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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Last Day of Term 3.00 pm <u>NO COFFEE GROUP TODAY</u>	23 September
Term 4 begins 8.55 am	10 October

COMING UP

Civil Defence Week	10–14 October
Fair Committee Meeting	13 October
Owhiro Bay Country Fair	27 November
Pack the Bus	2 December
Last Day of 2016 (amended date)	16 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 Running Club 3.00 – 3.30 pm
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

As yet another busy term draws to a close it's time to pause, reflect and say thank you. We have an awesome dedicated team here at Owhiro Bay School. Amongst some of the extra activities our team support are the before and after school, also weekend activities, supporting Parentlink initiatives, attending meetings late into the evening, undertaking courses during weekends and holidays and then working to share our learning with each other for the benefit of others. There are often very early morning starts and late finishes, On top of this, this term we accommodated the builders and renovations and then moved back into our spaces. All the while we kept our focus on student learning. I think we all deserve a good break and a rest! Ka wani kē!

Many thanks to Lee Ashby our property manager, and Luke and George from Peryer Construction. Our refurbishment project went without a hitch. On time, on budget and with a quality finish. We are very happy. Harakeke team are making the most of their improved learning environment. With a number of new entrants still to join us in term 4, we will be bursting at the seams. It's exciting to see Owhiro Bay School grow.

During the students holiday break the teaching team is attending the ULearn Conference in Rotorua over 3 days. The theme this year is Connect. Collaborate. Innovate. We are looking forward to this learning opportunity. We will also be advertising a teaching position for 2017, having received Mrs Marett's resignation. While we would have loved to have Sara back, we understand her desire to be at home with Ritchie. Repairs to the deck outside Rooms 6 and 7 are starting Monday 26 September, ready for Term 4. I have also been advised by the Wellington City Council that we will have the Kea crossing installed either by the end of this year or the start of 2017, progress at last.

Heartfelt thanks also to everyone for your support for Friday's powhiri. This was another real team effort. With our Year 6 students exploring what's on offer at South Wellington Intermediate for 2017, our Year 5 group took the opportunity to lead the Powhiri, and lead they did. They were fantastic role-models, truly representing the values of Owhiro Bay School. It's wonderful that our students feel increasingly comfortable in this kawa. I was also heartened by the number of school families who joined us as tangata whenua to welcome all our new arrivals. It was a goosebumps event from start to finish.

He kai kei aku ringa - *There is food at the end of my hands.*
Said by a person who can use his basic abilities and resources to create success
This whakatauki is applicable to us all.

Term 4 begins with Civil Defence week which means we will be practicing our emergency drills and related activities, including an evacuation. Expect a message around this in Week 1. We'll also be straight into athletics and we'll be asking for help with the Southern Zone Athletics event.

Over the holiday break please keep an eye on the **Education Act Update**

The Education (Update) Amendment Bill had its first reading in Parliament. This is an extremely important piece of legislation that affects all of us in many different ways. We encourage you to take part in the select committee process. This is YOUR chance to have a say in one of the most major overhauls of our modern education system. Now is the time to act.

If you don't know how to take part, your first port of call should be the [select committee](#) page on Parliament's website. Here you'll find very useful information about the process, including [how to make a submission](#), in a series of quick links.

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Nāku noa nā,
Tineke and the team

LOST PROPERTY

All un-named, unclaimed lost property will be donated to charity/disposed of on Friday 23rd September so please take a look through it all and claim your clothing.

We have found two scooters left at the school after hours? If they belong at your house, please collect them from outside the school office.

WELCOME

To Alesya Yershov who joined children in Harakeke recently. Alesya has a sister in Room 7



A NOTE FROM BESSIE AND ANUSHA



Dear parents / caregivers
We have been doing research about school rubbish. We collected rubbish every lunchtime for a week and we laid it all out. We realised that a lot of the rubbish was from school lunches. Could you please try and make an effort to not put plastic bags / glad wrap in your children's lunches.

Thank you
Bessie and Anusha (students)

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

Kahn Barrington 22/9

Ruby Taylor 22/9

Oscar Debreceeny 24/9

Waimarino Garland-Ross 24/9

Serena Dahya 28/9

Miko Peszynski 5/10

Enjoy your Day!



A PIECE OF WRITING BY OLLIVER BOND

BUSY

In a tree, sparrows, squirrels and fantails peck at the bark to reach, scoff and feast on the big, juicy and quick bugs inside the tree. As wolves, foxes and wild cats hunt, stalk and devour their prey, the night time slowly slips into its duty slot and all is silent, except the trees talking and swaying to the light breeze. Owls and other nocturnal animals start to wake up.

VIRTUES

We continue our focus this week on "Respect" or "Whakautē" this week

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

Awards from last week

Congratulations to our virtue voucher winner last week Hana Dahya for "Service"

NITS

With the holidays coming up, now is a good time to check and treat if necessary your child's hair for nits/head lice.

Over-treatment, over-use of the nit shampoos, chemicals etc., can lose its effectiveness over time, so conditioning regularly and using the nit comb is just as effective and cheaper!

