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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Year 6 Education Outside the Classroom	13 December
Transition Visits	13 December
Whole School Big Day Out	14 December
Reports go home	15 December
Last Day of the Year 2.00 pm	15 December

2018

Start 8.55 am	29 January
Teacher Only Day	3 August
Teacher Only Day	23 October

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1	29 January – 13 April
(Good Friday 30 March, Easter Monday 2 April and Easter Tuesday 3 April – school closed)	
Term 2	30 April – 6 July
Term 3	23 July – 29 September
Term 4	15 October – 14 December

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, πρεвет

Thanks everyone for a terrific prizegiving celebration last Monday. The children as always were fabulous! We did run a little over time so we will look to make some tweaks and changes for next year.

Today I am heading off into the Catchpool Valley with our Year 6 tamariki for their overnight stay at Turere Lodge. I'll see you all tomorrow when we join you for lunch at the Big Day Out. We've been inundated with adults wanting to join us for the day and while we are happy to include everyone there will not be enough seats on the bus for all the extras meaning that some will need to drive or carpool.

New Zealand educational research has shown that the biggest difference in teacher quality lies within each school rather than between schools. Looking ahead to 2018, we will continue with our 3 hubs and our co-operative and collaborative teaching approach. There are many benefits for both students and teachers within this approach including being able to maintain consistency of high quality teaching practice across the school.

Harakeke will have new entrants/Year 1's with Miss Fretwell, Nicola McKeivitt and Amie Roberts as their teachers. They will start the year with approximately 15 students and grow to around 30 by the end of the year.

Whanake our 2 x Year 2 / 3 groups will start the year with Mrs Reynolds and Hazel McCulloch with Amie Roberts providing regular classroom release time. We are of course expecting Rowena to return from parental leave and on her return she will take Hazel's place.

Māhuri will comprise of 3 x Year 4-6 groups with Mrs Martin, Niky Clegg and Hireke Zygadlo as the teaching team. Having 3 teachers in this team means the ratio of teacher to student will be around 1:24, a welcome change from the large numbers we have carried this year. It will also allow for greater flexibility when delivering the curriculum and relieve me of some of the classroom teaching and supervision duties I have carried this year.

Our learning spaces will look quite different as we make the most of our new furniture and configure spaces for large group, small group and quiet learning time.

When arranging our year groups we take a number of considerations into account, including academic ability, social skills, friendships, Ministry of Education guidelines and personalities in order to get the best fit overall. With the introduction of a number of new staff I am unable at this stage to put out group lists assigned to individual teachers. This will occur after our Teacher Only Days in January 2018.

In the current climate of acute teacher shortage I am delighted that our school is fully staffed with wonderful experienced teachers for the new year.

Today our students are spending some time in their hubs with the current team to familiarise themselves with their peer groups and their physical surrounds. Hub lists will be displayed on Friday. I hope you can join us for our final assembly at 1.30 pm.

Introducing Amie Roberts who will be teaching in Harakeke next year.



I have 15 years of teaching experience in the early childhood sector and have spent the last few years working with primary teachers to help develop smoother transitions to school. I hold a Degree in Education and Psychology as well as a Graduate Diploma in Primary Teaching and a Post Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education which were done through Victoria University and Massey retrospectively.

I have a special interest in helping children develop their social competency skills which I believe holds them in good stead for becoming confident and competent citizens. I have undertaken the incredible years teaching programme and I have also been a part of an Enviroschool Early Childhood Centre for the last year and have enjoyed teaching children about sustainable practices and also reigniting their enjoyment of the outdoor environment. I am passionate about building a sense of community, a place where everyone feels they belong and this includes working collaboratively with parents to enhance their children's learning opportunities.

I am looking forward to joining the Owhiro Bay Teaching Team and will be working alongside Chloe and Nicola in Harakeke.

Introducing Hireke Zygadlo – our new Year 4/5/6 teacher



Tineke and the team.

Thanks Klare for the photos of Prizegiving 2017!

