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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Waitangi Day (holiday)	6 February
Pōwhiri 9 am	10 February
Meet the Teachers 5.30 pm	17 February
Kindergarten Whanau Evening	24 February
Staff Training Day	7 July

WEEKLY EVENTS

Thursday	Coming Soon... Beginners Recorder Classes Advanced Recorder Classes
Friday	Coffee Club in the staffroom Last Friday of each month No assembly this week

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora, Hello, Talofa lava, Chao, Ni Hao, Dia dhaoibh, Namaste, Giddy, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Bula vinaka, Mälō e lelei, Sawasdee тpevet

It's good to be back, so nice to be back! Haere mai, nau mai, everybody. A big thank you to Helen for staffing the office while Wendy is away. Wendy will be back with us on Tuesday.

During the break we updated our workplace First Aid skills together and the teaching team joined with other teaching colleagues to learn about Restorative Practices. Included in Restorative Practices is a specific process we can use to fix

things when we have done something wrong. It is the same process that our peer mediators use when resolving conflicts in the playground between two children.
Do you agree to take part in the process?
Tell me what happened?
How was that for you? How do/did you feel?
How can we fix this?
Over the next few weeks we will be reintroducing and promoting this process with all our students. I'm sure they will share their learning with you.

You may have noticed that I've begun using the term 'learning spaces' instead of 'classroom'. This is because our students do their learning in different spaces depending on need and purpose. We also have teaching teams instead of a singular classroom teacher.

Our teams are called:
Harakeke- Year 1 students taught by Julia, Karen and Miss Fretwell (Rooms 4 and 5)
Whanake- Years 2 and 3 students taught by Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Taylor (Rooms 6 and 7)
Māhuri- Years 4, 5 and 6 students taught by Mrs Martin and Rowena (Rooms 1, 2 and 3)
We look forward to meeting you all at the Meet the Teachers Evening.

Tomorrow morning our Year 4 to 6 team will be travelling from Owhiro Bay School by bus to South Wellington Intermediate School to support our leavers as manuhiri at the pōwhiri. The bus will leave promptly at 9.00am and there are seats on the bus for any adult/parent who wishes to join us. You are most welcome. We anticipate being back at school by around 10.30am.

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Nāku noa nā,
Tineke and the team



WELCOME

Welcome to the two new members to our teaching team – Chloe Fretwell - Teacher in Harakeke and Jayne Taylor – Teacher in Whanake.

Welcome to Grace and Olivia Smith, Kingston Jenkins and Jordan Gray-Nelson to Harakeke and to Bryden Kelly to Whanake. Welcome also families of these children to our school community.



WAITANGI DAY

Yes, Monday is a holiday...It is also a special reminder of the unique nature of our nation. Waitangi Day provides an opportunity to reflect on how each of us belongs within our unique nation of New Zealand.

Not only are we a multi-cultural nation, but we have a very special bi-cultural heritage which is celebrated on Waitangi Day.

WHO'S WHO AT OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL

Staff:

Tineke Giddy – Principal

Vikki Martin (Deputy Principal – Year 1 – 6 students) – and Rowena Johnstone teachers Year 4 – 6 students (Māhuri)

Sylvia Reynolds (Team Leader) and Jayne Taylor – teachers years 2 – 3 (Whanake)

Julia Nissen, Karen Johnston & Chloe Fretwell teachers Years 0/1 (Harakeke)

Part-time Teachers

Karen Johnston – Reading Recovery, Classroom Release Teacher

RTL

Warren Rankin – Cluster Manager Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour

Support Staff:

Wendy Davenport – Office Manager

Joanne Leggett – Accounts Manager

Maria Bowley – Teacher Aide

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SCHOOL HOURS

Please note that the school is open for students from 8.30 am each day. Children are encouraged to arrive between 8.30 and 8.55 am so that they can get ready for learning. The bell rings to start the day at **8.55 am**. There are two breaks for food and play:

Playtime: 10.30 – 11.00 am

Lunchtime: 12.40 – 1.30 pm

Although we aim to be as open and welcoming as possible **students cannot go into their rooms before 8.30 am** as teachers are busy preparing learning programmes. **Please do not bring your child to school before 8.30 am** or allow them to leave home too early.

