

# ROCKS

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### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Y6 to Pōwhiri at SWIS (8.30 am – 10.00 am) 2 February

Waitangi Day (school closed) 6 February

Parentlink Meeting 7.00pm 8 February

School Pōwhiri 9.00 – 10.00 am 9 February

One Learning Community Whanau Picnic 9 February

(6.00 – 7.00 pm)

Board of Trustees Meeting 15 February

### COMING UP

Meet the Teacher Evening 6-7.00 pm 22 February

### WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday Marzipan Drama Classes

Wednesdays Wheels Day

Friday Assembly 2.20pm

Last Friday of each month –  
Parent Link Coffee Club

### TERM DATES 2018

**Term 1** 29 January – 13 April

(Good Friday 30 March, Easter Monday 2 April and Easter  
Tuesday 3 April – school closed)

**Term 2** 30 April – 6 July

**Term 3** 23 July – 29 September

Teacher Only Day 3 August

**Term 4** 15 October – 14 December

Teacher Only Day 23 October

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**Kia ora, Hello, Talofa lava, Chao, Ni Hao, Dia dhaoibh, Namaste, Giddy, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, F akaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Bula vinaka, M I e lelei, Sawasdee, πpevet**

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome everybody to the 2018 school year. We have lots of new faces and a few new routines to put in place. I know many of you have been eagerly awaiting this newsletter. Newsletters will now go home each Thursday.

The school office will be staffed by Jan Rosie each Monday and Tuesday from 8.00am until 11.00am, as Wendy will be working for the RTLB service at 204 Thorndon Quay. Wendy will be in the school office Wednesday to Friday from 8.00am until 3.30pm. This means that she will be available to assist parents both before and after school as needed.

Tomorrow our Year 6 students will accompany Mrs Martin to South Wellington Intermediate to support our former students as they are welcomed into their new school community. A bus has been arranged and we ask that all Year 6 students arrive promptly at 8.30am in the morning.

A new road patrol roster will be organised just as soon as all notices are returned.

There is no swimming this term. School-wide swimming happens in Term 4.

Our first Learning Community event will be a combined picnic at Shorland Park. Bring your own picnic dinner and mix and mingle with all our families, teachers and Board members. It's a great way to get to know each other better.

As a school we will welcome all new families, and staff, including Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour (RTLB) at our pōwhiri next Friday 9th February in the morning at 9.00am. I encourage as many of you to attend this wonderful occasion as possible.

Over the holiday break the team were hard at work developing the teaching and learning programme for 2018 under the overarching kaupapa/theme of Citizenship through Enterprise. Tips on how you can support the learning will go home in the Learning Links next week.

Tineke and the Team

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## WHO'S WHO AT OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL

### Staff:

Tineke Giddy Principal

Vikki Martin Deputy Principal

Classroom Teacher Māhuri (Room 1)

Niky Clegg

Classroom Teacher Māhuri (Room 3)

Hireke Zygadlo

Classroom Teacher Māhuri (Room 2)

Sylvia Reynolds Team Leader

Classroom Teacher Whanake (Room 6)

Hazel McCulloch

Classroom Teacher Whanake (Room 7)

Chloe Fretwell

Nicola McKeivitt

Classroom Teachers Harakeke (Rooms 4 and 5)

### Part time teacher

Amie Roberts

Reading Recovery Release

Classroom Room Release

### RTL

Warren Rankin – Cluster Manager Resource Teacher of Learning Behaviour

### Support Staff

Wendy Davenport Office Manager

Jan Rosie Administration Support

Joanne Leggett Finance Manager

Maria Bowley Teacher Aide

Helen Orange Teacher Aide

### Board of Trustees

Peter Noble Chairperson

Joss Debreceeny Treasurer

Laurel Barr

Philippa Henwood

Derek Robertson

Vikki Martin Staff trustee

Tineke Giddy Principal

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## WELCOME

To Abel Holloway, Ashutosh Raj, Amiria Bailey-Ngatai, Atticus Woodfield, Connor Phillips, and Eliot Hutchison to Harakeke.

Welcome back to Guy Holloway who has joined Māhuri (Room 3). Welcome also to Lily Lockwood, Marcus, Naomi

and Rachel Locke who have joined children in Māhuri. To the families of Ashutosh, Amiria, Atticus, Connor, Elliot, Marcus, Naomi and Rachel welcome to our school community.

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## WAITANGI DAY

Yes, Tuesday is a holiday. It is also a special reminder of the unique nature of our nation. Waitangi Day provides an opportunity to reflect on how each of us belongs within our unique nation of New Zealand.

Not only are we a multi-cultural nation, but we have a very special bi-cultural heritage which is celebrated on Waitangi Day. There are many events being held throughout Wellington to celebrate this important day.

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## SCHOOL HOURS

Please note that the school is open for students from 8.30 am each day. Children are encouraged to arrive between 8.30 and 8.55 am so that they can get ready for learning. The bell rings to start the day at 8.55 am. There are two breaks for food and play:

Playtime (revised) 11.00 – 11.20 am

Lunchtime: 12.30 – 1.30 pm

Although we aim to be as open and welcoming as possible, **students cannot go into their rooms before 8.30 am as teachers are busy preparing learning programmes. Please do not bring your child to school before 8.30 am** or allow them to leave home too early.

