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Issue No 8

22 March 2018

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

COMING UP....

Board of Trustees Meeting	22 March
Icecream Thursday 3.00 pm	29 March
Learning Conversations Yrs 4, 5 & 6	4 – 6 April

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday	Marzipan Drama Classes
Wednesday	Wheels Day Creek Crew
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, Gidday, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Bula vinaka, Mälö e lelei, Sawasdee, πρεπετ

It was great to see some new faces at last week's Parentlink meeting, we love it when whānau get involved in our school community, and we appreciate that everybody contributes what they can, when they can.

A big thank you to everybody for making an effort to claim your lost property, and for returning items that were misplaced to their rightful owners.

The learning buzz continues in all hubs and tamariki in Māhuri are focusing on their next learning goals to share at 3 way conferences. All of our students have learning goals. See if you can find out what your child's current goal is, as part of your home learning conversation or table chat.

Our values focus for the next two weeks is kindness. We are having daily discussions about how to practice kindness. We are also reminding students of the need to use kind words and gentle hands. Reinforcement of this at home would be appreciated.

As part of our efforts to lift school wide achievement in writing we have begun a tuakana-teina (buddy) session each Monday afternoon. Students have been paired across the school and they read each other their writing. In doing so we are providing an audience for our writing, thereby making it more purposeful. Students are also being coached on how to give positive praise and feedback.

I love seeing the progress students are making and the opportunity to celebrate success when students pop into my office to share their writing with me.

Check out our colourful socks in support of World Down Syndrome Day. Way to go Owhiro Bay Learning Community!

THANK YOU

To the parents/caregivers who notified the school that:

- Nits are doing the rounds in our community. Please check your children/s hair regularly and treat if necessary. A reminder there is a robi comb available for use from the office.
- Thread worms are also doing the rounds and as you know, are highly contagious but can be easily treated by worming your child/ren with tablets from the pharmacy.



WELCOME

To Palina (Palla) Sperlich who joined children in Harakeke this week. Welcome also to Palla's family to our school community.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS – YEARS 4, 5 & 6 (4 – 5 APRIL 2018)

Coming home with your Year 4, 5 and 6 students today is a time conference slot notice for you to fill in with your preferred time slot. Please return as soon as possible to the office or through email to either vikki@owhiro.school.nz, hireke@owhiro.school.nz or niky@owhiro.school.nz

These Learning Conversations will be held after Easter (Wednesday 4 – Thursday 5 April).

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Sign of the week "KINDNESS"



Congratulations to Aki Hansen who won the Value Voucher last week for "Respect"

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

'He tina ki runga, he tāmōre ki raro'
'Firm standing, strong roots'

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday wishes to the following children who have birthdays coming up.....

Samara Wilkinson 27/3
Max O'Neil 28/3
Poppy Sadler 28/3



PARENTLINK

Parent Link Ice-cream Thursday 29th March 3pm

Next Thursday Parentlink is selling ice-creams at the end of school to celebrate the Easter holidays. Ice-creams will cost a \$1 and there will be vanilla and chocolate ice-cream and a selection of toppings available. If you are parent who has children at both school and kindy you are more than welcome to buy an ice-cream for your kindy child for them to enjoy!

Helpers Required.. We need a few extra volunteers to come and help scoop ice-cream next Thursday. If you could come along around 2.45 and help with set up and then scoop ice-creams for the children until the line runs out then please let Wendy in the Office know.
Thank you ☺

Easter Raffle

One of our families has kindly donated an Easter hamper for us to raffle off to make help raise money for the school. The hamper is on display in Wendy's office and raffle tickets will go on sale on Monday for \$1 each and will be drawn at the ice-cream sale.



MESSAGE FOR SCHOOL WHANAU

You may be aware of the nationwide NZEI Te Riu Roa union meetings held over the last two weeks for primary and area school principals and teachers.

Staff from our school have attended these meetings to discuss solutions vital to addressing the growing crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. There has been a 40% drop in the number of people going into teacher training in just the past six years.

