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### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Whole School Swimming each Tuesday	
School Athletics	1 November
School Photographs	3 November
Board of Trustees election nominations Close	3 November
Southern Zone Athletics	7 November
Fair Meeting 7.30 pm in staffroom	7 November
Assemblies begin again 2.20	9 November
Board of Trustees Meeting	9 November
Tsunami/WalkOut Drill (Tawatawa Reserve)	13 November
Last Fair Meeting 7.30 pm in staffroom	14 November
One Learning Community Country Fair	19 November
End of Year Prizegiving 6.30 – 7.30 pm	13 December
Last Day of the Year 2.00 pm	15 December
2018 Start 8.55 am	29 January

### WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	Marzipan Drama Classes Week 7 – 27 November - no class
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wheels Day Touch Rugby practice 3.15 pm Ukulele Orchestra 8.00 am
<b>Thursday</b>	Recorder Classes 8.30 a.m. Code Club 3.30 – 4.30 pm Assembly 2.20 pm from 9 November

### 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, Mālō e lelei, Sawasdee, πρεβετ

The sun is shining and we are enjoying our time outdoors. The warmer weather has also brought with it some seasonal bugs. We have had cases of strep throat, conjunctivitis, ring worm, and thread worms, while over at the Kindy there is a gastro bug doing the rounds. Please check and treat your child/ren as necessary.

Nominations for 2 parent representatives for the Board of Trustees close this Friday. To date we have not yet received any nominations. Don't leave it till the last minute, Owhiro Bay School needs you! Come in and have a chat to me about what this involves or contact Jude Maich our Returning Officer.

Thank you for your response to the Country Fair Sign Up Board. It is looking much healthier, with some stalls completely organised. There are still spare spaces. Which stall would you like to help with?

A very supportive and talented parent has been working away behind the scenes on our new school website which we have launched today! Many thank for the countless hours of volunteered time and expertise. We are truly grateful. Our new website has some new features including a twitter feed and a One Learning Community calendar.

Each year we practice an evacuation drill in response to a tsunami threat following a large earthquake. Normally this coincides with the national Shake Out day. This year the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO) is encouraging coastal schools to practice a tsunami evacuation drill to ensure teachers, students and parents know exactly what actions to take should another large earthquake strike the region in the near future. The Wellington Region is marking the anniversary of November 14<sup>th</sup> with a region-wide campaign called #TsunamiWalkOut - to encourage all schools, businesses, and homes in the tsunami zone to practice evacuating to their safe gathering point.

On Monday 13 November 2017 we will run an earthquake drill, followed by a tsunami evacuation from 2.30pm. "Long OR Strong, Be Gone" We will make our way to our safe zone at the Tawatawa Reserve. Students will need to be picked up from Tawatawa Reserve by 3.15pm at the latest. All remaining will be walked back to school the teaching staff. Now is an excellent time to check your emergency contact details and your allocated release people with Wendy as these are the only adults your child will be released to on this or any day. Children who attend afterschool care will be cared for by Pridelands. More information coming home next week



Tsunami Safety Zone  
and escape route from the School

Tineke and the team

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Haana Sweet, Marama Sweet, Petra Inglin, Inka Jackson, Jodi Taylor, Samantha Riley, Kim Parker, Keryn Johnston-Dixon and Jude Maich for supporting our tamariki as tangata whenua at Friday's Pōwhiri. We loved having you there.

Thank you to everyone for the generosity shown in donating "Watties Cans for Good" Pick-up day for the cans is Monday 13 November so there is still time to drop off cans.



### THANKS FROM ROWENA

*Baby Owen and I are both doing well and enjoying the spring weather.*

*I have greatly appreciated the support and good wishes from throughout the Owhiro Bay Learning Community both during my pregnancy and since Owen's birth. Many thanks for the cards, gifts, flowers, baby clothes, baby gear, meals and home baking. Thanks also to the children for their cards, art and pieces of writing with suggestions on how to look after Owen. All much appreciated.*

*I look forward to seeing you all at the Country Fair.  
Thanks. Rowena Johnstone*

### OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MID-CYCLE ELECTION

Nominations for two parent representatives close at 12.00 noon on Friday 3 November. You should have received the nomination form in the mail by now. If you have not, please contact Wendy in the office.



Hi Everyone,

**There is still lots you can do to help!!! PLEASE HELP BY SIGNING UP FOR A SHIFT ON FAIR DAY.** Also, please help us spread the word about the fair by picking up some flyers to deliver, or posters to put up (currently located in the school office). We're also looking for a Santa (free helicopter ride) and lots of good quality second hands goods to sell at the fair (drop in school garage on Monday and Friday before and after school. PLEASE RETURN YOUR SOLD OR UNSOLD raffle tickets to school. Want to be part of the show???? Registration's for **Owhiro Bay's Got Talent** are open!

