



OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

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| ◆ Swimming for Rooms 5, 6 & 7 | last day today |
| ◆ Red & Black Market (for Christchurch) Day— OBS— 2.30—4.00 pm | today |
| ◆ School Fun Run | 4 March |
| ◆ School Fun Run | 11 March |
| ◆ 2011 Capital E National Arts Festival—Rooms 5, 6 & 7 | 16 March |
| ◆ School Hangi - 5:00pm | 18 March |
| ◆ Swimming starts for Rooms 1 & 3 | 21 March |
| ◆ 2011 Capital E National Arts Festival—Rooms 1 & 3 | 24 March |
| ◆ Three Way Conferences | 5 & 6 April |
| ◆ Bike & Road Safety—Constable Duncan visits | 6, 7 & 13 April |
| ◆ Last Day of Term 1 2.00 pm | 15 April |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

What a wonderful day of demonstrating the virtue of the week at school today! Not only was it some fun... but inspiring to see our students thinking of others, wanting to give to them and make a difference in their lives. Service is all about these things. Thank you to the Student Council for organizing the Red and Black Canterbury day, and encouraging us to think of the students in Christchurch, and their families by donating a coin to the relief fund. Also a big thanks to Rooms 3 for organizing the Market Day and Room 1 for the wonderful jam and pikelets they made for this. The funds raised will be well appreciated. Last week Rowena was helping the Search and Rescue, and Civil Defence team in Christchurch, so knows first hand how many people need service from others during this challenging time.

Just a reminder that this Friday is the final day for discounted hangi tickets ie: \$12 per ticket. Please get yours by Friday as they sell for \$14 a ticket from Monday. Last year tickets were all sold prior to the day of the event which was disappointing for those who came to purchase tickets then. Thank you to all the wonderful people who have offered their services by contacting the office or putting their name by a task on the board in the foyer. *'Many hands make light work'* and helps everyone join in the fun of this great event in our community. We look forward to seeing you all next Friday.

Have a great week

Ka kite
Karen



SWIMMING

A reminder to all Room 1 and 3 children to bring their named togs and towels each Monday and Wednesday from Monday 21 March. Please also name underwear and garments your child is wearing as it helps them identify those 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

URGENTLY REQUIRED PLEASE

5, 6, 7 year old boys and girls pants/trousers/leggings for our spare clothing basket. If you have any of these that your child has grown out of, please drop them off at the school office

Safety in the Sun

During Terms 1 and 4, wearing of sunhats is compulsory in the playground, so please check your child as a **named** hat to wear at school. 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 area during breaks in Term 1.

We also encourage the use of sunglasses and sunblock during these summer months.



Principal/Parent Cuppa & Chat

Please remember Karen is available on Monday mornings at 9.00 am for a cuppa and a chat.

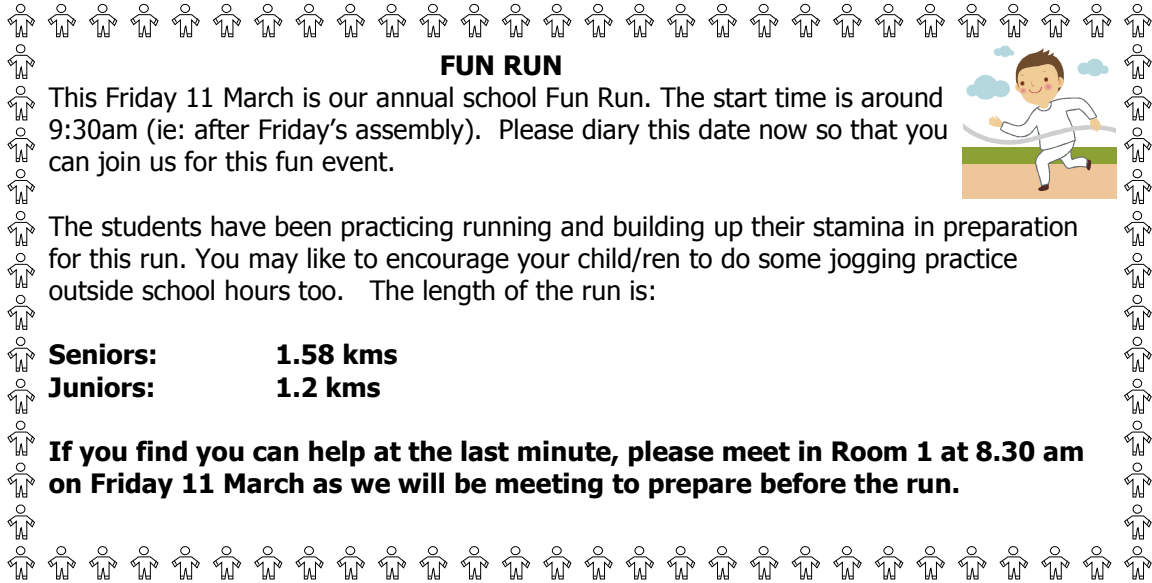
If there is anything you would like to discuss/chat about or wish to have clarified, please join her then or feel free to speak to Wendy and make an appointment to come and see Karen at another time if the Monday does not suit you.



