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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Fair Committee Meeting 7.30 pm in the school staffroom	26 September
Last Day of Term 3	29 September
First day of Term 4	16 October
Whole School Swimming	17 October
Powhiri	27 October

COMING UP

Southern Zone Athletics	7 November
One Learning Community Fair	19 November
Swimming (whole school) Tuesdays	Term 4
Last Day of the Year 2.00 pm	15 December
2018 Start 8.55 am	29 January

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday	Marzipan Drama Classes
Wednesday	Wheels Day Assembly 2.30 pm Soccer Practice Ukulele Orchestra 8.00 am
Thursday	Recorder Classes 8.30 a.m. Code Club 3.30 – 4.30 pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Artsplash on a Monday night, what a way to kick off the week! Māhuri you sure did us all proud. Thank you to Rowena and Mrs Martin for all the preparation and practising, and for all the whanau support at home.

Yesterday we had a group of girls join in a local futsal tournament, and I hear they were also very successful. Many thanks to Miss Fretwell for all her organisation behind the scenes and to Wendy Abbott for hustling up the parent support. Opportunities such as these add richness and depth to our curriculum and allow students to shine in their areas of interest and strength or try something new. They also feed nicely into our school wide value of CONFIDENCE.

Wednesday is Wheels Day and it's great to see so many bikes and scooters lined up this morning, especially from those who took part in pedal ready. Let's hope it stays dry.

For those new to the school who have yet to make themselves familiar with all our policies and procedures here are the guidelines in relation to dogs on the school grounds.

*Parents who bring **dogs** on to school grounds do so on the understanding that their dog has no issues around children, has never displayed any aggression towards children, and that the owner believes the dog is fully trustworthy in a school environment.*

*Owners bringing a dog or **dogs** on to the school grounds must follow the guidelines below.*

Guidelines

- All **dogs** must be on a leash that keeps the dog reasonably close to the adult. The leash must be held by an adult.
- **Dogs** can be tied up for brief periods e.g. long enough to take a child to their class. The dog must be on a short leash and away from entry points so

that people in the school grounds have a choice about whether they come into contact with the dog.

- If the dog is considered by the council or any other authority to be a breed that needs muzzling, the dog must be muzzled on school property.
- Dogs are not allowed inside school buildings.
- Dog owners should help educate children about how best to approach their dog.
- Dogs are not allowed to drink from school water fountains.
- Owners must remove any mess left by their dog

Please don't be offended if I ask not to bring your dog because you haven't abided by the guidelines. Student safety and wellbeing always comes first.

Parentlink will be here on Election Day (Saturday) selling sausages, cakes and coffee – Don't forget to vote!

Tineke and the team

WELCOME

To Isaac de Groot who joined children in Harakeke and Lachlan Lurgio who joined children in Whanake (Room 7). Welcome also to both families to our school community.

THANK YOU

To Dean Jackson who took all the recycleables away last week and for clearing the garage alongside Inka in readiness for fair items!

To Brent Carter who repaired our classroom door last week when the wind took its toll!

To the families who donated to Daffodil Day – we raised \$111 for the Cancer Society. We also raised \$150.00 for the Wellington Free Ambulance and our "Onesie" Day. Well done everyone!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ollie and Arun for competing at the Interzone Swimming Sports which were held last Thursday. They both had fantastic results with Ollie coming 3rd in the 50m freestyle, 2nd in the 25m backstroke and 1st in the 25m freestyle. Arun came 2nd in the 25m freestyle. Such a great effort from both of the boys. Well done.

Well done to the girls who represented Owhiro Bay School at the Girls Futsal Festival yesterday at the ASB Centre. They won 4 games, drew 1 and lost 1. Special thanks to Lauren Wash, Paul Trainor, Bevan Smith, Paul Abbott and Wendy Abbott for transporting and supervising the girls.

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa from the Board of Trustees

We have some news to report and would love your engagement on a few items. As always, please feel free to approach a board member if we don't already know you to find out how your voice can be heard. Board of Trustees **minutes are available for your reading in the foyer.** Welcome to our new students and families on behalf of the Board!

From our last meeting:

We applauded the hard work and long hours that the staff have put into raising student achievement, various events and keeping our school running smoothly over the term. It has been very busy for students, parents and our staff and we thanked them for their dedication.

The topic of student attendance and its monitoring for the Ministry of Education is ongoing as we gather data on how to best improve this in our school.

Board of Trustees elections are coming up soon - dates to be aware of will be posted in the newsletters and made available. We welcome back Jude Maich as our returning officer for this election. Two positions are up for election in this cycle for a 3 year term. More information about what being on a BoT entails can be found at <http://www.nzsta.org.nz/representation/board-of-trustees>

We are happy to report that the staffing for 2018 will be 7 full time teachers due to a recent growth in numbers on our roll - which is currently at 143 students.

