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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Powhiri 9.00 am	16 September
SWIS Open Day 9 am – 12.45 pm	16 September
Last Day of Term 3.00 pm NO COFFEE GROUP TODAY	23 September
Term 4 begins 8.55 am	10 October

COMING UP

Fair Committee Meeting	13 October
Owhiro Bay Country Fair	27 November
Last Day of 2016	18 December
First Day of 2017	1 February

WEEKLY EVENT

Monday	Marzipan Drama classes 8.00 am In the hall Creek Crew/Stream Team 9 – 11 am
Wednesday	Wheels Day Yoga/Pilates Classes 6.30 pm In hall
Thursday	Recorder Classes 8.30 – 8.50 am Code Club 3.30-4.30
Friday	Coffee Group in the staffroom Last Friday of each month Assembly 2.20 pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Within our kaupapa of Active Citizenship through the Social Science lens the students are finding ways to contribute to the various communities to which we belong. Room 7 took on a regional focus and organised participation in a very successful Onesie Day. We raised \$290.00 for the Wellington Free Ambulance. Congratulations! Students in Room 3 are inquiring as to how they can make a difference here at Owhiro Bay School. For some of our pupils, part of this Inquiry has included picking up rubbish during lunch time each day for a week. You'd be surprised at the amount! They'll be sharing their findings and actions with you in a variety of ways.

One of the observations of the Education Review team was that we are growing a schoolwide heutagogical practice.

"In a heutagogical approach to teaching and learning, learners are highly autonomous and self-determined and emphasis is placed on development of learner capacity and capability with the goal of producing learners who are well-prepared for the complexities of today's workplace." Lisa Marie Blaschke

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<http://www.irrodl.org/index.php/irrodl/article/view/1076>

The use of SOLO taxonomy and the Inquiry process are two frameworks from our toolkits that we use to scaffold our students towards becoming more autonomous and able to direct their own learning.

If you've popped into school lately you will have noticed that the library has remained in the hall and that Room 2 is currently being used as a music space. It's great to have the space for students to develop and share their particular talents/interests in this area. Towards the end of next term I should be in a position to share with you some concept drawings related to the refurbishment of Rooms 1-3 in the main block, as this is our next Ministry of Education 5 Year Property Plan project.

As Owhiro Bay School does not have a uniform, or the policies and procedures that go along with that, we ask that students be dressed appropriately for learning. It's great to see all our students with warm coats, hats, gloves and even gumboots so they can enjoy the outdoors during break times.. We have noticed an increase in the number of students with long hair and would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child's hair is not hindering their learning by being constantly in their eyes. We are also asking that students with long hair keep it tied back as a precaution in avoiding the spread of nits. We don't wear hats inside.

A quick thank you to whomever found a use for the surplus shelving for taking it away so promptly.

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

Nāku noa nā,
Tineke and the team

MISSING

A grey pashmina scarf with embroidery on it, during the moving between classrooms. Please call in at the office if you have seen this.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the two students who received placings in the Inter Zone Swimming.

Year 4 Girls Championship

Te Rira Solomon-Murch – 2nd place 25 m Breaststroke

Year 5 Boys Non Championship

Olliver Bond – 1st place 50 m Freestyle

Olliver Bond – 1st place 25 m Backstroke

Olliver Bond – 1st place 25 m Freestyle

Well done!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday wishes to the following children who have birthdays coming up:

Ryan Bocoock 16/9

Heath Dixon 17/9

Wren Haley 18/9

Enjoy your Day!



A NOTE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH

Gastroenteritis reminder from Regional Public Health

The winter increase of viral illnesses causing diarrhoea and vomiting has occurred later than usual this year, with

outbreaks being reported towards the end of August and beginning of September.

A reminder about the need for children and staff who are sick with diarrhoea and vomiting to stay at home until 48 hours after the diarrhoea or vomiting has stopped; and to encourage good hand washing and drying.

More information on what to do to stop the spread of viral illnesses can be found in the attached pamphlet. This pamphlet is also available on rph.org.nz (Public Health Topics > Foodborne Illness > Gastroenteritis pamphlet)

VIRTUES

For the remainder of term, our focus is "Respect" or "Whakaute"

I am practising respect when I...

- Treat others as you want to be treated
- Speak courteously to everyone
- Take special care of other people's belongings

Congratulations to our virtue voucher winners from last week, Erika Cheung and Waimarino Garland-Ross



ONSIE DAY

What a wonderful (warm) day children had supporting the Wellington Free Ambulance in their "Onsie" outfits. We managed to raise \$290.00. Well done and thank you everyone!

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 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.

SPORTS SPOT

Calling all, would be, up and coming, potential Touch Rugby Players

Owhiro Bay School is once again keen to put in teams for the local school's touch tournament (this is non tackle, 5 a side, girls and boys).

Games are played on a Wednesday, from 4.00 pm at Wakefield Park.

If you think that you would like to give it a go, or you already play rugby during the winter and want to continue your skill development send me an email and I can keep you informed about training opportunities and game times/registration.

