

# ROCKS

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### **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

#### **COMING UP...**

Swimming each Tuesday  
(excluding 23 October)

Shake Out Day 18 October

Labour Day holiday 22 October

**Teacher Only Day School Closed 23 October**

Board of Trustees – Casual Vacancy  
Closes 24 October

Country Fair Meeting (7 pm) 25 October

Whole School Athletics Day 25 October

Pōwhiri (9.00 am) 26 October

Working Bee for the Hall 28 October

Parenting for Achievement Workshop 31 October

Southern Zone Athletics 8 November

One Learning Community Country Fair 18 November

Prize Giving 7 December

### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

Monday Marzipan Drama Classes

Tuesday Ukulele Group  
Exercise Classes with Sue

Wednesday Wheels Day  
Creek Crew

Thursday Code Club

Friday Assembly 2.20pm

Saturday Community Soccer

### **TERM DATES 2018**

**Term 4** 15 October – 14 December  
**Teacher Only Day** 23 October

### **TERM 1 2019**

Start date Monday 4 February

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Kia ora, Hello, Talofa lava, Chao, Dia dhaoibh, Namaste, Gidday, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Bula vinaka, Mālō e lelei, Sawasdee, πρεвет, Ni Hao**

Kia ora

After the students break there is always so much news to share and of course not all of it can wait until Thursday's newsletter. You will have already received advanced notice of today's Shake Out drill/exercise. I appreciate being approached directly with concerns around the changes we have made. We will take these into account when we de-brief. An exercise is not the same as an actual event and now is the perfect time to discuss as a family what your plans are should there be a significant earthquake/tsunami. We are preparing for the likelihood that many children will remain in our care for a considerable amount of time, as we have so many adults who travel some distance from here to work each day.

A big thank you to Pearl and Marion Carty-Davies for co-ordinating this year's calendar art fundraiser on behalf of Parent Link. Over \$900 was raised! We are grateful for the generosity shown. Yesterday the school photo notice also came home and you now have a PIN number and access to the photos. If you need to view these at school just let Wendy or Jan know.

We did expect that our Block A (Rooms 1,2 and 3) renovations would be underway this term and therefore gave advance warning and cleared all hall bookings as we need to use that space as classroom space. Our Block A (Rooms 1,2 and 3) building project has been delayed and I continue to work with the Ministry of Education property division to get things moving. In the meantime, we have the opportunity to spruce up the community hall interior with paint donated by Bunnings. Bring along you ladders, scaffolding, pliers, hammers, sandpaper, sand paper blocks and paintbrushes on Sunday 28th October any time between 11.00am and 4.00pm to help us prep for painting.

On the first Monday of the holiday break there was a small rubbish bin fire at school which was attended by the Fire Service. We are very grateful for our eagle eyed community members who acted quickly and ensured the fire did not spread to any buildings.

We look forward to welcoming new families to our community next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 9.00 am at our Pōwhiri. All welcome to join us.

A reminder that Tuesday 23 October is Teacher Only Day where school is closed to enable the teaching team to undertake professional development.

Please read the Casual Vacancy Notice from the Board of Trustees.

Lastly I need to share with you the wonderful news that Rowena and Owen will be welcoming a new addition to their family early in the new year.

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team

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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES – CASUAL VACANCY FOR AN ELECTED TRUSTEE**

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative.

The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson,  
Board of Trustees,  
Owhiro Bay School,  
100 Happy Valley Road, Owhiro Bay, Wellington

by: 24 October 2018

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### **WELCOME**

To Mara Neely who joined children in Harakeke this week. Welcome also to Mara's family to our school community.

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### **THANKS**

A big thank you to Marian and Pearl for organising the Abacus calendars. We raised just over \$900 for the school and kindergarten



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### **SCHOOL BUILDING INSPECTIONS – VOLUNTEER REQUIRED PLEASE**

Are you able to help with our building inspections each month? This involves checking alarms, smoke detectors, exits etc. and documenting this in our Building Inspections Manual.

Dean Jackson has been undertaking this job while his children attend here. As his remaining child is leaving at the end of the year we are seeking someone to take over this role.

Dean is quite happy to show the new person the ropes and give him/her the benefit of his experience. If you can undertake these monthly checks, please contact Wendy at school.

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### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Best wishes to:

Joseph Williams who has a birthday tomorrow 19/10/18

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### **TE KUPU O TE WIKI**

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### **RĀ WĪRA/WHEELS' DAYS**

Rā Wīra/ Wheels' Days continue every Wednesday for Term 4. Children may use their own bikes, scooters, skateboards, roller blades, roller skates and other items with wheels in the back courts on Wednesdays at morning tea and lunchtime.

Bikes and scooters are to be stored in the bicycle and scooter racks between the school and kindy. Please assist your child to get them properly stored, so that they are not lying on the ground. Children walk their wheels to and from the school gates to the racks, as this is a pedestrian area.

All children on wheels must wear a correctly fitted helmet. Other safety gear for skateboards and roller blades/skates is also encouraged. For safety, sunhats are removed before putting on the helmet. Now is a great time to make sure that the helmet is well adjusted, everything is named, and the wheels are ready to go!

