



## OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates to Remember

◆ Swimming for Rooms 1 & 3	until 13 April
◆ Bike & Road Safety—Constable Duncan visits	6, 7 & 13 April
◆ Student Council Mufti Day	15 April
◆ Last Day of Term 1 2.00 pm	15 April
◆ Beginning of Term 2—8.55 am	2 May
◆ Life Education Mobile Classroom in School	2-4 May
◆ Written Reports Come Home	11 May

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

A big thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have been accompanying your child/ren to, and participating in, their Three Way Conference learning conversations yesterday and today. Also thank you to our teachers who had an extremely long day yesterday. It is great to have such purposeful conversations about your child's learning successes and their next learning steps with them.

At Owhiro Bay School we actively promote the key competencies as keys to students learning. We focus especially on the key competency of **Managing Self**, which is associated with self motivation and a "can-do" attitude where students see themselves as capable learners. Managing self is an integral part of self assessment which is essential for learning.

In essence, the only way we can learn is if we manage ourselves –ie: choose to take part, think about our next step and actively engage in activities that help us work towards achieving our goals. Much of what we do as parents, caregivers, families and educators is to encourage and support students to do this – to be learners who have strategies for meeting challenges. By encouraging children to set goals, to aim high and to make the most of all the opportunities to further develop their skills and abilities we are encouraging them to be people who manage themselves, to be resourceful, reliable and resilient.

On-going discussions about learning, setting goals, using mistakes and challenges as opportunities for learning, along with encouraging students to make connections, is a way we can continue to develop the competency of managing self and learning in our students. The New Zealand Curriculum states that students who manage themselves "*establish personal goals, make plans, manage projects and set high standards. They have strategies for meeting challenge. They know when to lead, when to follow and when and how to act independently.*"

So please continue to have those learning conversations with your child/ren on a regular basis about their goals and next steps, and encourage them to take ownership of their learning. Also if you have any feedback regarding the Three Way Conferences we would love to hear from you – both what went well and suggestions for improvements. You can talk directly to myself, your child's teacher or email/drop a note into the office. Staff and students will also have an opportunity to provide feedback to improve conferences for next time ie: in term 3.

Enjoy the remainder of the week.

Ka kite  
Karen 

## Thanks

To Sarah, Leroy's caregiver for noticing the sump cover off and helping Karen to lift and return it to ensure safety of all our students on the field.



## Welcome

To Anusha Noble who joined children in Room 5 last week. Anusha has a brother in Room 6

## Mufti Day to Support Japan—Friday 15 April

The Student Council have organized a Mufti Day to fundraise money for Japan after the devastation from the earthquake and tsunami

Please come wearing red and white, the colours of the Japanese flag on Friday 15th April (last day of term) and please bring a gold coin donation.

Proceeds will go to the Red Cross.



## SWIMMING

A reminder to Room 1 and 3 children to bring their named togs and towels each Monday and Wednesday. Please also name underwear and garments your child is wearing as it helps identify items in the changing sheds.

Buses depart school for the Aquatic Centre at 9.25 am to enable children to be ready for 10.00 am lessons.

## Safety in the Sun

Children are encouraged to continue wearing sunhats until the end of the term to keep them safe from UV Rays.

## 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 does not suit you.

## LOST PROPERTY

Please check the huge amount of lost property in the box outside the lunchroom in the main corridor. There are many items that need to be re-united with their owners.

At the end of term, any un-named, unclaimed items will be given to a local charity.

**STUDENT COUNCIL & STARSHIP FOUNDATION  
COLLECTION OF OLD CELLPHONES**

A reminder to ask your friends, family, neighbours, workmates to send their old mobile phones along to school so we can convert them into valuable educational resources for our school such as interactive whiteboards, computers, camcorders, books and sports gear and at the same time raising funds for Starship's National Air Ambulance Service.

Once collected we can swap them from a list of available products. Each reward has a set value (number of phones) that can be swapped (with as few as 50 phones).

A marked collection box can be found in the foyer—opposite the school office.  
Please place those unused mobile phones in this box.



**FOUND**

A green collapsible chair was left at the hangi. If this belongs to you, please contact the office or claim this from the staffroom.

**PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

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

The next Sausage Sizzle is this **Friday 6 May (after the holidays)** – children can have a sausage wrapped in bread with yummy tomato sauce for just \$2.00. Profits will go towards a **new computer cow** – to allow more children access to ICT.

