DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

COMING UP....

Prize Giving (6.30 – 7.30 at SWIS) 7 December

NEXT WEEK...

Monday 10th  Mindful Monday
  Playground Resurfacing begins

Tuesday 11th  Y6 Leaver’s Dinner
  Swimming

Wednesday 12th  Year 6 Education Outside the Classroom Events
  Whanake Poetry Recitals

Thursday 13th  Owhiro Day In
  Reports go home

Friday 14th  Assembly 2.20pm
  Last Day of School (3.00 pm)

COMING UP IN 2019

Term 1 begins (8.55 am)  Monday 4 February

Cohort Entry begins

Three hour Community Workshop (WREMO)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Hello, Talofa lava, Chao, Dia dhaoibh, Namaste, Gidday, Guten Tag, Assalamualaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Bula vinaka, Mālō e lelei, Sawasdee, τρεπετ, Nǐ Hǎo

Kia ora

Thank you to Jude, Jess and Jina for their organisation and management of a really interesting Enviro Day for our tamariki. Hopefully in your home learning CHAT you can catch up on our new knowledge about eels. Thanks also to Kirsten and Daniel for moving a mountain of bark. We are making progress with this and we welcome as many helpers as possible. Just pop in, grab a spade and dig right in.

The last of our Enterprise projects organised by a group of Māhuri students, under the guidance of Niky Clegg, is the SPCA photo shoot being held this morning. I know many of our students are keen to pose with a pet with the proceeds going to support the SPCA in their work. Let’s celebrate this success!

As we head into the last week of the term our Year 6 students are being celebrated in style with their leavers dinner, a marine reserve snorkelling adventure and an overnight stay at school. This will be followed by an Owhiro Day “In”! on Thursday 13th December. Matua Vaughan, Niky as well as the Year 4 and 5 students have an exciting array of activities lined up for the whole school to enjoy. Feel free to join us at any time on the day.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow night at 6.30pm in the South Wellington Intermediate (SWIS) hall for our annual prize giving. We expect everyone to attend as the students have been practising very hard to make this a memorable occasion. The prize giving will be followed by a thank-you supper. The programme for the evening is attached.

Ngā mihi,
Tineke and the team
HELP

- Please return all library books, readers and sports shirts to school as soon as possible.
- Please check the lost property. Any un-named, unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity if not claimed after the end of term.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes to:

- Summer Robertson 7/12
- Lorenzo Buhne 8/12
- Abel Holloway 9/12
- Maddie Ellis-Shave 10/12
- Max Conway 11/12
- Mara Neely 11/12

OWHIRO BAY T-SHIRTS

We still have a few Owhiro Bay t-shirts left in both kids and adult sizes. These make great and light Christmas gifts for friends and family overseas.

Kids sizes and baby grows are $15.00 and adults $25.00. All profits to the learning community.

Email lauren.wash@live.com or kate.blakely@yahoo.co.nz for more information on sizes and colours available.

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

mātauranga: education

VALUE OF THE WEEK

This fortnight, our focus is “Success” or “Piki”

Congratulations to Hana Dahya who won the Value Voucher last week for “Kindness”, “Success” and “Service”

SPORTS SPOT

Wow what a season! We started out with lots of enthusiasm and raw talent. Over the season we worked hard on our basic skills, moving up to more advanced techniques as we got better. We grew and developed as a team with everyone contributing vital skills. Eimear’s blistering pace and energy, Zoe’s bravery against some towering opposition, Elsie’s determination on the chase, Ataru’s field positioning, Naomi our most improved, Rebecca our rookie of the season, and Te Rira our Most Valuable Player. We played with heart and soul, always putting in a huge effort on the field and had a great time!

OB Rocks proved themselves undisputed champions in the A final of the term, repeating their term 1 result. They won comfortably 5 - 1 with the best performance I’ve seen this year. Arun scored the bulk of the tries and won Most Valuable Player (MVP). We played Wadestown Warriors, the top equal team that drew with us last week. Practice pays off! Kobe has come a long way as a player and won Most Improved. It’s been a pleasure coaching these guys with Prakash and Simon. We’re SUPER proud.
Free-range Eggs
$4.00 for 10 smaller eggs and $5.00 for the larger eggs. Please call in at the office and place your order.

PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT OTARI SCHOOL AND BERHAMPORE SCHOOL

Dates: 17th Dec 2018 – 1st Feb 2019 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 $449 for two or more siblings/week

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

Social Development: Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas.

Overnight Sleepover: Some of our cubs will have an overnight sleepover as part of our community challenge. Night entertainment includes spotlight, smoothies and movie nights.

Qualified 1st Aid Trained Activities Coordinators

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

Bigair Gymsports

Gymnastics, Trampolining, Tumbling, Cheerleading & Parkour Classes! Plus Birthday Parties! Term 1 enrolments are open now! Spaces are limited so book now! Bigair Gyms popular DROP & SHOP December 17th-20th Holiday Programme & January 14-1st Holiday Programme is open for bookings now! Contact Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay on 3838779 or email wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz or Bigair Gym Tawa on 2323508 or email office@bigairgym.co.nz

Wellington Airport to colour-mark black-backed gulls to help reduce bird-strike

Wellington Airport in collaboration with Wellington, Hutt City and Porirua councils, Victoria University and the Department of Conservation, is to track the movement of southern black-backed gulls by colour-marking several hundred gulls with special dye as part of a programme to study bird movement and prevent bird-strike.

The gulls will be painted with a non-toxic dye at the Southern, Spicer (Porirua) and Silverstream landfills to help better understand the species, their habitat, migration and flight patterns. Southern landfill birds will be colour-marked orange, while Spicer landfill birds' colour-marked green and Silverstream landfill birds' colour-marked blue.

The food grade-quality dye is not harmful to the environment or birds and is designed to wash off after a period of two to four weeks.

The four-week study, which is the first of its kind in New Zealand, will also see the birds’ nesting and migrating movement patterns subsequently tracked by GPS.

Southern black-backed gulls are a species native to a number of countries including New Zealand however their numbers have been boosted artificially by their habit of scavenging on human scraps. They are not a protected species and can pose a threat to native seabirds and waders as well as posing a threat to aircraft taking off and landing.

Matt Palliser, head of operations at Wellington Airport, said the airport adopts a proactive approach to wildlife management to ensure that bird-strike is kept to minimum.

“Although our bird strike incidents are regularly deemed as ‘low’, the safety of travellers is our number one priority and we’re looking to use a range of long and short term measures to manage the risk of bird-strike.”

Members of the public will be able to contribute to the study by heading to Wellington Airport’s website to report bird sightings at www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/birdstudy or by email to bird.study@wellingtonairport.co.nz

The data collected from the study will provide insight to the regions’ landfills as well as Victoria University and the Department of Conservation.

Senior Biodiversity Ranger at the Department of Conservation, Brent Tandy says: “The insights into population will aid with control of these birds which we are keen to see for the benefits of more vulnerable harbour species such as white fronted terns, red billed gulls and oyster catchers that are harassed and predated by the gulls”.