FAREWELL

To our wonderful Year 6 students – Timothee Ausseil, Olliver Bond, Makaela Cheung, Kahurangi Cormack, Zora Davie, Bessie Hawkings, Rico Jackson, Athena LaGrange, Portia McLean, Ritesh Ravji, Marlena Trotter, Thomas Van der Hoon and Javi Velasco-Cordova. Farewell also to the families of Olliver, Zora, Bessie, Portia, Marlena and Javi. Thank you for all the help and support over the last years.

Farewell also to the following students who will be leaving the district or relocating to another school – Sofie and Ellie Worth, Iris and Rubus Schuster, Rebeca and Alan Fleming, Phoebe and Rachel Pearson, Oscar and Sam Debreceeny, Freya Laugesen and Mollie Carty-Davies.

Farewell to our amazing teachers – Julia Nissen, Karen Johnston and Connor Driver-Burgess. All the very best in your new positions around the country.



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all our parents and caregivers who give of their time and energy to support the school, often behind the scenes.

Thank you to Jason Graham and Mike Dombroski who remain on our security call out list of people our alarm service can call open when our alarms sound.

To Klare Braye and Paul Abbott who organise the Touch and Floorball and all the managers and parents who support and help the teams.

To Inka Jackson for taking recorder classes each week, Trisha Trainor, our Code Club and Mr DB our ukulele orchestra.

To our wonderful parents/caregivers who are involved with Parentlink and the Fair Committee, thank you for the wonderful effort again this year.

Our trips wouldn't go ahead without the help from our parents and caregivers. Thank you so much for your help.

Thank you Dean Jackson who undertakes our building safety checks each month. Kia ora Dean.

To Joss Debreceny, and Laurel Barr who helped out with processing books

To our Stream Team, Jude Maich, Jina Sagar and Caroline Lurgio for the hard work and sometimes frustrating task of keeping our stream area beautiful during inclement weather.

Our classroom helpers – Mo Ross, Kim McNicol, Bonnie Sadler, Amie Roberts and Kate Blakeley a big thank you!

Our wonderful Road Patrol students and adults who keep our school safe each day crossing the roads.

To Gaven Carter our amazing caretaker who keeps things looking ship-shape around the school, we thank you for all your hard work over the last year!

Apologies if we have missed you, in the busyness of the year!



STATIONERY 2018

Stationery lists have been completed and we are again partnering with Eeny Meeny for our on-line option. They have a new improved service whereby each hub list is pre-set and you can select whether you want the whole list or just individual items.

<https://schoolpacks.eenymeeny.co.nz/schools/owhiro-bay-school.html>



PIECES OF WRITING.....

My Favourite Thing By Sofie Worth (Year 3)

My favourite thing from Mindful Monday is... gardening because we get to plant our own sweet-pea. We also got to plant two blueberry bushes and one olive tree and a little rose bush. The adult for this group is Mrs Giddy. We always do an activity like this after lunch. I did this because Mrs G does this to be mindful. I like Monday now.

SPRING By Marlena Trotter (Year 6)

The sparkling dew reflects in light.
Soft winds sing "Gone is the night."

Small reflections of water fall down,
Only now to sink into the ground.

In the morning light hares leap and bound,
Birds awake without a sound.

Creatures in hibernation open their eyes,
Tricky stoats and ferrets shake off their winter disguise.

The break of dawn startles the skies.
But no one can hear its pleading cries.

The stag king of the forest cries without fear
"Come one, come all, spring is here."

SPRING By Rachel Pearson (Year 4)

Spring
Spring oh what a day
Spring
Spring is no time to play.

I can see my blue hands.
I can hear all the birds.
I can taste all the rain.
Coming down from the big, heavy clouds.
I can smell the scent of blossoms
Floating from the small cherry trees
Creating happiness
Which fills the air with the scent of flowers.
But wait...

The taste is changing.

From all that rain
To the sweetest bits of honeysuckle
Makes me fill up with thanks.

Well that was this year.
Next year... I have no clue.
Maybe, just maybe,
It might be the same.

Spring Time Poppy Sadler (Year 5)

Drip drip drippy drop,
Goes the rain on the window pane
As the white and bright flowers bloom.
The smell of flowers fills the air,
with a lovely scent making the air taste like
Honeysuckle...