MOBILE DENTAL UNIT

Please note we have been notified that the Mobile Dental Unit plan to be at Owhiro Bay School in June.

For any emergency dental treatment before then, please phone 027 241 8647. The Mobile Unit is currently situated at Brooklyn School.



FUN RUN

This Friday 11 March is our annual school Fun Run. The start time is around 9:30am (ie: after Friday's assembly). Please diary this date now so that you can join us for this fun event.



The students have been practicing running and building up their stamina in preparation for this run. You may like to encourage your child/ren to do some jogging practice outside school hours too. The length of the run is:

Seniors: 1.58 kms
Juniors: 1.2 kms

If you find you can help at the last minute, please meet in Room 1 at 8.30 am on Friday 11 March as we will be meeting to prepare before the run.

**CHRISTCHURCH FUNDRAISING
RED & BLACK MARKET DAY
OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL**

The Student Council is combining with Pohutukawa (Room 3) and Karo (Room 1) to invite you to help fund raise for the Christchurch victims by coming along to our market this afternoon (Wednesday 9 March) from 2:30 to 4:00.

We will be selling yummy food like cakes, muffins and sherbet under the shade cloth. Karo (Room 1) will be selling their homemade jam with pikelets in Room 1. There will also be fun games and activities. We hope to see you there.

On Red and Black Market Day the Student Council is encouraging you to wear red and black and bring a gold coin donation to fundraise money for the children in Christchurch.



**MEDICATION/ASTHMA
INHALERS AT SCHOOL**

Please check to see if the ventolin inhalers or medication that is kept at the school for your child are checked and replenished if necessary and are within the "use by date".

Thank you.

**A NOTE FROM OWHIRO BAY
KINDERGARTEN**


Please ensure that if you use the Kindergarten grounds out of hours, that items of playground equipment and sand etc., are left exactly how you find them

**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.



VIRTUES

The focus this week is "Service" or "mahi-pono-mo katoa" which is giving to others and wanting to make a difference in their lives. It is looking for ways to be helpful instead of waiting to be asked. When you work with a spirit of service, you give any job your best effort. You make a real contribution. When you want to be of service, watch to see what people need. Then do something to help. You can serve the earth by not wasting things, re-using and recycling. People who want to be of service can change the world.

Next week the focus is "Consideration" or "Aaro-nui".

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

THE 2011 CAPITAL E NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Rooms 5, 6 & 7

As part of the Capital E National Arts Festival, Rooms 5, 7 and 6 will travel by bus to the following performances next Wednesday 16 March:

10.00 am Passing Wind at Paramount Theatre
11.30 am Grimace at Downstage Theatre

Buses depart Owhiro Bay School at 9.15 am and return at 12.20 pm

As seats are limited at these performances, no further parent/caregiver help is required thank you.

Rooms 1 and 3

As part of the Capital E National Arts Festival, Rooms 1 and 3 will travel by bus to the following performances on the following Thursday 24 March:

10.00 am Grimace at Downstage
1.15 pm Boats at Capital E



Buses depart Owhiro Bay School at 9.15 and return at 2.05 pm.

As seats are limited at these performances, no further parent/caregiver help is required thank you.

Please note that the cost of these performances come from Term 1 trip money that you are asked for.

A NOTE FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

If you have any unwanted large buckets you no longer need, i.e., paint buckets or similar, the Student Council require these for carrying mulch.

Please bring these to Room 6 or 7.

Thank you
The Student Council

**ANNUAL SCHOOL HANGI
18 MARCH 2011**

Next Friday 18th March is the annual hangi. The evening begins at 5.00 pm with some whaikarero and waiata by the children and the hangi is lifted at 5.30 pm. We hope you can join us for this social occasion. If you are not fond of hangi food, please BYO food/takeaways and join us for this evening get together. Please bring a few \$1.00 or \$2.00 coins for the raffle on the evening and something to sit on outside.

Tickets are on sale now. Please purchase before 3.00 pm this Friday 11 March for tickets priced at \$12.00 per adult portion/parcel of food. Tickets purchased after this date are \$14.00. Each food parcel contains, mutton, pork, chicken, pumpkin, kumara, cabbage, potato and stuffing (sorry no specialist diets can be catered for). You may like to share a parcel between two or more people. Please indicate whether an iceblock is required when ordering tickets as one child's iceblock is included in the price of each hangi ticket. Further iceblocks tickets for additional children—are available from the office at 50c.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have already volunteered their help either before, during or after the hangi. We will be in touch with you in the next week. There is a "Help Wanted" board in the foyer of the school office for you to add your name if you can help or please contact the school office as soon as possible.

