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NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Working Bee at School	19/20 March
Icecream Sale	24 March
Easter Break (Tuesday included)	25–29 March
Educational Review Office visit	30 March
Parentlink Meeting 7.30 pm	31 March
End of Term 1	15 April

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Our student reporting cycle is underway. We have made some adjustments to our written progress report in response to the feedback we received at the end of last year. I have included a template in this newsletter. When the time comes you will receive a letter of invitation to meet with your child's teacher to receive and discuss this report.

In the first 3 years of schooling we are required to write a report showing *progress* towards the appropriate National Standard after two terms, and an *achievement* report against the National Standard after four terms, based around when each child started at our school.

Once your child is in Years 4-6 the reporting cycle system changes to the more familiar mid-year and end of school year. If you have any questions around reporting the best person to talk to is your child's teacher.

Kea Crossing Update - Rachel (Owhiro Bay Kindy) and I met with representatives from the Council to discuss the possibility of a Kea crossing outside Owhiro Bay School.

There are a number of processes the Council has to follow for this to occur, including notifying our neighbours as there is likely to be some loss of parking in front of the bus stop and broken yellow lines across the road. We are waiting to hear from the Council regarding next steps.

Did you know that we have an adult exercise class here each Tuesday from 6.30pm in the hall? Lengthen, strengthen and stretch for \$5.00. Come and meet some new faces.

If you are interested in standing for the Board of Trustees this year, there is a booklet "A parent's guide to the role of the Board of Trustees" available from the school office.

Thank you all for your health survey forms, we will use your comments to inform our Health programme.

Ask your child what they haven't learned YET? Here's an interesting link if you want to learn more about the power of yet.

https://www.ted.com/talks/carol_dweck_the_power_of_believing_that_you_can_improve

Have a great week everyone.

Tineke and the team

THANKS

To Dean Jackson for continuing to undertaking our building alarm checks. Your ongoing help is very much appreciated.



WANTED PLEASE

Bathroom “turtles” to help our younger students reach the sink in Room 6.

WORKING BEE

During the weekend of the 19th/20th of March from 10.00am-2.00pm each day we'll be having a working bee and sausage sizzle. Pick which day suits you best.

We have quite a list of jobs both inside and outside, so there is something for everyone.

You can take your pick from;

- ✿ raking/forking over the bark under the playground areas
- ✿ topping up the bark in the playground
- ✿ scrubbing/painting the inside of the cleaners cupboard
- ✿ moving a cupboard and re-hanging some shelves/pigeon holes
- ✿ anchor cupboards in garage and move records into storage
- ✿ move grey cupboard out of the hall
- ✿ sort emergency supply cupboards in corridor (plus water?)
- ✿ spring clean the hall kitchen
- ✿ paint the bench seats

If you have a head for heights our light diffusers need emptying, we have staples that need to come out of walls, light bulbs to be replaced and high windows that could do with a dust/clean.

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 “Flexibility” or “Ngawari-wari” this week.

I am practicing flexibility when I...

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

Next week the focus is “Enthusiasm” or “kai ngakau”

Congratulations to Waimarino Garland-Ross who won the virtues voucher draw from last week for “Helpfulness”

PARENTLINK

Ice Cream “Thursdae”

Parentlink will be selling ice creams after school on Thursday, 24 March! Any parents who might be able to help out with the scooping and serving please get in touch at parentlink@owhiro.school.nz



Next Parentlink Meeting

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

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Whakarongo = listen

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to:

James Corner who celebrates his birthday today!



SPORTS SPOT

Floorball

The Year 4 Orcas had a tough game this week losing to the Hataitai Lightning 8 to 1. But the loss didn't stop our team from doing some fantastic running and moving around the rink. There was lots of passing and shots on goal with Eli, the player of the day stepping up and making a perfect goal.

All the players are showing more confidence and getting to know where the ball is and getting in a chase. Lots of concentration from Ella and Ethan. Atarau did a good job on his first time in goal getting in some great blocks even with the hammering on the goal. Lenn put in a brief but powerful set. The team is starting to show they are learning the game and putting in the effort!

