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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.

This newsletter is coming to you early because Wendy has a very special family event this weekend. You can expect your newsletter each Wednesday from now on.

Let's start with great news, Mr and Mrs Marett welcomed Richie James Marett into their family a tad before the due date of March 1st. He weighed in at 3.3kg and all is well.

Our One Learning Community is humming, with lots of friends and family helping out. We have lovely library ladies, dedicated reader helpers, Code Club volunteers, Owhiro Stream champions, and our Touch and Floorball coaches. Our students are fortunate to have so many opportunities and supporters. Code Club is proving very popular and there are not enough spaces for everyone so it will be a case of waiting for a turn, or if more parents volunteer, we can run more groups.

We've also ticked off a few of the working bee jobs. Your enthusiasm is infectious!

This week I'm meeting with Wellington City Council staff to sort out the fine detail behind our Kea Crossing. I'll let you know how we get on.

I'm still waiting to hear if there is anyone out there who can help with the hangi and I'd love some responses to our health survey. As an incentive each student who returns the survey can take their pick from the principal's purple prize bucket. Online responses are fine too.

As part of our staff development this year, the teachers are learning about Modern School Curriculum. We are taking part in an online learning course for the first half of 2016. We will use our learning to revise/refine our Owhiro Bay School Curriculum/Te Aratika o te kura o Owhiro (Owhiro Bay Pathway) to ensure it reflects the future learning needs of our students.

Ask your child what they might be "wondering" about the brain? We are using these wonderings for our Inquiry learning.

Have a great week,

Tineke and the team

WELCOME

To Wren Haley, Kaira and Mia Bockock who joined Harakeke this week. Kaira and Mia have a brother in Room 3. Welcome also to Wren's family to our school community.



THANKS

To the parents and caregivers who have already offered their help at the Working Bee on 19/20 March.



WANTED PLEASE

Bathroom “turtles” to help our younger students reach the sink in Room 6.

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, light bulbs to be replaced and high windows that could do with a dust/clean.

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

For the following fortnight our focus is “Flexibility” or “Ngawari-wari”

I am practicing flexibility when I...

- ☺ Am willing to change bad habits
- ☺ Try imaginative new ways to do things
- ☺ Don't insist on always getting my own way
- ☺ Can adjust when something unexpected happens
- ☺ Go with the flow. Trust the unexpected

Congratulations to Ella Brennan and Killian Brennan who won the virtue voucher draw last week. Ella for “Helpfulness” and Killian for “Reliability”

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

Ringaringa = hands

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to:

Rebecca Wash 8/3
James Corner 9/3



SPORTS SPOT

Floorball

The Orcas finished their second game with a 4 to 1 win over Worser Bay! Unfortunately this was a friendly game, but the team worked really hard and took advantage of the practice. Outstanding scorer for the team this week was Lenn with 3 goals and lots of hustle running around the rink. Rebecca had lots of great shots on goal and showed careful consideration of where the ball was throughout the game. Ethan did a fab job in goal and showed he is starting to consider his fellow players to pass to. Eli was a fantastic overall player, and player of the day went to Atarau for his great comeback in confidence and guts after thinking that his first game last week was quite overwhelming. All had a really fun game and it showed!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Open Day 2016 at the south coast's Victoria University Coastal Ecology Laboratory

Date: Saturday 6 March **Time:** 10.00 – 3.00 pm

Venue: VUCEL, 396 The Esplanade, Island Bay (between Island Bay and Owhiro Bay)

FREE EVENT

Interactive displays showcasing the diversity of marine biology research that happens on your doorstep!

Touch tanks of marine creatures, see examples of research equipment in action, talk to knowledgeable researchers

Fun and educational for all ages.

Open to the public only one day per year. Take this rare opportunity to tour Victoria University's coastal research facility on the south coast.

Learn to Swim

Did you know that there are two non-competitive 'Learn to Swim' swim clubs in Wellington.

Both operate as community groups

Both operate out of Freyberg pool on a Friday night

Both cost about \$80 pa

And both provide excellent opportunities to progress and practice your swim skills, where the intent is to give the opportunity for all New Zealanders to learn to swim-with fun factored in there too

Suitable for about age 4/5 +

Hataitai swim club runs half hour classes between 5.30 and 7.00pm

Maranui runs their swim club between 7.00 and 8.00

There is little website information, but you can go along any night, for any number of nights and give it a go-join if it works for you-don't if it doesn't.

Do you want to play rugby?

Wellington Rugby Club is a competitive AND family friendly club

Conveniently located in Hataitai

Grades go from nipper (u5) through to u13.

Cost is \$45 per child, \$70 for two children or \$90 for three children or more

at 030502-0174035-00 (please put child's surname as reference)

Come along and sign up on Saturday 5 March 1-2.30pm

BIRTHDAY PARTY PLANNERS



WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HAVING AN ORGANISED THEME PARTY FOR YOUR LITTLE ONE?

YOU CHOOSE AND PAY A FIXED PRICE FROM OUR FEE STRUCTURE AND THIS MAY INCLUDE: INVITATIONS, THE SET UP, CATERING, BIRTHDAY CAKE, DECORATIONS AND CLEANING UP AFTERWARDS AT YOUR HOUSE OR A CHILD FRIENDLY RESTAURANT. ALL YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IS SPENDING TIME FINDING A SPECIAL PRESENT.



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