



*e tipu e rea* In our children lies our future

# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Enviro Day – tree planting	3 June
Queens Birthday Weekend	6 June
Harakeke visit Carlucciland	9 June
Southern Zone Cross Country	9 June
Matariki Disco	17 June
Next Coffee Group for Parents & Caregivers 2.30 pm	24 June

## Weekly Events

Monday- Marrzipan Drama classes 8.00 am  
Monday afternoon - assembly 2.20 pm  
Tuesday – Choir 8.00 am  
Wednesday - Creek Crew/Stream Team 9.00 – 11.00 am  
Wednesday - Wheels Day  
Wednesday – Yoga/Pilates Classes 6.30 pm in hall  
Thursday “Stepping Out” dance sessions  
Thursday - Code Club 3.30 – 4.30 pm  
Friday - Whanake Swimming 12.30 – 2.30 pm  
Friday – Coffee Group in the staffroom last Friday of each Month

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

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

What wonderful support we had for our fun run/cross country! Our students certainly participated to the best of their ability and our school spirit was palpable. The sportspersonship shown towards each other by our students, teachers and onlookers was also heartening. Check out the results in the sports spot.

A small group of students have been selected to represent us in the Southern Zones competitive Cross Country event. We wish them all the best.

Today is Walk “n” Wheels day and hopefully everyone has managed to walk or wheel some of the distance to and from school. I attended a reference group meeting with NZ Land Transport representatives recently and there are some exciting new initiatives coming out around “travelling safe” which I am keen to share with you. New in today’s newsletter is a section called “Street Talk”

I have also received an update from Council regarding the Kea Crossing. We have new drawings showing the correct placing of a potential crossing. Formal consultation on the no stopping restrictions will begin in mid-July.

Coming up on Friday is our annual planting/Enviro Day held to coincide with the beginning of Matariki. A huge thank you to the team – Jude Maich and Doug Trotter, Jess Allen, Penny Kerr, Martin and Mahara from FOOS, Brian from WCC, Sylvia Reynolds and Kriston Ware who took time out on Sunday to dig the holes and clear the area in preparation. We look forward to another fun-filled successful day. Please send your child to school in clothes suitable for gardening. Gumboots are great!

Congratulations to Amie and her helpers for holding our first coffee group session on Friday afternoon. It was heartening to see so many turn up in support and it sounded like everyone was having a good time getting to know each other. This will continue as a regular event so keep the last Friday afternoon of each month free if you can.

Whilst we are in the middle of election mode our outgoing Board of Trustees have been busy analysing all the responses to our community consultation. There were 43 responses in all from 90 families. General themes and responses will be shared with you and then handed over to the new Board for further scrutiny and to help determine the next round of strategic planning for Owhiro Bay School.

Ask your child to show you their dance moves, especially the salsa!

Feiloa’i taeao,  
Tineke and the team

## THANKS

A thank you to Golden Fresh who supplied us with enough bags of "Apple Snappz" for each child in the school. These are 80 g bags of pure sliced apple – no preservatives – ideal for school lunches.



## ONE LEARNING COMMUNITY ~ EDWINA HENRY ~

Thank you to the families who kindly donated cash or vouchers for Edwina's family. We plan to deliver the vouchers in the next week or two. If you would still like to donate, please pop in and see Wendy or the Kindergarten.

## COFFEE GROUP – A REGULAR SOCIAL EVENT FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

Wow! What a fun afternoon by all accounts. Be sure to mark Friday 24 June from 2.30 pm on your diary for the next get together, a chance to catch up and meet new parents/caregivers/whanau over a cup of coffee before you collect your child/ren.



## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to :

Sophia Dry today!

Mollie Carty-Davies today!

Chrishan Noble 3/6

Enjoy your day!



## VIRTUES

For the following fortnight our focus will be "Determination" or "hiri-nga"

I am practising determination when I...

- 🌀 Believe what I am doing is important
- 🌀 Set goals for myself
- 🌀 Focus my full attention on what I am doing
- 🌀 Resist distractions
- 🌀 Keep going even if it gets difficult
- 🌀 Ask for help when I need it
- 🌀 Finish what I start

## Congratulations to:

Ayvah Olsen who won the virtues voucher draw this week for "friendliness"

## ENVIRO DAY THIS FRIDAY

This Friday 3 June is Enviro Day Friday June 3 The students will be planting natives on the cleared area and on the banks of the stream next to the old apple tree = north of Rooms 4 & 5.

