

ROCKS

Respect Originality Confidence Kindness Success

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Parentlink Meeting 7.00pm (tonight)	8 February
School Pōwhiri 9.00 – 10.00 am	9 February
One Learning Community Whanau Picnic Change of venue – (now Owhiro Bay School grounds) (6.00 – 7.00 pm)	9 February
Board of Trustees Meeting	15 February

COMING UP

Meet the Teacher Evening 6-7.00 pm	22 February
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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, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Bula vinaka, Mālō e lelei, Sawasdee, πρεπετ

We have started the year with 133 students, every hub has gained some new students, and there are more new families joining us in the coming weeks. Our pōwhiri tomorrow morning is the perfect opportunity to officially welcome everyone into our One Learning Community whānau. We'd love for you to join us at 9.00am tomorrow.

On Friday evening from 6.00pm the Kindy and the School will be hosting a family picnic dinner. Due to a clash of dates this will now be held in the grounds of Owhiro Bay School. This is a casual, bring your own dinner get together and a further opportunity to mix and mingle with families. Teaching staff from across the One Learning Community and Board members will be there. There will be barbeques available for any families who wish to use them to cook/heat up dinner.

Learning Links went home yesterday and are posted on the school website for handy reference. We are continuing with our **ROCKS** home learning and as promised will seek your feedback later this term.

Read (for pleasure, practice and or information)

Outside (enjoy the outdoors, play a game of beach cricket)

Chat (chat about your learning, the days events, what's happening in the world)

Keep up (practice your spelling words, finish off tasks, check out Owhiro Bay Learners)

Service (do something helpful for someone else)

There are lots of ways to become involved in our Learning Community. This morning the Creek crew are on site and tonight there is an open invitation to the first Parentlink gathering of the year. See you in the staffroom at 7.00pm.

Ka pai tou ra

Tineke and the team.

WELCOME

To Thibault Berardozzi who has joined children in Whanake (Room 7) this week. Welcome also to Thibault's family to our school community.



THANK YOU

To Philippa Henwood for alerting us to the fact that we may need to change the venue for the One Learning Community Whanau Picnic due the Island Bay Festival events/set up.

To Jason Graham for turning out to our building alarms sounding yesterday evening due to a hiccup at our end. We really appreciate your coming to investigate Jason!



VALUE OF THE WEEK

Respect

We continue our focus on the value of respect this week. 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.

Next week our focus will be Originality.

STUDENT WRITING:

That was Summer – by Guy Holloway

Remember kayaking slowly around warm lagoon?

Remember feeling very happy because I saw my happy family?

That was summer.

Remember staring helplessly at the words in my book too hot to read?

Remember lazily sitting in front of the bright TV on boiling hot summer nights?

That was summer.

Remember when we picked up my new puppy Pippin? He is so cute.

Do you remember seeing your friends at school and seeing your new teacher?

That was summer.

That was Summer – by Heath Dixon

Remember going to the beach with my friends on a boiling hot day?

Remember seeing dolphins swimming together in one big group?

That was summer.

Remember the taste of lobster and potato bisque on Christmas Day?

Remember going to the pool and zipping down the waterslides?

That was summer.

Remember sand tobogganing, walking up tall dunes in the 40 degree heat?

Do you remember going to the zoo, being amused by the chimpanzees?

That was summer

Adapted from 'Summer' a poem by Marci Ridlon

LUNCH MENU AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL

For your information, the following items are available from the school canteen.

Mince Pie	\$2.00
Hawaiian Pizza	\$2.00
Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Butter Chicken Wrap	\$3.00
Small Cookie	\$.80
Rice Wheels	\$1.00
Muffins (chocolate or Blueberry)	\$1.00
Bottle of Water	\$1.20

Orders can be placed at the lunchroom ordering room at 8.45 and collected at lunch break. It would be really appreciated if you could have the correct change.

SPORTS SPOT

Floorball Term 1

Owhiro Bay will be entering one or two floorball teams again in Term 1. Games will be on Tuesday afternoons, starting Feb 20 at the ASB Centre from times varying from 5.30-6.30. The cost per child will be approx. \$30, depending on numbers. We are in particular looking for players from Years 5-6 but younger players are also welcome to join in. Please get in touch with me asap if you are keen to play Paul Abbott (father of Rebecca) at paulabbottnz@gmail.com

Floorball is 4 a side and similar to indoor hockey. It is a great start-up team sport for children where they learn teamwork, sports skills, sportsmanship and have a lot of fun. To see and learn more about the sport look at the Wellington Floorball website here <http://www.wellingtonfloorball.org.nz>



Junior Rugby 2018 @ Wellington Football Club

At the capitals oldest and coolest rugby club we pride ourselves on giving children and their families a fun and safe environment to learn and develop the skills needed to enjoy rugby from Ripa through to U13. Our coaches pride themselves on being organized and skilled at delivering fun training. With 14 games in the general season we also offer opportunities to participate in tournaments near and far and help everyone follow their rugby dream. Register now at Wellingtonfootballclub.org.nz/juniors or email axemenjuniors@gmail.com or come along to our festival evening on Thursday 22nd March once Summer sport finishes

Wellington Young Voices

Wellington Young Voices is a regional children's choir which caters for keen young singers aged between 8 and 14 years of age. The choir meets each Monday from 4-6pm at a central city location and is holding auditions for new singers on Monday 12th February, and Monday 19th February. No previous experience is necessary. Some fees scholarships are available. See www.wellingtonyoungvoices.org.nz for details.

Island Bay Festival

Our fabulous Island Bay Festival is about to start (10-18 Feb) and we're keen to make sure everyone knows about. It's great fun, with something for everyone - whanau and friends alike.

We'd really love it if you could include the attached information in your news to parents. And if you have a facebook page or a website to put it on, that would be great too.

Let me know if you have any queries.

Our website and facebook page are being updated daily, so check there if for more details - we'd love it if you 'liked' us. And please join in on our Instagram page too.

It's nine days of family fun with something for everyone, including your favourites:

- **The Parade & Variety Show – Saturday 10 February (including yard sales)**
- **A Day in the Bay – Sunday 11 February (including Toy Swap 'n' Sell, Lego races and Trolley races)**

Everything you need to know is on the website – keep checking in for ongoing updates:

www.islandbayfestival.org.nz like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/islandbayfestival/> and join in on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/islandbayfestival/>

See you there!



AUTUMN KIDS CAMP!

Registrations are now open for our AUTUMN KIDS CAMP for 8 - 12 year olds, happening from 4pm on Saturday 14 - 11am on Wednesday 18 April 2018!!

30 x EARLYBIRD tickets are currently available at the discounted rate of \$185, once these sell out tickets will be \$202.

KIWI NINJAS is the theme....an amazing chance for your kids to discover their inner warrior and to experience:

- * Our Live band
- * Fun Competitions
- * Exciting outdoor activities like Archery, Air Rifles & Rockwall
- * Performing Arts and loads more!!

OSCAR/WINZ subsidies available.

Follow this link to our website to register:

<http://elrancho.co.nz/Camps+and+Events/Kids+Camps.html>