Much work is going on in the background in regards to property and how our school will develop and change with our roll and refurbishments/renovations looking towards a school wide development plan.

Policies currently under review can be accessed through SchoolDocs at <http://www.schooldocs.co.nz/> (username is owhiro and password is happy). This term we are reviewing Students with Special Needs / Learning Support. There is an option to provide feedback on this policy on the website.

We are exploring the concept of a Cohort Entry system for new entrants and are in the process of gaining information and feedback. More information on this can be found at <https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/your-child-at-school/cohort-entry/>

We meet again in Week 2 of Term 4.

PARENTLINK ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND BAKE SALE

Election day is nearly here and Owhiro Bay School is a polling booth, so we are using this as a fundraising opportunity.

You can help by providing home baking or volunteering your time on the sausage sizzle or bake sale.

The date is this Saturday September 23rd and the time slots are between 8.30am and 3.00pm. Please let Wendy know (in the office) if you can help.

Home baking in named containers (let's try and be more sustainable), can be dropped off to the staff-room from tomorrow, Thursday September 21st. All baking is welcome but we know from previous bake sales that whole cakes that can be cut sell well. There will be also be a notice coming home with your child nearer the time.

Thank you to Lorenzo, Leah and Elizabeth W for delivering the flyers at the weekend. Great job!

Thanks for your support – Parentlink Committee



YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

Thank you for your support again this year! Please can we have the last of the Yummy Apple Sticker Charts returned to school by the end of the week.

We look forward to our share of the \$200,000 worth of sporting equipment.



Next meeting, **Tuesday 26th September at 7.30 pm** in the school staffroom. It's not too late to come along for the first time!! Please read the following notes and help out where you can. All our kids depend on the money from this event.

Raffle books are out!

All your children have been given a raffle book to sell. These came home in their bags on Wednesday last week or were given to parent's at kindy. So if you haven't seen it yet it may pay to give the bag a revealing shake! Please SELL these as soon as you can and return butts and money in the bag supplied to Wendy at school office or Christina at Kindy. We

are aiming to sell them all! If you can sell more than one to family friends workmates neighbours that would be AMAZING. You can also get more from Wendy at the school office. If we sell them all we will raise \$5000 for school and kindy!!! Wouldn't that be awesome for our children's education and resources!

Sign up is open!

JOIN THE FUN! there is always a great vibe when helping with the fair, and when you volunteer you get to meet lots of others in our wonderful Owhiro Bay Learning Community. In particular, the Stall Manager roles are critical to the smooth running of the fair - a description of each role can be found in the electronic sign up, and the Fair Committee can provide support to new Stall Managers. Please put your hand up to help - simply follow this link: <http://signup.com/go/jPrMotU> If you have any questions about the various roles, please contact Stalls Coordinator - Wendy Abbott wabbottnz@gmail.com

Garage Open for Fair Items

The school garage is open every **Monday** and **Friday from 8.45 – 9.15 am and 2.45-3.15 pm** for you to drop off any quality goods that we can resell on the fair on 19th of November. Always wanted are:

- * clean clothes and shoes in good condition
- * complete games and working toys
- * books and CDs as well as DVDs and Xbox / Ps games
- * household items and furniture
- * tools and bikes, garden items

etc...

If you have any questions please contact Inka on 0221905585 inkajackson@live.com (or Wendy at the sc

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to the following students who have a birthday coming up.....

Ruby Taylor 22/9

Sire Sweet 22/9

Oscar Debrecey 24/9

ENJOY YOUR DAY!



VALUE OF THE WEEK

Our focus this week is "Kindness"

Congratulations to Sofie Worth and Ayyah Olsen who won the value of the week vouchers last week for "Success"

Well done girls!

SPORTS SPOT

Touch

Any students keen on playing touch in Term 4? We would love to be able to put a mixed team or two of Year 3 and above in the local competition. All names to Klare Braye on 027 7039829

Floorball Term 4 and 1

The junior floorball league runs in term 4 and term 1. In the past Owhiro Bay School had one or two teams **enrolled**. This time we need new players to form a team. Give it a go. It is super fun!

Teams consist of 3 field players and 1 goalie on the court. Floorball sticks for field players and helmet plus knee pads for goalies will be provided. Games are 2x10min with a 2 minute break between.

Registrations need to be in for floorball (like indoor hockey) soon so if your child is interested please contact school parents Paul Abbott paulabbottnz@gmail.com or Inka Jackson inkajackson@live.com. It is a great team sport for children where they learn teamwork, sports skills and have lots of fun.

