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# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Board of Trustees Meeting	16 February
Meet the Teachers evening from 5.30 pm	17 February
Kindergarten Whanau Evening	24 February
Movin' March	15 March
Parentlink Coffee Club from 2.15 pm	24 February
Staff Training Day	7 July

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	Marzipan Drama Classes
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wheels Day Touch Practice Stream Team 9 – 11.00 am
<b>Thursday</b>	Coming Soon... Beginners Recorder Classes Advanced Recorder Classes
<b>Friday</b>	Parentlink Coffee Club in the staffroom Last Friday of each month Assembly led by Year 3 students at 2.20pm in the Hall – Mrs Taylor

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora, Hello, Talofa lava, Chao, Ni Hao, Dia dhaoibh, Namaste, Gidday, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Bula vinaka, Mälō e lelei, Sawasdee, πpevet

Our powhiri on Friday welcomed all new families and staff to the Owhiro Bay Learning community. Thank you to all who came and supported us. Mrs Taylor and Miss Fretwell are looking forward to meeting more of you on Friday. We also welcomed Jamie Hoare to our team. Jamie will be teaching

in Māhuri and Whanake on alternate Fridays, providing leadership release for Mrs Martin and Mrs Reynolds.

Our current hall space is a community owned asset and as such is maintained using funds raised by Parent Link. 2016 saw the installation of new LED lighting and a new ramp. Thank you Parent Link.

In our redevelopment plans for our main block we are looking to create a multi purpose space that can be used by the community and that will ultimately be maintained via Ministry of Education funding.

We continue to explore the theme of Citizenship and cultural identity over the next few weeks and as part of this kaupapa we are in the process of arranging a whole school trip to the Empire theatre to watch the movie Moana. As soon as I have confirmation of the date/time, I will put out further details.

There does appear to be a vomiting bug going around so once again we are diligently reinforcing good basic hygiene and hand washing routines.

We look forward to seeing you all from 5.30pm on Friday for our Meet the Teacher evening as we know that student success is enhanced when we work in partnership with whanau.

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Nāku noa nā,  
Tineke and the team

## WELCOME

To Maddie Ellis-Shave who joined children in Harakeke today. Welcome also to Maddie's family to our school community.

To Jamie Hoare our new member of staff who will be teaching in Māhuri and Whanake on alternate Fridays, providing leadership release for Mrs Martin and Mrs Reynolds

We welcome Sandy Haung and Duncan Wilson as our new Pridelands team



"Hello I'm Sandy. I am a Chinese New Zealander. I love to dress up, dance and sing. I hope I can bring to Pride Lands a lot of positivity, smiles, and contribution to the community."



"Hi my name is Duncan Wilson and I have worked with children for the past 6 years. I originally started working with children at NumberWorks in Dunedin where I worked for 5 and a half years before moving up here to Wellington and have worked at Pride Lands for the past 6 months. During this time I have also been involved in football coaching at a number of junior levels and really enjoy watching children grow and learn. I am active and enjoy sporting exercises particularly football and want Pride Lands to be a place where all the cubs can get involved and enjoy themselves while also feeling comfortable expressing their individuality".

### HELP!

Were you a witness? On Monday morning between 9.00am and 10.00am a silver Peugeot was parked across the road from school. It is now missing the drivers side wing mirror. If you saw or know anything please make contact with Nikki Soos, a parent in Whanake.

### VIRTUES

Our focus for the following fortnight is "Service" or Mahi-pono-mo katoa"

I am practising Service when I.....

- 🌀 Want to make a difference in the world
- 🌀 Look for opportunities to be of service to others
- 🌀 Think of thoughtful things to do to help my family and friends
- 🌀 Work with enthusiasm
- 🌀 Don't wait to be asked when something needs doing
- 🌀 Do my part to care for the earth; recycle, reduce and re-use.

Congratulations to Lily Taylor, Portia McLean and Alby Currier who won the Virtues Voucher draw last week, Lily for "Respect", Portia for "Consideration" and Alby for "Kindness"

Awards from last week

### YOGA/PILATES CLASSES AT OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL

Currently Sue is running classes on a Wednesday evening from 6.30 pm in the school hall.

