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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Working Bee at School	19/20 March
Icecream Sale	24 March
Easter Break (Tuesday included)	25–29 March
Educational Review Office visit	30 March
Parentlink Meeting 7.30 pm	31 March
End of Term 1	15 April

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.

Thank you everyone for very politely ignoring the gremlins in last week's newsletter.

We had a great turnout to our Meet the Teacher evening and the One Learning Community Old Fashioned Picnic was enjoyed by all. It highlighted the importance of playing physical games, trying new things, and being gracious in defeat. I really enjoyed the way our families came together.

Many thanks to all the team who made this possible.

This week Harold the giraffe has been in residence and we have been learning all about the brain. What it needs to function, what it looks like, what it does and which bits do what, and how to keep our brain safe and most importantly of all how to use it for our learning. This will feed into the rest of our learning over the term around being an active learner.

Last week I sent home a community consultation document and link around Health Education. I'd love to get the kind of response we had last year around our reporting of student achievement. Today each child has been given a paper copy and the link has been added to the email so that you can all have your say.

On Wednesday 30th March we will welcome Keith Alexander and Christine Austin from the Education Review Office. They will be undertaking our regular review.

Ask your child what they most enjoyed at school this week.

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the Team

WELCOME

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



THANKS

To Aaron Castle for the repairs to the "pencil garden" this week. We really appreciate your help!



WORKING BEE

During the weekend of the 19th/20th of March from 10.00am-2.00pm each day we'll be having a working bee and sausage sizzle. Pick which day suits you best.

We have quite a list of jobs both inside and outside, so there is something for everyone.

You can take your pick from;

- ✿ raking/forking over the bark under the playground areas
- ✿ topping up the bark in the playground
- ✿ scrubbing/painting the inside of the cleaners cupboard
- ✿ moving a cupboard and re-hanging some shelves/pigeon holes
- ✿ anchor cupboards in garage and move records into storage
- ✿ move grey cupboard out of the hall
- ✿ sort emergency supply cupboards in corridor (plus water?)
- ✿ spring clean the hall kitchen
- ✿ paint the bench seats

If you have a head for heights our light diffusers need emptying, we have staples that need to come out of walls and high windows that could do with a dust/clean.

UPDATE FROM THE STREAM TEAM

Hi all,

Did you know that Owhiro Bay School owns the land on the other side of the fence right down to the stream and even across the other side?

The Stream Team have had an exciting couple of years down the stream, gaining access to what was a completely overgrown jungle of blackberry and assortment of other weeds. We have uncovered surprises like amazing previous planting by school pupils, apple trees, nikau and even a waterfall. Over the past two years there have been two successful planting missions around Matariki and it is great to see so many of the plants doing well, despite this crazy hot summer.

You may have seen the new area that has been cleared north of Harakeke (Rooms 4 and 5) with help from the Council and Corrections. This area is the teams focus for 2016. Planning is already underway to plant the stream edge and the bank leaving a newly grassed area in middle for recreation.

This year's planting is going to be our biggest yet with over 300 plants ordered from Berhampore Nursery. We also welcome the help and wisdom of Friends of Owhiro Stream who will be supporting our work this year.

What can you do to help?

There are lots of ways you can be involved for example:

- come along to the Wednesday morning weekly stream group;
- volunteer for a few hours weed eating when it suits you;
- join in on planting days and working bees;
- use and enjoy the track and stream space for recreation.
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Come to our planning meeting to learn more about the plans for 2016.

To learn more come along to the annual planning meeting for 2016 on the 29th February at 5pm meeting in the school staffroom.

If you can't make the meeting but would like to be involved email Jess at jess.allen@clear.net.nz

Jess and Jude

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. We 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.

VIRTUES

This week we continue to focus on "Reliability" or "Mahi pono tia".

- ✿ You can count on me
- ✿ I'm here for you
- ✿ Regular as clockwork
- ✿ On time every time
- ✿ Consistently dependable

Next week the focus is "Flexibility" or "Ngawari-wari"

Congratulations to Ruby McKenzie and Portia McLean who won the virtues voucher draw last week. Ruby was seen practicing the virtue of "reliability" and Portia "caring". Congratulations also to Isabella McIntyre for the virtue voucher winner from Week 2 for "enthusiasm" and her ball-handling skills.

PARENTLINK

Ice Cream "Thursdae"

Parentlink will be selling ice creams after school on Thursday, 24 March! Any parents who might be able to help out with the scooping and serving please get in touch at parentlink@owhiro.school.nz



Next Parentlink Meeting

The next Parentlink Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 31 March in the staffroom. All very welcome.

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

hū = shoes

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to Stella Holloway who celebrates her birthday today.

Enjoy your day!



SPORTS SPOT

Floorball Summary- Week 1

Year 5 Stingrays 3 Hataitai Hurricanes 3. A very entertaining game to watch, with the boys playing very well in their first game of the term. The boys had a great first half with 3 very well taken goals, 2 by Austin who was putting a lot of shots on goal, and one great strike by Luca after a superb pass from Austin. When the opposition drew level at 3-3 the boys applied a lot of pressure but couldn't snatch the winner. Ollie did a lot of good passing, Rico had a good first game coming back to floorball and Kahu made some good saves. Austin was Player of the Match.

Year 4 Orcas 0, Seatoun Rebels 1. The Year 4 team played well in their first game back losing a close match 0-1. Two players, Ethan and Atarau were having their first game and both did well. Lenn had a fantastic match with lots of strong running and passing and was awarded Player of the Day, just ahead of Felix who made many saves in goal, and Ella who was full of running and determination. Rebecca and Eli also made good contributions. Looking good team for a good term!

In both matches, thanks to the parents for managing the teams

Touch Summary – Game 1

OB1

Great first game of the season for the OB1s against Scots, with support – and a little competition - from the OB Rocks who provided subs for the Scots' team that was short on numbers, so great representation for Owhiro Bay on the field. OB1s were the official winners of a tight match, and although OB1s didn't score any tries, they remembered many lessons from last year, with some skilful passing, strong running and good teamwork. POD: this has to be Hugh this week- for making such a great effort and working to understand the rules and tactics of the game

Owhiro Bay Rocks

A fantastic start to the season for OB Rocks with a 4-3 win! Positive teamwork and some fast running. Some amazing tries scored with excellent support from the team to make those tries happen. Thanks to OB 1 for their great sub support.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Join Wellington Rugby Club

This is a fantastic family friendly rugby club with a strong junior club contingent and locally based in Hataitai (they also play in yellow and black so that when you go to a hurricanes or Lions games you can wear your jersey and be in the right supporter colours (unlike many other Wellington clubs I can think off!!!:))

Check them out, give it a go

Information and registrations
at: <http://www.playrugby.co.nz/>

Are you shy? Do you feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do you sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do you just need 60 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! Come and join Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes which focus on key life skills on Monday mornings! We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. In case you haven't caught on... our play this term is MEXICAN! All children receive an end of term progress report too, along with a certificate to remind them they are awesome! Give me a call to come along for a free trial, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development. Contact Kay on 02102645487 or email kayla@marrzipandrama.co.nz