Without bold interventions, we could see class sizes growing rapidly over the next few years.

With teachers and principals throughout the country, NZEI members at our school will be discussing a number of initiatives to ensure quality teaching for every child and how to make teaching attractive and sustainable as a career. These include:

- Reduced class sizes in year 4-8 (From 1 teacher to 29 students down 1 to 25)
- Funding for a special needs coordinator in every school, to meet the needs of every child and free up classroom teachers to teach
- A significant pay jolt to encourage new people to enter the profession and stay in it. Along with reduced numbers entering teacher training, a large number of teachers leave the profession within five years of graduating.

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.

Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities.

We value your support for this important issue.

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SPORTS SPOT

Touch

OB1s

Last week we played touch rugby. It was a close game. Charlie scored 4 trys, Enzo scored 1 try. It was a close game but we lost.

The team that we lost against had green stripes. The people who played were Lachlan, Charlie, Lucan and Antonio. I was the captain and we played on a Wellington field.

By Max Corner-Imlach

OB Rocks

Owhiro Bay School v St Francis

Kick off. St Francis score two tries – we're all gutted. Then Arun runs through the whole team...try!!! Half time. We all go into a team huddle. Back on. St Francis score again – no! The score is 3-1. Then Arun scores again from a long pass across the field from Dylan. St Francis knock the ball on, Dylan picks it up and scores a try! The score is 3-3 with not much time left so the last try will win.

St Francis leave a gap in their defences, Dylan passes a long ball again to Arun and he scores, just as the hooter goes off. Yay, we won 4-3.

By Dylan

Weetbix Tryathlon

"On Sunday was the Weetbix tryathlon. Our school had 16 students in this year's event.

It was a great day, students had to swim, bike and then run.

I enjoyed the event. My favourite was biking because it was so cool when I went down the hill. I saw lots of people I knew. I was so close to winning a bike. I was very fast at the end and I put my arms up when I crossed the finish line. I got an amazing medal that I keep with my other three medals in my bedroom.

IT WAS AWESOME!!!"

Elizabeth W, 8, Room 1.

"I was happy that I bet my time from last year. I got my shirt signed by Dane Coles (All Black) and it was just a great time with all my friends. AMAZING!"

Kyla Crerar, 8, Room 2.

Thanks to the Solomon-Murch family for providing the gazebo which kept us together and out of the sun.

Rebecca Wash for designing the awesome school banner for gazebo.

To the McNicol family for providing the yummy sausage sizzle.

To Miss Fretwell and the other families who came and supported us on the day.

If you think your child would be keen to participate next year, bookings open around December. Remember to link to the school when you register. For more information.



Owhiro Bay Kindergarten Working Bee

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! We are having a Working Bee at kindergarten this Sunday 25th March 10 am- 2pm.... We will be doing some inside things and some outside things. If you are good at sorting and "culling"? Helping me with the storeroom might be your cup of tea..... If you are good at chopping...

PRIDELANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

AUTUMN HOLIDAYS AT OTARI SCHOOL AND BERHAMPORE SCHOOL

Dates: April 16th – 27th 2018 from 7.00am-7pm daily.

Fees: Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session ; Weekly: \$239 per cub/week or \$478 for two or more siblings/week.

Discounts/Funding Available: Wild Card (15%) off across all our services and MSD approval providing WINZ Subsidies for eligible families.

Social Development: Interactive Activities and NO TV Video Games
Kai Cubs Cooking and Life Skills Programme designed to teach our children how to prepare Healthy Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Teas.

Qualified 1st Aid Trained Activities Coordinator

One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support needed.

SHUTTLE SERVICES (with booster seats) AVAILABLE

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.pridelands.org.nz or Visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare

Toolbox Parenting Course for parents and care Primary aged children – 5 to 9 years.

The next course starts at the Island Bay Community Centre for six Mondays, 7.30 to 9.30pm, starting May 14th. (NB Queen's Birthday skipped) Subsidies are available. For more information, phone: Liz 022 1855357 e.a.bruce@outlook.com Website: TheParentingPlace.com