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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

OB Country Fair Committee Meeting	1 September
Enviro Day	2 September
Puppet Show the Little Kowhai Tree	6 September
Staff Paid Union Meeting 1.00 pm	6 September
Interzone Swimming Event	6 September
Mobile X-Ray Dental Unit visit	5-14 September
Powhiri	16 September
SWIS Open Day 9 am – 12.45 pm	16 September
Last Day of Term 3.00 pm	23 September
Term 4 begins 8.55 am	10 October

COMING UP

Owhiro Bay Country Fair 27 November

WEEKLY EVENT

Monday	Marzipan Drama classes 8.00 am In the hall Creek Crew/Stream Team 9 – 11 am
Wednesday	Wheels Day Yoga/Pilates Classes 6.30 pm In hall
Thursday	Recorder Classes 8.30 – 8.50 am Code Club 3.30 – 4.30 pm
Friday	Coffee Group in the staffroom Last Friday of each month Assembly 2.20 pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

With significant changes to the Education Act and other Ministry-led initiatives including **Global Funding**, it is vital that staff remain informed and up to date. All staff are to attend a paid union meeting on Tuesday 6 September from 1.00pm at the Michael Fowler Centre. **Owhiro Bay School will remain open** with an alternative programme and supervision in place. If you are able to collect your child at lunch time (12.40pm) on that day, please feel free to do so, using our normal sign out procedures. Pridelands will operate as normal from 3.00pm.

It is significant that the whole of the Education sector is coming together on the issue of Better Funding, Better Learning. I include some recent press releases from the New Zealand Principal's Federation for your information and urge you all to find out as much as you can.

Funding Doesn't Add Up

"You can't fund a new intervention strategy if you don't add new funding!," said Iain Taylor, President of the New Zealand Principals' Federation today.

Taylor was responding to the Minister's announcement to apply special education funding to children under five who present with special needs, but without increasing the overall funding levels.

To suggest that you can take the money from one set of children with special needs and just apply it to a new set of children is not only unfair but unethical,' said Taylor. *'I would expect a very strong reaction from every parent with a school age special needs child if that happens,'* he said. *Early intervention is a good idea!'* said Taylor. *'It's good enough to be fully funded.'*

Online Schools Out of Line Say Principals

Iain Taylor, President of the New Zealand Principals' Federation (NZPF) said he was gobsmacked to have yet another choice of school, 'Online Schools' turn up in the Education Act Update announcement.

'Online Schools were never mentioned in any of the documents prior to the call for submissions on the Update but suddenly, yesterday, here they are!' said an astonished Taylor. 'It's ridiculous,' he said. 'The literature is bulging with studies showing the importance of social engagement and building relationships with teachers and peers as precursors to successful learning, especially for struggling learners.'

Employers are telling us kids need to be team builders, engaging and have a developed sense of civic and community service and be creative and critical thinkers. How will they learn these skills shut away at the kitchen table with a tablet?' he said.

Taylor says there has been no call from parents to have an 'online school' option. 'I can't see parents being overjoyed at the idea of giving up their job to stay home and supervise their kids at 'Online School', he said. The Education Act Update lists, amongst others, creative and critical thinking, good social skills and the ability to form good relationships, participation in community life, and fulfilment of civic and social responsibilities as the objectives of Education. 'It seems to me this whole process is just out of control,' said Taylor. 'The Act's objectives and introducing 'Online Schools' are completely incompatible.'

Iain Taylor is the spokesperson for the New Zealand Principals' Federation

Here is a link to another opinion – e.tangata.co.nz

Our powhiri to welcome all new families, and any new staff will be held on Friday 16 September at 9.00am. Everyone who has joined the Owhiro Bay learning community from April 1st this year is included. Put the date in your diary now and expect an invitation.

We are hoping for better weather this Friday so we can enjoy Enviro Day. Please come prepared in old clothes and gumboots so you can help with mulching and weeding.

Congratulations to Ollie Bond, Te Rira Solomon-Murch and Lily Taylor who will be representing OBS at the interzone Swimming

E tipu e rea- in our children lies our future.

Nāku noa nā,

Tineke and the team

THANKS

To Dorothy Maiden for the donation of a keyboard to the school. Thank you Dorothy this will be put to great use.

A big thank you to Mrs Martin and the choir. You were fabulous ambassadors at Artsplash last night. All your dedication and hard work paid off.

WELCOME

To Lucas Henwood who joined children in Harakeke today. Welcome also to his family to our school community.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday wishes to the following children who have birthdays coming up:

Sione Moala 3/9

Rebecca Abbott 5/9

Matthew Abbott 6/9



SHELVING – SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS

Please take a look at the bookshelf units beside the garage. These are surplus to our needs. First in, first served. Feel free to help yourself. A koha to the Country Fair would be appreciated.

