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# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Last Day of Term 2 – 3.00 pm 3 July  
First day of Term 3 20 July

## COMING UP

**Term 3** School Production

### Term 4

Learning Community Fair 22 November

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

What a great Enviro Day we had last week. All the children were involved in planting the bank behind the Kindy and all had a great time walking along our stream, weeding and learning about the plant life that surrounds our school. A big thank you to the parent team who led the planting with the children and to Rowena who was the epitome of our Virtue of the Week – Enthusiasm! Rowena taught me a thing or two about the trees and plants we have so close to our school, especially the edible ones!

The Disco was a big success on Friday night, a fun night had by all. It was great to see so many creative costumes from children and parents. Thank you to Jill La Grange and her team for organising a great night.

Year 4-6 students will be receiving their Mid-Year Reports tomorrow afternoon. Three Way Conferences to discuss these reports and your child's learning will take place in Week 2 of Term 3. More information will come home early next term.

We hope you all have a great holiday break and come back refreshed and ready for a busy term of learning!

Ngā mihi,

*Vikki and the team*

## THANKS

A huge thanks to the library ladies – Michaela, Jude, Laurel Jess and Inka. The library looks fantastic! Thanks you so much for all your help

To the Student Council for organising the KIDSCAN dress up day last week and all who supported and donated to KIDSCAN. We raised \$64.00 for this very worthwhile cause

## HELP PLEASE

Newspapers wanted. Please drop these off in Room 6 – thank you.

## BIRTHDAY WISHESTO:

Boh Denham 3/7	Samuel Young 3/7
Webster Lepaio 6/7	Lily Taylor 12/7
Millie Holloway 12/7	Hugh Ware 13/7
Kyla Crerar 17/7	Arun Jeram-Inglin 22/7
Thomas van der Hoorn 22/7	



## LOST

Sunny has lost her precious gold dolphin ring in the bark under the swing. Please look out for this and return to either Sunny or drop off into the office

## VIRTUES

This continue to focus on the virtue of “Enthusiasm” or “Kai ngakau”

You are practicing Enthusiasm when you...

- ☺ Let yourself enjoy looking forward to something
- ☺ Think of imaginative ways to get things done
- ☺ Do things wholeheartedly
- ☺ Smile, laugh and enjoy what you do
- ☺ Enjoy the wonders of life
- ☺ Are full of positive spirit

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## TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Tākuta = doctor

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### LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property in the corridor outside the school hall. Any un-named, unclaimed items will be donated to a charity at the end of term.

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### PARENTLINK

#### Fair Co-ordinator needed

We need someone to coordinate this year's fair. The most important part of this role will be organising meetings, providing a contact point for any queries, and keeping an eye on the big picture. You'll have the support of a team of organised and experienced helpers. Does this sound like you? Michaela (Santiago and Tomas's mum), co-ordinated the fair last year and she will be on hand again this year to help you get started. For more information, have a chat with Michaela or drop her an email on [pmichaela@hotmail.com](mailto:pmichaela@hotmail.com)

#### Disco madness!

Thanks to everyone who came along to the disco last week. We raised \$370 for our school. But most importantly, the kids had a blast! Huge thanks to Jill for once again organising such a great event, to Kedron for providing the sounds, and to Wendy A, Yvonne, Inka, Danielle for their help on the night as well as everyone who helped clean up.

#### Entertainment Book

Current Entertainment Books have expired - **buy your new book or digital membership today** and help our kids to look like a team with their Owhiro Bay Rocks T-shirts when they represent our school community at events such as Kapa Haka, Art Splash etc. .



Entertainment Books are available from the school office now. The books cost \$60 each and the school makes \$12 for every book sold.

You can pay either by: 1. Credit card: order online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/105h108> and then pick up your book from the school office. 2. Online banking: make the payment to Owhiro Bay Parent Link 06-0577-0112365-00; then contact Wendy Abbott on [wabbottnz@gmail.com](mailto:wabbottnz@gmail.com) or 027 344 1151. 3. Cash: pay in cash at the School Office (exact change please).

Digital version: The digital version of the book is a great option. Multiple family members can log in to the same membership meaning you can still share the book with your family. If you pay by credit card online you can simply select the Digital Membership option.

## 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).

#### HAYLEIGH HAS "SHAVED HER LID FOR A BRAVE KID"

A number of you will have got to know Hayleigh over the last few years, through the Learning Community. Hayleigh shaved her head this week as part of a small group at her school who will: "shave your lid for a brave kid.

#### She has written on her post:

[cid:image003.jpg@01D0AD2D.212D12C0] "i decided to do this because some really close friends and family recently have lost their battles with cancer. They have children around my age and I want to raise awareness for the children who are growing up without their mums- cos I think they are really brave"

For those of you who know Hayleigh, you will know this was a big deal for her, Although she is was nervous she wanted to do this-as she says-to raise awareness, not only for those living with cancer but also for those who are left behind. It may be worth mentioning it to your child, she has done this for a good cause, that she is not crook, she may look a bit weird for a while, and encourage them to support her when/if you see her.

