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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Parentlink Meeting 7.30 (staffroom) tonight	13 February
Meet the Teacher Meetings	18 February
Board of Trustees Meeting	21 February
Harakeke Trip to Botanic Gardens – “The Discovery Garden”	6 March

COMING UP...

Three hour Community Workshop (WREMO) t.b.a.

EACH WEEK

Monday	Stream Team
Tuesday	Go Piano
Wednesday	Wheels Day
Friday	Marrzipan Classes

TERM DATES 2019

Term 1	4 February – 12 April
Term 2	29 April – 5 July
Term 3	22 July – 27 September
Term 4	14 October – 19 December

(Teacher Only Day 25 October)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Kia ora,

We are all settling into our new routines and various new responsibilities. Thank you to everyone who made the effort to support our tamariki and welcome new families to our One Learning Community at yesterday's pōwhiri. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

The teaching team are lifelong learners too. Tonight we are attending a session hosted by Nathan Mikaere Wallis titled The Anxious Child and on Saturday the team will be on site refreshing and/or upgrading our First Aid Certificates through Meditrain. This is part of the Board of Trustees commitment to supporting Health and Safety for all.

The Board of Trustees are still looking for a Minutes Secretary. This is a paid position and involves attending meetings, taking minutes and circulating the final version via Dropbox. Board meetings are held twice a term on a Thursday evening. If this sounds like you please contact Board Chair Peter Noble pm_noble@yahoo.com or bot@owhiro.school.nz

Back to school, has also brought with it NITS. We have 2 school NIT KITS which we are happy to loan out to families for a week at a time. Just see Wendy in the office to arrange pick up and return. When putting the kits together, I was informed by the pharmacy staff that parents/caregivers can request NIT products on prescription from your local doctor. This may go some way to help with the costs involved. Please also be advised that NITS like CHICKENPOX are considered contagious, and we can request that you keep your child at home until they have been treated and the infestation cleared up. We need everyone in our One Learning Community to be vigilant in checking and treating NITS regularly.

13 students were awarded value vouchers last week, our values vouchers are double sided this year so that 1 goes home and 1 goes in the Values letterbox. Check in with your child from time to time to see if they have earned a value voucher and celebrate this achievement at home together.

One of the big benefits of living in Wellington is that there is always something happening and often it's free. Did you get the chance to join in the Waitangi Day celebrations at various locations around the city?

The Chinese New Year was again heralded by a fire works display and Holi, the Indian Colour Festival, was celebrated at the same time. Closer to home the Island Bay Street festival was enjoyed by many.

I have back-to-back-meetings all day today but I hope to catch up with you tonight at the Parentlink Wine and Cheese evening.

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team

A REMINDER

On Monday 18th February we will be hosting our "Meet the teacher night". Our "Meet the teacher" sessions are an opportunity for parents to come along and meet your child's teacher and to learn about the hub/classroom programmes, routines and expectations for the year.

Harakeke (Rooms 4 and 5) will begin at 6.00pm followed by Whanake (Rooms 6 and 7) at 6.20pm and finally Māhuri (Rooms 1 and 3) at 6.40pm. I urge as many of you to attend as possible so that we can work in partnership to ensure SUCCESS for every child. The evening will finish with a sausage sizzle and icecream from 7.00pm and the opportunity to mix and mingle, courtesy of Parentlink.

WANTED PLEASE

A bevy of burly muscles to move the old piano to a new home. I can supply a trailer. The piano needs to be delivered to *Owhiro Bay Parade*. Can you help?

THANKS

To Petera Katene (father of Qais) for his inspiring and moving speech at the Pōwhiri yesterday.

To Gaven Carter our regular handyman for painting the hall over the hot summer break!



WELCOME

To Abby Jobson who joined children in Harakeke last week. Welcome also to Abby's family to our school community.

To Sherwin Mottram who joined our teaching staff. Welcome Sherwin.

SUNSMART SUNHATS

A reminder in Term 1 and Term 4, children need to wear a sunhat when outside every day. We encourage hats as opposed to caps to provide extra care in looking after the necks and ears of students and also encourage students to wear sunblock and sun glasses when they are outside during the "sunsmart" months to keep them safe from the sun's harmful rays.

PARENTLINK MEETING TONIGHT

Please join us at the Parentlink Meeting tonight at 7.30 pm in the staffroom for a Wine and Cheese get together.

We welcome new people and are very enthusiastic about planning exciting events for the children, families and community again this year.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes to:

Taylor Crayford who has a birthday coming up on
19 February



TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Pōtae = hat

MINECRAFT CLUB

This term we have the opportunity to run an after-school Minecraft club to encourage creativity and collaboration in a digital environment.

We are looking for an adult who is able to commit to one afternoon a week to monitor and encourage student participation. If you are able to help please let Vaughan or Niky know.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

We continue our focus this week on "Confidence" or "Māia"



Congratulations to Rogue MacLeod on winning the value voucher draw for "confidence".

SPORTS SPOT

The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is coming up on Sunday 17th March 2019. It is designed for Kiwi kids aged 7-15 years to help them stay active and healthy through a programme of participation. Open to kids of all sporting abilities, it is a fun day out for kids, parents and families.

Participants get to swim, cycle, and run their way around age appropriate courses, either as an individual or as part of a team of two. Last year, we had a school team participate and it was such a great day. Registrations sold out very quickly, so to avoid disappointment, sign up through <https://tryathlon.co.nz/> and remember to link the registration to Owhiro Bay School. Any questions, please let me know. chloe@owhiro.school.nz



GO PIANO

We have a few spaces available for piano lessons on Tuesdays at school.
Please get in touch with Jonathan for more information on 027 637 3764

or email info@gopiano.co.nz"

BIG AIR

Children in Wellington are learning how to Cartwheel, Round-off, Handspring and Flip at BIGAIR Gymnastics classes! Children develop strength, flexibility, balance, proprioception, plus pride and self-confidence as they achieve new skills. BIGAIR's GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING & TRAMPOLINE classes are great for fun and fitness! We focus on safety, technique, basic skills, through to more advanced skills such as summersaults and twisting. CHEERLEADING is perfect for children who love to Dance, Stunt and Tumble. We are currently taking new members into our 2019 competitive teams! To find out more, please call Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay on 3838779 or email wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz