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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Onsie Day	9 September
Powhiri 9.00 am	16 September
SWIS Open Day 9 am – 12.45 pm	16 September
Last Day of Term 3.00 pm	23 September
Term 4 begins 8.55 am	10 October

COMING UP

Owhiro Bay Country Fair	27 November
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WEEKLY EVENT

Monday	Marzipan Drama classes 8.00 am In the hall Creek Crew/Stream Team 9 – 11 am
Wednesday	Wheels Day Yoga/Pilates Classes 6.30 pm In hall
Thursday	Recorder Classes 8.30 – 8.50 am Code Club 3.30 – 4.30 pm
Friday	Coffee Group in the staffroom Last Friday of each month Assembly 2.20 pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Thank you everybody for the various ways in which you supported the staff yesterday. I was pleasantly surprised at the number of you who were able to pick up your children for the afternoon. Everything ran like clock work and the staff are now more informed of the possible ramifications of the

proposed changes. I'd like to point out that we are not anti-change per se but we are against those changes which threaten the quality of education and don't put children first. I have some home extension to do around the Parliamentary process involved in amending existing Acts, as once the changes are made we are bound by law to comply. I'll keep you informed of further developments. Various view points and further information can be found at:

- www.education.govt.nz
- www.nzei.org.nz
- www.educationcouncil.org.nz

Congratulations to Parent Link on running a successful Movie Night for our community. Overall this event was enjoyed by many. As with anything new, we've learned what we need to tweak for next time. I'm looking forward to adding this evening to our annual calendar of events.

We have a mountain of lost property which can be found in the corridor near the entrance to the hall. Please take the time to check to see if any of it belongs to you.

At Owhiro Bay school we actively discourage the bringing of toys and sports equipment to school. We provide sufficient sports equipment and have plenty that our students can share and play with together. We accept no responsibility for loss or damage of things brought from home. With the latest Star Wars craze we have had lots of light sabre action. In developing the Key Competencies of Managing Self and Relating to Others we have been monitoring these games and have observed sharing and creative play among a wide range of our tamariki. Lately however students are complaining of being hurt so it's time to leave the light sabres at home.

E tipu e rea- in our children lies our future.

Nāku noa nā,
Tineke and the team



ICT STRATEGIC PLAN

As part of our ICT Strategic Plan, we have been reviewing our processes and procedures for the use of ICT at school. Part of this review has been looking at a Cybersafety Use Agreement for students.

Coming home today along with the newsletter is the new Cybersafety Use Agreement for students. This involves parents and students discussing the expectations when using school ICT equipment and co-signing an agreement to the Code of Conduct. This document outlines processes to keep our students safe online and expectations for behaviour when using equipment.

Please return the signed document by the end of term to Wendy please.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks
Vikki

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

To Ollie Bond, Te Rira Solomon-Murch and Lily Taylor who represented the school in the Interzone Swimming Sports yesterday.

Thanks Jo Solomon for the photo and the following comments:

"All three children represented Owhiro Bay School with pride. They each did well in there own individual events, cheering each other on through all there races. I couldn't be more proud as parent seeing such great sportsmanship from them all. Ollie, Te Rira and Lily were awesome!"

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday wishes to the following children who have birthdays coming up:

Terrence Tan 8/9

Egerton Garland-Ross 9/9

Freeman Dombroski 10/9

Han-shun Lu 13/9

Enjoy your Day!



2017 START DATE

For your information, Term One at Owhiro Bay School begins on Wednesday 1 February 2017 at 8.55 am.

VIRTUES

For the remainder of term, our focus is "Respect" or "Whakaute"

I am practising respect when I...

- Treat others as you want to be treated
- Speak courteously to everyone
- Take special care of other people's belongings

Congratulations to Jade Sadler, Rogue MacLeod and Makaela Cheung who won the virtue voucher drawer last week.