If you do want to support the cause, she/SWIS has an everyday hero child cancer foundation fundraising page at:

<https://centralfunrazor.everydayhero.com/nz/hayleigh> or she can collect donations at practice/game.

#### SPECSAVERS – FREE EYE TESTS

From this Sunday every New Zealander under the age of 16 will be able to have their eyes regularly tested for free at any Specsavers store throughout the country – a permanent offer reaching a potential 930,000 New Zealanders (according to 2013 Census data).

"We're really excited about our Kids Go Free offer and the opportunity to help improve the eye health of young Kiwis. Early access to eyecare means early intervention and better health outcomes," says Specsavers NZ Retail Director, Brendan Thompson.

The majority of New Zealand children are screened for amblyopia ('lazy-eye') at four years of age through the B4 School Check, but the screening does not comprehensively test for all vision problems. Children then will not have their vision checked again until they are in Year Seven (about 11 years of age) where they are screened by Vision Hearing Technicians.

"In addition to the Ministry of Health's screening programme, it's important for parents to keep an eye on their child's vision and to book them in for an eye exam if they have any doubt at all. It's especially important before they are eight years old as it can be much harder to correct any problems after that," says Mr Thompson. "Some tell-tale signs a child may have vision problems include if they have learning or reading difficulties, are clumsier than usual for their age, screw up their eyes or tilt their head to see, or have frequent headaches. Irrespectively, Specsavers optometrists recommend everyone over the age of three is tested every two years," he says.

Some tell-tale signs that children may be having trouble with their sight and should be booked in to see their Specsavers optometrist for a free eye exam: Learning or reading difficulties • Are clumsier than usual for their age • Squinting or tilting of their head to see or focus • Poor handwriting • Child bringing reading material close to them or moving their head close to the book • Sitting too close to the television • Rubbing of eyes or have frequent headaches

Parents can request an appointment for their child at any of the 51 Specsavers stores by going to [www.specsavers.co.nz](http://www.specsavers.co.nz) or phoning their local store. "We're expecting this offer to be very popular so we recommend parents book in advance," concludes Mr Thompson.

## DCM BOOKFAIR, 11-12 JULY 2015

Saturday 9am-5pm / Sunday 10am-4pm

TSB Bank Arena

FREE entry!

## HERITAGE CENTRE AT CORRECTIONS' NATIONAL OFFICE

If you're looking for somewhere to take the kids these school holidays, the Heritage Centre at Corrections' National Office (Mayfair House, back building, 44 the Terrace) is free and open Monday-Friday, 7.30am to 5.00pm. You can step into a replica old cell and imagine what it was like being locked up in such cramped conditions. See an old cat o' nine tails and ball and chain, and find out about Corrections today. Suitable for ages 8 and up.

## CLEAR SPACE, CLEAR MIND, NEED HELP?



- Clearing Clutter
- Finding Homes for your Things
- Organising your Space
- Whole House or Areas
- Paper Management
- Preparing for a new addition to your family
- Moving House
- Downsizing

Contact me for a free consultation:  
Karen on (021) 322 767  
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Do you have:

- Chaotic Cupboards?*
- A Disorganised Pantry?*
- Cluttered Children's Rooms?*
- Tornados of Toys?*
- A Messy Office?*
- An Overstuffed Shed?*

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## ART LESSONS FOR KIDS

Brush painting, calligraphy, sketch and more. Please visit the website. [www.chineseartlessons.com](http://www.chineseartlessons.com) or contact Judy Huo on 9763933 , 0211475988

## WET FELTING CLASS

"July School Holidays: Design, pat, roll and squish! Learn about wet-felting and turn soft, fluffy wool into a felted picture at the Island Bay Community Centre on Monday 13 July, 1:30-3pm. All materials supplied, just add imagination!  
Contact [jann.freitas@jinglebugs.co.nz](mailto:jann.freitas@jinglebugs.co.nz) for more info and bookings."

## ASB HOLIDAY FOOTBALL IS BEING HELD INDOORS AT THE CHINESE CULTURAL CENTRE, MT. ALBERT ROAD, BERHAMPORE, 13 – 17 JULY

Island Bay United is running a 5 day holiday programme indoors, 9am – 3pm for children up to the age of 11.

Get in quick to join Juan Pablo Silva and a team of qualified coaches for a week of fun and games. Please note: numbers are limited because of the size of the football court. \$35 per day.

Register early to avoid disappointment. <http://ibujuniors.org.nz/events/asb-holiday-football-in-july-with-ibu> Email queries to [events@ibujuniors.org.nz](mailto:events@ibujuniors.org.nz)

