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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Whole School Trip to Red Rocks tomorrow 14 April
(weather permitting)

End of Term 1 (3.00 pm this Friday) 15 April

TERM 2

Beginning of Term 2 (8.55 am) 2 May

BOT Elections (calling for corrections to personal information, e.g.address change for voting roll)	by 4 May
BOT Elections Calling for Nominations	6 May
BOT Elections Nominations Close	20 May
BOT Voting Day	3 June
Southern Zone Cross Country	9 June

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

The weather forecast looks good for tomorrow and we have enough helpers. We are walking to the first big clump of Red Rocks and then slightly further to the picnic spot, you can check it out on Google Earth/Maps.

We have allowed ourselves plenty of time as we know that not all of our students are regular walkers and because we will all be wearing our backpacks.

We will let you know via text by 7.30am if we need to cancel and have school as normal.

The teaching team will have their regular Thursday morning briefing at school and then we will meet you at the visitors centre from 8.30am onwards.

You may have noticed that one of our shade sails has ripped through wear and tear in the strong winds. If you are able to help take the shade sails down for terms 2 and 3 we'd love to hear from you.

We had 17 responses to the Health Education Consultation. Key themes are emerging to guide our teaching for the next two years. We will use these as we plan our programmes each term.

Coming up in Term 2 is the Whole School Fun Run/Cross Country. For our Year 4-6 students there is an opportunity to represent Owhiro Bay School at the Southern Zones Cross Country at Houghton Valley School on the 9th of June. Keep practising over the holiday break and make sure you include some hill running, so that you are at peak fitness.

We have had a very busy and productive first term. Many thanks for all your support at the various events over the term. We love working together in such an involved learning community for the benefit of all our students. Have a restful break, recharge those batteries and we'll see you back next term for more exciting learning.

Please see the note from the Board on page 4.

He i konā mai,

Tineke and the team

THANKS

Thank you to the Friends of Owhiro Bay Stream for all their work along the path and stream over the last weekend.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to :

Ebony Adams-Sweet 16/4

Maia LaGrange 29/4

Enjoy the day!



VIRTUES

This week our focus is "Cleanliness" or "Nohomā".

I am practising cleanliness when I.....

- 🌀 Keep my body fresh and clean
- 🌀 Remember to care for my teeth every day
- 🌀 Get in the habit of putting my things away
- 🌀 Put only healthful things in my body
- 🌀 Use clean language

Congratulations to Stella Maiden who won the virtues voucher draw for last week for "helpfulness"

LOST SCOOTER

Lost in the scooter rack after school. Please contact the office if you have seen Mia's pink micro scooter marked with a "K" on the front of the footplate.

PARENTLINK

2016/17 Entertainment Book

The new 2016-2017 Entertainment Book is here! Order **before 6 April 2016** and receive **over \$170 worth of additional offers**. There's loads of great offers and savings again this year - plus \$12 from every book sold goes towards fundraising for our school. Order online or contact parentlink@owhiro.school.nz to find out more. Order online now at: <http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/105h108>

WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO RED ROCKS

Tomorrow, Thursday 14 April, if weather permits, the whole school will be walking to Red Rocks. Please drop off your child **between 8.30 and 9.00 am sharp** at Te Kopahou Visitors Centre, Owhiro Bay Parade.

Students need to bring:

- 🌀 Their school bag with packed lunch and drink (children will be carrying these, so please pack appropriately)
- 🌀 Warm jacket, sunhat, sunscreen
- 🌀 Good sturdy walking shoes

Students need to be collected from the Te Kopahou Visitors Centre at 3.00 pm. Those attending Pridelands will be walked back to school.

If the weather turns while we are at Red Rocks we will return to school earlier.



DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR OR TWO THIS SUNDAY BETWEEN 2-4PM TO SUPPORT THE STREAM PROJECT?

Now the summer drought is subsiding it is time to sow grass on the flat area north of Rooms 4&5 that was cleared of blackberry and other weeds last year.

- When:** Sunday 17 April from 2-4pm
Aim: Prepare the ground and sow grass seed.
Where: Through the gate off the field where the hang pit usually is (near R4 & 5)
Bring: Gloves and tools like rakes and grubbers, however we will have some spares for those who don't have any.

We would love to see you and your children there - we will be bringing ours.

Jess and Jude
Co-ordinators
One Learning Community Stream Project



TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Kura = school

SPORTS SPOT

Floorball Stingrays

Wow! An outstanding game to end a solid season with a convincing 8-1 win against Worsler Bay School and an overall third place in our division. Terrific teamwork with lots of great assists leading to 5 goals by Austin and 3 goals by Arun plus all round determined defence on the rink and in the goal. Well done Austin, Luca, Arun, Ollie, Kahu and Rico! Thanks also to Paul for his behind-the-scenes organising and the parents for their side line enthusiasm and support.

Orcas

While they may have come in last place for the season, the Orcas played their last game with a flair! Berhampore beat them 6 - 4 but it was all excitement - missing 4 players to injury and sickness (leaving only 3 and nearly cancelling the game!), the team showed they could have fun no matter what the conditions. Ella was a shining star for the game making 3 goals. Big congrats for a fun season to Eli, Felix, Atarau, Ella, Rebecca, Ethan and Lenn, and a big thanks to all the support from the coordinators, refs, parents and cheerleaders! See everyone in term 4!