VIRTUES

This week we continue our focus on “Friendship” or “whaka-hoahoa”

I am practising friendliness when I...

- Like myself and realise I have a lot to offer
- Smile and greet people with courtesy
- Have the courage to introduce myself
- Show interest in others
- Ask people about themselves
- Show caring when a friend needs me

The focus next week is “Respect” or “Whaka ute”



TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Ka pai hoki koe! = Good on you!

PARENTLINK

Hi everyone,

Here is the latest news from the Fair Committee.

Next Fair Committee meeting

The next Fair Committee meeting is tomorrow (Thursday 1 September) at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. There will be a short Parent Link meeting beforehand starting at 7.15pm. If you are interested in helping to organise the Fair, or you have some great ideas about how to improve the Fair, please come along to the meeting. We still have some roles to fill and we would really appreciate your help.

Electronic volunteer sign-up sheet

You can now sign up for specific roles, or register your interest in helping on a stall on fair day. Simply click on the following link:

<http://signup.com/go/7NVpPp>

Note, you don't need to sign up using facebook - just enter your email address in the box provided (and re-enter it to confirm it, as prompted)

Please save any good quality used items you might wish to donate to the fair

We will be opening the school garage on a regular basis in the next month or so for donations of good quality used items that we can sell at the Fair.

We would be very grateful for donations of good quality, clean, clothing, books, toys, bric-a-brac, puzzles, complete games, good quality dvds and cds, household items, tools, bikes and garden items.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for updates on when the garage will be open for donations.

Raffle prizes

We will be running a raffle as part of the Fair this year and we would be very grateful for donations of any items that we could include as raffle prizes.

Do you work for, or know of, a business that may be willing to donate a prize or a service?

Do you have 'un-needed' items or gifts (brand new, in original packaging) that we could include as a prize or as part of a hamper pack?

Do you own a holiday home or bach? Would you be willing to offer a weekend stay as a prize?

If you think you might be able to help us with raffle prizes, please let us know.

Garden Stall request

Please start thinking about planting / repotting seed and plants for fair. All plant donations, especially natives, will be gratefully received.



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BIGAIR Gymsports

EXCITING NEWS! Bigair Gymsports is finally opening a centre near you! 14 Landfill Rd, just around the corner from Carlucci Land with onsite parking! Classes start Term 4 and bookings will open from the **5th of September-that's next Monday!** To book go to Bigair Gyms website www.bigairgym.co.nz. Classes include Gymnastics (Preschool & School age), Trampolining, Tumbling, Parkour, along with our famous Bigair Cheer teams. Plus Bigairs popular Holiday Programme and Birthday Parties will be coming too! We teach children fundamental lifelong skills that will benefit their fitness, strength, balance, and their self-belief & confidence in a safe & positive environment that supports them as they achieve and have fun - all at the same time. For all queries and bookings please email wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz

Kapiti Island for Kids school holiday programme for ages 8-12 28-30 September

3 days of nature-based adventures, exploring the wildlife on exciting Kapiti Island. Incl. ferry, DOC permits, accommodation, all food, 24-hour experienced adult supervision & guidance, kiwi-spotting tour, nature talks/walks/discovery & fun games. \$395 Limited to 12 spaces. bookings@kapitiisland.com

Vogelmorn Tennis Club Season Opening Day and Registrations

Pop SUN 4 SEP in your diaries and bring along your friends & family - especially the Dads (it's Fathers Day), to have a **FUN and FREE** hit around at your local club courts (corner Vennell St & Mornington Roads). We can even supply the rackets for kids and adults! On wet or fine! For those friends and family who have never been a Vogelmorn Tennis Club member or perhaps they are a "once in a blue moon social player"? We have a category suited for all! For the first time, we are offering brand new members to the club, (registering for either an annual **midweek or senior** club 2016/17 membership), 1 x **free coaching lesson** with our resident club coach! See you all there to catch Pokemons as well - we are a Pokemon Gym did you know - if not, we can get you up to speed on our Opening Day!

www.vogelmorntennisclub.com | FACEBOOK | NEIGHBOURLY.CO.NZ for regular club updates |

Baby Sitting

Are you looking for a babysitter? Hi I'm Tallulah. I'm 14 years old and live in Owhiro Bay/Island Bay. If you're looking for a responsible babysitter to look after your kids I'm available weekends and happy to do some weekday evenings. I have a 3 year old brother and little cousins that I've had plenty of experience looking after. I'm a qualified surf lifeguard with experience in first aid. I can also help out with dog walking and cleaning if needed. You can call or leave me a text on 0273882626. Or if you prefer to email me at oneillta@wgc.school.nz



