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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Swimming (juniors)	Every Tuesday
Wheels Day	Wednesdays
Board of Trustees Meeting (tonight)	28 October
School Open Day	29 October
Fair Committee Meeting	29 October
Whole School Walk to Red Rocks	30 October
Early Childhood Education Rally	30 October
Whole School Athletics Day	2 November
Athletics Day postponement day	4 November
Environmental Day	13 November
Learning Community Fair	22 November
Walk 'n' Wheels to School Day	25 November
Pack the Bus	4 December
School Prize Giving	16 December
Last Day of Term 4 (3.00 pm)	18 December
First Day of 2016	3 February

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora, Namaste, mēvet, Shalom, Talofa, Guten Tag, Vanakkam, ni Hao, Kia orana, Buenos Tardes, Namaste, mēvet, Shalom, Talofa, Konichiwa, Assalamulaikum, Salam, Hello everyone

Roll up, roll up, roll up! We have around 100 families at Owhiro Bay School and we need every family to donate some TIME to our annual Country Fair. The sign-up sheets are ready to go, be in quick to get your first choice. Don't leave it until the last minute! Funds raised will go into the continued support of ICT so we can make the most of GAFE to support and enhance student learning.

Speaking of which, we are holding an **OPEN DAY** this Thursday 29th October in recognition of **World Teachers Day**. Come along to school to see how the curriculum is delivered in your child/rens classroom. See what has changed since you were a student. Our talented team of teachers would love to see you. Mornings are generally devoted to literacy and numeracy while afternoons are used for Inquiry, Physical Education etc... Pop in any time during the day that suits you.

I love being at the gate each afternoon, it a great way to catch up with everyone and to have informal chats about this and that, while at the same time ensuring the safety of students as they cross our very busy road. The subject of having a pedestrian crossing comes up often. The Council gave this reply to Constable Duncan recently.

"We have looked at this in the past and the current crossing point from the school etc. crosses to driveway(s) opposite and so the location for the required poles (related to a Kea Crossing) for the school patrol and fluro flag cannot be worked.

The only opportunity appears to be to move the crossing point approx.8 metres to the north with the loss of the layby parking.

I am not sure if this would meet the needs of parents as it would mean walking further up the street to a crossing point"

I am taking another look at this and I will let you know how I get on. In the meantime if you would be happy to help supervise a crossing please let me know.

We use SchoolDocs to keep our policies and procedures up to date. This term we need parent input into Improve Educational Outcomes for Māori Students. Please follow this link <http://owhiro.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Type in the user name Owhiro and password happy and have your say.

I am on bereavement leave this week so that I can attend my father in law's funeral. I'll be back on Friday. It's business as usual for Vikki and the team in my absence.

Ka kite,

Tineke

THANKS TO:

A huge thanks to Laurel Barr who covered 100 library books over the weekend. What a major effort – thanks for giving the children the opportunity to have access to these new books.

Thanks also to Katie Stevens, Bonnie Menzies and Amie Roberts who have offered to help cover books also.



BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Miguel Avelino 30/10

Troy Kersicla 2/11

Enjoy your day!



WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO REDROCKS

Fingers crossed we have fine weather this Friday 30 October, for the whole school walk to Red Rocks. We will notify you no later than 8.00 am Friday morning if this trip will not go ahead due to bad weather.

Please drop off your child **between 8.30 and 9.00 am sharp** at the Te Kopahou Visitors Centre, Owhiro Bay Parade.

Students need to bring with them:

- Their school bag with packed lunch and drink (children will be carrying these, so please pack appropriately)
- Warm jacket, sunhat, sunscreen
- Good sturdy walking shoes

Students need to be collected from the Te Kopahou Visitors Centre at 3.00 pm. Those children attending Pridelands will be walked back to school.

If the weather turns while we are at Red Rocks we will return to school earlier.

SUMMER TERMS AND SUN PROTECTION

Just a reminder that Term 4 and Term 1 are "Sunsmart" terms. Children need to wear a sunhat when outside or in the playground. Please help them locate one and name this for use at school this term. The school does not provide sunhats. If your child does not bring one into school they will need to play under the shadecloth during breaks.

We encourage hats 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.

SWIMMING LESSONS IN TERM 4 FOR ROOMS 4,5,6 AND 7

These occur EVERY Tuesday.

Please ensure your child has named togs and a towel at school each Tuesday. We are unable to ring you if these are forgotten. These lessons are funded by the Board of Trustees and provide valuable life skills for your child. We appreciate your support.

Please also ensure sunblock as he pool sun shade.



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VIRTUES

For the following fortnight our focus will be "Responsibility" or "Kawe-nga".

You are practising Responsibility when you....

- Take agreements seriously
- Respond ably by doing things to the best of your ability
- Focus on your part, not someone else's
- Are willing to accept credit and correction
- Admit mistakes
- Ready and willing to clear up misunderstandings

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Kakara = smell

RALLY TO KEEP EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FIVE STAR

Friday 30 October, World Teachers' Day
7.15am – 7.45am at the Cenotaph by Parliament Wellington city

All children need great quality teaching. Five years of government under-funding is seriously affecting ECE services. Come along and tell the government to fund quality in early childhood education!

SPORTS SPOT

School athletics will be held on Monday 2nd November (postponed 4th November) at 9:30am. The students have been practising their 'Run, Jump, Throw'.

We would love parent helpers, and as yet, no one has come forward!

Please let Vikki know if you can help us with setting up or running the event.



OWHIRO BAY COUNTRY FAIR

Sunday 22 November, 10.30 – 2.30

Please see attachment with this week's newsletter

Community Notices

(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).


OWHIRO BAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HALLOWEEN PARTY

Please see attachment to the newsletter this week.

THE NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM PRESENTS



Heartlanders
NEW ZEALANDERS OF
THE GREAT WAR


FREE ENTRY



An exhibition, travelling in containers, bringing the stories of our brave soldiers back home to the communities where their journey began.

Odlins Plaza, Waterfront
Wellington
Sat 7th Nov 2015, 9am to 6pm

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