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# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Piano Performance 6.15 pm	8 December
Year 6 EOTC Overnight Event	8 December
Whole School Big Day Out - Wellington Zoo	9 December
Marzipan Drama Parent Performance 8.30 am	12 December
End of Year Reports Year 4, 5 & 6 go home	12 December
Stationery Lists go home	12 December
Prize Giving/Poroporoaki at SWIS 6.00 pm	15 December
Last Day of 2016 (2.00 pm)	16 December
First Day of 2017	1 February

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	Marzipan Drama classes 8.00 am In the hall Creek Crew/Stream Team 9 – 11 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	Choir 8.00 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wheels Day Yoga/Pilates Classes 6.30 pm In hall
<b>Thursday</b>	Code Club 3.30 – 4.30 pm Running Club 3.00 – 3.30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	No assembly this week.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora, Hello, Talofa lava, Chao, Ni Hao, Dia dhaoibh, Namaste, Giday, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Bula vinaka, Mālō e lelei, Sawasdee πρεπετ

We had some internet issues last week and as a result there were some gremlins in the system and our newsletter was a bit muddled. Thankfully these have all now been ironed out and we are back on line!

We have our fingers crossed for fine weather on Friday but pack a coat just in case as we're going whatever the weather. All parent helpers please meet in the staffroom at 9.00 am. The bus will be leaving at 9.30 am on the dot.

At the end of the Country Fair we were left with some of our student art and some water, fruit smoothies and fruit juices. The art works are available for purchase via a gold coin donation and the drinks will be for sale from the canteen for \$2.00 each over the last week of term.

Our annual Prizegiving is being held next Thursday 15th December 2017 in the South Wellington Intermediate School (SWIS) Hall starting at 6.00pm and finishing around 7.00pm. All our students have a role to play and we expect everyone to attend this very important event. We offset this by offering a later start for those that need it on Friday 16th December at 10.00 am You won't need to bring a cushion. Please also remember that we will be finishing at 2.00pm on the last day of term. Pridelands will run from 2.00pm on that day.

Please check out our school website regularly for updates. We have added the refurbishment options and the opportunity for you to comment. Our school policies and procedures can also be found on line and there is opportunity for parents to participate in reviewing these. Under review this term are Education Outside the Classroom and Sun Protection. The user name is owhiro and the password is happy.

If you are bringing your dogs into the school grounds when dropping off and picking up students please ensure that they are on a leash and be mindful of the children around you.

Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet from Regional Public Health about Scarlett Fever. We have had one confirmed case and several students with strep throat. Keep an eye on your child and if they show any of the symptoms listed please take the appropriate action.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who were able to make it to the new parent 2017 information evening last night.

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Nāku noa nā,  
Tineke and the team

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### THANK YOU

To Kirsten McDougall for the lovely book she donated to the school library.

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### PROVERB OF THE WEEK

‘Mahia te mahi kei tamariki ana’

‘Work energetically while young’

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### JAM

Beautiful homemade jam available from the Kindergarten at \$4.00 per jar. Strawberry, boysenberry, apricot, raspberry.

Please check out their range and support the One Learning Community

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### BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday wishes to the following students who have a birthday coming up:

Summer Robertson 7/12

Marlena Trotter 7/12

Lorenzo Buhne 8/12

Ranith Nouv 13/12

Enjoy your Day!



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### VIRTUES

Our focus for the following fortnight is “Purposefulness” or “Whakatara – nga”

I am practising purposefulness when I.....

- 🕒 Have a vision of what I want to accomplish
- 🕒 Concentrate my efforts on the goal
- 🕒 Keep from getting scattered or distracted
- 🕒 Do things one at a time and finish what I start
- 🕒 Get back on purpose if I do get distracted
- 🕒 Persevere until I get results

### Awards from last week

Congratulations to Kobe Hunt and Serena Dahya for winning the virtue voucher draw last week. Kobe for “Responsibility” and Serena for “Generosity”.

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### PACK THE BUS

Thank you to all the wonderful generous families in our community who donated so willingly to the Pack the Bus last week to ensure other families will have a more fortunate xmas.

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### TAKE PART IN THE SCHOOL READING CHALLENGE! WIN PRIZES AND BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

The Challenge is open to all 5-12 year olds with their own Wellington City Libraries membership. It's *free* to participate and registrations are not required. It runs from 1<sup>st</sup> December until 31<sup>st</sup> January.