If you can spare an hour or so to help at a sausage sizzle – any first Friday of every month – please contact Rachel 383 955 or e-mail [rachandchris@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rachandchris@xtra.co.nz) She is setting up a roster and would appreciate all offers of help.

**NEXT PARENTLINK MEETING**

The next meeting of Parentlink is held at Klare Braye's house, 117a Severn Street, Island Bay on Tuesday 10 May at 7.30 pm.

Why don't you come along—Parentlink is a friendly, inclusive group of parents and all are very welcome.

**PARENTLINK FUNDRAISING  
THE 2011/12 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

The 2011 / 2012 Entertainment Book has just been launched and is available to purchase through Jennifer Dunn, text 027-444-9679, ph 934-2179 or email [kevjdunn@paradise.net.nz](mailto:kevjdunn@paradise.net.nz). Jenn will be selling Entertainment books in the school office foyer Wednesday 6th April from 2:45 - 3pm.

The Entertainment Book offers great discounted rates at Wellington cafes, restaurants, family attractions, services, cinemas plus accommodation in NZ & Australia.

A sample of the book for you to look over can be found in the school office foyer.

The books cost \$60 and can be used immediately, expiring June 2012. \$12 from each book sold goes to Owhiro Bay School. You only have to use the book a few times to recover the cost of purchase.

## NEW ENTRANTS BEGINNING SCHOOL

As we are currently looking at future school organization, we are keen to know of children who are likely to start our school in 2011–2013.

Please could you notify the school if you have a child starting school, a sibling of one of our existing students or a neighbour, relative that you know may have a student who will be starting at Owhiro Bay School over the next three years.

As always we ask you to encourage your friends, neighbours, family and acquaintances to come in to our school to consider whether this is a place that they would like their child to be supported in their learning and development during their primary schooling at any time, even if they are considering enrolling their child at another school and would like to see how Owhiro Bay School compares.

### A note from Whaea Lisa

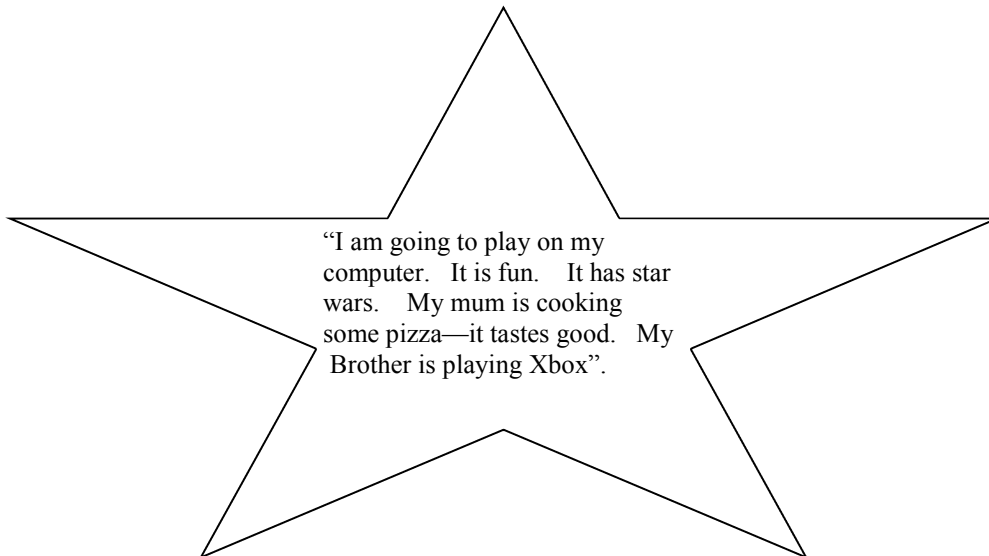
Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

**akonga = learner**

Pronunciation : ar-korng-a

## STAR WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week our star writer is Te Rangihau Te Uatuku (age 8) from Room 6 for developing detailed planning to write an exciting recount.



## VIRTUES

The focus this week is “Perseverance” or “U-tonu-tanga” which means being purposeful and steadfast. It is sticking to something, staying committed, no matter how long it takes or what obstacles appear to stop you.

Next week the focus is “Trust” or “whaka-ae-tika”.

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)

## HELP WANTED – WORKING BEE - HELP NEEDED

Hi Caregivers + Parents + Pupils + Community,

At Owhiro Bay School we're looking to organise a working bee on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011.**



The biggest project is to replace the bark in the junior playground but at the same time we want to do a general tidy up around the school.