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### SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS

Thanks to those families that have chosen to participate in Shoebox Christmas. A reminder that presents need to be at school by Friday 9th November so they can be delivered to the school they are going to. Below is a link to a facebook group for people to join if they wish to ask questions and to give/get suggestions for presents.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/WellingtonShoeboxChristmas/?source\\_id=1656395204637538](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WellingtonShoeboxChristmas/?source_id=1656395204637538)

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### SPORTS SPOT

Our whole School Athletics day is next Thursday 25 October. It will be starting at 9.15 am and we hope to finish by lunchtime. If anyone is available to help out, that would be great.

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### VALUE OF THE WEEK

Our focus this week fortnight "Kindness" or "Manaakitanga"



Congratulations to Cody Rampling-Mead, Ethan Graham and Dylan Johanson-Su'a who won the Value of the Week draw last term. Cody for "Kindness" and "Confidence", Ethan and Dylan for "Success".

Well done everyone!

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### PARENTLINK

Country Fair

The fair is coming up very soon and we wanted to thank everyone who has volunteered to run a stall and also the people who are working hard organising all the different aspects that make our Fair the best Fair in Wellington. It really is a team effort!

We still need some help filling certain stalls. If any of these interest you please sign up on the online volunteer sign up <http://signup.com/go/RPyXivS>

Baked potatoes stall -- 3 volunteers needed (for both morning and afternoon slots)

Jewellery stall--2 volunteers needed (for both morning and afternoon slot)

Plants--2 volunteers needed (for both morning and afternoon slot)

Raffle--1 volunteer needed for afternoon slot

We are also after some people who are keen to help organise/run some fun games (throw the cans over with a tennis ball etc) with some of the senior students. If this sounds like something you want to do please email with Amie -[amie@owhiro.school.nz](mailto:amie@owhiro.school.nz) or Kim - [kim.mcnicol00@gmail.com](mailto:kim.mcnicol00@gmail.com).

The next fair meeting is next Thursday 7pm in the Staff room. We would love to see you there.

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### SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOKS

Coming home with children in the coming week will be the last Bookclub flyers and order for the year. Orders are due back 26 October.

Books make great presents and purchasing from Scholastic also earns us valuable points/rewards for our school.



### Teacher Only Day: 1-Day Fun Holidays at Berhampore

Hello Parents of Pride Lands and good morning

On Tuesday 23 October, Owhiro Bay School will be closed as part of their Teacher Only Day.

On this day Pride Lands Childcare will be operating a 1-Day Fun Holiday Adventure at Berhampore School Hall starting at 7am and closing at 6pm.

It is our privilege to serve when we are needed especially for parents who have to work on this day and we hope you and your cubs enjoy the benefits we bring you.

**Programme Outline & Theme:** *Wellington Botanic Gardens to enjoy an adventure bush walk, a picnic and play!*



**Programme Location:** Berhampore School Hall

**Date:** 23 October

**Time:** 7am – 6pm

**Shuttle Service (With Booster Seats):**

Please advise in your e-mail to us if you also need a shuttle service from home at a cost of \$5 pick-up and \$5 drop-off. Please advise your preference.

**Fees:**

\$81 per cub OR \$148 for two or more siblings.

**1-on-1 Support Care Available**

**Enrolment deadlines:** enrol online at 12pm latest on Friday 19 October 2018.

As part of our service, we provide **Breakfast, Lunch & Afternoon Tea** (under Kai Cubs Cooking and Life Skills Programme). This way we can help take the burden off parents. No bags will be needed as we provide everything.

**How to enrol:** Enrol online at [www.pridelands.org.nz](http://www.pridelands.org.nz) to express your interest and select Extra school holidays option

Fun Holiday Adventures Terms & Conditions apply: Visit our website: [www.pridelands.org.nz](http://www.pridelands.org.nz)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you and have a pleasant day.

**SPECIAL CHILDRENS OPEN DAY**

**Capital Trout Centre Open Day Sunday 28th  
October 2018**

Children must have a licence to fish for trout and free licences/tickets are available from [Monday 15th October 2018](#) at the following stores.:-

**Steve's Fishing Shop, 49 Ghuznee Street (off Cuba  
Mall)**

**Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing, 444 Cuba Street,  
Lower Hutt**

The Centre is located behind the WCC Administration buildings on the way to the Wellington City Council Southern Landfill, on Landfill Road, Happy Valley, Wellington and is open to the public on specific days.

Children do not have to bring any gear as Club members will assist children to catch a trout on fly fishing tackle.

As the Centre is manned and maintained by volunteers we rely on donations to cover our expenses of purchasing the fish from the hatcheries, fish food and general maintenance.

Your donations will be appreciated

Contact: Strato 387 7878 (wk) 386 3740 (hm)

**email: [strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com](mailto:strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com)**

**Got your water tank yet?**

The Shake Out Day was a timely reminder to get prepared!

Local Councillor Fleur Fitzsimons has 200 litre water tanks and kits available for sale for \$105 each with \$20 from the sale of each one sold through the newsletter going to Owhiro Bay School.

Pick up in Island Bay, delivery may be arranged if needed.

Email [Fleur.Fitzsimons@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Fleur.Fitzsimons@wcc.govt.nz) or text her on 027 803 0515 to order one.