



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

www.owhiro.school.nz

Issue No. 17

8 June 2011

Important Dates to Remember

◆	Whiterea Dance Performance 2.00 pm	10 June
◆	Board Games in the Bay (this Sunday)	12 June
◆	Matariki Celebration 2.15 pm	14 June
◆	Emergency Evacuation Practice	16 June
◆	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm	21 June
◆	Emergency Evacuation Practice (postponement date)	23 June
◆	Parentlink Meeting	28 June
◆	Student Council/Red Socks Day	8 July
◆	Harry Potter Film Evening	14 July
◆	End of Term 2	15 July
◆	Beginning of Term 3	1 August
◆	Community Meeting 6.30 pm	11 August

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Remember this Sunday is "Board Games Day" in the school hall. Come along with your family and friends for a fun time. We hope you can make some time to join us to play games with your children (and take a break from the wet weather!). See you at 2.00 pm this Sunday.


Next Thursday's whole school evacuation practice will go ahead unless it is wet and/or very cold. Please remember to check out where to collect your child/ren as they will be in the Tsunami Safety Zone ready for pick up at 2.30 pm. See you all there next Thursday.

Enjoy the shorter week.

Ka kite
Karen



Thanks

To Sid Johnson for dismantling the nets from the courts on the weekend all ready for repair and to George Theodorou who is endeavouring to repair these. 

To Donna Graham for the wonderful plaster of paris, Egyptian figurines she made for children in the junior syndicate to paint last week as part of their discovery time. They were amazing Donna—thanks.

To Jenny Smith for helping adults in the school with IT skills/knowledge. Your help is very much appreciated Jenny.

To Peter Noble for coming into school regularly during lunch hours with his board games to introduce to students.

To the Morgan family for the donation of buckets and spades to the school. These will be well utilized.

SECURITY CALL PERSONNEL

Do you live fairly local to the school and would be prepared to be on our building alarm callout list and thereby saving the school valuable money? In the past, callouts have been for minor reasons, insects walking across sensors, rodents, draughts and a curtain setting sensor off. All is required is that someone come in to school with the guidance of the security monitoring service who will advise the location of the problem area, investigate (with the Police if you feel unsafe) and re-set alarms.

If you can help, please contact Wendy at the school.

Thank you again to Grant Maiden who has helped us over the last couple of years. Thank you also to Michael Dombroski and Mark Bailey (an ex-parent of the school) who are remaining as call out people. We really appreciate this "behind the scenes" help.

Invitation to a Performance

You are very welcome to join your child/ren and their teachers to watch the Whiterea Dance Performance in our hall at 2—3.00 pm **THIS** Friday.

This show encompasses the cultural diversity of Maori, Samoan, Cook Islands and contemporary dance.

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.



STUDENT COUNCIL—RED SOCKS DAY

Remember the Student Councils "Red Socks Day" on Friday 8th July. National Red Socks Day is a day during Leadership Week where we can celebrate great leaders and the difference a great leader can make. By celebrating Leadership Week, we are celebrating great leaders and Sir Peter Blake. Money will go into helping the Sir Peter Blake Trust run programmes such as Care for our Coast and Antarctica Leadership Programmes in Schools.

Red socks will be sold at school for \$3.00 on 8 July.

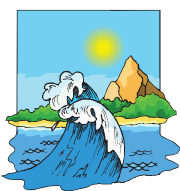


VIRTUES

The focus for this week is "Caring" or "Manaaki" which means giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. When you care about people you help them. When you do a careful job, you give it your very best effort. You treat people and things gently and respectfully. Caring people help others feel less alone. Because they care, others trust them. Caring makes the world a better and safer place.

Next week the focus is "Honesty" or "pono-nga".

If you are interested in finding out more about The Virtues Programme developed by Linda Kavelin Popov try looking up www.virtuesproject.com



ANNUAL EMERGENCY EVACUATION PRACTICE—2011

*Please remember to check
out where your child will
be evacuated in the
likelihood of a Tsunami*

This year the scenario for the emergency evacuation practice from the school site, is a large earthquake with the resulting likelihood of a tsunami heading towards Wellington. We will be evacuating to our Tsunami Safety Zone which is up the road from Domanski Crescent, across the road to the clearing or carpark on the left, half way up Murchison Street.

Please note the map attached to this newsletter to indicate where you (or your emergency release adult) will be expected to collect your child whenever there is a large 'earthquake/tsunami' emergency. It also marks the escape route that staff and children follow.

We will not be telephoning parents and caregivers to notify them of the event as the scenario is that there is a significant 'earthquake with a resulting tsunami' requiring immediate evacuation. In any large earthquake you will know that our emergency procedure requires us to evacuate the school to the Tsunami Safety Zone and to expect your child/ren to be there for pick up.

This practice will occur next Thursday 16 June in the afternoon. There is a postponement date of the following Thursday afternoon (ie:23 June) if the weather is appalling and a health risk. Students **need to be** collected from 2:30 – 3:00pm on the day of the evacuation practice by one of their emergency release adults.

As always we appreciate your support and apologise for any inconvenience the evacuation may cause your family.

We are collecting a small amount of food on site that could be used in the event of an emergency. The suggestion is that families donate a can or packet of food that would be stored in the school. Each year when the whole school evacuation practice occurs, we ask parents and caregivers to donate a can or packet of food. The previous years donations will be forwarded to the City Mission for their foodbank.

Please deposit your food donations in the bin in the foyer over the next week. Thanks.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property bin in the corridor outside the lunchroom. There is a HUGE amount of clothing that needs to be re-united with owners.

Thank you.

