

# ROCKS

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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Leavers Dinner	4 December
Board of Trustees Meeting	7 December
End of Year Prizegiving 6.30 – 7.30 pm <b>SWIS Hall</b>	<b>11 December</b>
Year 6 Education Outside the Classroom	13 December
Whole School Big Day Out	14 December
Last Day of the Year 2.00 pm	15 December
<b>2018</b>	
Start 8.55 am	29 January
Teacher Only Day	3 August
Teacher Only Day	23 October

## WEEKLY EVENTS MONDAY

<b>Monday</b>	Marzipan Drama Classes
<b>Tuesday</b>	Whole School Swimming Floorball
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wheels Day Ukulele Orchestra 8.00 am Touch Games – Wakefield Park
<b>Thursday</b>	Recorder Classes 8.30 a.m. Code Club 3.30 – 4.30 pm Assembly 2.20 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Touch Practice Community Soccer

## TERM DATES 2018

Term 1	29 January – 13 April
	(Good Friday 30 March, Easter Monday 2 April and Easter Tuesday 3 April – school closed)
Term 2	30 April – 6 July
Term 3	23 July – 29 September
Term 4	15 October – 14 December

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Grab a cup of tea, pull up a chair and take the time to have a good read.

Our kaupapa for the year has been Citizenship through Sustainability and it was really exciting to see sustainability become part of our Country Fair. This was a first and I'd like to thank Fiona and Kate for taking the initiative on this. We had boomerang bags, t-shirt bags, crochet bags and reusable bags on offer. People bought their own keeper coffee cups, plates and cutlery. The baking arrived in labelled containers we could return. The big skip we ordered and usually fill was surprisingly empty. A special thanks also to (Louis Becketts Dad) for helping with the recycling bins at the end of the day.

Amie Roberts also received this lovely email from Minke at the Marae in Seaview,

*"Thank you sooo much for all the clothing, shoes, toys, books and all sorts. It benefitted hundreds of people and brought smiles to their faces. There was a father of twelve that found loads of good quality clothing for his tamariki. There was a shy guy who managed to score a good quality leather jacket....it fitted perfectly. It was such a simple act to give but it has had a profound impact. Thank you to the whole Owhiro Bay Community."*

To everyone who helped sort through everything at the end when we were all tired and over it, we made a difference. Thank you.

Tomorrow is the 1<sup>st</sup> of December and we head into the last two weeks of school. I know many of us have calendars full of commitments at this time of year and that our tamariki are very tired. Remember to look after your hauora/wellbeing by being mindful, staying hydrated and getting enough sleep.

This year for our whole school BIG DAY OUT we are off to Catchpool to wander, picnic and play. Each hub will send home a separate newsletter with further details. As always parents/caregivers are most welcome to join us.

Tineke and the Team

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Many thanks to Jude Maich our Returning Officer for running our mid-term Board Election. We appreciate your professional and efficient style. The results are as follows;

Owhiro Bay School

Board of Trustees Election

Declaration of Parent Election Results

Name:	Votes:
Derek Robertson	50
Philippa Henwood	44
Kriston Ware	42

Invalid votes: 4

I hereby declare the following duly elected to the Board of Trustees:

Derek Robertson  
Philippa Henwood

Jude Maich  
Returning Officer

Thank you to Derek, Philippa and Kriston for their commitment to Owhiro Bay School. We warmly welcome our 2 new members, and thank both Amy and Elliott for their time, input, and expertise which they generously shared over the past 18 months.

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## BOARD REPORT BY LAURAL BARR

The BOT had it's first meeting of the term and started off with a hearty thank you to our outgoing members Elliott Kirton and Amy Weightmann. We appreciated them being a part of keeping our school running smoothly. Special thanks to Elliott for his dedication to looking after our school and the RTLb's finances and to Amy for her help working with the Kindergarten and making sure our new entrants have a smooth transition to school.

A huge well deserved thank you from the Board goes out to all of our community for it's support of the Country Fair, to the staff of both the school and the Kindergarten who worked extra hours in preparation and on the day of the fair, to all involved with Parentlink and the Fair Committee and the Kindergarten who dedicated long hours of meetings and preparation in order to make the fair go brilliantly on the day, and a major thank you to Bindi Robertson for her calm, super organized and always smiling work as our Coordinator. The day went brilliantly and all of the dedication everyone has put in to make it one of our best yet has been duly noted and appreciated by the board for making our school a special place for our tamariki to grow and learn.