We have a variety of jobs to tackle and we need people with specialised skills, as well as those willing to grab a shovel, wheelbarrow or gardening fork – there will be a way that you can help!..

- ◆ **General helpers** – Replace bark in junior playground, trim trees along fence line, clean guttering, hose down buildings, general clean & tidy, remove concrete path.
- ◆ **Gardeners** – Tidy and improve existing gardens.
- ◆ **Plumbers** – Replace two hand basins, guttering repairs, fix toilet overflows.
- ◆ **Builders** – General repairs & maintenance to make the school safer.
- ◆ **Painters** - General repairs & maintenance to keep the school looking sharp!
- ◆ **Electricians** – Install & replace exterior sensor lighting and other minor works.
- ◆ **Engineers** – Help to design/draw future projects for consideration eg: volley wall.
- ◆ **Cooks** – BBQ sizzle. To help fuel the kind considerate people who have pitched in and given their time and their skills for our children.
- ◆ **Gophers** – Just help fill the gaps, to make the day easier for all!

Should you want any further information please feel free to contact George Theodorou 021-760 847 or 383-8407 or [georgetheodorou@clear.net.nz](mailto:georgetheodorou@clear.net.nz)

If you are able to help out with any of the work & another day suits better than the weekend working bee, please contact George direct or make note on slip below.

If you could complete the form & return to school offering your services it would be greatly appreciated!

Name/s -

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Home Phone -.....

Mobile Phone -..... e-mail -.....

Service & skills you are offering:

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Any equipment or resources you may have available or access to, e.g. Tip truck, trailer, chain saw, concrete breaker, sky hook, garden hoses, wheel barrows, anything you may consider helpful.

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Other preferred day(s) to offer my services are.....

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**On behalf of the students of Owhiro Bay School Board of Trustees, teachers/staff & community we thank you in advance.**

## 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.

### ***KIDSCO April Holiday Programme: Theme: Journey into Space!***

Dates: Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 April 2011

The children will work together in teams to create a big moon base that will double as a set for "space travel" play throughout the week. Following that they will create accessories to complement their space fantasy activities.

As always we'll keep the activity stations open to enable children the variety that they enjoy at KIDSCO Programmes, and the opportunity to stretch their legs for the more energetic of the group.

Book your place now online at [www.kidsco.co.nz](http://www.kidsco.co.nz). or simply email us at [kids@kidsco.co.nz](mailto:kids@kidsco.co.nz) if you have already completed an enrolment form this year.

### **ISLAND BAY WEIGHTLOSS CHALLENGE**

Join a fun Weightloss Challenge to help you reach your goals!!

The Challenge is 12 weeks and costs \$49

You'll get:

\* Group support

\* Your own personal coach

\* A free meal plan

\* Helpful tips and information on good and long term health

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

Call me for more information or to reserve your spot.

Alexia : 0800 145 111

Next group starts 12th of April

### **NEWTOWN MOVIE SCHOOL**

Making stop motion movies in the school holidays

Monday 18 to Wednesday 20 April 2011 (3 days - 9am to 5pm)

Cost \$200

Nitro Movie Challenge Monday 18 to Friday 22 July 2011 (5 days - 9am to 5pm)

Cost \$200

Programmes are limited to 12 children aged 9 to 15.

Registration forms and examples of our previous movies are on our website - [www.acumen.net.nz/pages/MovieSchool.html](http://www.acumen.net.nz/pages/MovieSchool.html)

Or contact Craig Lauridsen (04 389 1000 / 021 966 277) or [craig@acumen.net.nz](mailto:craig@acumen.net.nz)

### **MOGMUSIC**

School holiday music classes. Please phone 3848-213 to book in.

MOGGIE GRAYSON

### **Parents help during holidays**

Kia ora!

My name is Ursula Rojas, I'm Sebastian's mum (room 1). Like other parents, school holidays is a difficult time for me because I have to continue working and studying (like many of you!), and holiday programmes are bit expensive for my budget. So, I wanted to suggest that we could help each other by creating a free holiday programme, between ourselves, the school parents.

My idea is to take it in turns for each of these days to look after all the kids in one house, and the next day someone else looks after the kids in their house, so you will have 4 days to do your own things and one day with the kids. I think this a good idea, because it is free and, it is good for the children as well (they will not be bored, they will playing with their school friends).

So, if you are interested in participating, please don't hesitate to contact me by e-mail: [ursula2312@gmail.com](mailto:ursula2312@gmail.com), mobile: 021-02501176, or at the school, in order to arrange everything before holidays.