The Challenge encourages children to continue reading over the summer holidays, by providing incentives for reading and reviewing books from a reading list of carefully selected titles. Children will earn prizes for their book reviews, as well as gain entries into the challenge's main prize draw for each review they write.

The Challenge is run online, which means that children can participate from anywhere at any time. Book reviews can also be handed in to any Wellington City Library.

The Reading Challenge booklet can be picked up from any Wellington City Library (or downloaded from the website). It contains the reading list for the Challenge, and information on how to participate. It is set up to encourage children to read, critically review and comment on their reading choices, while discovering new reading interests and genres.

At the end of the Challenge, the school with the highest number of students reading and reviewing (as a proportion of their total student population) will win Bookseller tokens. There are \$500 of vouchers to reward the top school.

### STATIONERY LISTS

Reports and stationery lists come home with your child/ren next Monday 12 December. As in the past, you will have the choice of purchasing your stationery requirements on line late December or from your choice of stationery companies.

Please note – only the items marked specifically on the stationery list can be purchased from the school at the beginning of the year, all other items must be purchased from elsewhere.



### 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 of students and 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.

### SPORT SPOT

#### Sports Shirts

Please can we have all sports shirts washed and returned by the end of term – thanks.

#### Year 3-4 – Owhiro Bay Sharks

The Sharks had an astounding win 8 - 4. with Kobe scoring a personal best of 2 tries, and Lenn securing Player of the Day for honesty - admitting he made no touch on their try scorer. This team has come a long long way since last year. Our opponents today were arguing among themselves while we ran around them and scored. That was us last year! This year we gained ground quickly by running 3 touches straight up the middle - like pros.

#### Year 5-6- Owhiro Bay Orcas

A great win for the Owhiro Bay Orca's this week. St Marks kept our boys working hard and we had some magic moments of super speed and zig-zagging through the opposition. Special mention to Ollie for his relentless defence. Tries by Ollie, Freeman, Nico and Austin. Final score 4-2 to us!

Wish the boys well for their finals later on today

### Floorball

**Floorball year 6 team** - This was the last game and a tough one for Stingray. The players' skills and sportsmanship were amazing. They fought very hard and to the end but couldn't hold their post. Lyall Bay Sharks managed to sneak in a goal in the last minute which set the score 3:2 to them. Overall they all enjoyed themselves despite some injuries. This is Austin's last game representing Owhiro Bay School as he is moving on to SWIS. We wish him all the best.

**The Sharks lost 10 - 3** to a better team with some very good strikers, in spite of the best efforts on defence. Ethan was deservedly player of the day after scoring 66% of our points! We wound up the season with a respectable position on the table and will be a force to be reckoned with in the new year.



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#### Yoga/Pilates Classes at Owhiro Bay School – Mornings!

Currently Sue is running classes on a Wednesday evening from 6.30 pm in the school hall and is interested in running an early morning class one day during the week from next term.

The cost would be the same as the evening class \$5.00 per person

If you are interested in this idea – please contact Wendy in the office or Sue 9382.484/027 6943970.

#### Re-Usable Lunch and Snap Bags

Re-usable Lunch and snap bag, 2 per set, sandwich size (approx) 18cm x 17cm , snack is around half this size. Cheerful patterns with a nylon inner. Easy to open , close, wipe out and wash. One set is all you need. No more glad wrap or plastic bags. Environmentally friendly. \$10.00 per set but special offer for Christmas \$8.00 per set.

Leave a message by text if interested, 0274 353882 or call me.

I am at the school on a Tuesday 6th and 13th at 3.00pm. Stay safe everyone. Regards Denise Wilson



**“Island Bay Community Carols and BBQ, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 4.30pm at St Hilda’s Anglican church lawn, 311 The Parade. Please bring your family, a picnic mat and extra picnic food to enjoy games, carols and the Christmas spirit. Free sausage sizzle, tea and coffee , ice cream and lots of family games.”**

No cancellations as we’ll just have the event inside.  
Thank you.

### **IT’S HERE!!**

The Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshop runs from 10am-4pm Tuesday 24th - Thursday 26th January. Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day!

Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment.

For more information check out our website! Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick!

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**Get sorted for Christmas the easy way!** I stock a range of advent calendars, Christmas cards, activities and gifts from Phoenix Trading; and also have a range of fabric bags and organisers that I make myself. Check me out online at [www.craftywabbott.co.nz](http://www.craftywabbott.co.nz); or give me a call to organise a time to visit and browse what I currently have in stock (I live in Owhiro Bay).

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