After school **all students go home at 3.00 pm**. Harakeke and Whanake are collected from their classrooms. Please ensure your child/ren are **collected by 3.15 pm** at the latest as teachers have meetings and other commitments from this time and cannot supervise children after 3.00 pm. All other students wait in the foyer until their parents/caregivers or adult collecting them arrive.

If your child wishes to play in the school grounds, it is important that they go home first so that parents/caregivers know where they are.



SAFETY – ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

We ask students and adults coming from the south side of the carpark, to enter the school through the gate to the courts and those coming from the north to enter through the main gate. This is to stop any foot traffic in the carpark area and prevent possible accidents from occurring.

As both the Kindergarten and school staff require use of the school car park, and often have heavy loads to carry, we ask you to park **outside the school**. Thank you.

TERM DATES FOR 2017

Term 1: Wednesday 1 Feb to Thursday 13 April
(Easter 14-17 April and ANZAC Day 25 April)

Term 2: Monday 1 May to Friday 7 July

Term 3: Monday 24 July to Friday 29 September

Term 4: Monday 16 October to Friday 15 December

BIRTHDAY WISHES

To the following children who celebrated birthdays over the holidays:

Lucia Catan 4/1
Louis Beckett 5/1
Zora Davie 5/1
Gina & Tui Bacon 10/1
Nico Buhne 10/1
Dylan Johanson Su'a 17/1
Ethan Graham 28/1
Javi Velasco-Cordovez 29/1
Will Elliott 30/1
Aoife & Eimear Trainor 31/1
Malayka Nawaz 2/2

Happy Birthday to Kobe Hunt 6/2



Enjoy your day!

WHEELS DAY

Returning this year is Wheels Day Wednesday! Each Wednesday students can ride their wheels (i.e. bikes, scooters, rollerblades) on the courts at playtime and lunchtime. All children on wheels **must wear a helmet**.

Please name the helmet and ensure it is well adjusted to keep your child's head protected. All wheels are to be left in the bike or scooter racks in the area to the right of the office.

If your child wheels to and from school they **must wear a helmet**.



SUNSMART SUNHATS

A reminder that in Term 1 and Term 4 children need to wear a sunhat when outside every day. We encourage hats as opposed to caps to provide extra care in looking after the necks and ears of students and also encourage students to wear sunblock and sun glasses when they are outside during the "sunsmart" months to keep them safe from the sun's harmful rays.

SPORT SPOT



Floorball Term 1

Registrations need to be in for floorball (like indoor hockey) by Feb 5th so if your child is interested please contact school parents Paul Abbott paulabbottnz@gmail.com or Inka Jackson inka@globe.net.nz It is a great team sport for children where they learn teamwork, sports skills and have lots of fun.

Games will be on Tuesday afternoons at the ASB Centre from times varying from 5.00-6.30. The cost per term will be approx. \$35. We need some players from Years 4-5 so please get in touch asap if you are keen to play. A link to the Wellington Floorball is attached

<http://www.wellingtonfloorball.org.nz>

Touch Term 1

Touch is a popular 6 week tournament at Wakefield Park. Games are on Wednesdays between 4-5pm. Any Years 3 to 6 who are interested or would like to confirm their spot, please email Klare Braye as soon as possible.

Klare.Braye@matuaraki.org.nz



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Wellington Music Centre – Saturday Morning Classes

Enrolment day is Saturday 4 February 9.30-11.30am at Island Bay Primary School Hall.

Wide range of instrument classes available for Primary and Intermediate children for a very reasonable annual fee (cash/cheque only please).

Queries to Kathy Kent 027 489 7979

Wonderplay Drama Classes

Classes for 4-8 and 9-12 year olds on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Island Bay Community Centre. Free to try in first week!

Contact Debs on 021 172 2836, debs@wonderplay.co.nz, www.wonderplay.co.nz

Sunshine Drama

Classes for children of all ages are held Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings in Karori.

Contact www.sunshinedrama.co.nz or call Jenae Ryan 0274 380 533

Wellington Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

Sunday 19 March at Kilbirnie Park. Only limited registration spaces remain.

Register now at try.weetbix.co.nz or triathlon@sanitarium.co.nz or 0800 933 8249