The last two meetings are Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov and Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. Both are at 7.30pm in the school staffroom.

### ANYONE WANT TO BE SANTA????

We're looking for a happy, jolly person to dress up as Santa for the fair!!! As an added incentive, whoever signs up will get to ride in the helicopter and get dropped off at the top field beside the school as the fair starts. You can also bring a person of your choice with you (Santa's little helper perhaps.....). Contact [bindi.robertson@outlook.com](mailto:bindi.robertson@outlook.com).

**FAIR SIGN UP BOARD is in the school office or kindy office**

JOIN THE FUN! there is always a great vibe when helping with the fair, and when you volunteer you get to meet lots of others in our wonderful Owhiro Bay Learning Community. In particular, the Stall Manager roles are critical to the smooth running of the fair - a description of each role can be found in the electronic sign up, and the Fair Committee can provide support to new Stall Managers. Please put your hand up to help. There is also an online signup system - simply follow this link: <http://signup.com/go/jPrMotU> If you have any questions about the various roles, please contact Stalls Coordinator - Wendy Abbott [wabbottnz@gmail.com](mailto:wabbottnz@gmail.com)

### LOLLY MAKING/FACEPAINTING NIGHT AT THE KINDY

Please come along to the Kindy to help at the lolly making/face painting night on 9 Nov. The face painting will be an opportunity for those to learn how to face paint properly, to help at the face painting stall at the fair.

### RAFFLE BOOKS ARE DUE BACK NOW PLEASE

Please give your stubbs and money to Wendy or Christina. Hopefully you've all had some luck selling them over the break. If you don't think you can sell them please return to Wendy as we have others that CAN SELL MORE. I have also organised another raffle stall outside New World for the 4th/5th November, like we ran on the first Saturday of the school holidays. We sold quite a number of tickets and its great promotion for the Fair, School and Kindergarten!. If anyone can help me sell tickets that weekend even just for an hour please email [debzsaunders@hotmail.com](mailto:debzsaunders@hotmail.com). Cheers



**SILENT AUCTION** on **TRADEME** is on now!!!! **SEARCH "Parentlink"** to see all the lots!

It's not too late to donate items for the silent auction, so please donate NOW so we can get them on trademe or sell them on Fair day. 😊

### PLANTS

We're looking for planted seedlings and plants, or just pots for planting. If you have any of these, please drop them in to Kindy or take them to 117a Severn St, Island Bay. Just leave them on the driveway. Or contact [klare.braye@matuaraki.org.nz](mailto:klare.braye@matuaraki.org.nz).

### FLYERS/POSTERS

Flyers and posters have been printed (**Thanks Fuji**) and are ready to be distributed. They'll be sitting in the office foyer and kindergarten entrance if you'd like to pick some up. The flyers will be in bags with street names and the posters can go up anywhere. Put them up at your work, in businesses, schools, community halls etc. Put them up anywhere and everywhere!!!

### HELP US REDUCE PLASTIC BAGS AT OUR FAIR

If you have any reusable bags at home that you no longer need, please donate them so we can reduce the amount of plastic bags used at our Fair. Please drop them to Wendy in the office.

If you would like to sew reusable bags for our Fair, please contact [kate.blakeley@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:kate.blakeley@yahoo.co.nz)

### GARAGE OPEN FOR DROP-OFFS

The garage is open for drop-offs each Monday or Friday before or after school. Also, the next Saturday morning drop off is on Saturday 11 November between 10 – 12.noon.

**OWHIRO  
BAY'S  
GOT  
TALENT!**

All learning community whanau welcome to enter! Come one, come all! Registration is now open for our school talent show which will take place from noon-1:30pm at the School Fair on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. The show is all ages and open to all whanau of the Owhiro Bay One Learning Community.

Like to sing? Like to dance? Maybe you can do a magic trick, or you've got a cool joke to tell? Maybe you want to get together with your friends and do a group performance? So, parents, families and former students- would you like to DJ a short set, shows us your roller disco routine, read a poem, or play the ukulele? We would love to have you! Your slot can be any length, aim for about 5 minutes. If you want to do a longer set, talk to Kedron. And don't worry, it's not a contest – it's all about participation, and showing the world that all of Owhiro Bay's GOT TALENT!

**Rehearsals** This year we are asking participants to come to attend a rehearsal run-through. We will be holding rehearsals after school over two days. Times and dates to be advised in next week's newsletter.

Don't fret! These rehearsals are informal meet-and-greets where I can talk with you and your parents about what you intend to do in your act, and ensure I know what music or other support you need so I can have it ready on the day. We can