If everyone makes a concentrated effort to check their child's hair regularly, we may eliminate these nasties from our children's hair.



HELP NEEDED PLEASE

Help needed to process new reading books. This involves stamping, stickering and boxing the books. If you have some time to spare to help get these lovely new books ready for students to use, please let Sylvia know. Thank you!



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

Floorball Term 4

Owhiro Bay will be entering teams again in the Primary Schools competition next term. Games are on Tuesday afternoon with the 20 minute games starting between 4.30 and 6. If you are unfamiliar with the sport it is similar to indoor hockey, 4 a side and a lot of fun. Cost will depend on numbers but will be roughly \$35 per child. Please contact Paul paulabbottnz@gmail.com or Inka at inka@globe.net.nz if your child is keen to play. We particularly need students for a Year 3 / 4 team so please let us know. Thanks

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.brave@matuaraki.org.nz

YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

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

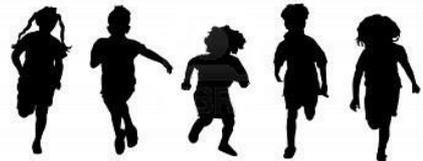
We look forward to our share of the \$250,000 of sporting equipment.

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Ka mau te wehi! = That's outstanding!

RUNNING CLUB – STARTING TERM 4

Thanks to Rachel Howewho 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.





Here is the latest news from the Fair Committee.

GET INSPIRED AND HAVE A SPRING CLEAN OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!!!

The school garage will open on a Tuesday and a Thursday, 15 mins before school starts and 15 minutes after school ends, from Oct 11 (straight after the school holidays). 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.

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)

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?
- Could include Do you have 'un-needed' items or gifts (brand new, in original packaging) that we 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.

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>

Garden Stall request

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – HARBOURSIDE MARKET COMMUNITY CAR PARK PROGRAMME



SUNDAY 16 AND SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER

Sign up, sign up! This is your chance to wear an all-important High-Vis vest and get creative directing traffic.

Harbourside Market (Chaffers St) allows community groups to manage the parking for their Sunday markets to help with fundraising. Community groups are given two consecutive Sundays to do this.

Owhiro Bay School has been selected from the ballot to manage the parking on Sunday 16th and Sunday 23rd October.

We appreciate that we're asking for assistance at a very busy time of year and at a time that is close to the Fair. However, this opportunity doesn't come up often and, when it does, we can't afford to miss it. We've been in the ballot for the last two years and the last time we used this as a fundraiser, we raised approximately \$1,000. We're hoping to use the funds raised to replace the accessibility ramp into the school hall.

We are therefore asking for volunteers to give up some time on either Sunday 16th or Sunday 23rd to help manage the car parking at the market. The time slots run from 7 -9, 9 - 11.30 and 11.30 - 2 on each Sunday. We need a minimum of 3 people managing the car parking between 9 - 2pm.

If you can help, please contact klare.braye@matuaraki.org.nz (027 703 9829) to let her know when you can assist and to get further information.



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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.

Harbour City GymSports,

Situated in Haitatai Park, is running a Holiday Programme in the first week of the school holidays (Monday 26th Sept to Thursday 29th September – 4 days only)

Each session runs from 9am – 3pm (early pick up option of 1pm) for children aged 5 – 12 years.

Please email us on office@hcg.org.nz or

Phone 386 4443 for more information and a registration form. “

A Note from Pridelands After School Care

“We have noticed consistent report of chickenpox and flu outbreak in some of our centres and as a result some of our staff have being affected.

I was wondering if a notice can be issued to parents about keeping children at home that may show early warning signs of chickenpox or flu like symptoms.

Chickenpox can be deadly to adults and so I do advise caution. All Pride Lands staff that have reported a high temperature have been sent home on sick leave.

Thank you all and have a pleasant day”

Pridelands Spring Fun Holidays

For our Community Challenge (Wednesday 5 October) these school holidays, Pride Lands and Staglands have decided to work together to introduce your cubs to what it means to work on an animal farm. Imagine, feeding a variety of domestic and wild animals of New Zealand, helping them care for the young and cleaning their enclosures to make sure they live in a comfortable environment.

We ask that you provide your cubs old clothes and shoes on this day as we are going to get our hands dirty. Really, really dirty. We anticipate some interesting aromas on the trip home! As part of this partnership, Staglands will provide ice creams to our cubs at the end of the day for their contribution to the care of the animals.

Our programmes will be operating at:

Otari School Hall, 166 Wilton Road, Wilton ☎“ 0220 807038
Berhampore School Hall, 105 Britomart Street, Berhampore ☎“ 0220 807034

Shuttles will be operating as requested by parents and pick-up will begin as early as 8am and drop-off will finish as late as 6pm.

2016 Summer Pride Escape to Taupo

Attached are some adventure activities and life skills your cubs can expect to enjoy at our summer Pride Escape programme. Book soon before spaces fill up or before you miss our ear-bird discounts.