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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Educational Review Office visit	30/31 March
Parentlink Meeting 7.30 pm	31 March
One Learning Community (Kindy) Working Bee 9.00 am – 2.00 pm	2 April
Three Way Conferences/Learning Conversations Year 4 – 6	5 April / 7 April
Whole School Trip to Red Rocks	14 April
End of Term 1 (3.00 pm)	15 April
Beginning of Term 2 (8.55 am)	2 May
BOT Elections (calling for corrections to personal information, e.g. address change for voting roll)	by 4 May
BOT Elections Calling for Nominations	6 May
BOT Elections Nominations Close	20 May
BOT Voting Day	3 June

COMING UP IN TERM 2

Swimming lessons and
Dance classes

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Thank you to everyone who came along today to support the school as we welcomed new families, students, staff and the Education Review Office. What a great way to start the week!

I hope you all managed to enjoy some family time and rest during the Easter Holiday break. Our wonderful librarians found a box of books so our overdues are now at **48**. Keep hunting everyone.

If you've been reading at home 6 nights a week since school started and recorded it in your reading diaries you should be up to 47 nights of reading. I hope you celebrated the 25 mark in style.

Coming up next week are goal setting interviews for our Year 4-6 students. This will involve most students in Rooms 7, 1 and 3. Year 3 students will have conferences throughout the year. Interview times will come home today. If you could select your preferred time and hand the slip into the office by Friday, confirmations will be sent out on Monday.

Our learning about the brain and being active continues and we will be celebrating our learning by walking to Red Rocks in the last week of term, weather permitting. We need lots of parent helpers for this trip so if you could mark Thursday 14th April in your calendars, and indicate to your child's teacher your availability that would be much appreciated. A separate newsletter with all the details will go out next week. Even though it's getting a little cooler we still need our students to be wearing their hats when they are outside.

A big thank you to Parentlink for organising the very popular icedream "Thursdae" last week.

He i konā mai,

Tineke and the team

Weta Motel erected by the stream

A shady spot was found to install the weta motel. Now we wait for our first guests to arrive.



WELCOME

To Max O'Neil who joined children in Harakeke class this week. Max has a sister in Pohutukawa (Room 3)



BOARD ELECTIONS

Owhiro Bay School is a wonderful place for our kids. We have a great teaching and management team, and an amazing environment for our students' learning and play. This year the Board of Trustee elections are taking place. It's a chance for all parents to have their say in how the school is governed and to contribute to the continued growth and development of our school.

For this election, the Board have recently voted to change the historical election pattern. In the past all five parent representatives were elected for a three year term and if no one decided to stand again a completely new board would be elected at the following election. We do not believe this is in the best interests of the school. This year is different. We will now elect three members for three years and two Board members for 18 months. After the 18 months is up, those two positions will be up for election for a three year period. This means that we will always have continuity of Board members into the future.

The next three years are very important for the school and the Board. We will be working on the continued improvement of our students' education through supporting Tineke and the team. We have a very important building project that we will lead our community through as we redevelop part of the school with the funding the Ministry has provided for a new modern learning space. As Lead School we will also continue to work on the support and development of the Resource Teacher Learning and Behaviour Service (RLTB) 118 schools in the Wellington cluster. We will also continue to build on our great relationship with the Kindergarten as we strengthen our One Learning Community.

We are looking for parents who are keen to be involved in the Board elections for a period of either 18 months or three years. If this feels like a commitment that you can make, I or the other Board members are happy to talk to you.

I will be standing again, it has been my pleasure to be Chair of the Board for the last three years and I look forward to being able to contribute again in the future. Joss Debreceny is also happy to stand again. We look forward to receiving nominations.....

Peter Noble
Chairperson

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to :

Lenn Jackson 30/3

Joseph Massey 3/4



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

The focus for the next fortnight is "Courage" or "Hautoa"

I am practicing courage when I.....

- 👉 Do what is right for me even when it is hard or scary
- 👉 Find strength in my heart even when I am afraid
- 👉 Am willing to try new things
- 👉 Admit mistakes and learn from them
- 👉 Make it up to people when I do something wrong

THREE WAY CONFERENCES/LEARNING CONVERSATIONS YEARS 4 – 6 ONLY

These three way conferences are held on Tuesday 5 April and Thursday 7 April. This is an opportunity for you and your child to meet individually with your child's teacher to discuss their learning goals and achievements.