We will need volunteers to make the day a success for all especially the plants. If you can help between the hours of 8.30am to 12.30pm swing by the office and let Wendy know of your availability.



## SPORTS SPOT

### Fun Run/Cross Country Results

	<b>Year 1 Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<b>First</b>	Summer	Max
<b>Second</b>	Isabella	Felix
<b>Third</b>	Mia and Kaira	Cohen
	<b>Year 2 Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<b>First</b>	Kyla	Nicky
<b>Second</b>	Amahni	Jake
<b>Third</b>	Stella	Terrence
	<b>Year 3 Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<b>First</b>	Mollie	Hugh
<b>Second</b>	Zoe	Rogue
<b>Third</b>	Elsie	Francis
	<b>Year 4 Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<b>First</b>	Eimear	Dylan
<b>Second</b>	Molly	Lenn
<b>Third</b>	Alexis	Arun
	<b>Year 5 Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<b>First</b>	Portia	Thomas
<b>Second</b>	Javi	Ollie
<b>Third</b>	Zora	Rico
	<b>Year 6 Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<b>First</b>	Stella	Austin
<b>Second</b>	Maddie	Max
<b>Third</b>	Anusha	Daniel

## STREET TALK SNIPPETS

Sharing the road and being a road user is a time where we are most citizen-like every day.

Do you know the correct etiquette to follow if you are a driver, a cyclist, a passenger, a pedestrian?

Attendance- From the Ministry of Education website

### Does my child have to go to school every day?

Yes, your child must go to school every day. Under the Education Act 1989, parents and carers of children between 6 and 16 years old can be prosecuted if their child is away from school without a good reason.

### Why do they need to go every day?

Going to school every day really is the key to getting the best out of school because:

- it sets up good habits for going to school right from day one
- learning to read, write and do maths takes a lot of practice and is easier to master if your child goes to school regularly
- each day is a chance to learn something new
- school offers your child regular, dedicated help to master the many skills they need
- it teaches your child life skills like commitment, being reliable, having a good work ethic and sticking with things when they get hard.

### What about my 5 year old?

Even though you don't legally have to enrol your child at school until they turn 6 most children in New Zealand start school when they are 5.

Once your child has started school it is still important that they go regularly to get all the benefits.

### What if my child needs to be away from school

Your child should go to school every day. But sometimes your child might need to be away from school because they are too sick to attend, have an appointment or need to be at a tangi or funeral.

If your child is going to be away from school you should let the school know as soon as possible. Check what your school's process is for letting them know about absences. You will need to let them know that they will be away, why and for how long.

Your child's safety and wellbeing is a priority for the school. If your child doesn't turn up to school they need to know that your child is safely at home with you, or their carer. If the school doesn't hear from you, they will get in touch with you to make sure your child is okay.

### Can I take my child out of school during term time to go on holiday?

No, a holiday is not a good enough reason to take your child out of school, so holidays should be planned outside of term time.

Events like a birthday or a special day's shopping aren't considered valid reasons for being away from school either.

### What if my child is often off school sick?

If your child misses a lot of school because of a serious illness you may be able to get help from a regional health school.

There are three regional health schools, based in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Together they service the whole country, including remote areas. The teachers can work with children both at home and in hospital.

You can contact them directly:

[Northern Health School](#)

Phone 0800 153 002

[Central Regional Health School](#)

Phone 0800 153 000

[Southern Health School](#)

Phone 03 366 6739

## Student Attendance

The following is on our School Docs site

The Education Act, 1989, requires that all children six years old and over must attend school. The principal is accountable to the Ministry of Education for the daily **attendance** of all students listed on the school admission register. To monitor the **attendance** of students the school must:

Responsibility	Action
School	1. Advise, and regularly remind parents, of the need to contact school when their child is away.
Parent/caregiver	2. Contact the school before 8:55 am to report their child's absence that day, and send a note to the teacher when the child returns to school.  Absences are <b>unjustified</b> unless the child is too sick to attend school, or has suffered a bereavement.  Parents must also keep the school advised of any changes to their contact phone numbers.
Teachers	3. Complete the <b>attendance register</b> and use it to manage patterns of absence.  Teachers receive notes on the child's return, and file these notes in the classroom for a year.

