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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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| Pink Shirt Day | 17 May |
| Board of Trustees Nominations Close | 24 May |
| OBS Fun Run | 24 May |
| Harakeke Trip to Te Papa | 27 May |
| Strike Day (school closed) | 29 May |
| Queens Birthday (public holiday) | 3 June |
| Southern Zone Cross Country | 6 June |
| BOT Elections | 7 June |
| Interzone Cross Country | 18 June |

EACH WEEK

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| Monday | Stream Team Crafting Club 3 – 4.00 pm |
| Tuesday | Go Piano |
| Wednesday | Wheels Day Ukulele Lessons |
| Thursday | Rocks Run Club |
| Friday | Marrzipan Classes Soccer Practice from 4.00 pm |
| Saturday | Community Soccer |

TERM DATES 2019

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| 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 tatou,

It has been confirmed that there will be a strike of both PPTA and NZEI members on Wednesday 29 May. While the government has encouraged schools to remain open if safe to do so, the Leadership Team and Board of Trustees at Owhiro Bay School have determined that Owhiro Bay School does not have sufficient staff available to provide a safe student- to-adult ratio. This means that Owhiro Bay School will be closed on Wednesday 29 May and other arrangements will need to be made for the care of your child/ren on this day.

The negotiation teams continue to meet in an effort to reach an agreement and avoid the strike. We will keep you informed on progress in this area as it comes to hand.

Owhiro Bay School invites nominations for the election of 3 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees. Nominations close at **noon 24th May 2019. That's only 9 days away!**

Voting closes **at noon on Friday the 7th June 2019. Owhiro Bay School.** This year our election process is being run online. Please refer to the attachments coming out with today's newsletter for more detailed information. If you do not have access to a computer, the internet, or would just like some help, feel free to call into the office where we have a computer available and help is at hand.

Every week there seems to be a week or a day assigned to a special cause and it's impossible to keep up with them all so we need to choose which are most relevant to our learning community. Last week we had the opportunity to put New Zealand sign language in the spotlight and it's important that we continue in our

efforts to learn and use sign language as an officially recognised language of New Zealand. We'll be adding some links to some songs to our Owhiro Bay Learners google site for you to enjoy together at home. This week the focus is on keeping New Zealand bully free and there are some great resources for schools, whānau and students at <https://www.bullyingfree.nz/>.

Friday is Pink Shirt Day. Help us turn Aotearoa into a sea of pink this Pink Shirt Day to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying! Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected. Pink shirt day is promoted by <https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/>.

Keep up your Fun Run/Cross Country training as part of your OUTSIDE home learning rock

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team

WELCOME

To Indie Edmond who joined children in Whanake (Room 6) this week. Welcome to Indie's family to our school community

WHAKATAUKI

Me whakawai, ka waia ai- practise breeds familiarity

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes to the following children who have birthdays coming up.....

Felix McNicol 16/5
Jet Beri-Stephens 17/5

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Our focus for the following fortnight is "Confidence" or "Māia"



21 Values Vouchers made it into the draw last week.

Congratulations to Aurora Gain-Franks and Isaac de Groot who won the Value Voucher Draw for "Respect" and "Respect and Success" respectively.

YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

Yummy Apple Sticker charts are coming home with your child today. Please help us collect the stickers and bag cut-outs from Yummy Apples. Sticker charts need to be returned by the end of Term 3 (September) so you have plenty of time to collect.

We look forward to receiving our share of the \$200,000 sports equipment in October.

CRAFTING CLUB MONDAYS

Please note that there will be no Craft Club on Monday 20 and Monday 27 May as Eva will be away. Also Monday 3 June is a public holiday.

UKULELE GROUP

The ukulele group is meeting in the hall at 8.15 on Wednesdays. Jim Blakeley and Fiona Shearer are teaching the group and ensuring that we have lots of fun. Come early if you need your ukulele tuned. If you do not have an ukulele we will have 11 to lend out as Fiona has arranged a loan of 8 instruments from Julian at the Community Music Junction.

If you would like to purchase an ukulele we can get a school price from Musicworks. They are offering a Mahalo ukulele, which is a good sounding instrument for beginners, at \$38. We can order them in a variety of colours.

If you are interested, please see Carmel Chamberlain in Harakeke and we can compile an order.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – COMING SOON.....

Get Involved....We are looking for great leaders to be the voice of children at Owhiro Bay School

Student Council – making Owhiro Bay Awesome!



If you are...

- ✓ Good at working with others
- ✓ A good role model
- ✓ A good listener

Please apply.

SPORTS SPOT

OBS Fun Run

On Friday 24th May is our Fun Run. It is a whole school event. All students take part on either the junior or senior cross country courses. We require Parent Help to stand at various points around the course to give students encouragement, to mark the correct course to follow and to help make sure that children are safe while they are participating in the Fun Run.

If you are available to provide help at the event, please let me know as soon as possible. We require your help from 12.55pm until approx 3pm. We will meet in Room 7 so that I can give you the specific part of the course to mark and information about the event, including directions on what is required of you.

If you are able to help please contact me via email at chloe@owhiro.school.nz speak to me directly, or let Wendy know by Tuesday (21st) so that we can assess if we have sufficient adult help/markers for the Fun Run to go ahead.

Looking forward to hearing from you, and seeing you there.

Chloe

Approximate times

The races will be run in this order- (times are approximate)

1.10pm Year 6 Girls
1.15pm Year 6 Boys

1.20pm Harakeke

1.30pm Year 2 Girls
1.35pm Year 2 Boys

1.45pm Year 3 Girls

1.50pm Year 3 Boys

2.00pm Year 4 Girls

2.05pm Year 4 Boys

2.20pm Year 5 Girls

2.25pm Year 5 Boys

*Please note these are approximate times only and in past years it has run ahead of time.

School Board of Trustee Elections

Each of the schools named below invites nominations for the election of parent representatives to their board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nominations close at **noon 24th May 2019.**

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at **noon on Friday the 7th June 2019.**

5 elected parent representatives:

Ridgeway School

Returning Officer: Anneleah Thornburrow

Newtown School

Returning Officer: Trish Tuthill

Berhampore School

Returning Officer: Molly Sutton

3 elected parent representatives:

Houghton Valley School

Returning Officer: Felicity Morris

Owhiro Bay School

Returning Officer: Wayne Jamieson



Island Bay Play Centre Open Days - May 13th - 17th - Come along with your pre-schooler and play

If you're considering early childhood education for your young tamariki - and also seeking community and connection - Play centre might be the place for you. We are running pop-in Open Days on Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th & Friday 17th May between 9.30-11.30am. Our sessions are mixed age - from birth to school age and run from 9- 12:30pm on Mon - Wed & Fridays.. Come along and have fun alongside your children while letting them explore their passions. We're an amazing community who value children's play as authentic learning and where parents are supported and valued in their role as first teachers. For more information, either call during session [04-934 8670](tel:04-934-8670) or email islandbay@Playcentre.org.nz or chereeridder@gmail.com

Entertainment Book – Owhiro Bay Kindergarten

For your information, the Owhiro Bay Kindergarten will be selling Entertainment Books this year as their fundraiser. Attached with this newsletter is an online address you can purchase this through or an order form you can return to OBK.

Marrzipan Drama Classes

Good news! We still have a couple of spaces in our Marrzipan Class on **Fridays after school in the Library!** This is a great opportunity for your child to come and give it a go! Marrzipan is a New Zealand renowned self-confidence programme aimed at bringing out the absolute best in students. Each child receives an individual progress report and certificate too! You can sign up for a no-obligation trial class directly via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!) See you there!