Sports Shirts – Urgent Please

Please return all sports shirts by the end of this week. Thank you.

END OF TERM

A reminder that Term 1 finishes this Friday 15 April at 3.00 pm. Have a wonderful holiday with your child/ren.

Term 2 begins at 8.55 on Monday 2 May.



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)

Artrageous Big Kids Holiday Programme 18–22 April

Our BIG KIDS week is aimed at children aged 10-14 years. Providing them with a space, focused adult attention and loads of resources. This programme is tailored to draw out older children's interest in creating art and using their creativity by themselves and collaboratively.

Bookings at www.artrageouskids.co.nz

Artrageous Holiday Programme 18–22 April + 26–29 April 2016

We focus on extending children's creativity through many different medias. Our aim is to draw out your child's creative expression to develop confidence and self esteem and also to have heaps of fun. We provide new activities every day, however if your child is focused on exploring one medium they can work in that medium every day.

Bookings at www.artrageouskids.co.nz

Jennian Homes Mother's Day Fun Run/Walk, Sunday 8 May, Wellington Waterfront.

Run, walk or have a leisurely stroll with your Mum, daughter, sister or a group of girlfriends this Mother's Day. Nominate your primary school and they could win a share of \$50,000 Rebel Sport vouchers to purchase sport equipment. Register at <http://www.jennianmothersday.com>

Learn Mandarin Chinese as a Foreign Language

In a fun & interactive way! Our classes focus on **speaking & listening**, and **learning by doing**. Held at Island Bay Community Centre, Term 2, Wednesdays 3:20-4:05pm (preschooler 2.5-6yrs, parent&child session) or 4:15-5pm (6-12yrs). \$120/term, \$200/term for 2 siblings. Visit www.nihaocc.org.nz for more info on the charity's classes or to enrol.

Drama Holiday Programme

Drama Remedy holiday programmes are a great opportunity to expose your child to the art of drama & speech with our exciting and enjoyable workshops. April Holiday programme will be 3 days of activities based on Drama Games, Mime and Improvisation. To enrol or for more details contact (04) 478 5962 or 022 027 3316 dramaremedy@gmail.com or visit our website www.dramaremedy.co.nz

After School Philosophy

After School Philosophy is back at Island Bay School, beginning Term 2!

Have an opinion? Are you interested in discussing questions like:

- 🌀 What is happiness?
- 🌀 Is it ever okay to lie?
- 🌀 What is a work of art?

- 🌀 How do you know you are reading this?

Yes?

Then After School Philosophy sounds like the club for you!

Parents, philosophy will benefit your child by:

- 🌀 encouraging inquiry and reasoning skills
- 🌀 deepening understandings of concepts when searching for meaning
- 🌀 developing listening skills and the ability to consider alternative viewpoints
- 🌀 contributing to and benefiting all school subjects where your child can apply their strengthened critical and creative thinking
- 🌀 having fun thinking together

Karen Shuker is a trained Primary school teacher and will be taking the club on Thursdays from 3.30pm - 5.00pm @ \$12 a session, for 8 weeks of the term. year 3 to year 6 children are welcome, no experience necessary.

Email afterschoolphilosophy@gmail.com if you are interested!

P.T.O.

FROM THE BOARD

Kia ora,

Education Review Office Visit

The Board met with the review team last Friday for a brief summary of their visit. We await the final report so that we can share it with our community. Keith and Christine shared some constructive ideas with the management team around ways to measure outcomes for our priority learners. We look forward to implementing these in the coming months. The team made special mention of the way they had been welcomed and treated as part of our One learning Community while they were here.

Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour Strategic Plan

Our 37 RTLB under the guidance of Warren the Cluster Manager work in 110 schools within the Wellington/Porirua area. Cluster 28 Nga Hau E Wha work to implement their;

Vision - *Making Learning Accessible for All*

Mission Statement - *"We work inclusively within the school community to improve outcomes for ākonga".*

With a focus on Ministry of Education National Priorities and delivery of improving education outcomes for Māori learners, Pasifika learners, learners with special needs and learners from low socio-economic backgrounds.

Student Attendance

As part of our Annual Plan we are looking at attendance patterns in relation to our achievement data.

Did you know that in 2015 only 75 of our students were here for 184 or more days? The pattern was similar in 2014 with 88 students attending for 184 or more days. There are 192 full school days in calendar year and every school day counts. We'll be sharing more with you as the year progresses.

We have been reviewing our Māori Cultural Responsiveness of Trustees using Hautū a self review tool created by the School Trustees Association. Its been a very useful tool and will help us focus on areas for improvement over time. Thanks Jess for keeping us on track.

Priority Learners are those students identified as being at risk of not achieving the appropriate National Standard. These students require accelerated progress. Achievement can be considered to be accelerated when a student makes more than one year's progress over a year on a trajectory that indicates they will achieve the National Standard by the end of Year 6.

Health and Safety at Work 2015

There has been lots of media coverage around the implications of this legislation which came into force on Monday 4th April. For us this means continuing to use the good practices already in place and during our School Docs self-review process, making any changes or adjustments to our policies and procedures as needed. We will be working to ensure this does not negatively impact our teaching and learning programmes.