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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Please check the lost property	18 December
Last Day of Term 4 (3.00 pm) for students	18 December
First Day of 2016	3 February

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 everyone.

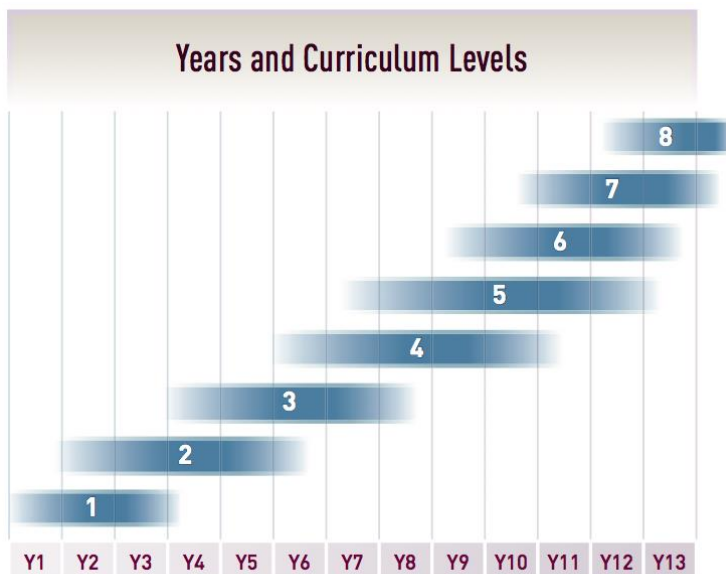
For those who attend our assemblies on Fridays you'll know that we have a slot called the mystery teacher. This week as we have undertaken our transition activities Mrs Marett has been taking on this role. We have been working hard in the background to find just the right person to replace her and I hope to be in a position to make an announcement tomorrow when the full class lists are displayed. Thank you all for your trust and patience.

Thank you to everyone for your attendance and support last night. I would like to acknowledge the contribution made to our One Learning Community over the years from the families of our Year 6 students who will no longer have siblings at school. To the Clark, Dayal, Leung-Kirifi, Ketko-Trask, Lepaio, Peng, Denham, Vasbenter, Hazlewood, Banks and Prestwood-Smith families – thank you for your continued support. We wish you and your children all the best for the new challenges that await.

During my recent chats with parents it has become apparent that we need to find more effective ways to share information. We also need to have some conversations about the aims and the delivery of the New Zealand Curriculum, the push towards Communities of Learning and the changes occurring in education at every level, here and overseas. Planning for this will occur on the 30th of January 2016 when the Board of Trustees meet to outline the strategic plan for Owhiro Bay School.

One big difference between teacher speak and parent speak is that we use Year and Curriculum Levels. In general students have two years to achieve at each curriculum level. The paler shaded areas acknowledge that not every student

learns at the same rate. Our teachers are well versed and confident in planning and delivering programmes that meet



the learning needs of each student.

If you have some time over the holiday break check out the Ministry's new website www.education.govt.nz, especially the parent section. Other links to look at include;

Mark Osbourne- CORE Education

<http://www.slideshare.net/mosborne01> 2014 Modern Learning Practice, 2013 Building 21st Century Learners

Ken Robinson

https://www.ted.com/talks/ken_robinson_changing_education_paradigms

The team here at Owhiro Bay wish you all a safe and happy holiday with friends and family. We look forward to seeing you back safe and sound in 2016.

Ngā mihi,

Tineke & the Team

FAREWELL

To our Year 6 students – Culhane Clark, Hamish Dayal, Jasmine Leung Kirifi, Max Ketko-Trask, Roshan Jeram-Inglin, Webster Lepaio, Angela Peng, Boh Denham, Bruno Vasbenter, Gabe Hawkings, Kayley Banks, Jack Graham, Sam Hazlewood, Victoria Prestwood-Smith.

To Santiago and Tomas Molina-Paul who leave our community and country this weekend. Thank you to Michaela and Sebastian for your continued support of the school and community.

To Susan Meek our amazing Reading Recovery Teacher and all the best wishes to Sarah Marett and Ross for their impending parenthood.

VIRTUES

This week we continue to focus on the virtue of “Service” or “mahi-pono-mo katoa”.

You are practising Service when you....

- 🌀 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 your family and friends
- 🌀 Work with enthusiasm
- 🌀 Don't wait to be asked when something needs doing
- 🌀 Do your part to care for the earth; recycle, reduce and re-use.

Congratulations to Cohen Harrison who won the virtue draw for “Cleanliness”

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

koti = hat

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property - there is a huge amount of clothing that needs to be re-united with owners.

Any un-named, unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

To:

Kauri McCluskey/Avatea 17/12

Angela Peng – 21/12

Erika Cheung – 23/12

Isabella Sweet-Edgington 24/12

Enjoy your day!



SPORTS SPOT

Sports Shirts

There are still few sports shirts to be returned to school. Could these be returned by tomorrow please.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

A reminder that school finishes at 3.00 pm tomorrow (Friday 18 December) and resumes again for 2016 on Wednesday 3 February at 8.55 am.

Hope you have a safe and happy holiday!

from the Board & Staff at Owhiro Bay School

