

ROCKS

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Parentlink AGM	21 March
School Hangi	22 March
Māhuri Kaitoke overnight camp (boys)	28 March
NZSTA BOT Roadshow (Wellington High)	1 April
Māhuri Kaitoke overnight camp (girls)	4 April

COMING UP...

Mobile Dental Unit in School	from 29 April
Three-hour Community Workshop (WREMO)t.b.a.	

EACH WEEK

Monday	Stream Team
Tuesday	Floorball Go Piano
Wednesday	Wheels Day Senior Touch
Thursday	Rocks Run Club
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, Giddyay, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Hao

Kia ora,

What wonderful support we are having with our "Movin' March"! Thank you to all our families who are encouraging our tamariki to walk, bike and scooter to and from school. We have noticed that you are encouraging independence and keeping a watchful eye from a distance. The moving March passports are filling up fast and the letterbox to post them in can be found in the foyer. The more passports you fill the more chance you have of perhaps winning a prize.

We appreciate that to support this new found independence some senior students have cell phones so that they can be in contact with their caregivers/parents after school. Cell phones brought to school are to be handed into Wendy in the office each morning for safe keeping and picked up again at 3.00pm. This system relies on **HONESTY** as we do not search students bags or pockets. We cannot be responsible for cellphone use, loss, theft or damage during school time if the phones have not been handed into the office. We expect that students will have sufficient credit, as school wifi is not available for personally owned individual student devices. Additionally, we encourage arrangements for after school play dates and activities to be made in advance.

As a school we would like to mark a day of peace/rangimārie by wearing white this Friday. White is traditionally associated with peace. Students will share their thoughts through art, poetry and writing at assembly from 2.20pm. The day will be rounded off by our wonderful hangi as a community event. We will ask all children present to gather at 5.00pm to start proceedings with a bracket of waiata, followed by some brief speeches, a blessing of the food and the lifting of the hangi at approximately 5.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Arohanui,

Tineke and the team.

THANKS

A big thank you to Abby Jobson's grandmother Denise Bidgood for the very generous donation of recycling bins to the school.



HANGI – NEXT FRIDAY 22 MARCH – TICKETS ON SALE NOW (SORRY – NO EFTPOS FACILITIES)

Don't be disappointed and miss out – get your tickets now from the office at \$12.00 per parcel of kai. **There is a vegetarian option available at \$10.00 per parcel.**

Each hangi parcel contains an adult portion of food – pork, chicken and lamb, potato, kumara, pumpkin, cabbage and stuffing. You may like to share one parcel between two or more people. Please BYO drinks for children and adults.

The evening begins at 5.00 pm with some whaikarero and waiata by the children, followed by the lifting of the kai at approximately 5.30 pm. We hope you can join us for this social occasion. If you are not fond of hangi food, please BYO food/takeaways and join us for the evening get together and remember to bring something to sit on outside as the ground can be a bit cool to sit on.

As always, we rely on the community coming together to enable this to occur. "Many hands make light work..." So we need your hands please.

Thank you to all who have already delivered flyers, offered to make stuffing, offered their help to collect tickets/distribute food parcels and cut tinfoil. A big thank you to the group of volunteers who continue to come back each year (for the past 40!) to let families and people in our community to experience this

We desperately need your help please with the following:

- ✓ **2 – 3 more able bodied men only please (cultural requirement)** for preparation of the pit from 5.30 pm on the Thursday prior to the hangi.
- ✓ **6 – 8 people** to prepare vegetables and prepare the food parcels on the Friday morning Please meet on Harakeke veranda at 9.00 am. **All Year 6**

students will be helping with this task also. Please have students bring their own peelers.

- ✓ **3 – 4 men only** (cultural requirement) for putting food in and taking it out of the pit (Friday during the day)
- ✓ **2 – 3 people** to help put rubbish bags in skip at the end of the evening

We also need some able-bodied people to help with "clear-up" /putting things back in the shed on Saturday morning. We cannot leave this task solely to the volunteers who so generously give of them time each year to make our hangi happen. If you can help please contact Wendy

Please can you supply:

- ✓ Named chillibins/plastic bins for the morning to place peeled veges in before packaging.
- ✓ Named chopping boards/peelers and sharp knives.
- ✓ We will also need a huge amount of newspaper and bags/small boxes please for wrapping etc.

