



## OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates to Remember

◆	End of Year Reports come home today	7 December
◆	School Picnic	8 December
◆	End of Year Trip (Rooms 1 & 3)	13 December
◆	Farewell Assembly for Abby—9.00 am	14 December
◆	Cushion Concert and Farewell to Year 6's— 6—7.00 pm	14 December
◆	Farewell Assembly for Year 6 students—9.00 am	15 December
◆	Last Day of Year—2.00 pm finish	15 December
◆	First day for students at school in 2012	<b>Tuesday 31 January</b>
◆		<b>(not Monday)</b>

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Please look out for your child's report. It is coming home to you this evening. We hope that you enjoy reading the summary of your child's successes in learning, their current learning levels and their next learning steps. Remember that these reports are sent home to you this week so that you have the opportunity to talk with your child's teacher if there is anything that you wish to clarify or ask before the end of the year.

Although I am always proud of the achievements of our students, it is at this time of year when we reflect on the effort and energy they put into their learning that we realise and appreciate how much they have developed, along with their many accomplishments during the year. I also think of the amazing support that our families and community provide to enable the realization of so many of the learning goals we have for our students. Developing the key competencies of *Thinking, Using Language, Symbols and Texts, Managing Self, Relating to Others, Participating and Contributing* are equally as important – along with the values and virtues that are important to our community. Last week we were very humbled by the demonstration of generosity from you all when supporting the 'Pack the Bus' initiative... especially so close to the Community Fair this year. Thank you all for thinking about children and families who may not have had such a cheerful Christmas without the lovely gifts and food that you donated

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank your child/ren's teachers for the huge effort and amount of time that they have devoted throughout the year to providing exciting and challenging learning programmes for your children. Also for the huge extra effort in recent months to provide the clear, detailed reports that you will receive today. The professionalism of our teachers/staff and the quality of the work they do with your child is one of the wonderful attributes of Owhiro Bay School.

With one more week of busy learning programmes, we also remind you to take note of the dates and times of special events in the above 'Important Dates to Remember'. We look forward to our final get together for the year next Wednesday. The annual Cushion Concert provides an hour of fun, singing and celebrating our year together. Please note that it starts at 6pm and you may wish to bring a cushion if sitting on the carpet for that length of time is not so comfortable for you. There will be a few chairs at the back of the hall for more elderly people/those unable to sit on the floor. The Cushion Concert will be finished by around 7pm so those wishing to move on to the 'Carols in the Park' will find that you can also take in that event should you wish.

We are hoping that the weather fines up for the walk to and picnic at Shorland Park tomorrow. Please join us for the walk as we leave at 10:30am tomorrow, or over at the park for lunch.

Enjoy the rest of your week

Ka kite  
Karen



## THANKS...

Thank you to Faith, Helen, Helen, Michael, Adrienne, Alexia, Kirsten, Sharon, Lynda, Kim, Emma, Klare and Ling who came along on the Room 5 & 7 class trip on Monday. We hope you enjoyed your day.



To Ishani Noble who helped out with the lunch ordering during Crazy Hair Day last Friday. Your help was much appreciated. Sixty dollars has been forwarded to Parentlink for "treat" foods from the fair.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY

A number of books were found during stocktake. If your child is still needing to return a book then a notice will come home with the book name and author later this week. If you are unable to find it we ask for \$10.00 towards a replacement for this book.



## VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Humility" or "ngakau papku" which means not acting as if you are more important than other people. Happy to serve others and think their needs are important. Don't expect others/yourself to be perfect. Don't criticize others/self. It involves admitting mistakes and learning from them.

Next week the focus is "Cleanliness" or "Nohama"...and a great way to end the school year and perhaps something your child/ren will continue to practice at home during the week—and over the summer break.

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)

## STUDENT COUNCIL/ SAFE THE CHILDREN 'CRAZY HAIR DAY'



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Save the Children/Student Council "Crazy Hair Day" and supported this fun day.

