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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

COMING UP....

Swimming each Tuesday	
Southern Zone Athletics	8 November
Enterprise Afternoon	8 November
Shoebox Christmas gifts to school	extended
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
Last Day of School (3.00 pm)	14 December

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday	Ukulele Group Exercise Classes with Sue
Wednesday	Wheels Day Creek Crew
Thursday	Code Club
Friday	Assembly 2.20pm
Saturday	Community Soccer Touch Practice

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Start date	Monday 4 February
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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, Mälō e lelei, Sawasdee, πpevet , Ni Hao

I don't need to tell you that we are into the very busy business end of the term.

Yesterday our Year 5's trained with Constable Tayla Giles in the operation of the Kea Crossing. Many thanks to Niky Clegg for overseeing this very important learning.

Today we have a group of students representing us at the Southern Zone athletics in Newtown with Miss Fretwell and Matua Vaughan supporting the team.

This afternoon we are holding our first ever enterprise afternoon with a group of our students running their own stalls. I'm excited that these students have taken their learning to the next level. In the Inquiry process they are "going further/taking action" and in terms of SOLO (specific observable learning outcomes) they are at the extended abstract stage. Our kaupapa around enterprise has evolved throughout the year and been guided by the definition of working together to create a product/service/solution for the betterment of society. Let's support these students.

A big thank you to all of the community who have got in behind the Shoebox Christmas initiative. One of Mrs Martin's last tasks will be to deliver these presents to the recipients. I know she's looking forward to seeing the delight on their faces. Friday is Mrs Martin's last day at school and you are welcome to join us at our regular assembly so that we can say ka kite ano. I know she's hoping to make an appearance at the Country Fair. Come along to the Fair Meeting tonight so we can cover off all those final details.

Just a few reminders to finish off the week with, the first being that we are seeing increasing numbers of students arriving well before 8.30am. These students are required to wait in the foyer until 8.30am when their teachers are ready to welcome them in for the day ahead.

Secondly, please be aware that some telephone messages received on a Monday and Tuesday afternoons may not meet their destination as the office is partially attended on these days.

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team

WELCOME

To Taaya Baldas who joined children in Harakeke this week. Welcome also to Taaya's family to our school community and the team

BOARD TALK – AN UPDATE FROM OWHIRO BAY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Greetings from the Acting Board Chair, Laurel Barr.

Welcome to the first edition of Board Talk. We have lots of information to share with our school community we decided it might be helpful to have it all in one information sheet! The Board is also keen to make sure that whānau are aware of what is happening at Board meetings.

I am currently acting Chairperson of the Board as Peter Noble is away traveling with his family for 6 weeks.

It was great to see so many of you attend Parenting for Achievement Session held last week. Hopefully you learned something you can try at home and/or feel reassured you are on the right track. Thanks to ParentLink for paying for the session.

We had a very busy Board meeting on last Thursday night predominately dominated by discussions about the building works. Please see the updates below.

Mrs Giddy and Mrs Martin also shared with us the progress our tamariki are making in their writing. This is great to see. Writing is the key focus area in our Strategic Plan and Mrs Giddy and the team have spent many hours developing ways to bring out the best in our students. Success in writing also gets recognised regularly at assembly.

Hopefully you find the information in this Board Talk interesting. Please let us know if you have any questions. We can be contacted on bot@owhiro.school.nz

Nga Mihi,

Laurel

Buildings Works Update:

Block A (Mahuri 3 Classrooms for Yrs 4, 5 and 6)

This work was due to start on the 14th October. It is now on hold, due to further work needed to fit work with the funding that is available. Significant work had been carried out prior to the tender being released but building costs have escalated significantly and all the work is no longer affordable. The Board agreed to reduce the scope again to try to get the upgrade started. We understand that the change to afterschool care has been disruptive for families and apologise for the inconvenience. We will provide you with an update after the next Board meeting in early December.

Block D (Whanake 2 classrooms for years 2 and 3)

Rooms 6 and 7 will be replaced with new classrooms. These classrooms will be positioned adjacent to Harakeke. This will provide us with a U shaped building layout, and once the old classrooms are removed, provide clear line of sight to the senior playground. As this is a new build this is being managed directly by the Ministry of Education and is expected to start in June 2019. Students in Years 2 and 3 will remain in the existing building until the new building is ready to be used.

Junior Playground resurfacing.

We are pleased to confirm that the Junior playground will be resurfaced – no more bark in this play ground! This project has been a team effort between ParentLink and the Board of Trustees, and a great example of how the money from the school fair is used. Special mention also needs to go out to Wendy Abbott who has worked to get grant funding from The Lion Foundation and NZCT to cover half of the cost of the surface.

This project is likely to start in the last week of term.

The Board is committed to working to ensure our tamariki have an environment that allows them to learn and grow to their potential and the redevelopment of the buildings remains a key focus.

Teachers Strike 16 November 2019.

School will be closed on Friday 16 November as we are unable to provide the normal teaching services during the strike. It is important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.

I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern.

The Board supports the action that the teachers are taking to achieve better staffing levels and pay to attract and retain teachers.

Please contact me as the Board Chair (bot@owhiro.school.nz) if you have any queries relating to this.

Starting at Owhiro Bay School in 2019

As mentioned in the school newsletter at the end of Term 3 the Board has decided to implement a Cohort

Entry Policy. This means that in 2019 new entrants will start as a group on the first day of each term.

Students that turn 5 before the mid-term date may start school at the start of the term. The mid-term dates are determined by the Ministry of Education and are published on their website <https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/your-child-at-school/cohort-entry/>

Parents may decide to start their child at the start of a later term if this is better for the child.

