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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Powhiri to welcome families/staff	5 February (9.00 am)
Waitangi Day (holiday)	8 February
Meet the Teachers	coming up
Board of Trustees Meeting	17 February
Life Education Trust Visit	23 – 26 February
Easter Break	25 – 29 March inclusive
End of Term 1	15 April

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora, Namaste, π pevet, Shalom, Talofa, Guten Tag, Vanakkam, ni Hao, Kia orana, Buenos Tardes, Namaste, πpevet, Shalom, Talofa, Konichiwa, Assalamulaikum, Salam, Hello everyone.

Wow it's great to be back! The team have been working hard over the student's summer holiday break. Check out our inviting flexible learning environments.

A new year brings with it some new faces and some changes. We welcome Sean and Karen to our teaching team. During the holidays Miss Mills got married and now we call her Mrs Martin. Congratulations to you both.

As Lead School for RTLB Cluster 28 we share some of our people resources. Part of Wendy's administration role is to support the Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour. Wendy will be working from their base in Courtenay Place each Thursday from 9.30am to 4.00pm and therefore unavailable to school families during this time. I will be covering the school office duties from 9.30am each Thursday. School newsletters will now go out on Friday.

Owhiro Bay School runs Reading Recovery, jointly funded by the Ministry of Education. Lots of our students have been through reading recovery with Susan Meek. This year Julia is training in Reading Recovery which means each morning she will be working 1-1 with 4 students, following this she will be teaching in Harakeke.

See you at the Powhiri on Friday morning.

Tineke and the Team

WELCOME

Welcome to the two new members to our teaching team, Sean Mead – Teacher in Karo (Room 1) and Karen Johnston – Release Teacher for Harakeke.

Welcome to the following children new to our school - Brock Nash, Isabella McIntyre, Killian Brennan, Max Corner and Sasha Ha to Harakeke (Room 4/5), to Blaize Wrigley, Jake Cullingford and Terrence Tan to Tawa (Room 6) and to James Corner who is joining children in Karo (Room 1) Welcome also to the new families of these children.



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.

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. We 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.

MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

We hope your children settled well into their classes today. Please have a chat with your child's teacher early on if you have any concerns about your child's school work or life at school. Even if it appears to be something quite small, we encourage you to do this to prevent it becoming a larger issue.

There is a parent evening coming up to provide you with an opportunity to hear more about your child's day, school work and class expectations in 2016. Please keep an eye open for these dates as they are important for you to find out what is happening for your child this year.



VIRTUES

Our focus for the following fortnight is "Respect" or "Whaka-ute"

You are practising Respect when you....

- 📍 Treat others as you want to be treated
- 📍 Speak courteously to everyone
- 📍 Take special care of other people's belongings
- 📍 Are receptive to the wisdom of elders
- 📍 Honour the rules of your family, school and nation
- 📍 Expect respect for your body and your rights

Congratulations to our virtue voucher winners from the last week of Term 4. For "Service" - Caiden Sloane, Felix Jones, Mollie Carty-Davies, Iris Schuster, Lucia Catan, Amahni Palamo-Tuala, Guy Holloway and Georgia Howe. For the virtue of "Calmness and Peacefulness" - Zoe McNicol.

SAFETY – ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

We ask that 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 park **outside the school**. Thank you.

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 (Rooms 4 & 5), Tawa (Room 6) 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.



WHO'S WHO AT OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL

Staff:

Tineke Giddy – Principal

Vikki Martin (Deputy Principal – Year 1 – 6 students) – teacher Year 3 - 6 (Karaka)

Sylvia Reynolds (Team Leader) and Julia Nissen – teachers Year 1 (Harakeke)

Rowena Johnstone – teacher Year 1 / 2 (Tawa)

Nicola Clissold – teacher Year 3 - 6 (Pohutukawa)

Sean Mead – teacher Year 3 - 6 (Karo)

RTL B

Warren Rankin – Cluster Manager Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour

Part Time Teachers

Gael O'Connell – Management Release and Classroom Release Teacher

Karen Johnston – Reading Recovery, Management and Classroom Release.