More information can be found at the total touch website www.totaltouch.org.nz/wellington-juniors/wakefield-park-1) or by emailing Klare at klare.braye@matuaraki.org.nz

YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

Please return all Yummy Apple Sticker charts to the office by Wednesday of next week so they can be processed by the end of the Term.

We look forward to our share of the \$250,000 of sporting equipment.

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Kāore i tua atu ia koe! = There's no one better than you!

RUNNING CLUB – STARTING TERM 4

Thanks to Rachel Howe who has offered to manage a running group after school each Thursday after school from 3. – 3.30 pm. All should have water bottles, suitable shoes and sunhat/sunblock.



PARENTLINK

Abacus Calendar/Card Fundraising

Thank you everyone who supported this campaign again this year. We raised an incredible \$604.50. A big thank you to Helen Orange who has been managing this fundraiser for the last five years and thanks to Pearl Carty who will be taking over from her next year.

The artwork has now been posted and we envisage we will have the products to you early next term.



Next Fair Committee meeting

The next Fair Committee meeting is **Thursday 13 October** at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. There will be a short Parent Link meeting beforehand starting at 7.15pm. If you or anyone you know are interested in helping to organise the Fair, or have some great ideas about how to improve the Fair, please come along to the meeting. We still have some roles to fill and we would really appreciate your help.

Electronic volunteer sign-up sheet

Thanks so much to everyone who has signed up and filled up all the committee and stall manager roles. It's fantastic to have such great support within the school/kindy community. However, we still need volunteers to help with the stalls on the day for a couple of hours. The online sign up sheet has been updated to allow for selection of timeslots for the stalls. There are two time slots to choose from, 10.30 - 12.30pm and 12.30 - 2.30pm. It's lots of fun selling the goods and chatting to people on the day. Simply click on the following

<http://signup.com/go/7NVpPp>

Note, you don't need to sign up using facebook - just enter your email address in the box provided (and re-enter it to confirm it, as prompted)

Facebook page

Here is the facebook page which will have lots of information as well as posts about items the fair might need. Please check it regularly and click on the 'like' button to spread the word. .

<http://tinyurl.com/owhirobayfair>

School garage clean out this Saturday (17th Sept) from 10am until midday

If anyone has any time this Saturday to pop down to the school to help with a clean out of the garage that would be appreciated. We need to clear space in anticipation of the donated goods to be dropped off in the next couple of months.

Please save any good quality used items you might wish to donate to the fair

We will be opening the school garage on a regular basis straight after the school holidays for donations of good quality used items that we can sell at the Fair. However, if you have something before then that you'd like to drop off, let me know and I'll open it up. Bindi.Robertson@outlook.com

We would be very grateful for donations of good quality, clean, clothing, books, toys, bric-a-brac, puzzles, complete games, good quality dvds and cds, household items, tools, bikes and garden items.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for updates on when the garage will be open for donations.

Raffle prizes

We will be running a raffle as part of the Fair this year and we would be very grateful for donations of any items that we could include as raffle prizes.

- Do you work for, or know of, a business that may be willing to donate a prize or a service?
- Do you have 'un-needed' items or gifts (brand new, in original packaging) that we could include as a prize or as part of a hamper pack?
- Do you own a holiday home or bach? Would you be willing to offer a weekend stay as a prize? If you think you might be able to help us with raffle prizes, please let us know.

Garden Stall request

Please start thinking about planting / repotting seed and plants for fair. All plant donations, especially natives, will be gratefully received.



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Learn to Swim – Swim Club (From Klare Braye)

Did you know that there are two 'learn to swim' Swim Clubs in Wellington

With school swim lessons finishing it could be a good time to look at **low cost alternatives** (about \$70-80pa.)



My kids have been through both of these clubs and have gained so much from them

They offer **passionate teachers, excellent swim instruction, lots of swim practice, fun/social evenings** – all within a club environment (ie it is

not a business model) but one that is non-competitive (ie its not competitive and driven like Capital) . Many of the teachers are x swimmers themselves and there is lots and lots of swim time, either in widths (Haitaitai SC) or lengths (Maranui SC)

Both clubs run from **Freyberg pool** on a **Friday evening**(5.30-7.00 for Hataitai; 7.00-8.00 for Maranui).

More info can be found at these websites. Or better still-**just turn up and give it a go**. They are more than happy for you to give it a go for as many weeks as needed.

www.maranuiswimming.co.nz/

www.communityfinder.org.nz/h/hataitai-swimming-club

Want to get your kids away from the smartphone & ipad?

Then send them on a kids 'Creative Holiday'!

The Learning Connexion will help your children explore their own imagination, develop their creative skills and in the process build up their self esteem.

No two children are the same, which is why we tailor our approach to each unique child. We encourage individual creative expression and will teach children of any art level - no prior art experience necessary.

- The Learning Connexion - 182 Eastern Hutt Rd, Lower Hutt
- 26th - 30th September, 3rd - 7th October, Monday to Friday, mornings & afternoons
- \$25 half day, \$45 full day
- Learn more at www.ArtClassesForKids.co.nz
- Or call 0800 278 769

Leda Farrow,

The Learning Connexion - Kids Holiday Art Programme Facilitator