The board discussed further our organization of the concept of the "cohort entry" transition for new entrants information and discussion evening to be held the 29th of Nov at 7pm at the Kindergarten. We look forward to meeting to provide information and hearing your questions, concerns and ideas on the topic and exploring what we would like to do as a community in response to this idea.

We looked at MOE reporting for some of our special learning populations and outcomes of recent data collection and programs to ensure each child is learning and provided with the support they need to thrive. Attention was given to our growth in numbers and our plans to accommodate our new entrants growth especially who we welcomed with the recent pōwhiri which the board also acknowledged.

The next meeting we will welcome two new board members from the recent election and tidy up for the end of the year.

As always, the board meeting minutes are in the foyer for more detailed notes

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## PARENTLINK

Hi All

I just wanted to let you all know how we did on the Abacus fundraising this year. (Sorry its a bit belated, the fair kinda took over for a bit:)

First of all, Big Thanks to Pearl Carty for running it this year. It was seamless for me, but that's because you did all the work Pearl!

Secondly, thanks to the teachers for getting behind it and helping the kids create their beauties.

Thirdly, thanks to everyone who bought the products! The most favourite item by far is the artwork calendar, of which 107 were sold.

We actually made \$660 from it this year. That's \$51 from Smencils and \$609 from the Artwork Calendars etc. For Smencils, for every \$1 we receive from parents, we keep 22c. And for the Artwork calendars, for every \$1 we receive, we keep 29c.

That's a pretty good return financially... not to mention the hours of joy seeing our cherub's art on the wall / fridge / notepads every day :)

Kim

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## COAT HANGERS

Due to a very kind donation from a past parent we have a quantity of quality coat hangers for sale from the school office

Wooden hangers 5 for \$3.00. Proceeds to Parent Link.

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## VALUE OF THE WEEK

Our focus this week is "Piki" or Success"

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## SPORTS SPOT

OB ROCKS v WADESTOWN

It was a great game. OB tapped off. Ollie took the first touch (like usual). We did what our coach said, "take the first three touches". Wadestown got the ball. They stepped us then drew and passed - try!! We tapped the ball, HOOT, as the hooter went off..."half time" called the Ref.

Wadestown tapped off. They knocked it on. We took it quick. Ollie ran like the Flash and scored a try. Wadestown tapped it and we weren't ready so when weren't looking, they scored a try. Then we tapped it when they weren't ready and I scored a try.

There were only a few seconds left. 2-2. Who was going to score next? We had the ball in hand. It was the fourth touch. Arun passed it to me and I stepped one way and then the other and then I scored a try. The hooter went off...yay, we won!!! The final score was 3-2.

By Dylan



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## FOUND AT THE FAIR

A pink canvas “hold all” with silver circles containing children’s/baby clothes, rattle, wet wipes, sunblock, baby oil and clothes inside.

Please call in at the office to claim.

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## BIG AIR GYM / CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

We can help make your Christmas Shopping much easier this year! Send the kids to BIGAIR GYM for our Drop & Shop! Get your Christmas shopping done while your children have some active fun at BIGAIR! From Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> to Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of December, Bigair Gym will be running their popular **pre-CHRISTMAS DROP & SHOP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!**

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## JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Our **JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME** runs from Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Children will enjoy fun and active sessions full of **gymnastics circuits, gym challenges, competitions, free play, structured games, & talent quests.** Children that love gym and parkour will love practicing and extending their skills during these sessions.

## BIGAIR GYM 2018 OFFERS CLASSES

in **trampoline, parkour, cheerleading, and tumbling.**

We have **gymnastics** classes for toddlers, pre-schoolers, and school aged children.

### **We also host Children’s Birthday Parties!**

Term 1 2018 bookings open from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017, classes fill up fast so call BIGAIR today!

Book into the Holiday Programme or for Term 1, 2018 classes online [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) or contact BIGAIR TAWA on 232 3508, email [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz) or contact BIGAIR OWHIRO BAY on 383 8779, email [wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz) we would love to hear from you!

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