It is important that parents/caregivers/whanau and their child/ren attend these scheduled conferences. Please note: Any grandparents/family members who live with or regularly support your child's learning are very welcome to come to this conference with you and your child. Each conference lasts 15 minutes.

Coming home today with Year 4 – 6 students is a form for you to fill and return your preferred time slot by Friday 1 April please. A confirmation slip will then come home confirming the time of your appointment.

PARENTLINK

To all ice cream scoopers and buyers

Thank you to all those who bought ice cream last Thursdae.

Parentlink hope that Ice Cream Thursdae was a rewarding way to start the long weekend. We raised a few extra dollars to support the ongoing fundraising efforts and appreciated the opportunity to make further links throughout the school community. Thanks especially to Amie, Emma, Dunia, Vikki and Klare for their expert scooping, sprinkling, squirting and behind the scene organisation.

2016/17 Entertainment Book

The new 2016-2017 Entertainment Book is here! Order **before 6 April 2016** and receive **over \$170 worth of additional offers**. There's loads of great offers and savings again this year - plus \$12 from every book sold goes towards fundraising for our school. Order online or contact parentlink@owhiro.school.nz to find out more. Order online now at:

<http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/105h108>

Next Parentlink Meeting

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

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SPORTS SPOT

Touch

OB1s

OB1's had a great game this week. They versed the same team as last week but this time it was a friendly game. They fought well and massively closed the gap on the score difference. But, it feels a bit like pushing a boulder up a hill and being really close but then it comes crashing down and you need to go back down, brush yourself off and keep on going. And that's what this team do - they keep on going. Two players of the day this week - Cheech for his tenacious chasing the opposition to get the touches and Lenn for following through on the game plan, running up, making ground and taking the touches.
(From Ollie)

Owhiro Bay Rocks

We fought really hard this week, but I don't think as well as the juniors. We weren't playing as well as normal but still not bad. Our plan this week was to work more as a team and we conquered that, passing skillfully. Max did some great runs, so did Austin, Freeman and myself. Thomas played well, so did Max. Nico got a well deserved player of the day.
(from Ollie)

Floorball

Our Orcas played a fantastic game against Worser Bay this week - super high energy running and lots of chasing! Those watching were so impressed being down a few players that they kept the spirit up the whole entire game! Eli was master of the match and player of the day with 4 easily made goals. Atarau also helped out with his first goal ever. The final score was 7-5 but it was by far the best they have played this year!

The Stingrays lost 8-5 in the last few minutes of the game against Hataitai but the powerful passing and teamwork that happened was amazing! Lots of assists into the goals that happened showing they knew how to work together to get the job done. Goals went to Austin, Luca and Arun with assists from Rico and Arun with Arun being player of the match. Some fierce competition playing for the top 4 rankings in the year 5 bracket!

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I have lots of product in stock and will be placing my next stock order Tue April 5, so order this week to receive your product in time for the school holidays.

Contact Wendy Abbott for more details: craftywabbott@gmail.com or 027 344 1151

Babysitter

Reliable 14 year old babysitter available. I live locally and I am used to looking after children as I have experience with my younger cousins.
Please call me on 383 9557 - ask for Adam.

"Harbour City GymSports, situated in Haitatai Park, is running a Holiday

Programme in the first week of the school holidays (Monday 18th April to Friday 22nd April 2016)

Each session runs from 9am – 3pm (early pick up option of 1pm) for children aged 5 – 12 years.

Please email us on office@hcg.org.nz or

Phone 386 4443 for more information and a registration form. "

'Blank It Out' is a volunteer based graffiti removal programme, the aim is to increase the amount of graffiti removed from private property, at the same time encouraging more community ownership, restoring community pride and a sense of safety. This programme is an effective way to engage clusters of volunteers in ongoing graffiti clean-up, rather than just a one-time paint out. This will also help keep targeted locations graffiti free and give Wellington communities the opportunity to work at their own pace and in their own time, in and around their own neighbourhood. Volunteers can register as an individual or as a group, they can spot and report graffiti or remove graffiti.

The programme will support volunteers by supplying graffiti removal kits, which includes water based paint, graffiti removal products, brushes, protect gears etc. For more information, please check out our website: Blank It Out volunteers can also sign up online.