It looked like a magical land in school last Friday...with some very imaginative and whacky hairdos.

## SUMMER TERMS AND SUN PROTECTION

Just a reminder that in Term 4 and Term 1 each year, children need to wear a sunhat when outside or in the playground. The school does not provide sunhats so if your child does not bring one to school they will need to play under the shade cloth during breaks in Term 4.

We also encourage students to wear sun block and sunglasses when they are outside during the summer months to keep them safe from the sun's harmful rays.

### **A Great Xmas Present!**

We have some Owhiro Bay Recipe Books that make fantastic gifts for family and friends. These are now available at the much reduced rate of \$5.00 per book.



Please send your orders in or contact the office to view this fantastic little book with taste sensations and family recipes shared by people from our community.

### **SHORLAND PARK TRIP THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER**

We are going on a picnic. Would you like to join us tomorrow? The whole school are going on a trip to Shorland Park in Island Bay. We will follow our regular route, walking up Robertson & Severn Streets, over the hill through the Town Belt, and down Oku St and Milne Tee to Shorland Park.

After lunch and a play at the park, we return to school around the coastline via The Esplanade and Owhiro Bay Parade.

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who have offered to come along tomorrow. We still need some extra adults to join us for the walk to and from the park and look forward to other adults and families meeting us at Shorland Park. If you can accompany us on the walk, please contact either your classroom teacher or Wendy.

The trip will take most of the day. We are leaving school at 10.30 am.



### **A note from Whaea Lisa**

*Kupu Hou (new word for the week)*

**Kia ora koe = thank you (one person)**

**Aroha ana = thank you**

Pronunciation : key or-ah kor-eh  
Ah-row-ha ah-nah

## Staffing and Organisation 2012

### Full time

Karen Hardie	-	Principal
Deanne Daysh	-	Harakeke (R5) year 0/1 teacher, Deputy Principal (juniors)
Shelley Berry	-	Karaka (R7) year 1 /2 teacher, Reading Recovery, Senior Teacher
Rowena Johnstone	-	Tawa (R6) year 2/3 teacher
Nicola Clissold	-	Karo (R1) year 4 /5 teacher
Therese Young	-	Pohutukawa (R3) year 5/6 teacher, Deputy Principal (seniors)

### Support Staff

Wendy Davenport	-	Office Manager
Joanne Leggett	-	Accounts Manager
Faith Governor	-	Teacher Aide
Shan Jordan	-	Band and Percussion Teacher
Lisa Reweti	-	Te Kete Rourou (Maori Enrichment)
Bizhong Fu	-	Cleaning staff
Baoling Yang	-	Cleaning staff



Professional Garden Services - Lawns, rubbish, grounds maintenance

## 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.

### CAFÉ@CHURCH

Fundraising projects for Developing Countries

Thanks to families who came to café @ church on Sunday at St. Hildas Church – we made all together \$ 88.10 which means \$ 44.10 goes to Owhiro Bay School .It would be GREAT to see even more families coming on 11th of December AND 18th of December at St. Hildas Church, 311 The Parade Island Bay from 2.00—4.00 pm.

Profits made from the 4 Sunday's before Christmas will support Owhiro Bay School and Christian World Service hunger relief projects in Africa and other countries.

Coffee, hot chocolate, tea juice, iced chocolate, iced coffee and cake.

### THE MUSIC CENTRE

"The Music Learning Centre is now accepting enrolments for 2012. Please email [info@musiclearning.co.nz](mailto:info@musiclearning.co.nz) or call 232-1231 to organise lesson times or to arrange an audition for the choir or string orchestra". The Music Learning Centre 9 Fitzwilliam Tce, Tawa Wellington 5028 New Zealand

### COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

Community Carol Service. All the churches of Island Bay are getting together to organize an afternoon of fun and games, Sausage sizzle and Carols on Sunday 11th Dec. 4.30-7pm on the lawn behind St Hilda's Church (311 The Parade) If wet in the hall. We would like to welcome you all to bring a picnic, and join in the fun.