

# ROCKS

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### **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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

Swimming each Tuesday	
Board of Trustees Meeting	1 November
Road Patrol Training	7 November
Southern Zone Athletics	8 November
Enterprise Afternoon	8 November
Shoebox Christmas gifts to school	9 November
Teachers/Principal Strike Day	16 November
One Learning Community Country Fair	18 November
Enviro Day	5 December
Prize Giving	7 December
Year 6 Education Outside the Classroom Event	12 December

### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

Tuesday	Ukulele Group Exercise Classes with Sue
Wednesday	Wheels Day Creek Crew
Thursday	Code Club
Friday	Assembly 2.20pm

### **TERM 1 2019**

Start date	Monday 4 February
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### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

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

What a fantastic turnout last night for the Parenting for Achievement! There was a buzz of communication/conversation happening when I slipped past the hall. Many thanks to Vikki Martin for organising this on behalf of our One Learning Community and to Parentlink for their financial sponsorship and support.

It was another yet another example of our community in action that I have been fortunate enough to observe over the past week. On Saturday I saw lots of families enjoying both community soccer and touch training. We have three touch teams on the go, thanks to our wonderful dedicated parent coaches. On Sunday the vibe at the Community Hall working bee was one of fun and commitment. Our students will have lots of home learning ROCKS entries for both Outside and Service. In addition, our grounds and playgrounds get plenty of use from lots of people from our local and wider community both after school and during the weekends.

Thank you also to all our wonderful apple eaters we earned \$202.00 to spend on sports gear for our school. YAY!

#### Country Fair Updates

Don't forget to fill in your Owhiro Bay's Got Talent forms. Entries close on the 12th of November.

For all our wonderful bakers who are gearing up for the cake stall we've had a generous offer of free (no cost) free range organic eggs from one of our families. Bring along a named egg carton and we'll arrange to get it filled and returned to you.

We haven't needed to use our sign up board this year as most stalls are already organised, in fact we only have 12 slots left to fill. Check in with Jina and Amie if you can help out with these.

Raffle books are being sent out today. There is one book of 10 tickets for each family to sell. We'll be keeping track of these and will award a prize of a family pass to the movies to the person/family that sells the most tickets.

There was no response to the Board of Trustees vacancy notice therefore the Board will now be looking to appoint a fifth parent representative. We meet tonight so you'll hear more in the coming weeks.

### **Update for School Communities**

New Zealand's principals and primary teachers have just voted about what to do to get government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

We're agreed - we can't in good conscience accept the Government's latest collective agreement offer because it does not begin to address the crisis. We have therefore voted for an unprecedented second strike, to be held later in the month. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and our region will be striking on **Friday 16th November**.

While we regret the inconvenience we know this will cause, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students.

Already children's education is suffering because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around. The Government recently announced a \$5.5 billion surplus, so there is no reason to make our children wait while the situation deteriorates further.

Through our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, we are asking for:

- Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention
- More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs – this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.

We appreciate your continued support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/> or talk with your child's teacher.

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team

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## **THANKS**

To our wonderful families who helped out at the working bee on Sunday...to the Carter, Hayvice, Roberts/Castle, Ware/Stevens, McNicol, Abbott and Bocock/Leech families for your tremendous support on Sunday.

What an amazing difference you have made!



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## **PARENTLINK**

### **Country Fair**

**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>**

If any of these interest you please sign up online or let Wendy in the office know.

- plants
- jewellery
- face-painting (this isn't on the online sign up so if interested please let Wendy know)
- supervising old fashioned fun games
- selling baked potatoes
- toys

### **Raffles**

We have amazing prizes for our raffle this year which is fantastic. Coming home in your child's bag will be a book of 10 raffle tickets (one per family and will come home with your oldest child) For your child/ren's ROCKS home learning, you can encourage them as a part of the SERVICE component to sell these raffle tickets to family, friends etc. Please return your raffle butts and money to the office once they are sold.

***And of course if selling raffle tickets is your 'thing' please grab some more ticket books from the office and go for gold.***

### **Posters**

The posters advertising the fair have been printed and are available from the office from tomorrow. Please take them and put them up in your community, your workplace, shops, basically anywhere that people will see them. The more posters we get out there, the

more people are likely to come to the fair and the more money we raise for our children's education.

### Help us reduce our waste at the fair!

We were really successful in reducing our waste last year - let's do even more this time. Please bring your own water bottles, keeppups, plates and cutlery. Do you have reusable bags you can donate, or do you know an organisation/company that could donate some to us? Please drop off at the school or let us know - [shearerfiona@gmail.com](mailto:shearerfiona@gmail.com) or 027 351 5614. Thanks heaps

### HELP!

We have had a last minute offer to run a BBQ at the Bata sale on Saturday. In return for running the BBQ they will give a donation to the school. If you have an hour or so to spare on Saturday from 11am - 2pm please flick Amie an email [amie@owhiro.school.nz](mailto:amie@owhiro.school.nz) or come and see me in Harakeke. These are always fun events and a good way to get to know other parents...plus you could get a nice pair of new shoes at the same time :)

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes to:

Clement Ausseil 1/11

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

### TE KUPU O TE WIKI

**kōrero(tia): talk/speak**

### VALUE OF THE WEEK

Our focus this fortnight is "Kindness" or "Whakaute"



Congratulations to Elsie Aitken who won the Value Voucher last week for "Kindness"

### SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS

Thank you for your patience – some of the profiles have yet to be processed. If you are still waiting, rest assured we have an extension to the 9 November deadline. We are hoping the next batch to follow any time now.

Thank you once again for your participation

### SPORTS SPOT

Touch Report Year 5/6

OB Rocks first term 4 game went really well. We had a very close win at 1-0 over St Francis de Sales. More significant than Len's try was probably the 2 try saving touches from Arun.

The newcomers Virraaj and Ethan played really well. Practice Saturday 10am weather permitting.



Help!

Last Thursday at 3.00 pm, a black 4 x wheel drive knocked my right-hand side mirror off my car as turning to park their vehicle at OBS. If you can help, please contact me on 027 2233247