Support Staff

Wendy Davenport – Office Manager
Joanne Leggett – Accounts Manager
Maria Bowley – Teacher Aide
Helen Orange – Teacher Aide

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LIFE EDUCATION TRUST

Charlotte, Harold and the Life Education Mobile Classroom are visiting on As part of our health programmes each class will visit the classroom twice. Parents and caregivers who wish to accompany their child’s visit are very welcome. Please check with your child’s teachers.

The cost of this extra educational opportunity is covered by your child’s trips donation for Term 1.



DONATIONS/TRIPS/ICT

Family Donations (\$160.00 per annum or \$40.00 per term):

Your parent donations play a crucial role in allowing us to provide additional facilities that enrich the learning environment at our school. As an example, it allows us to maintain a higher level of information and communications, technology equipment, that the Ministry of Education doesn’t allow.

Payment may be spread over the year if parents/caregivers prefer, say term by term. Please remember that donations that are paid are eligible for a 1/3 tax credit, so the Government will effectively subsidise your donation. All you need to do is attach the receipt from the school to the IRD donation slip and send this to the Inland Revenue.

Trips:

Each term your child requires \$20.00 (or \$80.00 for the whole year) for their school trips and performers who are organised to come to school or children visit outside the school.

Please note that when your child starts school you sign a form that gives permission to attend all these visits/performances and visitors to school. Should you wish your child **not to attend** any visit or performance, it is up to you as parents/caregivers to notify the school and seek a refund if requested. Visits and performers are advertised through the newsletter in advance.

Information Communication Technology:

We ask for \$20.00 per year from each student to cover any Information/Communication and Technology expenses.

Statements will come home next week for the above.

TERM DATES FOR 2016

- Term 1 Wednesday 3 February - Friday 15 April
(Easter 25 March – 29 March)
- Term 2 Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July
- Term 3 Monday 25 July - Friday 23 September

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Tatari = wait

WHEELS DAY

Returning this year is Wheels Day Wednesday! Each Wednesday students can ride their wheels (i.e., bikes and 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.**



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!



Community Notices

(Every effort is made to present accurate information. The Board of Trustees does not accept responsibility for any inaccuracies. The Board is unable to accept responsibility for goods or services advertised).

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**ISLAND BAY UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2016 SEASON are now OPEN.**

You can register online at <http://ibujuniors.org.nz/registration-2014/2016-winter-season> or can sign up in person at our registration night on Thursday February 18 from 5:30 – 7:30pm at the IBU Clubrooms at Wakefield Park.  
(Cash or cheque payment ONLY will be accepted on the night.)  
We’d love to see you.

**Registration and payment must be received by 22 February 2016.** All queries to [registration@ibujuniors.org.nz](mailto:registration@ibujuniors.org.nz)

### **LITTLE DRIBBLERS**

Little Dribblers runs throughout the year, so get out and make the most of our (hopefully very) warm summer days by watching your little one learn to play football (ages 1-7). Term 1 2016 starts February 6th/7th and you can register at: [www.little-dribblers.co.nz](http://www.little-dribblers.co.nz) - Late sign-ups are perfectly OK, so sign up anytime!

We have two venues in Wellington Central/East: Saturdays: Owhiro Bay School; and Sundays: Miramar Central School. Game times are: Under 2's: 9.40am; 2-3 years: 10am; 4-5 years: 10.30am 6-7 years: 11am.

It costs \$75 to play each term, with an optional one-off charge of \$25 for a uniform (which you keep).

### **BALLET, JAZZ TAP AND CONTEMPORY CLASSES**

*Ballet, Jazz Tap & Contemporary – classes for all ages! Please check out our website for more info: [www.loddance.co.nz](http://www.loddance.co.nz)*

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### **REELJIG IRISH DANCERS**

Enrolments for Irish Dancing classes are now open for 2016. Classes are held Wellington City, Thorndon, Karori and Khandallah. Email Laura at [reeljigirishdancers@gmail.com](mailto:reeljigirishdancers@gmail.com) for further details or call 0223960238

