



*e tipu e rea* In our children lies our future

# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wheels Day every Wednesday	
Pōwhiri for new families/staff	7 August
Sushi Day	7 August
Whole School Trip to the Movies	7 August
Student Teachers starting in Rms 1 & 3	10 August
Environment Day	14 August
Parentlink Sausage Sizzle	14 August
Walk 'n' Wheels to School	19 August
Next Parentlink Meeting 7.00 pm	20 August
Abacus Fundraiser Order Forms due back	21 August
Skipping September	All September
Sushi Day	4 September
School Production	23 September
Last Day of Term 3	25 September

## COMING UP

### 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

I hope your children worked hard at sharing some te reo with you last week for Te Wiki o te reo Māori because the theme/ kaupapa was 'Whāngaihia te reo Māori ki ngā mātua. 'We aim to encourage and support the language development of parents who can then whāngai the language to their children.

Tomorrow we have our pōwhiri in the morning, our sushi lunch, and then our whole school movie trip. It is going to be a fabulous day. The cost for this trip is covered by the trip component of the school donation. So far this year we have paid for buses to Titahi Bay Intermediate, Te Papa, and the senior school swimming lessons. This term we will also require buses for our production rehearsal and next term for junior swimming lessons. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. These experiences add so much to our students learning.

Our overarching theme for this year is I See Red. This term we have linked it into I See Red-Curtains and Action!, which

will culminate in our whole school production. **Our learning in the Arts** is in full swing and our script writers with guidance from Nicola are putting together the final touches on the links between each class performance. I don't want to give too much away but I can tell you each class has chosen a special story.

My lips are sealed. After much searching for an available venue, I can confirm that the production will take place on the evening of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the hall at St Catherine's College, Upper Bourke Street, Kilbirnie.

You may have seen our students in a feature on Special Education, <http://goo.gl/Hc0hh2> Check out the magazine in the foyer under "Our People". As part of the Joint Initiative we are collaborating with a group of local schools to strengthen teacher knowledge and skills in working with students with various special needs. Justine Henderson is the Lead teacher of this initiative and we are lucky enough to already have her on staff in a part-time capacity.

One of the key themes emerging from the education sector is the importance of collaboration among teachers as a way to improve student achievement. Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Marett are running a combined literacy session each day from 11.00am-12.30pm for the students in Rooms 4 and 5. This arrangement allows for more one on one time with each teacher in reading and writing. It also provides students with opportunities to further develop their Key Competencies by working together, being independent, having time for creative play etc.... Our building/toilet upgrade work will eventually create a large shared lino space between Taupata and Harakeke for activities like painting, gluing, playdough and water play etc...

We have a talented and creative teaching team here at Owhiro Bay and we are fortunate that our teachers share their passions and expertise with us. Did you catch Nicola and images of her class, on the television news? See it here: <https://goo.gl/zlGxhy>

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team

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## WELCOME

To Han-Shun Lu who joined children in Room 7 this week. Welcome also to Han-Shun's family to our community.

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## BIRTHDAY WISHESTO:

Molly Menzies 6/8  
Jasmine Leung-Kirifi 7/8  
Olliver Bond 12/8



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## ATTENDANCE

We have too many students arriving late for school. 10 minutes lost each morning is 50 minutes by the end of a week, and 8 and a half hours over a term. That is a lot of learning to catch up on. Our morning routine is that students arrive from 8.30 am onwards, go to their classrooms to get set up for the learning, touch base with their teacher and then head out for play and catch up with their friends. Lunch ordering is at 8.45am and signalled by 3 short rings of the bell. School starts at 8.55am.

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## ILLNESS

We have a couple of different bugs going around, one has high fevers and the other is a tummy bug with vomiting. If your child has either of these please keep them at home until they are well enough to be back. 24 hours is a good rule of thumb.

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## VIRTUES

For the following fortnight our focus will be "Flexibility" or "Ngawari-wari".

You are practicing Flexibility when you...

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

The winners of the virtue voucher draw last week went to Hana Dahya and Caiden Sloane for Creativity.

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## TE KUPU O TE WIKI

**whakapai(ngia):** = tidy, repair, bless

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## PARENTLINK

### Abacus Fundraiser

Your child/ren have created amazing artwork in class which can be transformed into professionally printed 2016 calendars, cards, diaries, notepads and now also including mouse mats! These items make fantastic, unique gifts and are perfect for posting overseas!

Your children's artwork and sample products can be viewed at the school office. Please return your order form with correct payment to the school office **by Friday 21 August.**

You can also pay online to the Parentlink Account:

**06 0577 0112365 00. Please reference: "Abacus and your child's name and room number"**

Cheques payable to *Owhiro Bay School Parentlink*

We hope to have your order back to you by the end of this term. Every order makes a return to our school fundraising so thanks for your support.

Art Calendar	\$10.00
Photo Calendar	\$12.00
Cards (8 pkt)	\$12.00
Diaries	\$15.00
Notepads	\$12.00
Mouse Mats	\$15.00

### Sausage Sizzle Help!

The next sausage sizzle is held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. If you can help with the cooking of the sausages, please contact Kim on 3838.978 or 021 1836602. This will only take between 1 and 1 ½ hours for the preparation, cooking and distribution to classes.

### 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

### LAST WEEK TO ORDER - 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 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.

**Please note that this fundraiser is about to "wrap up" – if you want an Entertainment Book, please do so this week.**

### Next Parentlink Meeting

The next meeting of Parentlink will be held on Thursday 20 August at 7.00 pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

**SUSHI LUNCH DAY – THIS FRIDAY 7 August**  
**Order Form – make your own combination, minimum of 4 pieces**

**Chicken:** Teriyaki chicken, Mixed salad & Carrots **(\$1/piece)**  
*(Free of Gluten, Egg, Nuts & MSG; using Tamari)*

**Seafood:** Fresh salmon, Mixed salad & Avocado **(\$1.60/piece)**  
*(Free of Gluten, Egg, Nuts free & MSG)*

Surimi, Mayo & Mixed salad **(\$1/piece)**  
*(Free of Nuts, contains Gluten, Egg & MSG)*

**Vegetarian:** Avocado, Cucumber, Carrots & Mixed salad **(\$1/piece)**  
*(Free of Gluten, Egg, Nuts & MSG free)*

**Please note:** The pottle of soya sauce in the pack contains gluten.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Room:** \_\_\_\_\_

	Price	Number of pieces (minimum 4 pieces)	Cost
Teriyaki Chicken	\$1		
Fresh Salmon	\$1.60		
Surimi	\$1		
Vegetarian	\$1		
Teriyaki Chicken Rice (not sushi)	\$5		
Total Cost			

**Please return your order form to Wendy  
by Thursday 6th August with**

**Payment type (please tick):**

- Correct payment to Wendy by Thursday 6th August
- Internet banking to Kim by Thursday 6th August  
 Bank details: Kim Lau, ASB, 12-3223-0129702-00  
 Please state: Child's name & room number as reference

Any questions, contact Kim on kimjit@gmail.com or 0211836602  
**Thank you so much for your order!**