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# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Parentlink Meeting	9 May
Māhuri Marine Centre Trip	11 May
Powhiri 9.00 am	12 May
Next Board of Trustees Meeting	18 May
Queen's Birthday Weekend	5 June
Staff Training Day – Inquiry Learning	6 July

## COMING UP

Annual Fun Run	May
Parentlink Movie Night	25 August
Swimming (whole school)	Term 4

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	Marzipan Drama Classes
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wheels Day
<b>Thursday</b>	Recorder Classes 8.30 a.m. (Beginners) 3.00 pm (Advanced) Code Club 3.30 – 4.30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Assembly led by Year 5

## 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, πpevet

Thank you everyone for your encouragement and support for our Kea Crossing road patrol volunteers. It's been such a great way to start to the term!

Please note we expect everybody to use the safe exits at Owhiro Bay School. When leaving the school when heading south use the tennis court exit, not the carpark driveways and when crossing the road, use the Kea Crossing. Please remember parents/caregivers to lead by example. Fulton Hogan are providing further safety barrier fencing and it is on the way.

Term two marks my third anniversary as Principal of Owhiro Bay School. A time to reflect on what has been achieved, celebrate, look ahead and go again. One of our success stories has been the on-going development of our library. When I first arrived we were using handwritten lists of which books each pupil had taken out. Now we are using Koha to catalogue, issue and return books along with keeping track of our overdues. There is much much more to Koha and we are looking forward to making fuller use of the other features of this open source programme. Thank you to the Cormack whānau for your generous donation and continued support of Koha. The use of Koha has also meant a significant saving in our Operations Grant over the last three years. A dedicated group of parents has been behind much of this success. We also found an expert to help us catalogue the trickier items. Currently Penny is working on adding bar codes to our titles that have no ISBN number and we now have nearly 3000 books in circulation. If libraries and books are your thing and you have half an hour or so to spare each week we'd love some help with covering new books, making repairs, and adding new items to the catalogue. Please pop in and see Sylvia if you can help.

Last year we had a fabulous working bee to top up the bark in the playground. Unfortunately due to the strong northerlies we experience, the bark has all moved to the south end of the playground. This is an on-going challenge and I'm in the process of exploring different safety surfacing options. In the meantime if you can help with turning over the bark and raking it around the playground we'd love to see you. Also if anyone has a rotary hoe we could borrow and use to turn over the bark to keep it aerated please be in touch. We may yet need to have a working bee to lift and replace the weedmat before adding a new load of bark. I'll be sure to give you lots of advance warning.

Our students chose Kindness as the value that we are focusing on for the next two weeks. Have a chat at home about how we show kindness towards each other. Children have been challenged to design a new Values Voucher. Entries to be in to Mrs G by Friday 5 May.

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Tineke and the team.

## WELCOME

To Connor Driver-Burgess who is our new teacher in Whanake/Room 7. We are sure everyone will make Connor (Mr DB) welcome and please join us at the Powhiri next Friday for an official welcome.

To Jade Currier and Max Conway who joined children in Harakeke this week. Jade has a brother in Whanake. Welcome also to Max's family to our school community.

## EHARA I TE TĪ! = Y.O.L.O.!

You only live once!

## VALUE OF THE WEEK

Our focus for the next fortnight is "Kindness" or "Ngakau Atawhai"

I am practising kindness when:

- ☺ I give attention to someone who is sad or needs help
- ☺ Do things to give others happiness
- ☺ Practice habits that help the environment (reduce, re-use, recycle)
- ☺ Resist the temptation to be cruel
- ☺ Accept people who are different.

**Congratulations to:** Kyla Crerar who won the virtues voucher on the last day of last term for "Helpfulness".

## FOUND IN THE PLAYGROUND IN THE HOLIDAYS

Giant, brightly coloured "monster feet" found in the playground over the holidays. Please claim at the office if these belong to you.

## PARENTLINK

**Parent Link Meeting - Tuesday 9th May, 7.30 in the staffroom. There will be coffee and home baking to warm us up!**

Parentlink are a group of family, whanau and friends of Owhiro Bay School who organise social events and fundraising activities for our children and the school. Most members contribute with ideas and suggestions, as well as volunteering small amounts of time to help with events such as school discos and movie nights to running a stall at our annual fundraising event, the Owhiro Bay Community Fair. If you are interested please come along and join us on Tuesday night. We would love to see you there and hear your ideas.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

To the following students who have a birthday coming up...

Abacus Catan 6/5

Shelby Olsen 8/5

All the best for a happy birthday



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### Owhiro Bay Stream Update

Please see the full ecological report commissioned by GWRC on the November 2016 incident made available on our website. This can be accessed [here](#). This provides more detail relating to the key findings as per update on 27 April 2017.

**INSTEP DANCE STUDIO** Based in Houghton Bay, we offer ballet, jazz and contemporary dance classes for ages 3-18yrs. Experienced, qualified and registered teachers. Contact us to book in a **FREE trial class** or to enrol for Term 2. Visit our website for more info: [www.instepdancestudio.co.nz](http://www.instepdancestudio.co.nz)  
P: 021 202 7750 E: [instepdance@hotmail.com](mailto:instepdance@hotmail.com)

### The Wellington Marathon

The Wellington Marathon is on 18 June 2017 and includes a Kids Magic Mile with major spot prizes from Mizuno and Thermatech, girls and boys mountain bikes, plus family travel on Bluebridge.

For those running the full/half marathon/10k/5k then join Team Heart Racer and help raise vital funds for the Heart Foundation. Every Heart Racer receives a Heart Racer dry-fit running tshirt, regular newsletter with training /nutrition /fundraising advice, an online fundraising page, plus a FitBit Surge for those who raise over \$750! [everydayhero.co.nz/event/wellington-marathon-2017](http://everydayhero.co.nz/event/wellington-marathon-2017)