



## OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates to Remember

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| ◆ Parentlink Meeting 7.30 pm                               | 20 September |
| ◆ Whole School Production (Thursday evening) - 6.30 pm     | 6 October    |
| ◆ Final Day Term 3 (2pm finish)                            | 7 October    |
| ◆ First Day Term 4 (8.55) am Tuesday following Labour Day) | 25 October   |
| ◆ Owhiro Bay Community Fair                                | 26 November  |

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Thanks to everyone who participated in the exciting week of book related activities. It was a fun way to reconnect us all with books and the joy of reading. Congratulations to the families who won the quiz draw this year and to all of you who took part. A special thank you to the students and their parents/caregivers who thanked the teachers for their hard work in preparing such a wonderful week of activities.

Jus a reminder that the school production is scheduled for the final Thursday in the term— 6 October. The children are currently working with their teachers putting this together. Tickets will go on sale for the show from Monday 19 September at the school office. Look out for more details on this in next weeks newsletter. Please check that Thursday 6 October, 6.30—7.30 pm is in your diary so that you don't miss this great show that will be performed in the hall at South Wellington Intermediate School. We look forward to seeing you there enjoying the wonderful talents of your children.

Have a great week.

Ka kite   
Karen.

## Thanks....

To Tony Keddy for the loan of his prop/door frame for the entranceway into Narnia last week during book week.

To the U Family for the donation of the beautiful couch for Harakeke (Room 5)

To Melanie Wallace who has offered to change and wash the hand towels in the Room 6/7 bathrooms.

To all the parents, families who took part in Book Week—reading with students, coming to Booknic, visiting the Book Fair with your child/ren and helping them with their book character costumes and wearing pyjamas last week.

To all the families who bought books at the Book Fair and to those of you who kindly donated fourteen new books to the library. Once these have been processed they will be accessible to 115 children, after the family who donated them have had the opportunity to read them. Invoices for books will come with today's newsletter and books forwarded to you/your child on receipt of payment.

## Wanted for Discovery Time Please!

If you have any of the following, please deliver to Room 5 or drop off at the office:

- ◆ Unwanted perfume
- ◆ Old bones and xrays
- ◆ Paper Towel inners (cardboard rolls)
- ◆ Old business shirts)
- ◆ Dress up clothes
- ◆ Builder/construction hard hats.

Thank you. The children will really benefit from these donations.

## VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Creativity" or "whaihanga-tanga". This is the power of imagination, it is a way to develop your special talents and seeing something in a new way or doing something in a different way. Creativity is using your imagination to bring something new into the world. Without creativity life would be boring—things would stay the same. Being creative is about developing your interests and learning/practicing talents to be better and better.

Next week the focus is "Enthusiasm" or "Maia".

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)

## PRINCIPAL/PARENT CUPPA AND A 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.

## PARENTLINK PAGE

### PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The next sausage sizzle day is Friday 7 October (the last day of Term 3) Children can have a sausage wrapped in bread with yummy tomato sauce for just \$2.00. Students need to bring their order to school in an envelope with their name, classroom and number of sausages required which needs to be written on the outside of the envelope and the correct change inside. Profits go towards a new computer cow.

If you can spare an hour or so to help at a sausage sizzle—any first Friday of every month—please contact Rachel 3839.557 or email [rachelandchris@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rachelandchris@xtra.co.nz).



### ELECTION DAY FAIR

The annual fair is on Election Day (26 November 2011, from 10.30—2.00 pm) this year. As our school is a polling booth, we hope to attract more than the usual visitors.

Ishani is co-ordinating the fair for the school and kindergarten this year. Please talk with her about your ideas for this event and how you can support this event.

Ishani Noble  
Ph. 3838.555

#### Raffles

Thanks to Donna Graham who has offered to be a co-ordinator for school-sourced raffles this year and to Nic Furlong who is co-ordinating Kindergarten-sourced raffles..

Please contact Donna if you have any contacts who might be able to donate items for the raffles. Also, if families within the school or kindergarten would like to donate an item (eg. chocolates, wine, toiletries- that kind of thing) that would be gratefully received. Donna's email address is [jazzgraham@yahoo.com](mailto:jazzgraham@yahoo.com)

The next meeting is on Tuesday 20 September at Ishani and Peter Noble's house, 84 Happy Valley Road (back section) Owhiro Bay. All very welcome.

### ABACUS CALENDARS, CARDS AND DIARIES FUNDRAISER

Your child/ren are currently creating fantastic artwork that can be transformed into professionally printed calendars, cards and/or diaries. These make great gifts, are ideal for posting overseas and the calendars are perfect for the family fridge! Every sale makes a return to our school fundraising so thank you for our support!

Art Calendar	\$10.00
Art Cards	\$12.00
Art Diary	\$15.00

Please note the following timelines:

21 September	Order forms sent home—please return to the school office with correct payment
19—30 September	Please view your child/ren's artwork at the school office and submit your order
<b>MONDAY 3 OCTOBER</b>	<b>LAST DAY FOR ORDERS</b>

You will receive your order back by Friday 4 November.