Matariki Celebration – 14 June

Kia ora koutou

Parents and caregivers are invited to join us at a Matariki Celebration on Tuesday 14 June at 2:15pm in the hall. Your child is performing some kapa haka items followed by afternoon tea with the parents and caregivers who can make it along. Please can your child **bring along some food to share** as part of this event next Tuesday. Kia ora and thanks.



A note from Whaea Lisa

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Korowai = cloak with tassles

Pronunciation : kor-o-why

A Note from Owhiro Bay Kindergarten

Please see the flyer from the Brainwave Trust attached to the newsletter.

“We are very excited to be able to offer you the opportunity to hear a representative of the Brainwave Trust present on brain development from to age three. The focus strongly on the importance of the early years.

It is something that is highly recommended and we think is worth getting a baby sitter for”.

Please RSVP to owhirobay@wn-kindergarten.org.nz by Monday 13 June.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is on Tuesday 21 June at 7.00 pm.

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

PARENTLINK PAGE

BOARD GAMES IN THE BAY—This Sunday (12 June) 2-5.30pm, Owhiro Bay School Hall

Enjoy a great family afternoon playing modern board & card games like the Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride and Carcassonne. Free entry. Refreshments and goodies are available so bring your pocket money to spend if you want.

Donations of plates of food and goodies to be sold would be much appreciated. These can be dropped off on the Friday to the staffroom or bought along to the event on Sunday from 1.00 onwards.

Games supplied by www.BoardGameRentals.co.nz with people available to help teach. We will have games available for sale. 50% of game sale profits go to Owhiro Bay School's Parentlink.

SUSHI LUNCHES—EVERY THURSDAY

Don't forget to have your order in by **9.00 each Wednesday** or make it easy on yourself and pre-pay for the whole term. Just email us at wrapitupsushi@gmail.com **Having trouble remembering to order? If you would like a reminder email every Tuesday drop Rachel & Jane a line at wrapitupsushi@gmail.com and you'll never forget your sushi order again!**

Orders must be in an envelope (with the correct money), the child's name, room number and order on the outside. Envelopes can be dropped off in the plastic container in the foyer opposite the school office no later than 9.00 am on Wednesday.

PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

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

The next Sausage Sizzle is **Friday 1 July** — 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 the 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.

2011/12 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The 2011/2012 Entertainment Book is available to purchase through Jennifer Dunn text 027 444-9679, phone 934.2179 or email: kevjudunn@paradise.net.nz

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

A sample of the book for you to look over can be found in the school office foyer and orders can be placed at the office to be picked up by Parentlink.

The books cost \$60.00 and can be used until 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.

NEXT PARENTLINK MEETING

The next meeting of Parentlink is held at Klare Braye's house, 117a Severn Street, Island Bay on Tuesday 28 June at 7.30 pm.

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

NEWSFLASH!

We have secured the premier of
**HARRY POTTER-THE DEATHLY HALLOWS -
part two (last of the series)**

Thursday 14th July 8.30 pm at the Empire
Tickets \$20 are on sale from Sunday 12th at the
games day, from 2.00 to 5.30 from the school hall,
and then on Friday mornings from the foyer.

Alternatively contact klare on
klare.braye@matuaraki.org.nz.

STAR WRITERS

This week our star writers are:

Ayla Sweet-Edgington Room 3 (Age 10)

For an effective piece of writing that included some excellent language choices.

Martin McPhee Room 3 (Age 10)

For putting in a huge amount of effort and perseverance into producing and publishing an amazing comic strip book using ICT.

Zoe Ioannou Room 1 (Age 9)

For writing an outstanding report that included an opening and conclusion, along with accurate paragraphing.

Mac Johnson Room 3 (Age 9)

For writing such an effective explanation on how to play Quidditch and re-working the draft for effect.

Drown

By Ayla Sweet-Edgington

My feet could not touch the ground. I was reaching for the rope. Too late, the waves were coming. I went under then up again, gasping for air. Grab the rope the life guard called out. "Are you ok?" "Yes", I replied even though I wasn't. The wave was coming. Kicking my feet hard out, I went under, came up, grabbed the rope. I breathed with relief. I climbed from this rope to the next. I got sucked in to the swirl of suction. I went under, up, under. I tried to get hold of the walls. My hand slipped. I was nearly out. I was floating in the calm shallows with my eyes closed. SPLASH!! The bucket filled with water came rushing down on me.

About Owhiro Bay School An excerpt from Zoe's Ioannou's report

Owhiro Bay School is a friendly place. We have won an environmental award. Owhiro Bay School is on the bottom of the North Island, at ninety six Happy Valley Road.

The school has five classrooms, a Reading Recovery Room, an office, a Principal's office, a staffroom and a library. The teachers are very kind and helpful.....

.....Miss Hardie is the Principal of OBS—she is a lovely lady, she is a very nice Principal.....

....At OBS the year five and six's have jobs like bell, office, purple bags, ordering and assembly leaders.....

Owhiro Bay School is a good school, let your children join in the peaceful environment—so call us today.

Quidditch By Mac Johnson

Quidditch is a fast, competitive game which is played on a broomstick. There are 3 chasers, 2 beaters, 1 seeker and 1 goalkeeper.

The chasers are the ones who get the points. They have to throw the quaffle (a wooden ball) into 1 of 3 elevated hoops while the beaters throw bludgers (also wooden) at the chasers. The beaters have bats which they can whack the bludgers with. The seeker is very important. They have to catch a tiny flying ball called the snitch. Like the chasers, the seeker can get points as well by catching the snitch which is worth a lot of points.

The seeker, like the chasers can be hit with bludgers. When the snitch is caught, the game ends.