



*e tipu e rea* In our children lies our future

# NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL

Inquiring learners

Participators  
and  
contributors

Managers of self

Critical thinkers  
and risk takers

ISSUE NO. 10, 5 April 2017

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Three Way Learning Conferences Learning Conversations Years 4 – 6	4/5/6 April
Enviro Day	7 April (date change)
Parentlink Icecream Sale 3.00 pm	13 April
Last day of Term 1 3.00 pm	13 April
First day of Term 2	1 May

### COMING UP

Parentlink Meeting	9 May
Next Board of Trustees Meeting	18 May
Staff Training Day – Inquiry Learning	6 July
Parentlink Movie Night	25 August

### WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	Marzipan Drama Classes
<b>Tuesday</b>	Floorball 6.00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wheels Day Stream Team 9 – 11.00 am
<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 3 students at 2.20 pm in the Hall – Mrs Reynolds Parentlink Coffee Club in the staffroom last Friday of each month

### 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

In 2015 we introduced Reading Diaries and I readily celebrated each of the milestones with the tamariki. In 2016 we continued to use Reading Diaries with classroom teachers celebrating milestones whilst I continued to celebrate the more significant milestones. The rationale behind the diaries was to establish and record a regular reading habit at home and also to give each student the opportunity to chat 1 to 1 with me about their reading and be acknowledged with a Principal's Award. Many students found the diaries to be motivating whilst some of our more avid readers proved not to need to record their reading each night. This year we have continued to use the reading diaries in Harakeke in order to establish that all important regular reading habit. We do have reading diaries available for all Year levels and I continue to celebrate and acknowledge significant milestones with students, so if you and your child found them to be useful feel free to pop in and purchase one from the office.

Here's some forward thinking. There are a number of seedlings in the front garden of the school near the corner of the tennis court. If you feel inclined to pot up some Ngaio and Rengarenga in readiness for the Country Fair we have some spare potting mix around the corner from Rooms 4 and 5 (Harakeke Block). Feel free to help yourselves.

Friday is Enviro Day. We will be weeding, releasing and mulching our plants along the stream. Please ensure you send your child to school in gardening clothes and gumboots. We'd love some helpers through the morning across all the classes, please let the classroom teacher know if you can help out.

Our Kea Crossing has been modified and will now be up and running. YAY!

E tipu e rea- in our children lies our future.

Tineke and the team.

---

## PARENTLINK – ICECREAM THURSDAY

On the last day of term next Thursday Parentlink is selling ice-creams at the end of school to celebrate the Easter holidays. Ice-creams will cost a \$1 and there will be a selection of flavours and toppings available.

### Helpers Required..

We need a few extra volunteers to come and help scoop ice-cream next Thursday. If you could come along before the end of school and help with set up and then scoop ice-creams for the children until the line runs out then please let Wendy in the Office know. Thank you.



---

## VIRTUES

Our focus until the end of term is “Helpfulness” or “Awhina”

I am practising helpfulness when I....

- 🕒 Notice when someone needs help
- 🕒 Do a service without being asked
- 🕒 Give people what they need, not always what they want
- 🕒 Listen to someone who needs to talk
- 🕒 Ask for help when I need it.

### Congratulations to

Oscar Debreceny who won the virtues voucher draw last week for “helpfulness”

### Awards from last week

---

## ENVIRO DAY – THIS FRIDAY

Any help would be appreciated between 9.00 am – 12.30 pm with our weeding and mulching. See you down the stream!!



---

## LEARNING CONVERSATIONS – YEARS 4, 5 & 6

Thanks to all the whanau who have come along to support the school and their children’s learning Conferences continue today/tonight and tomorrow. Please contact the school if you are unable to make your appointment.

---

## SUNSMART SUNHATS

A reminder that for the rest of term 1 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.

---

## WANTED PLEASE

Icecream containers and lids please for Rowena’s class please. Hope you can help with this request.

---

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

To the following student who has a birthday coming up...

Zoe McNicol – 7/4

All the best for a happy birthday



---

## SPORTS SPOT

### Netball

If your Year 6 child would like to play netball for a combined team at Ridgway School – please email Chloe Fretwell at school urgently - [chloe@owhiro.school.nz](mailto:chloe@owhiro.school.nz) They need 4 extra players.

### Touch Lucky Last week

Congratulations to all our players. What a fantastic season with both teams finishing off with wins. Thanks you to our coaches: Simon, Dean, Prakash; our side-line help: Billy and parents and supporters. A special mention to our year 3-4 winners of their Division (check out the trophy in Wendy’s window), and amazing effort. And to the MVPs and Rookies certificate winners: Charlie, Dylan, Bryden and Ollie

### **OB1’s Year 3 - 4**

It has been a great season of touch for Kobe, Bryden, Charlie, Han Shun, Cheech, Georgia, Lucas and Atarau.

Bryden scored lots of tries at the finale touch game for the season. We won 6 to 4 and Ollie refereed us. It was a hard game for us but we managed to win and with lots of newbies who actually got good really fast and scored some tries. We got 1st place because we won. If we lost we would have got 5th place. Atarau was a really good dummy half, Bryden rose up to be a really good player and everyone else got better every game we played. A special thanks to all the people who helped with touch and all the people who joined this term and Year 3s and 4s if you are interested please join.

By Kobe & Atarau

#### **Owhiro Bay Rocks. Year 5-6**

10,9,8,7,6,5,4, Owhiro Bay Rocks were counting down. Bang! The game had started in the first 2 minutes. Dylan scored a try and then later another one! It was 1 nil to us. The team we were versing was St Francis de Sales. Then Lenn scored a try and then Arun scored 3 tries. When the end of the game whistle went, Thomas scored a try in the last play. Our coach Dean said our defence was the best!

By Arun

#### **Floorball**

The Owhiro Bay Stingrays won a tough battle against the Kilbirnie Falcons, coming out 3 - 2 on top in the end. The whole team earned the win but special mention goes to the player of the day Ethan who saved goals as goalie in the first half, and scored 2 goals in the second half. Lenn scored the other goal and displayed some fine technical skills.



(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.)

#### **Music School Holiday Programme**

Perfect for aspiring singers and musicians.  
Please visit: [www.therockacademy.co.nz](http://www.therockacademy.co.nz)  
for more info or phone Geoff: 021 565 750

#### **BIG AIR GYM**

I'm sure you have heard that BIGAIR GYM has opened in Owhiro Bay Wellington We have a brand new facility and we are passionate about coaching gym. Our popular classes include **Gymnastics**(Preschool & School age), **Trampoline, Tumbling, Parkour & Cheerleading**. GYMNASTICS teaches the fundamentals of strength and coordination which supports all sports, and children gain increased self-confidence as they progress through Bigairs gym programme. PARKOUR is fun as kids learn safe and new ways to move around obstacles. Children that love cartwheels, handstands and walkovers will enjoy GYM and TUMBLING classes. Anyone that has a trampoline at home will love learning new skills in Bigairs TRAMPOLINE classes. For all those dancers and gymnasts, we have our famous Bigair **Cheerleading** Teams. Plus we offer **Birthday Parties** which are fun and easy for parents! Bigair Gyms Classes for Term 2, and fun & active **School Holiday Programme** are open for bookings NOW! For queries and bookings;04 383 8779 [wgt@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wgt@bigairgym.co.nz).