And the uru coming back to live,
with their lovely kakariki rau,
With buzzy bees coming out,
from their winter snooze.

Tūi and wētā singing
their happy spring song,
With the ōrea and noke dancing along.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to the following students who have a birthday coming up....

Ranith Nouv 13/12
Charlie Lunn 16/12
Erika Cheung 23/12
Isabella Sweet-Edgington 24/12
Rebeca Fleming 24/12



COAT HANGERS

Don't be disappointed – get your coat hangers now!
Wooden hangers 5 for \$3.00. Proceeds to Parent Link.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Our focus this week is “Manaakitanga” or “Kindness”
Congratulations to Antonio Cooper who won the Value of the Week voucher for “Respect”

SPORTS SPOT

Touch Report

Thank you every one for another amazing touch season.

- To the kids who ran their little hearts out
- To the parents who stood and hollered on the sidelines
- To the teachers who supported our finals games
- To Laurel as subs coordinator or certificate holder
- And to our amazing coaches who have instilled skills and drills and team- ship: Dean, Prakash and Simon, with support from Rob, Hoggy, Billy and the Saturday parent contingent

This is my lucky last year of touch, and having instigated it at OBS 6 years ago, I have seen it go from strength to strength with the spectrum of some the most competent to some of the most unlikely players getting out there, giving it a go, finding a place in the team and being supported by their team mates.

This is a great sport, well run by Total Touch and if you haven't done already-is worth giving a go. Enjoy the next many years ahead.

OB1s

You were amazing this week. You played and played and played against St Marks, a really well matched team.

Your defence was outstanding, shutting them down at every opportunity. And when you got the ball you attached and just did not give up running those straight lines. So many of you are new to the game this year and you have picked it up so well, ably supported by your amazing coach Simon and parent support. You used all of the individual strengths of each of your team players coming out to win the B grade Finals. Congratulations all.

Owhiro Bay Rocks

Woohoo. What an amazing effort. Playing St Francis De Sales Speedsters, a much stronger team the result was soooo close, but one that you should absolutely be proud of. A runner up result in the finals is a brilliant effort and testament to all the hard work coach Dean, and Prakash have put in to drilling in your passing, shutting down their speedster player and mantra of “think of the team first” (quote Dean). Well played all. You are going to miss the year 6 boys as they move up to SWIS but you have some great stars coming through from year 4.



MARZIPAN HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

It's almost time for our WELLINGTON HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS!!

The Marzipan Holiday Workshop runs from 10am-4pm 16th - 18th Jan (Thorndon) and 24th - 26th Jan (Cadet Centre - Evans Bay). Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day!

Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment.

ISLAND BAY UNITED HOLIDAY FOOTBALL : WAKEFIELD PARK

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd December 2017
9am – 3pm \$35 per day/\$160 week

Bookings are still available for the December and January Football holiday programmes. The holiday programme is open to all kids aged 5 - 12 yrs and is run by Island Bay United's Coaching and Developing Manager, Martin Garcia and his team of coaches. No previous football experience needed...we cater for all levels and abilities.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - Registration is on the IBU Junior club website www.ibujuniors.org.nz. Email queries to events@ibujuniors.org.nz

For more information check out our website! Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick!

W: marrzipandrama.co.nz E: workshops@marrzipandrama.co.nz T: 027 217 0693

INSTEP DANCE STUDIO

Instep Dance Studio- Based in Island Bay and Houghton Bay, we offer ballet, jazz and contemporary dance classes for ages 3yrs to adult. Experienced, qualified & registered teachers. FREE trials available. To book for Term 1 2018 or for inquiries contact Lesley: instepdance@hotmail.com 021 202 7750. Please visit our website for more info: instepdancestudio.co.nz

Sports Shirts

Please return your green sports shirts to school by this week please.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

A reminder that school finishes at 2.00 pm this Friday 15 December and resumes again for 2018 on Monday 29 January at 8.55 am.

Hope you have a safe and happy holiday!
From the Board and Staff at Owhiro Bay School