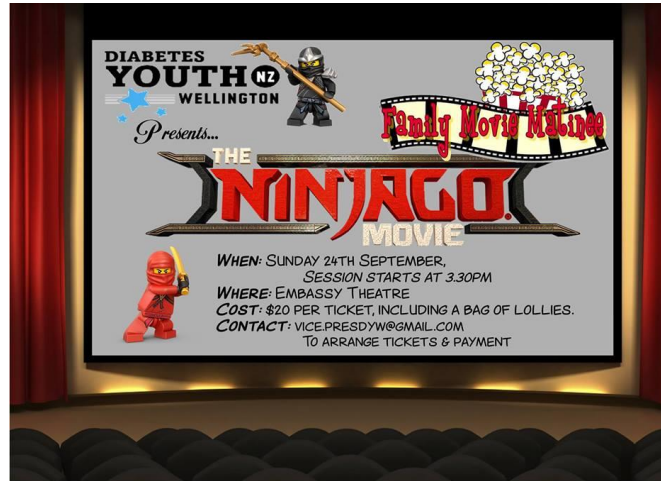
Games will be on Tuesday afternoons at the ASB Centre from times varying from 5.00-6.30. The cost per term will be approx. \$35. We need some players from Years 4-6 so please get in touch asap if you are keen to play. A link to the Wellington Floorball is attached <http://www.wellingtonfloorball.org.nz>

Swimming

All children will undertake swimming lessons each Tuesday of Term 4. Students will swim at either Berhampore School or WRAC (Kilbirnie Pool) depending on their skill level.



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You and Your Child

You and Your Child launches on Sunday the 15th of October at Westpac Stadium and brings a fun-filled day for parents and children to spend together.

Well known speakers include popular blogger Emily Writes on parenting and community and Kathryn Berkett on how to improve the calm. The Parenting Place's Jenny Hale talks about the tricky situations, with Pio Terei on fatherhood. Kate Meads has a wealth of information on cloth nappies in today's world, and Sarah Best from Brainwave Trust Aotearoa and more.

Parents and children (0-8 years) will enjoy exploring the experiences on offer, including sensory areas for babies, children's theatre with Capital E, crafts with Hutt City Kindergartens and creative play with Wellington Playcentre. Toddlers will enjoy discovering the KidSmart Box City and exploring the activities provided by Kiwibounce. Children can construct Lego with Hutt City Library (for ages 5+) and experience the joy of making music with The Goodtime Music Academy.

Organisations and companies will be exhibiting their products and services for parents with young children, from childcare to preschools, nutrition and clothing.

This initiative is for all parents out there... this is about you and your children. Come along, discover, and explore together at this fun family day out.

You and Your Child, Sunday 15 October at Westpac Stadium, 10am – 6pm.
\$10 per adult. Tickets available from Ticketek

Equinoctial Weather from School Gen

The weather is looking very equinoctial (stormy/changeable) as to be expected at this time of year where day and night become of about equal length.

Saturday (the official day of the Equinox) looks good for observing the sun path but the weather this week isn't looking flash.

- **Handy hint #1:** Wednesday looks like the most amenable school-day for measuring the sun angle in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch!
- **Handy hint #2:** Try to observe at different times through the day eg. mid-morning, midday, mid-afternoon (doesn't have to be exactly the same day)
- **Find out how here:** <http://schoolgen.co.nz/STEM/how-to-make-an-angle-measurer>

Equinox Infographic Competition:

The collected results from across the country will be shared with all participants and used to investigate how the sun appears to move through the sky in New Zealand during the Equinoxes.

Winning Prizes: A \$200 solar oven cooking kit will be awarded to the 3 best entries.

Reasons to do it:

- Science (Level 3-5): *Planet Earth & beyond. Physical World. Nature of Science*
- Mathematics (Level 3-5): *Geometry and Measurement. Statistics. Number and Algebra*
- It's interesting and fun to find out about our place in the world and nature using instruments you have made.
- It's real-world learning, and blends ancient observation techniques with 21st Century collaboration and digital based learning.

Hopefully we will get a good enough spread of results across the country to make this worthwhile.

Brooklyn Pippins

Pippins is a group within Girl Guiding for girls aged 5 to 7 and a half. We do different activities such as crafts, outdoors, cooking and so on - and girls can complete

and receive badges. Please contact Madi at oneillmadison2@gmail.com or 0276622104.

PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

OCTOBER HOLIDAYS AT OTARI SCHOOL AND BERHAMPORE SCHOOL

Dates: 2nd – 13th Oct 2017 from 7.00am-7pm daily.

Fees: Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session ; Weekly: \$238 per cub/week or \$448 for two or more siblings/week.

Discounts Available: Wild Card (15%).

Interactive Activities and Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea provided.

One-on-One Care: Provide for cub(s) if needed for extra support.

SHUTTLE SERVICES AVAILABLE

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