

ROCKS

Respect Originality Confidence Kindness Success

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Māhuri Kaitoke overnight camp (boys)	28 March
Coffee Group 2.15 pm	28 March
Board of Trustees Meeting	28 March
NZSTA BOT Roadshow (Wellington High)	1 April
Māhuri Kaitoke overnight camp (girls)	4 April
Parentlink Icecream Sale 3.00 pm	12 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 Soccer Practice from 4.00 pm
Saturday	Community Soccer

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, Hao

Kia ora,

Our community Hangi was a perfect opportunity to come together, and although the timing was coincidental, it was extremely fitting. We couldn't have picked a better day if we tried. A big thank you to Wendy Davenport, family and friends for all your work behind the scenes to ensure the success of this traditional event. Thanks also to the teaching team who put in a twelve-hour day, supporting our tamariki and contributing to the smooth operation of ensuring everyone got their kai on the night. Niky Clegg took our students' poetry, art and writing responses to the mosque in Kilbirnie on Saturday morning and they were graciously received.

It's a wet and blustery today and we anticipate that this will blow over by tomorrow in time for the Māhuri boys Education Outside the Classroom event. A great deal of preparation has gone into ensuring this is a successful experience for all. We are grateful for all the parent support and for Matua Vaughan's enthusiasm and experience. Education Outside the Classroom events provide students with opportunities to develop in the Key Competencies in different settings. I have no doubt everyone will grow in CONFIDENCE as a result.

The team have worked on developing a new report format which moves us closer to reporting against the New Zealand Curriculum as opposed to the National Standards. We will be sharing these with you at learning conferences.

We have 24 students participating in the Weetbix tryathlon this Sunday, that's nearly a fifth of the school. Feel free to join in as a supporter.

Ngā mihi

Tineke and the team.

THANKS

A big thanks to Dwayne MacLeod for repairing our handbell. It's great to have this back!

To Rob McNicol for waterblasting the playground last night – we really appreciate your help!



HANGI

A huge big thanks to all those wonderful people who helped with the hangi:

- To Jumbo, George Theodorou, Grant Reid, and Mark Bailey who return each year to put down the hangi for our community. To Quentin, Rob McNicol, Jayden, Simon for preparing the pit and work during the day/evening. Thanks to George also for the use of his digger and truck. To C and D Landfill for the top soil.
- To our advertising team, Fiona Shearer, Bonnie Phillips, Martinetta Woodfield, Diane Berardozi and our Rocks Run Club for delivering flyers. Thank you to Jo Aitken for the design of posters and tickets.
- To our “stuffing ladies” Fiona Shearer, Cheryl Smith, Nat Randall and Robyn Locke – the stuffing was delicious.
- To Philippa Henwood and Bindi Robertson for the arduous task of cutting 200 + sheets of tinfoil for the wrapping of food parcels
- To Charlotte Cheriton, Keryn Dixon-Johnson, Tara Franken, Kim McNicol, Lauren Wash, Jina Sagar, Inka Jackson, Chris Comack, Amie Roberts, Bindi Robertson and our Year 6 pupils for preparing vegetables and packing food parcels.
- To our distribution team Jodi Taylor, Jo Solomon, Nat Randall, Robyn Locke, Ateo and Nico Buhne, Karen Johanson Jo Campbell, Cindy Towns, Chloe Fretwell, Niky Clegg and Jo Sciascia for collecting tickets and distributing parcels.
- To Tineke and the OBS Soccer Team for the clearing up on Saturday morning

Our apologies if we have missed anyone in the “buzz” of the day.

Thank you one and all. What a great night – thank you for your support.

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. We 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

Coffee Group: This Thursday at 2.15pm in the Staffroom

Coffee group is a relaxed get together that happens on the last Thursday of the month. It's a great way to get to know others in the school community and also a chance to put your feet up before the school bell rings. Tea, coffee and baking is provided. We would love to see you there.

Parentlink Ice-cream Sale: Friday 12 April at 3pm

On the last day of term Parentlink is selling ice creams at the end of the school day to celebrate the Easter holidays. Ice creams will cost \$1. If you have children at both the school and kindy, you are more than welcome to buy an ice cream for your kindy child for them to enjoy!

