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# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Three Way Conferences/Learning Conversations continue Year 4 – 6	7 April
Whole School Trip to Red Rocks (weather permitting)	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

Yesterday no one was late and no one was absent, brilliant! We can't remember the last time that happened.

Three way conferences for our students in Years 4-6 are underway, thank you to all our parents/whānau who have made the time to meet and set learning goals. For students in Years 1 to 3 the individual reporting cycle is in place and underway.

I'm very excited to announce that all students will be involved in Dance classes for the Arts/Health and PE component of the curriculum. We have contracted Stepping Out to provide these lessons in Term 2, after trialling their programme last year. The costs involved have been budgeted for and will be covered by our Operations Grant. Mrs Martin is also gearing

up for Artsplash next term. Whanake will also have swimming lessons each Friday. Māhuri will swim in Term 3. We appreciate all school donations and remind you that they are tax deductible so keep that receipt in a safe place and file it with your tax return.

I had a chat to all the students about nits last Friday. We have an outbreak so we need for everyone to be vigilant in checking and treating their hair. Here are some tips:

## TREATMENT

*Ideally, once headlice are detected in a school, the whole school community should take action at the same time and over a period of weeks. One untreated head in a community can ensure an outbreak continues for months.*

*Treatment must be thorough, regular and carried out over a period of weeks by everyone. Even so, such treatment will not prevent a reinfestation originating from another community. Keeping headlice under control requires constant vigilance.*

*Effective treatment can be cheap. A combination of methods is likely to be most successful.*

### Dry combing

*This method is for removal of headlice and eggs.*

- Use a metal fine-toothed comb. The National Pediculosis Association in the United States recommends combs that have individually tooled rounded teeth that are evenly spaced and set in a plastic handle.
- Fingernails can effectively remove eggs.
- Individual strands of hair can be cut to remove difficult eggs.
- Some combs will extract adult headlice only and leave the eggs; the closer together the teeth of the comb are, the more successful combing will be.

### Wet combing

*This method, using any kind of hair conditioner, is for detection and removal of headlice and eggs. It is recommended that this treatment be repeated on alternate days for three weeks. The idea is to smother the headlice with conditioner, preventing them moving away, and to allow manual removal. Do not use conditioner within a day of using a chemical treatment; it will make the chemical treatment ineffective.*

- Apply enough conditioner (much more than usual) on dry hair to thoroughly cover the whole scalp and all the hair from the roots to the tips.
- Keep the conditioner in the hair. Conditioner stuns the insects for about 20 minutes.
- Comb the hair straight and get knots out with an ordinary comb.
- Use a fine-toothed comb to systematically comb the hair. Comb the full length of each hair.
- Wipe the comb with a clean tissue after each stroke of the comb.
- After thorough combing and inspection, wash the conditioner out.

#### Electric combs

Electric battery operated combs are available to be used on dry hair. These are claimed to stun or kill the headlice so they let go of the hair and can be combed out. Clean the teeth after each stroke of the comb. Electric combs should be used on alternate days for two or three weeks to break the breeding cycle. People with epilepsy, heart disease or pacemakers should not use them.

#### Haircuts

Short hair is easier to comb, requires less time to treat and makes detection easier. It should not be necessary to shave heads. Hairdressers may refuse to cut infested hair.

We have combs available for loan from the office including a robi comb.

Further information is available from:

<http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/specific-initiatives/health-and-safety/health-and-wellbeing-programmes/headlice-and-nits-a-guide-for-school-communities/>

Check out the details for our trip to Red Rocks next week. Fingers crossed for a day like today.

He i konā mai,

Tineke and the team

## WELCOME

To Lucan and Ava who joined children in Harakeke this week. Lucan has a sister in Room 7 and Ava a brother Jayden, new to the school also, in Room 3.



## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to :

Zoe McNicol 7/4

Theo Massey 11/4

Enjoy your Day!



## 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

We continue to focus on "Courage" or "Hautoa" this week

I am practising 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

Congratulations to Javi Velasco-Cordovez and Makaela Cheung who won the virtue voucher draw last week for "helpfulness" and "enthusiasm" respectively.

## PARENTLINK

### 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](mailto:parentlink@owhiro.school.nz) to find out more. Order online now at:

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

## WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO RED ROCKS

On Thursday 14 April, if weather permits, the whole school will be walking to Red Rocks. Please drop off your child **between 8.30 and 9.00 am sharp** at Te Kopahou Visitors Centre, Owhiro Bay Parade.

Students need to bring:

- ☺ Their school bag with packed lunch and drink (children will be carrying these, so please pack appropriately)
- ☺ Warm jacket, sunhat, sunscreen
- ☺ Good sturdy walking shoes

Students need to be collected from the Te Kopahou Visitors Centre at 3.00 pm. Those attending Pridelands will be walked back to school.

If the weather turns while we are at Red Rocks we will return to school earlier.



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## TE KUPU O TE WIKI

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## SPORTS SPOT

### OB1s

What an awesome lucky last game for the season. The OB1s played their hearts out against a friendly with Owhiro Bay Rocks. It was a great game with some really good structured play. Good defence from Joel, Lenn, Dylan, Egerton, Cheech, Great runs from Kobe and Hugh. Lenn getting two tries against the older, more experienced and stronger team. These guys have come on so far since they started out and should be very proud of their improved focus and working as a team.

### Owhiro Bay Rocks

The boys really gave it their all in the final game and achieved not only a 3-2 win but also a well-deserved third placing in their division. This is a fantastic success for this team and a great way to end the season. Well done to Freeman, Austin, Ollie, Nico, Matthew A, Max and Thomas.

A big thanks to Rachel for her great coaching, Helen for team support, parents for sideline support and Klare for her great organising! I'm really proud of the boys and how they have improved tenfold since they first started playing Touch.

Message from player Ollie: *"The other teams coach was the best because when we were attacking they said they touched Austin but they didn't and the coach said they didn't. That was fair"*

Message from Coach Rachael: *"Boys, enjoy the feeling of working together as a team to gain good results! Keep playing Touch - it's great game and you play really well! :). Thanks parents for getting the boys to the games. Particularly, big thanks to Helen & Klare!!"*

### Sports Shirts

Please return all sports shirts by the end of next week. Thank you.

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