The Year 5 Stingrays were on fire! With an 11 to 2 win over the Killbirnie Firebirds, our team was consistently showing hustle and some powerful offense. Most importantly they started to really work as a team with some considered passing and assisting their fellow players. They can see that when they work together, great things happen. All the players were on the move and challenging the other team with fast action and thinking. Defense and Austin and Luca in goal were ready for the other team and blocked accordingly. Kahu, Arun and Ollie all were on the move with confidence and energy. Player of the day went to Rico, who showed he was a great team player and has improved his skills hugely over the last couple weeks. Great job Stingrays!

Touch

OB1s

A great game was fought by the OB1s this week. The pressure proved a bit much for a few players who struggled with some of the refs calls, but this is all good learning, when we cannot control the way a game goes. It was incredibly encouraging to see players step in to the role of dummy half, supporting the flow of the game and passing the ball out along the line-this is excellent team work. Keep it up boys.

Owhiro Bay Rocks

The boys had a friendly this week, with a tough game where their skills were tested. They worked out though that passing along the line, providing support, making the touches early and not getting too far back all helped them to make ground and get the tries in. Good work boys.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Learn to Swim

Did you know that there are two non-competitive 'Learn to Swim' swim clubs in Wellington.

Both operate as community groups

Both operate out of Freyberg pool on a Friday night

Both cost about \$80 pa

And both provide excellent opportunities to progress and practice your swim skills, where the intent is to give the opportunity for all New Zealanders to learn to swim-with fun factored in there too

Suitable for about age 4/5 +

Hataitai swim club runs half hour classes between 5.30 and 7.00pm

Maranui runs their swim club between 7.00 and 8.00

There is little website information, but you can go along any night, for any number of nights and give it a go-join if it works for you-don't if it doesn't.

Do you want to play rugby?

Wellington Rugby Club is a competitive AND family friendly club

Conveniently located in Hataitai

Grades go from nipper (u5) through to u13.

Cost is \$45 per child, \$70 for two children or \$90 for three children or more

at 030502-0174035-00 (please put child's surname as reference)

Come along and sign up on Saturday 5 March 1-2.30pm

ARTRAGEOUS KIDS

Easter Tuesday Artrageous Fun Day Tuesday 29 March 2016

Just because we parents have to work Easter Tuesday doesn't mean the kids shouldn't have some fun! We will be providing a wild and wonderful artrageous session. Messy play, construction, Painting. your imagination is where it is at! **Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington**

www.artrageouskids.co.nz

Artrageous April Holiday Programme 18-22 April + 26-29 April

April's regular Holiday Programme will run from **18-29 April 2016** (excluding weekends and Anzac Day, 25 April) catering to children aged 5-13 years; **it's going to be FUN! Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington**

www.artrageouskids.co.nz

Artrageous Big Kids April 2016 Holiday Programme 18-22 April

Our BIG KIDS week is aimed at children aged 10-14 years. Providing them with a space, focused adult attention and loads of resources. This programme is tailored to draw out older children's interest in creating art and using their creativity by themselves and collaboratively. **Venue: Vogelmorn Bowling Club 93 Mornington Rd, Brooklyn, Wellington**

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Owhiro Bay School Progress Report

Name:

Room:

Year:

Date:

In this written progress report the main curriculum areas of reading, writing and mathematics are reported on in relation to your child's progress against the National Standards. This is a requirement of the Ministry of Education. The achievement report in six months time will cover progress in all areas of school life.

Progress toward the Reading Standard: After ___ years at school

Achieving above the standard		
Achieving at the standard		
Working towards the standard		
Accelerated progress required to reach standard		

Progress toward the Writing Standard: After ___ years at school

Achieving above the standard		
Achieving at the standard		
Working towards the standard		
Accelerated progress required to reach standard		

Progress toward the Mathematics Standard: After ___ years at school

Achieving above the standard		
Achieving at the standard		
Working towards the standard		
Accelerated progress required to reach standard		

(Class Teacher)

(Principal)