULES FOR OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

(Reviewed with children – April 2010)

<p><u>GENERAL RULES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fences are <u>not</u> for climbing – please use the gates. • If a ball goes over the fence ask the duty teacher before getting it. • Talk nicely to each other – no swearing or put downs. • Be friendly/nice to each other – no fighting or play-fighting. • Take turns. • Include others in games. • Bounce balls outside, not inside. • Put your rubbish in the bin. • Walk around corners and inside the buildings. • Keep bags tidy. • Sit down when eating. • Eat healthy food – no sweets at school. • The area behind Room 4 and the shed is a no go area. • Be sun-smart – wear sun-hats in Terms 1 & 4. • Go to the toilet/have a drink at the 5 minute bell. <p><u>ON THE ADVENTURE PLAY-GROUND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave bark on the ground – don't throw bark or sand. • Only 20 swings on the swing. • Play safely on the equipment. • Take turns. • No ball tag in junior playground 	<p><u>ON THE COURTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the space. • No wheels on the courts unless it is wheels day. • Don't climb the fence. • Don't hang off the hoops or nets. <p><u>ON WET DAYS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it rains go inside to play or on decks. • Stay inside. • Stay in the same place. • Do not walk around or play/be in the corridors. • Use quiet voices. • Look after class games. • Pack up at 5 minute bell. • Stay in one place (choose classroom, library or video then stay until end of break). <p><u>ON THE FIELD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop the game if someone gets hurt. • Play by the rules. Check that everyone is clear about the rules before the game begins. • Touch rugby – no tackle unless with a coach or teacher. • Be a good winner and loser. • Let everyone play. • When the bell goes stop the game. • Get a teacher if it gets physical. • No play fighting. 	<p><u>INSIDE THE CLASSROOM OR IN THE CORRIDORS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking only. • Look up to go around corners • Stay out of the corridors on wet days • Keep bags and clothes tidy. • No riding on anything with wheels • No bouncing balls inside. • Pack up games when you are finished. • Leave other people's things alone. • All cellphones and valuables go to the office in the purple bag. • Stereo's, computers and the hall can only be used with adult supervision <p><u>FOR CONCRETE/SHADE CLOTH AREAS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No climbing the shade cloth • No wheels in the area. • No shoes, toys or balls to be thrown over shade cloths.
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