Volunteers required: We would love some help with setting up (around 2.45pm) and then scooping ice cream. If you are able to help, please let Wendy in the Office know or email Kate at kate.blakeley@yahoo.co.nz. Thank you.

FOUND

A pounamu in the grounds at Owhiro Bay School. Could have been some time ago – please contact Wendy in the office.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

Samara Wilkinson 27/3 (today!)

Max O'Neil 28/3

Braxton Taylor 28/3

29/3 Guy Holloway

Lucan Schatilo 1/4



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VALUE OF THE WEEK

This fortnight our focus is "Respect" or "Whakaute"
An attitude of **treating oneself**, others and the earth with dignity and courtesy.



39 Values Vouchers went into the draw last week. 3 lucky students were drawn from the Values Voucher bucket

Congratulations to Guy Holloway, Abby Jobson and Felix McNicol who won the Value Voucher last week.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check out the lost property as there is a growing amount of items. At the end of term, any un-named, unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

SPORTS SPOT

Football practice will be on Fridays at 4.30 to 5.30. When the daylight hours get shorter this will become 4.15 to 5.15. First practice 5th April

Touch

It was a tough game against a team from a higher division - the St Mark's Panthers. Wow those guys were fast. We had to quickly adapt our defence to them running wide. This meant spreading our line evenly, no gaps, not too far back, and marking our opposite players. We managed to hold them back a few times and scored a few tries of our own. It was a loss in the end but we played hard right to the final whistle. Despite this we've finished top of the table for our pool games and will be playing for first place in our final at 4:30 tonight!

ROCKS Run Club

In week three Run Club tackled their first hill repeat session with great enthusiasm. In pairs, they took turns to run up and around one of the cabbage trees along Domanski Crescent. The hill work paid off for those that headed out to West Wind Farm, Makara for the Xterra Trail Run on Sunday. Five young runners and five parents boldly signed up for the 7.5km 'short' course. Everyone demonstrated great courage and tenacity. No complaints were heard as they climbed 220m / 1.5km out of the valley, and headed into the final 2km. Most importantly everyone finished with a huge grin - and talking about entering event two in Rimutaka Forest Park, Sunday 14 April.



Owhiro Bay School Reunion Sat. March 30th

Join us at school for a reunion with the students of yesteryear and count yourself in for old-school stories, activities, games and a raffle! The day will kick off at 11am with a powhiri to welcome ex-pupils of the eighties and nineties with some of the teachers from Owhiro Bay School's early days

Kids are most welcome! Entry is by koha with the request that you please bring a plate

Kāpiti Island for Kids school holiday programme for ages 9-12 from 22nd - 24th April 2019.

3 days/2 nights - Includes: nighttime kiwi spotting, nature adventures, fishing, swimming, games, wildlife discovery, harakeke weaving, cabin accommodation (quad share), delicious food, ferry and DOC permits. \$395pp. Limited to 14 spaces. Email: bookings@kapitiisland.com

Come along to NZSTA's Kōrari Programme to find out about becoming a school trustee on a school board!

Have you thought about becoming a board member for your school? Come along to NZSTA's Kōrari Programme to find out about becoming a school trustee on a school board! We are holding a community hui at Wellington High School on 1 April

2019 at 6.00 pm in the lead up to this year's board of trustees' elections. At the hui you'll hear about:

- What is a school board of trustees
- What do trustees do
- What skills do trustees need
- Who can become a trustee
- How do I become a trustee
- Who is on a board of trustees
- How is a board elected
- What help do school trustees get
- How does the board of trustees work

We look forward to seeing you and helping your school's succession planning!

Kōrari – a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees

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***Come and join our amazing
MARRZIPAN HOLIDAY WORKSHOP!***

Students will devise their own play, create characters they feel awesome portraying, learn to direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes, use iMovie to create a commercial for their play on the iPad and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day!

Dates - Monday 15th - Thursday 18th April

Location - Evans Bay Cadet Centre

Price - \$60 per day

You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human)