## PARENTLINK

### Matariki disco – Friday, June 17

Come along to the Matariki disco on Friday June 17. \$5 entry includes a glo-stick and ice-block. There will be a Matariki-themed dress-up competition too – more details coming soon. We'll also have a chill out room for parents in the staff room with drinks and nibbles when you're ready to rest those dancing feet or escape the chaos!

**Disco help needed:** Any parents willing and able to help out with a few small jobs on the night such as decorating the hall, manning the door and clearing up, please drop us a quick email [castle.roberts@clear.net.nz](mailto:castle.roberts@clear.net.nz)

### 2016/17 Entertainment Book

The new 2016-2017 Entertainment Book is here! 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](mailto:parentlink@owhiro.school.nz) to find out more.

Order online now at:

<http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/105h108>

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## HARAKEKE VISIT TO CARLUCCILAND

Unfortunately the weather did not permit us to walk to Carlucciland today to support our science inquiry into "What makes things move?"

We plan to "try again" next **Thursday 9 June**, leaving school at 9.45. Please diary this date and remember to make sure your child has shoes for the walk, a rain jacket with a morning tea snack in the pocket and a water bottle at school next **Thursday 9 June**.

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## TE KUPU O TE WIKI

pukapuka = book

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## BOT ELECTIONS

A reminder that all voting papers need to be in the voting box outside the office by noon Friday 3 June. If you are posting your vote to the school, please make sure your envelope is postdated before noon 3 June.

Again, the candidates are:

Peter Noble, Joss Debreceny, Jo Haanstra, Inka Jackson, Laurel Barr, Elliott Kirton and Amy Weightman.

If you have not received your voting papers Wendy.

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### Recorder Lessons at School

Inka Jackson has offered to take beginner recorder lessons each Thursday morning from 8.30-8.50am in the hall for a small group of interested students. Just like code club this is free. The school will provide the recorders. If you are interested, please leave your name with Wendy in the office or see Inka.

### Want to....Improve your Health and Wellbeing – Be Stronger – Be More Flexible?

Come along on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 pm at Owhiro Bay School hall. Bring a mat and smile and \$5.00 (proceeds go to the school). Yoga/pilates – for more information contact Sue – mshm@paradise.net.nz

### **NOMINATE NOW: Pride Awards 2016 Nominations Opened**

*"Youth have enormous potential. If we can inspire them to identify with humanity as a whole, the impact on the world will be tremendous"* -Sadhguru

Hello Parents of Pride Lands and good afternoon,

I am proud to announce that nominations are now open for the 2016 Pride Awards for celebrating our young people's success and achievements.

As many of you are aware, Pride Lands Childcare founded this event and charity in 2010 in the hopes of encouraging young people to dream BIG and achieve their goals in life.

We stand proud with your young ones every step of the way because we believe they are worth it.

So parents of Pride Lands, join us to take pride in our young people, your cub(s) and make your nominations at [www.prideawards.org.nz](http://www.prideawards.org.nz)

Remember, the sky is not the limit. We encourage your cub(s) to reach beyond the stars and be much more than we have ever dreamed.

The ceremony will take place at Parliament in October 2016. Successful nominees and their families will receive invitations in August/September.

Thank you and have a pleasant day.  
Moses

P.T.O.

25 May 2016

## Important health information – Measles preparedness

As you may be aware from news reports there are currently people with measles (English measles) in the Waikato, Northland, Nelson and Levin regions.

Measles is a highly infectious and serious illness. **If** a student or staff member is diagnosed with measles in your school, other students and staff (teaching, administration, sports coaches and any other staff that have face to face contact with students) will be required to have written evidence that they have either had two doses of measles vaccine (MMR) after they were 12 months of age or doctor diagnosed measles. This information can be found in you/your child's Wellchild or Plunket book or from a print out from your doctor.

**Anyone who does not have evidence of measles immunity will be required to stay off school until 14 days after their contact with the person diagnosed with measles.**

Measles vaccine is free from medical centres and we strongly encourage anyone who is not vaccinated to get their vaccine as soon as possible.

An information sheet about measles can be found at: [www.rph.org.nz](http://www.rph.org.nz) >Public health topics/Infectious diseases/Measles.

Your school public health nurse can provide you with more information and answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely



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