We still require:

- ◆ 2 more people to empty rubbish bins and put full liners into skip (end evening 7.30–8.00 pm)
- ◆ People to tidy the pit area and put dry sacks away in shed the morning after the hangi.
- ◆ 1-2 more people to collect rubbish and place in the rubbish skip at the end of the evening
- ◆ 1-2 people to collect iceblock tickets and distribute iceblocks

Please drop off supermarket bags and newspapers for the hangi in the trays in the far end of the school hall. Thank you.

A note from Whaea Lisa
Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Te Ika a Maui = North Island

Pronunciation : te—eeka-a-mou-e

STAR WRITERS

This week our "star writers" are from Room 7:

Angela Peng (age 6)

For writing a long story using her alphabet card to put all the sounds she hears in words to write independently.

Jack Graham (age 5)

For writing an interesting story about dinosaurs by adding a variety of details.

Victoria Prestwood-Smith (age 6)

For adding interesting details in her description of a Wolf, using the words around the room and on her word alphabet card to spell the words accurately.

Gabriel Hawkings (age 6)

For adding many exciting details in writing about a wolf and attempting commas when listing these in sentences.

By Angela Peng

The wolf eats pigs and the wolf is big and the wolf is angry. The wolf is hairy, the wolf was very angry. Wolf are scary.

By Jack Graham

Dinosaurs died from an asteroid from out of space and it hit the world and dust came out of the world. Dinosaurs died and people came alive.

By Victoria Prestwood-Smith

The wolf is furry and old and mean and has a big breath and sharp claws and sharp toes, big eyes and smart.

By Gabriel Hawkings

The wolf is after a pig! He is angry, bad, smart, he roars and he is mean. He likes pigs, has furry bushy tail, he's old and has sharp teeth, big black nose, blows things down, has a big breath, sharp claws, pointy ears, sharp toe nails, sharp finger nails and mean.

PARENTLINK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thank you to everyone who supported the sausage sizzle last Friday.

A reminder that on the first Friday of every month Parent Link will run a sausage sizzle at lunch time. The next Sausage Sizzle is **Friday 1st April** – children can have one sausage wrapped in bread with yummy tomato sauce for just \$2. 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 She is setting up a roster and would appreciate all offers of help.

PARENTLINK MEETING

Drinks and nibbles at Sue's place

You are invited to our next gathering that will be held at 119 Happy Valley Road - Sue Raue's place – so come and find out what Parent Link is all about. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and caregivers in a fun, friendly and informal setting and to help our school purchase important resources for our kids.

When: Tuesday 22 March

Time: 7.30pm

BYO: Drink and nibbles

See you there!

Would you like more information about Parent Link? Please feel free to contact: Yvonne Trask 383 5946 or email: yvonneyvonnevitch@gmail.com or Rachel Roberts 383 9557 or email rachandchris@xtra.co.nz.

THREE WAY CONFERENCES AND GOAL SETTING MEETINGS

These three way conferences are being held on Tuesday 5 April and Wednesday 6 April. This meeting is an opportunity for you and your child to meet individually with your child's teacher to discuss their learning goals and achievements. Your confirmation slips will come home with your child on 21 March, along with an information sheet about the meeting and a preparation sheet for parents and caregivers to help in preparing for this meeting.

It is important that all parents/caregivers attend these scheduled conference. Each conference last 15 minutes. The school will provide supervised activities in the library for siblings to attend while you are at these meetings.

Your child will have an active role in these conferences. The week before they will be preparing with their teacher, to share some of their work and next learning steps at your meeting. As you fill in your preparation sheet you may like to discuss this with them too.

Following the conferences a written report comes home to you in Term 2 on Wednesday 11 May. These reports record the new goals, next learning steps and ways of supporting these at home. We will also be asking you for your feedback about the reporting form.

Please choose three times that are most suitable to you. Use 1 (first choice), 2 (second choice) and 3 (third choice) to help us allocate a meeting time for you and your child. Please return this slip by 3.00 pm Thursday 17 March so that we can confirm exact times before the meeting days. A note will come home with your child on Monday 21 March.

THREE WAY CONFERENCES—LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday 5 April

3.00—4.00 pm
4.00—5.30 pm

6.30—7.15 pm
7.15— 8.00 pm

For my child(ren)

_____ **in Room** _____

_____ **in Room** _____

_____ **in Room** _____

Wednesday 6 April

3.00—4.00 pm
4.00—5.30 pm

Signed: _____