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# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Māhuri Marine Centre Trip	11 May
Powhiri 9.00 am	12 May
School Fun Run	16 May
Next Board of Trustees Meeting	18 May
BBQ Fundraiser "A Night of Astrophotography"	20 May
Queen's Birthday Weekend	5 June
Parentlink Disco	23 June
Staff Training Day – Inquiry Learning	6 July
Last day of term 3.00 pm	7 July

## COMING UP

Parentlink Movie Night	25 August
One Learning Community Fair	19 November
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, πρεπετ

The team at Owhiro Bay School is made up of both full time and part time staff who have specific roles. In Harakeke as you know, we have Miss Fretwell, Julia and Karen. Karen teaches while Julia takes reading recovery and when Miss Fretwell has her beginning teacher release time. Karen also covers Julia and Miss Fretwell's weekly classroom release time.

In Whanake we have Mrs Reynolds and Mr DB, whom many of you met last night. Mr Anscombe, Jamie, and Nicola Clissold are providing weekly classroom release, management release, and beginning teacher release. We are delighted to have Nicola back with us each Wednesday.

In Māhuri we have Mrs Martin and Rowena, with Mr Anscombe providing specialist teacher release and Jamie providing management release. In Māhuri classroom release is arranged as needed, for 2 full days per term, per teacher.

All our teams work together to ensure consistency, continuity of learning and success for our tamariki. What this means for your child/children is that they get to make the most of each teachers particular strengths and talents. They also learn how to form working relationships with a variety of adults. It's a win-win all round.

We are looking forward to our Owhiro Bay Learning Community pōwhiri on Friday so that we can formally welcome all new staff, families and pupils. You are most welcome to join us either as manuhiri (guests/visitors) or tangata whenua (people of this place). See you at 9.00am on Friday.

Preparations for our Fun Run are in full swing, with classes practicing daily. For our more competitive runners it's time to do some training after school as well. Be sure to add in some hill work. Free during the day? Check in with your child's teacher and join in with our training. The more the merrier. See you all on Tuesday.

Over the coming weeks as we delve deeper into our Sustainability/Science Inquiry we will be making use of field trips and outside expertise. Keep an eye out for any special notices about these.

On Tuesday June 6th at 7.00pm Tim from Furnware will be presenting a mini expo on the types of furniture/furnishings that work best in modernised learning spaces. Come along, take a look and let us know what you'd like to see in our learning spaces. We have tagged the funds raised from last year's Country Fair to go towards this.

I'm trying to track down the school guitar and am wondering if we loaned it out. If you have borrowed a school guitar can you pop it back in.

Chicken pox are doing the rounds and we have a number of students unwell. Rest is required away from school for recovery. We appreciate your co-operation.

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### HELP WANTED PLEASE

Does anyone have a rotary hoe we could borrow? We'd like to use one to turn over the bark to keep it aerated. If you can help with removing the weedmat, turning over the bark and raking it around the playground we'd love to see you.

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### FUN RUN

Next Tuesday 16th May is our Fun Run. It is a whole school event. All students take part on either the junior or senior cross country courses. We plan on having an enjoyable run, and safe event for all students.

If you are available to provide help at the event please let me know as soon as possible. We require your help from 8.25am in the morning. We will meet in Room 5 (Harakeke) so that we can give you the specific part of the course to mark and information about the event, including directions on what is required of you.

If you are able to help please contact me via email at [chloe@owhiro.school.nz](mailto:chloe@owhiro.school.nz) speak to me directly, or let Wendy know by this Friday (12th May) so that we can assess if we have sufficient adult help/markers for the Fun Run to go ahead.

Looking forward to hearing from you, and seeing you there.

Chloe Fretwell



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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES – STAFF BY-ELECTION DECLARATION OF RESULTS

Following the resignation of staff trustee Sharron Guy from the Board, a staff by-election has been held. At the close of nominations, 12pm Friday 5 May 2017, there was one valid nomination received so I hereby declare Vikki Martin duly elected as the new staff trustee for the remainder of the current 3 year term.

Helen Orange  
Returning Officer

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### VALUE OF THE WEEK

We continue our focus on “Kindness” or “Ngakau Atawhai”

I'm 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:** Elizabeth Blakeley who won the virtues voucher draw last week for “kindness”

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### PARENTLINK

#### BBQ Fundraiser – Saturday 20 May, 7.00 pm

We have been offered an opportunity too good to turn down to raise money for our school. On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at Red Rocks Carpark there is an event called “A Night of Astrophotography” being run to take photos of the night sky and they are expecting 1000 people to turn up (last year they had 800 people!). They have asked our school if we would like to run a sausage sizzle on the night with 100% of the profit coming back to the school. WE NEED HELP! If you are able to help BBQ sausages, take money or even help earlier in the day to butter bread etc., please let Wendy know. Thank you.



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### SPORTS SPOT

#### Dates coming up:

Southern Zone Cross Country	30 May
Southern Zone Swimming	25 August
Southern Zone Athletics	7 November

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### BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

Mila Fraser 16/5

Felix McNicol 16/5

All the best for a happy birthday





(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.)

### **Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool**

Wellington Diving Club has a range of diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up. Why not try something new this year? Visit our website and come along for a free trial lesson! We have several after-school sessions and cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. We also run fun casual sessions on Sundays. For more information, please visit our website [www.wellingtondiving.org.nz](http://www.wellingtondiving.org.nz) or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888.

### **Kids Cross Country Series starts in May**

The Brendan Foot Supersite Kids Cross Country Series is back this winter. Each event has 500+ kids, aged 3 to 13. There are five events through the Wellington region from May to August with the first one in Upper Hutt on Sunday 14 May, and the second in Karori on Sunday 28 May. Your choice if do you one, two, or all five events. Come along, join the fun. Complete them all and receive a commemorative medal and Drink Bottle. Only \$8 to enter. For more info or to enter go to [athleticshub.co.nz](http://athleticshub.co.nz) or [contactjo@athleticswellington.org.nz](mailto:contactjo@athleticswellington.org.nz)

### **Owhiro Stream Update**

The full ecological report commissioned by GWRC on the November 2016 incident has now been 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.

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