Are you keen to join a morning exercise class? Please contact Sue on 9382.484/027 6943970 or Wendy. It's a great way to meet new people and get fit at the same time. Bring along your yoga mat and \$5.00

Sue donates the proceeds from the class to the school. We thank her for her on-going generosity.

### SECURITY CALL OUT

Do you live in close proximity to the school and would be prepared to be placed on a list of volunteer callout people?

Thanks to Mike Dombroski who has been helping us with this for the last few years alongside Jason Graham and Mark Bailey. Mike and family have left our school and we need someone who would undertake this role as first call out on the rare occasion the alarms sound.

Over the years, this has saved the school an incredible amount of funds by not employing a security company to turn-out to what has never been in the past an actual incident.

Please contact Wendy in the office if you can help.

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday wishes to the following students who have a birthday coming up:

Te Rira Solomon-Murch (today) 15/2

Lilly-Anne Menzies 19/2

Elliot Smith 21/1

Enjoy your day!



## RECORDER LESSONS BACK THIS YEAR

Recorder lessons will start on Thursday, 2 March.

If you want to give playing the recorder a go then please join us in the Music Room/Room 2 at 8.30am-8.50am on Thursday 2 March. School will provide a recorder for you during this time but if you have one already then bring it with you.

Are there any advanced recorder players and students from last year who want to keep playing? I will meet you Thursday 2 March at 3pm to 3.20pm in the Music Room.

I'm really looking forward to seeing you.

Inka Jackson



## 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. Thinking about enrolling your kids in Swimming this term?

## STREAM TEAM UPDATE

The stream team are happy to report that after a rather damp summer our native plants are thriving however so are the weeds!

Our weekly meet up is now on Wednesdays from 9am to 11.30am.

On Wednesdays we are busy release weeding around the natives and grubbing out the new blackberry growth.

So come on down and join us if you are keen to have a look around the stream project.

There are blackberries to nibble on, 3 wetas living in the hotel and apples that are almost ready for eating!!!!

Bring some gloves if you have some time to work with us - we'd love extra hands to help.

We usually break for a quick cuppa around 10.15am before some of the students come down for an explore during morning tea.

### Stream Health:

As many of you may know last year after the big November earthquake and then flooding the stream had some issues with extra water overflow from the T&T landfill.

There was a meeting before Christmas with the WCC, the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) and people from the Community Gardens, FOOS and our Stream Project to discuss ongoing concerns.

The GRWC have an informative website dedicated to the issue with regular updates added. If you have an interest in what is happening please have a look at the website - the frequently asked questions section is very good.

The webpage can be accessed here: <http://www.gw.govt.nz/t-and-t-landfill/>.

The GWRC also have an Environmental Hotline 0800 496 734 which is a great place to start if you notice any changes in the stream. For example: I called last week when the stream changed colour and there had been no rain. A group of us traced the source to a broken water main above the school which caused a wee landslide hence the brown stream - the water main has been fixed.

## Stream Team - Jude, Jina and Megan

## SPORTS SPOT

### Floorball

Our floorball team - Owhiro Bay Stingrays - had their first game as a new team and had a rough start against a year 6 team from Kilbirnie with the end score of 2-11. Ethan and Atarau did their best as goalies. Rico and Lenn each scored a goal. Makaela became player of the day for lots of running and goal shots.

### Touch

A reminder that .touch training is Wednesday after school, at school.

Games start next week so a great chance to build those skills and practice those moves...see you at 3.15.

Thanks  
Klare



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### Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS)

Please note that Working Bees are held on the second Saturday of each month. More the merrier!

## **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! 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.

## **All Star Victory Cheerleaders 2017 .**

Enrolments still open. We offer free trial classes .

A fun all round activity including tumble, jumps, stunts, pyramids and a little bit of dance.

Classes and teams to suit all ages and abilities both girls and boys.

Classes held at The Circus Hub 11 Hutchison St and also at Capital Gymsports next door.

Cheerleaders develop good listening and co operative skills while having fun and learning new physical skills.

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