If you can help with any of these items – we need you to contact Wendy **URGENTLY** please

What happens at the hangi:

- Tineke greets gathered community at 5.00 pm and thank you team
- Children sing waiata to parents on the Whanake deck
- Anyone who wishes to speak on behalf of the Owhiro Bay community
- Parents sing Te Aroha (see lyrics below)
- Karakia to bless the kai said by Niky/Leif while on deck
- The baskets of kai are taken out of the pit by the men and kai is served approximately 5.30 pm

"Te Aroha
Te whakapono
Me te rangimarie
Tātou tātou e"
(sung twice)



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

Parentlink AGM this Thursday 21st at 7pm in the Staff room.

Come along and hear about the fun things Parentlink did last year and then add your ideas for the year ahead.

We would love to see you there. There will also be coffee and home baking to enjoy.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes to the following students who have a birthday coming up.....

Trip Taylor 21/3

Spike Hayvice 26/3

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

TE KUPU O TE WIKI

Peace = Rangimārie

VALUE OF THE WEEK

We continue the focus of "Kindness" or "Manaakitanga". Being friendly, generous and considerate. The process of showing care for/to others. We are specifically focusing on using kind words when speaking to each other in class and in the playground..



Congratulations to Zoe McNicol who won the Value Voucher last week for Success and Respect.

SPORTS SPOT

Touch

This week we played St Marks. Wow they had some feisty players and we knew we would have to work hard. Our focus this week continues to be working the ball along the field as we move up. The reason is that this should thin out the opposition defence and create gaps for us to run through once we get the ball up the field. We were winning 4-3 at halftime and knew they would lift their game in the second half. Which they did. And so did we. Final score was a 10-7 win to us. Another exciting high-scoring game.

Floorball

Another exciting game with everyone working hard and some dazzling displays of skill. We are getting good at running to where the ball is going to be. And we are also getting good at knowing when to pass. And our penalty count was very low. This means we are doing a good job of hitting the ball instead of other players' sticks. Best of all, we all finished the game exhausted because we played our hearts out! Unfortunately we lost but it was a thrilling game.

ROCKS Run CLUB

The first two weeks of Run Club have been a blast! Week one, we played fun warm-up, run centric games. Then ran laps of the grass oval to see how many could be achieved within 10mins. All 16 children (5 - 9 years old) were encouraged to run/walk at their own pace. Three laps was the record - wonder if anyone can reach four next time!?

Week two, we were on a mission to deliver Hangi flyers into letter boxes along Domanski Crescent, and Jordan, Irwell and Murchison Streets. Our children really can travel far on foot when they're inspired! If your child wants to give Run Club a go - send them along for a trial. Just email your child's name, age, approx. distance they've run / hiked, and your mobile number to fjwhayvice@live.co, so Fiona can keep track of everyone.





Help please

After a house fire last year we have a family almost ready to move back home. To help them back on their feet, donations of house contents would be much appreciated. Kitchenware, towels, bedding, linen, food and furniture are needed. We have limited storage space here at school so an offer of storage would also be appreciated.

kowtow Clothing
SALE

Owhiro Bay Kindergarten Fundraiser
Thursday March 21st 7pm
Owhiro Bay Kindergarten

Tickets \$20 - includes a glass of bubbles
(Ticket Numbers Limited)

Book at <https://tinyurl.com/kowtow-obk>
Cash and EFTPOS on the night

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COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ARTRAGEOUS PRESENT

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COME TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE
PEACE AND LOVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

KO TĀTOU, TĀTOU - WE ARE ONE



SATURDAY 23 MARCH
3-6 PM
SHORLAND PARK
ISLAND BAY WGTN

Live music and DJs
Art and craft activities
Fun and games
Bring a picnic tea/BBQ