

ROCKS

Respect Originality Confidence Kindness Success

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

COMING UP

Moana Dress Up Day (tomorrow) 2 March
(gold coin donation for Tonga)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday	Marzipan Drama Classes
Wednesday	Wheels Day Creek Crew
Thursday (day change)	Last Thursday of each month – Parentlink Coffee Club in the Staffroom (2.15 pm)
Friday	Assembly 2.20pm

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, привет
All greetings,

We need some help and support from you, our parents and caregivers, as we work together to teach our students self management, a Key Competency. We need for every student to have a named hat in their bag or on their hook each day so that they can enjoy playing outside during break times and participate in Physical Education activities. Ideally

we need for our students to take responsibility for this. We also ask that no toys be brought to school. We have ample play equipment here for all our students to share and we cannot accept responsibility for things that get lost or broken.

Punctuality is among other things a sign of respect which is also one of our school values. Arriving at school on time gives your child time to settle in, catch up with their peers and be ready for learning. Being on time also ensures other students' learning is not disrupted. Please make every effort to be at school before 8.55 am each day.

If you are new to Owhiro Bay School you may not be aware that we have a special sign out/in book for parents/caregivers to fill in when you need to take your child out of school during class time for any reason. The blue book sits on the ledge outside the office window. This is one of the systems we use to ensure the safety of our tamariki.

The following is a message from the New Zealand Education Institute.



Message for school whānau,

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching. Children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because teachers are bogged down in administration or are struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs.

Teachers at Owhiro Bay School are joining an NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign, called *Kua Tae Te Wā – It's Time* to address these issues. Our goal is to free teachers to teach, and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. And we'll attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professionals they are.

NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to paid union meetings in March so that we can plan and

discuss the campaign and their upcoming collective agreement negotiations.

The meeting schedule has been planned so that teachers and principals across the country can work out the best meetings for them to attend, including the option of groups of teachers attending meetings at different times. This is to help reduce disruption to teaching programmes, children and parents.

Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities. Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter.

As a small school we have been able to organise staff attendance at these meetings throughout March to minimise disruption to learning programmes. Our team teaching approach means that we can provide continuity. I'll pop the dates and times in next week's newsletter.

Thank you for your attendance at our Meet the Teacher night. We were heartened by the turnout. We hope you found it informative and useful. Many thanks also to those who have returned updated emergency contact information.

Enjoy the sunshine.

Ka pai to rā

Tineke and the team.

THANK YOU

A belated thank you to Helen Orange for the help she provided Wendy at the recent pōwhiri. Much appreciated.

To the parents/caregivers who returned their Student Record Sheet with emergency contacts and personal details for their child checked.

We can only assume that the sheets not returned, details are correct. These will now be transferred to the emergency evacuation bags.



MOANA DRESS UP DAY

Please join us in raising funds for Tonga as they clean up after Cyclone Gita. Come along dressed as your favourite Moana character and support the people of Tonga by making a gold coin donation (or other koha).

A huge thank you to Marek Peszynski from Orchestra Wellington who has kindly donated a family pass (for 2 x adults and 2 x children) to the "Songs of Moana" concert with Te Vaka (they were the NZ/Pacific Island group who wrote the music for Disney) with dancing and log drumming.

The family pass will be placed on silent auction, with the proceeds going to the Tongan appeal. Tickets would cost \$18 for children and \$30 for adults, so please be generous in your bids.



VALUE OF THE WEEK

Originality

At Owhiro Bay School we recognise each child as an individual and celebrate their original ideas and suggestions.

Congratulations to Rogue MacLeod and Summer Robertson who won the Value Voucher for "Success" in the draw last week.

WRITING SAMPLES FROM WHANAKE – ROOM 6

Cyclone Gita by Joe

"It was a shame because there was a big cyclone in Tonga. Like most cyclone's there was a lot of wind and rain which caused very big dirt puddles. The school was demolished.

Mrs Reynolds once went to the school – now it looked crazy"

Cyclone Gita by Sienna

"It was a shame because the school got blown down by the wind"

Cyclone Gita by Reuben

"I felt scared somebody died in there. I saw glass and rubbish because the building is breaking apart".

"The chairs are breaking up too and the water is coming more and more".

Cyclone Gita by Keir

"I feel disappointed with Cyclone Gita! It hit the school and was really big when it happened.

Rubbish was thrown everywhere"

SPORTS SPOT

Touch

Owhiro Bay Rocks

"It was a great game, but not for Houghton Valley because it was 11-3 (I think) to Owhiro Bay ROCKS. Arun got 5 tries, Dylan 3, Lenn (me) 2, and Kobe 1. We knew the team was bunched up so we ran around them".

By Lenn Jackson

Touch – Wednesday 25 Feb

OB Rocks

We were winning 4-3 it was half time, Arun scored 2 tries and also Dylan.

Dylan was jumping everywhere saving three tries in one corner.

The organisers started counting down the last 9 seconds, the opposition had the ball, we were still winning 6-5.

4,3,2 "oh no" they slipped through our defence. They scored a try in the last millisecond! After all the hard play we drew 6-6.

By Arun Jeram-Inglin

OB1s

"Great start to the season, unlucky not to get a 6 all draw. Good team work, well done Charlie and Enzo for scoring tries and Max, Felix, Lucan, Antonio and Jade for good defence and passing".

Owhiro Bay Rolls

"We lost 6/2. We played against Scots College, aka Scots Torpedos.

Marcus scored one try and Zoe scored the other try. Eimear and Te Rira were really fast and agile and Poppy and Naomi were great at defence. It was a hard game but we at least scored two tries"

By Zoe McNicol



Roadworks in our Area

Roadworks will begin on Happy Valley Road between Owhiro Bay Parade and Landfil Road on Monday 5 March and Tuesday 6 March between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.00 pm.

Please take care around this area on Monday and Tuesday.