Students that turn 5 after the mid-term dates will start the school at the start of the following term or later if their parents decide.

Vacancy for Parent Representative.

We have a vacancy for another parent/interested member of the community to join our Board. This position is from now until June 2019 when the next elections take place.

The Board meets 2 times per term, usually on a Thursday evening starting at 7pm.

Some reading is required to prepare for meetings and to keep up to date with emails. If you are interested, please contact the Board Chair on bot@owhiro.school.nz

CONGRATULATIONS

To a former pupil of Owhiro Bay School who was awarded "Top Scholar" for Year 11's 2018 at Wellington East Girls College

Congratulations and well done to Neesha Dixon

We would love to hear from you if you have, or know of, a past student that has excelled in a particular field once they leave OBS.

PARENTLINK

Country Fair

The Country Fair is next weekend! We are looking for some fun people who enjoy pirate digs and fishing for rubber duckies who can run these games for young children on fair day. Also, if baked potatoes are your 'thing' we need you to help with our yummy baked potato stall. If this sounds like you, please sign up on the online sign up sheet

<http://signup.com/go/RPyXivS>

Keep up the awesome work selling raffle tickets and also there is information coming out in assembly on Friday and a notice for parents about Owhiro Bays got Talent.

There is also a Fair Meeting tonight at 7pm in the Staffroom. It's a good chance to hear about what's happening at the Fair and meeting new people.

Baking Plates

Coming home today with the youngest or only child in the family are the baking plates. Whatever you can contribute will be appreciated. Please make sure you write clearly the name of the item on the label, e.g., ginger crunch. **Please note on the label if your baking contains common allergens (e.g., nuts/eggs) or if it has been made with a special diet (e.g., gluten/dairy) in mind.**

Please deliver to the school staffroom or Room 6 on either Saturday 17 November (fair set up day) or Sunday 18 November (Fair Day!!) Extra plates and a small selection of cake boxes are available from the office if you need any. Thanks

Clothing Pre-Sale

Friday the 16th of November at 6pm-9pm in the Hall. A free glass of bubbles on entry.

This is back by popular demand and is a fabulous chance to look through and buy clothes before the fair so you can relax and enjoy more the entertainment on the actual fair day. (Don't worry though there are still the Clothing stall on Fair day if you can't make it).

Children, women's, men's and designer clothing. Most items are \$2 with designer clothes ranging from \$5-\$10.

Please Note:

The Fair begins at 10.30 am and will officially be open with a kapa haka. All children are expected to be on stage at 10.15 for the 10.30 stage.



Owhiro Bay's Got Talent

A Message from Kedron & Bronwyn...

Owhiro Bay's Got Talent is looking for a few more talented youngsters...

Give it a go! Tell a joke, sing a song, do a dance, show us your karate moves!

Sign Up Today!!!

Register online at

tinyurl.com/owhirobaysgottalent

or email us at:

OwhiroBayTalent@gmail.com

Please note these important dates:

Registration Closes This **Tuesday, 13 November**

Our Rehearsal will be **Wednesday 14 November, pm**

Owhiro Bays Got Talent be **Sunday 18 November, 12-1:30pm.**

Questions? Talk to Kedron at 022 369 2326

Time for our Owhiro Bay Talent to Shine!

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, keepcups, 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 or 027 351 5614. Thanks heaps

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes to:

Francis Long who has his birthday today 8/11



TE KUPU O TE WIKI

ki tāku nei mōhio: to my knowledge

VALUE OF THE WEEK

This week we continue with our focus "Respect" or "Whakaute"



Congratulations to Lorenzo Buhne who won the Value Voucher last week for "Kindness"

SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS

We are in discussions with Shoebox Christmas because it looks like all the children have been allocated. If you have not received information about a child – sit tight – we're trying to sort it. There will be an extension to the deadline if need be.

Thank you for your patience.

SPORTS SPOT

Touch

Y5/6 Touch

OB Rocks really rocked winning 7 - 1 against St Marks Tigers.

The wind was very strong so we bunched up on attack. Arun scored the bulk of the tries with a very fine display. Practice Saturday at school 10am.

Player of the day - Kyla Crerar

It was a really good game but I was a bit nervous at the start but my coach Hoggy helped me through. It was a really good day, my team is awesome but I think we should work together more and focus more on the game.

I scored my first try and got player of the day I was really happy.

By Kyla Crerar.

OB Rolls

OB Rolls had a really good game against the St. Patricks Steppers. We ran fast and straight, worked the ball up the field with good team-work and then used our crazy moves to score tries. Then on defence we kept our line even, chased them down and forced errors where we could. And we ran our hearts out like every play was the last one of the game. A well-deserved win of 8-1.



Koru Hub – Market Day 17th November

I am one of the owners of Koru Hub, the gift shop and well-being centre in Island Bay.

We are having a market day on Saturday 17th November from 10 – 2. As part of this we are going to have some trestle tables set up for children aged 7+ to sell things that they have made (the money will be theirs to do what they want with).

Any child who is interested will need to fill out the form, have their parents sign it, and drop it off at koru hub. Due to limited space we will only be able to have 10 children. The names will all go into a hat and the first 10 children to be drawn will be involved in the market day in November. The rest of the names will go back in the hat for the next market day.

For the form, please see school office.

Many thanks
Emma
Koru hub

SWIS Enrolments

A reminder if your child is attending South Wellington Intermediate School next year, to please get your enrolments in to them, collect more or download of the website - thanks

Accommodation Required

Brianne and Damien Davis – mother and son (at Owhiro Bay Kindy) looking for a place to call home in the area. Two bedroom, budget \$340 per week. Please phone 021 2062624
Thank you