ONSIE DAY – THIS FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Owhiro Bay School is having a "Onsie Day" this Friday to raise money for Wellington Free Ambulance. Bring a gold coin donation and wear your Onsie. There will be cupcakes for sale too!

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Ka kino kē a...! = ...is too much!

PARENTLINK

Here is the latest news from the Fair Committee.

Next Fair Committee meeting

The next Fair Committee meeting is **Thursday 13 October** at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. There will be a short Parent Link meeting beforehand starting at 7.15pm. If you or anyone you know are interested in helping to organise the Fair, or have some great ideas about how to improve the Fair, please come along to the meeting. We still have some roles to fill and we would really appreciate your help.

Electronic volunteer sign-up sheet

You can now sign up for specific roles, or register your interest in helping on a stall on fair day. Simply click on the following link:

<http://signup.com/go/7NVpPp>

Note, you don't need to sign up using facebook - just enter your email address in the box provided (and re-enter it to confirm it, as prompted)

Please save any good quality used items you might wish to donate to the fair

We will be opening the school garage on a regular basis in the next month or so for donations of good quality used items that we can sell at the Fair.

We would be very grateful for donations of good quality, clean, clothing, books, toys, bric-a-brac, puzzles, complete games, good quality dvds and cds, household items, tools, bikes and garden items.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for updates on when the garage will be open for donations.

Raffle prizes

We will be running a raffle as part of the Fair this year and we would be very grateful for donations of any items that we could include as raffle prizes.

- Do you work for, or know of, a business that may be willing to donate a prize or a service?
- Do you have 'un-needed' items or gifts (brand new, in original packaging) that we could include as a prize or as part of a hamper pack?
- Do you own a holiday home or bach? Would you be willing to offer a weekend stay as a prize? If you think you might be able to help us with raffle prizes, please let us know.

Garden Stall request

Please start thinking about planting / repotting seed and plants for fair. All plant donations, especially natives, will be gratefully received.



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Friends of Owhiro Stream

Kia Ora ki nga matua me nga tamariki o te Kura o Owhiro

This Saturday, 10 September, Friends of Owhiro Stream will be working at Murchison St, hoping to plant the remainder of our beautiful specimens from Berhampore Nursery. Sadly, our working bee in August was cancelled due to the terrible weather, and now the official planting season is over and getting these plants into the ground is an urgent matter. Working with you all in July was such a huge success at Domanski Crescent, we are hoping some of you could spare an hour to plant a tree or three with us on Saturday. We would really appreciate your support!

Nga Mihi
Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream

Pridelands

Pride Escape is returning in 2017! With more adventures to be enjoyed such as mini-quad bikes in the bush, skiing on Mt. Ruapehu, exploring glow worm caves in Waitomo, Action World theme parks in Taupo, Black water rafting in the South and so much more to explore and enjoy in our beloved country.

In summer 2017, we will be escaping to Taupo. Two groups will be traveling together: Juniors (9 -13 years) and Seniors (13 – 17 years).

Pride Escape has been a popular programme and so we have decided to take bookings a term in advance. This way, parents can also plan their busy lives around it.

We kindly ask that you put this information in your newsletter or send it to your clients, especially those that are seeking an adventure of a lifetime in our own backyard.

To see more about past Pride Escape Programmes, visit our Facebook page:<http://www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare>

Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club **Registration day Saturday 17 September 2015**

Summer is approaching and that means one thing – cricket! Cricket is a great sport. It encourages team participation, development of ball skills, concentration and kids have lots of fun!! Last season we had competitive teams in all Cricket Wellington grades from year 2 through to year 8. Cricket is for EVERYONE! We encourage both boys and girls to get involved.

The Club is holding a registration day on Saturday 17 September, which will run from 10am – midday at the old Wellington Bowling Club (above Tanera Park), off Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn.

For more information contact: Geordie Tsourgas - Ph: 0274038903 or go to www.bjcc.co.nz