After school **all students go home at 3.00 pm.** Harakeke and Whanake students are collected from their classrooms. Please ensure your child/ren are **collected by 3.15 pm** at the latest as teachers have meetings and other commitments from this time and cannot supervise children after 3.00 pm. All other students wait in the foyer until their parents/caregivers or adult collecting them arrive.

NOTE: If your child wishes to play in the school grounds, it is important they go home first so parents/caregivers know where they are.

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## SAFETY – ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

We ask students and adults coming from the south side of the carpark, to enter the school through the gate into the courts and those coming from the north to enter through the main gate. This is to stop any foot traffic in the carpark area and prevent possible accidents from occurring.

As both the kindergarten and school staff require use of the school carpark, and often have heavy loads to carry we ask you to park outside the school. Thank you.

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## SUNSMART SUNHATS

A reminder 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.

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## WHEELS DAY

Returning this year is Wheels Day Wednesday! Each Wednesday students can ride their wheels (i.e., bikes, scooters, rollerblades) on the courts at playtime and lunchtime. **All children on wheels must wear a helmet.**

Please name the helmet and ensure it is well adjusted to keep your child's head protected. All wheels are to be left in the bike or scooter racks in the area to the right of the office.

If your child wheels to and from school, they **must wear a helmet. Please remember to collect all bikes/scooters at the end of the day.**

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## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to the following students celebrated their birthday during the holiday break.

Kingston Jenkins	Jan 1
Jordan Nelson-Gray	Jan 8
Erika Cheung	Dec 23
William Kirton	Jan 30
Charlie Lunn	Dec 16
Lucia Catan	Jan 4
Sasha Ha	Jan 21
Tui Bacon	Jan 10
Gina Bacon	Jan 10
Dylan Johanson Sua'a	Jan 17
Ethan Graham	Jan 28
Aoife Trainor	Jan 31
Eimear Trainor	Jan 31
Amiria Bailey-Ngatai	Jan 24

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## VALUE OF THE WEEK

### Respect

For the next two weeks we are focusing on the value of respect. We are learning to take care of school property by returning playtime sports, gear, putting our empty milk cartons in the rubbish bins and keeping our learning spaces neat and tidy.

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## STUDENT WRITING BY BELLA BUI

*I felt the warm wind blowing my clothes and arms. It is warm when the wind touches my face and legs. Also sand went into my eyes and one time my hat blew away.*

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## SPORTS SPOT

Touch Rugby starts Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb around 4.00pm at Wakefield Park in Island Bay. It runs for 6 weeks and costs each child about \$25. Practices will start Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10.00am on the Owhiro Bay School field. There is still room for a couple more players in both the Year 3 /4 team and the Year 5/6 team. Contact Kim Parker 0223430011 or Dean Jackson 021399489.



### A New Year – A New You!

Come and join us for a yoga based stretch and strength class. Improves joint mobility, digestive function, muscle tone and general wellbeing.

Suitable for all levels. Relaxed and friendly community class.

Tuesday nights at 6.30 pm at the Owhiro Bay School Hall.

Bring: A mat/towel/water  
\$5.00 (donated to the school)

### Poneke Junior Rugby Registrations

'Poneke Junior Rugby Registrations for the 2018 season are open. Rippa Rugby for Under 6 & 7 grades and safe Tackle Rugby for Under 8 to 13 grades. Register ONLINE at [www.ponekerugby.com](http://www.ponekerugby.com) and then come along to one of the Registration Days on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am-2pm, Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 5pm-8pm or Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am-2pm at the Poneke Clubrooms on Kilbirnie Park. Send any questions about playing Junior Rugby to [ponekerugbyjuniors@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:ponekerugbyjuniors@hotmail.co.nz)'

### **INSTEP DANCE STUDIO - Island Bay**

**&Houghton Bay.** Offering ballet, jazz and contemporary dance classes for ages 3-18 years. Qualified, registered and experienced teachers. Classes for beginners and experienced dancers. To enrol or book a FREE trial class contact Lesley at [instepdance@hotmail.com](mailto:instepdance@hotmail.com) 021 202 7750  
For more information please visit our website: [www.instepdancestudio.co.nz](http://www.instepdancestudio.co.nz)

**WELLINGTON MUSIC CENTRE – Enrolment Day is Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> February** 2018 9.30 – 11.30am at Island Bay Primary School Hall, Thames St (Cash/cheque only please) Any Queries Ph./text 027 489 7979 Kathy Kent (co-ordinator)

Hi All

In 2017 Greater Wellington Regional Council commissioned a report to bring together all the information we have on the Owhiro Stream and what activities are affecting water quality in the Owhiro Catchment. This report along with information about the projects that are underway to improve water quality in the Owhiro catchment are now available on our website at the following link <http://www.gw.govt.nz/owhiro-stream-catchment/>

Kind Regards

**Kirsty van Reenen** | Senior Resource Advisor  
**GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**Te Pane Matua Taiao**

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