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NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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| Kindergarten Whanau Evening | 24 February |
| Parentlink Coffee Club from 2.15 pm | 24 February |
| Parentlink AGM/Wine & Cheese Evening 7.00 pm | 7 March |
| Movin' March | 15 March |
| Enviro Day | 24 March |
| Hangi (proposed day) | 24 March |
| Staff Training Day | 7 July |

WEEKLY EVENTS

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| Monday | Marzipan Drama Classes |
| Wednesday | Wheels Day Touch Practice Stream Team 9 – 11.00 am |
| Thursday | Recorder Classes begin 2 March Code Club 3.30 – 4.30 pm |
| Friday | Parentlink Coffee Club in the staffroom Last Friday of each month Assembly led by Year 1 students at 2.20 pm in the Hall – Julia and Miss Fretwell. |

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, Mālō e lelei, Sawasdee, ππεvet

The team were delighted with the turnout to Meet the Teacher night, thank you all for braving the rain. It was great to see children and parents attending the various sessions.

This week got off to a bit of bang, literally, with the traffic accident outside the school. Fortunately no one was out and about at the time and no one was injured in the crash. Thank you to our wonderful neighbours and friends who offered assistance and eye witness accounts. This was yet another example of the Owhiro Bay Community in action. Our students were also very sensible and played away from the area during their lunch time.

We welcome Kris Beattie to our team. Kris will be working in Room 1 and in Whanake each Monday, providing specialist teacher release and classroom release time for staff.

Students start off in Harakeke. Harakeke represents the family in Māori thought. This shows the family starting their journey at OBS together. They then move through to Whanake. Whanake means 'to develop' and this is showing the growth the children continue to make. Finally, the children come through to Māhuri, which represents the plants they are becoming and continue to grow. Māhuri means 'young tree, sapling', representing the growth our children show over their time at Owhiro Bay School.

We have registered for "Movin' March" and will be holding our Walk 'n' Wheels Day on Wednesday 15th March to coincide with this.

Our first Coffee Group session is being held this Friday afternoon. Come along and meet some new faces as this is another opportunity to get to know each other.

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Nāku noa nā,
Tineke and the team

WELCOME

To Taylor Crayford who joined children in Harakeke this week. Welcome also to Taylor's family to our school community.

BOARD TALK

The Board of Trustees held their first meeting of the year last Thursday.

Peter Noble was re-elected Board Chair. Congratulations Peter and many thanks for your continued energy and passion for Owhiro Bay School.

Situation Vacant- the Board of Trustees require the services of a Minute Secretary. This position involves taking minutes during the meeting, polishing them up and having them ready for the next meeting. Meetings are held on a Thursday evening from 7.00pm, twice a term. Computer skills, knowledge of Word/Google Docs and Dropbox would be an advantage. The position of Minute Secretary is a paid position. For more information and/or expressions of interest please contact Peter Noble directly 022 0269559.

School Donation 2017- The Board has set the annual school donation at \$200 per student for the year. In accordance with Ministry of Education guidelines this donation is not tagged to specific items and is voluntary. Donations made by parents enable us to enhance the breadth and depth of our teaching and learning programmes. Statements will continue to be sent home termly as friendly reminder and we welcome weekly/fortnightly/termly payment plans. Keep your receipts as you can claim a tax rebate through the Inland Revenue Department.

Property Progress- the Board resolved to continue to work with Silverwood Architects on our redevelopment/refurbishment project. Silverwoods initial concept design was the "Green Plan". The future looks very exciting indeed!

HANGI

Over the past 30 – 40 years our school has been fortunate to hold a wonderful event where the community gets together to provide and participate in a hangi on the school grounds. Unfortunately due to illness last year, this did not eventuate.

This year we are proposing to hold the hangi on Friday 24 March. As always, we rely on the community coming together to enable this to occur. "Many hands make light work...." So we need your hands please.

Please let the school know if you can help with:

- 🕒 Delivering flyers in the local areas
- 🕒 Digging, preparation of the pit from 5.30 pm on the Thursday prior to the hangi. 3 – 4 able bodied men only please as this is a cultural requirement.
- 🕒 Ordering/buying/collecting food (meat, vegetables, consumables (Wendy can help with this) – 1 – 3 people
- 🕒 Cutting tinfoil for the stuffing – 1 or 2 people and 5 – 6 people to make stuffing the evening before the hangi and delivering to school on the Friday morning
- 🕒 Preparing vegetables and preparing the food parcels on the Friday morning – 6 – 8 people – the more the merrier!
- 🕒 Putting food in and taking it out of the pit (Friday during the day) men only please – cultural requirement.

- 🕒 Collecting tickets/distributing parcels of food on the evening

If you can help with any of the above, please contact Wendy. We look forward to hearing from you.

VIRTUES

We continue our focus on "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 Alby Currier and Max Corner who won the virtue voucher draw last week. Alby for "Helpfulness" and Max for "Caring"

Awards from last week

SECURITY CALL OUT

Thank you to Erin Muxlow who has offered to be placed on our call out list for security.

Can anyone else help? Please contact Wendy

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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

Elliot Smith (yesterday) 21/2

Stella Holloway 26/2

Kaira Bocock 27/2

Mia Bocock 27/2

Enjoy your day!



PARENTLINK COFFEE GROUP – THIS FRIDAY – A REGULAR SOCIAL EVENT FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

This Friday (24th February) from 2.15 pm in the staffroom

Come along and settle in for a nice cup of plunger coffee or herbal tea and some yummy home baking and get to know each other. There are toys for younger children to keep them entertained. This is a good opportunity to get to know other parents in our school community. See you there!



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?

SPORTS SPOT

Touch

A good effort to those who turned up to training on Saturday- some great skills development going on.

Good luck for the game this Wednesday at Wakefield Park

Year 3-4 OB1s

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| 1 | St Mark's Wildcats | vs | OB1s | 4.00pm | 22-Feb | 1b |
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Year 5-6

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| 5 | Owhiro Bay Rocks | vs | Scots Totallers | 4.30pm | 22-Mar | 2a |
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Please turn up 15 minutes early for warm up, bring your 'can do' team playing attitude, bring your parents to support and cheer you on and have fun
And a 'can do' team playing attitude ☺. And have fun.



(Every effort is made to present accurate information. The Board of Trustees does not accept responsibility for any inaccuracies. The Board is unable to accept responsibility for goods or services advertised.)

Good news! We still have a couple of spaces in our Marrzipan Class! Marrzipan is a New Zealand renowned self-confidence programme aimed at bringing out the absolute best in students, and a great opportunity for your child to come and give it a go! If you would like your child to come along for a non-obligatory Trial Lesson and experience Marrzipan first, you can sign up directly via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

Island Bay United Junior Football Club

Last days for registration - if you are a new or a returning player to Island Bay United Junior Football wanting to play in the mixed grades or girls only league then please **register now** at www.ibujuniors.org.nz

All players wanting to **trial for 9th grade and up** please remember registration must be completed and paid for by Wednesday 22nd Feb for trials **on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th February.**

Season begins on 1st April - all enquiries to registration@ibujuniors.org.nz

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Private tuition available in
PIANO, RECORDER, GUITAR & UKULELE

Places available now. All lessons held at MOGMUSIC studio in Brooklyn.

Please phone MOGGIE GRAYSON 3848-213 to book in. \$20 will be donated to the school for each new enrolment.

Places available for this term.