### MULCH FOR SALE

Hooray. We are selling bark mulch to raise funds for the school. This is a great time of year to give your garden some TLC so please purchase this and tell your family/friends that it is available from the school. We also need 'people-power' to help bag the bark. Bags are available from the school office or 199 Happy Valley Road—so you can do this in your own time and decide on how many bags you are able to fill to help raise funds for your child/ren's school.

For more details contact Sue on 938.2484.

**\$5 per  
bag—**

### STAR WRITERS

Our star writer this week is Jasper Feenstra (Karakā/Room 7) - age 5— for making good language choices to make his writing exciting to the reader.

*“The little caterpillar munched and crunched. He was very hungry.  
He ate fruit”.*

### A note from Whaea Lisa

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

**Whutu-poro = rugby**

Pronunciation : foo-too—pore-raw

### YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

A reminder that we only have three weeks left of this fundraiser. Please keep munching your way through Yummy apples and collecting the stickers.

More sticker charts are available from the office.

We look forward to receiving our share of the sporting equipment that comes our way after this campaign ends in September.

### EMAILING NEWSLETTERS

In an effort to reduce paper cost, we continue to email newsletters each Wednesday for parents/caregivers who have provided their email addresses. If you have changed or yet to provide us with your email address, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

## BOOK QUIZ

Congratulations to all of the 19 families who entered the Book Quiz during Book Week.

There were five families who answered 39/40 accurately so the three winners were drawn from those:

1st Prize  
of \$50.00  
book voucher

Millie Holloway & Family

2nd Prize  
of \$30.00  
book voucher

Matthew Debreceny & Family

3rd Prize  
of \$20.00  
book voucher

Jack & Bela Graham & Family

Also congratulations to:

- \* Shivani & Aryana & Family
- \* Adam Roberts & Family

Who also answered 39/40 questions correctly.

### Hygiene and hand towels – your help please

In the school bathrooms we provide a foaming anti-microbial, alcohol free sanitizer which is said to kill 99.99% of germs and harmful bacteria. We encourage children to use this regularly to prevent the spread of germs and infections that can be present on their hands... especially during the winter months and with the current ills that are around!

Also there is liquid soap and towels provided for washing dirt, paint, etc from hands. Due to the environmental impact and cost of paper towels, we provide material towels for drying hands after washing away dirt or paint. Naturally these towels require regular changing and washing. Teachers have been doing this. However we would welcome parents who could take responsibility for the regular washing/changing of these – on a roster for a particular bathroom area. Thank you to Melanie who has offered to do this in Tawa (Room 6) and Karaka (Room 7) bathroom area.

If you are able to help collect/change towels on a particular day each week for one of the bathroom areas ie: Room 4/5, Room 6/7 or Room 1/3, please contact the office and let us know which day you could help. Also if you have any hand towels that you no longer require at home and would be happy for us to use, it would enable us to change the towels more regularly.

### THANK YOU FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Thank you to those parents/caregivers who were able to come to our Booknic and read books to us. We enjoyed your company!



Kind regards

The Student Council and Owhiro Bay School.

### SPECIAL SPORTS NEWS

#### Lions Players

A big thank you to Steve Drummond for organizing the Wellington Lions Players that visited our school recently. The children were enthralled by each of the players. They had many questions to ask the players about what it is like to play professional rugby, as well as enjoying practicing different rugby drills with them. It was fantastic to have four positive and professional role models promoting sport in the school. The staff and children appreciate the time that Steve and the players took to provide an exciting afternoon of fun. They also loved the Lions mascot who accompanied the players on this visit.

#### Southern Zone Swimming

On the 23 August our school participated in the Southern Zone Swimming Sports. Teachers and parents were extremely proud of our students, the way they waited patiently before their events, and the way they put in 100% into each race. A special congratulations goes to Nina Maurer and Nelson Ah Hoi for coming first in their events and making it through to the Inter-Zone Swimming Sports.

A thank you also to the parents who transported, marshaled and supported the students in getting to their races on time. Your efforts are truly appreciated by the students and the staff.

Shelley Berry  
Sports Co-ordinator

### 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.

#### BROOKLYN JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club is holding registration sessions for the 2011 – 2012 season from 10am -12 pm on the 17th and 24th of September. Also, an Introduction to Cricket for Girls will be held on the 18 of September from 10am. Registration and the Girls introduction session will be held at Wellington Bowling Club, Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn. Contact Mark Jones ph 389 1067.

#### MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church Sun 11 September 4pm at St Matthews, 96 Washington Ave. Looking for a church where you can be creative and have fun? Join us at Messy Church. No sitting quietly required! Activities suitable for babies to adults. For more info contact Lynley 389 3518 or St Matthews 389 3470.