

ROCKS

Respect Originality Confidence Kindness Success

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Board of Trustees Meeting	9 May
OBS Fun Run	24 May
Harakeke Trip to Te Papa	27 May
Southern Zone Cross Country	6 June
BOT Elections	7 June
Interzone Cross Country	18 June

EACH WEEK

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

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,

Lots of learning occurred at “Plan and Prepare Information Session” hosted by WREMO last week. Thank you to all who attended. We have some follow up actions to consider which include looking more closely at our means of escape, revisiting the contents of our grab bags, and delaying the timing of our reunification process. Another important theme that came through was the real need for community and the thought that needs to go into making sure your emergency contact/release details are thorough and up to date. Who do you know that lives locally and is most likely to be able to assist in case of an emergency event? This is particularly important if you work in town or further afield. We have a number of Earthquake planning guides available from the office.

In 2018 we were fortunate to receive a donation of \$17,000 from Parent Link. The funds were spent on the following; interior and exterior painting of the hall, upgrading light fittings and underfloor insulation for the hall and \$10,000 towards the new safety surfacing under the playground. We are very grateful for all the enthusiasm, energy and drive that goes into raising funds to benefit the learning community of Owhiro Bay.

This week is Te Wiki o Te Reo Turi/New Zealand Sign Language Week and we are celebrating by making more of an effort to communicate effectively through sign. There are a number of useful websites. Visit www.learnNZSL.nz or www.facebook.com/NZSLwithCarter and give it go as part of your Home Learning Chat.

Thank you one and all for making yesterday's pōwhiri such a special occasion for all those new to Owhiro Bay School. It was fabulous to be able to welcome our new entrant cohort, their families and Caitlyn our student teacher, within the tikanga of our place.

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

Millie Conway 10/5
Kitana Tomasi-Ross 13/5

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

VALUE OF THE WEEK

This week we continue our focus on "Kindness" or Manaakitanga"

He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai

If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive



27 values vouchers made into the draw last Friday. Congratulations to Ryan Bocock and Ayyah Olsen who won the final draw.

CAPITAL CITY KĀHUI AKO UPDATE

Owhiro Bay School is part of a Kāhui Ako / Community of Learning with six other local primary/intermediate schools, and one secondary (Wellington High). We are delighted to have submitted our Achievement Plan to the Ministry of Education for approval at the end of last term. This is a commitment to work together on wellbeing, inclusion of diversity and future-focused learning.

This term, our schools will focus on the appointment of at least three teachers from our schools who will work

with our Kāhui Ako Lead, to develop and implement a strategic plan focused on our Achievement Challenges.

We will also be establishing a Stewardship Group to oversee the progress of the Kāhui Ako and "carry the wishes of our community". You may wish to consider whether you would like to be involved in this — [you can read more about this here](#). Term 2 will also see our schools work together on Year 8 student visits.



CRAFT GROUP REQUEST PLEASE

If anyone has leftover/unused yarn they no longer need and want to donate for craft group, we would love your donations. There is a box in Wendy's office where you can drop any you have. Thank you!

UKULELE GROUP

The ukulele group has started and we have a large enthusiastic group.

We are on the hunt for ukuleles. Can you check if you have a school issue at home? Perhaps you have an unused ukulele you may like to lend or donate?

SPORTS SPOT

ROCKS Run Club

Term 2 kicked off last Thursday in bluebird conditions - long may it continue! Everyone had great fun trialling, critiquing and tweaking a brand new "Cat and Mice" game, that Spike had conceived during the holidays. If your child has ideas for Run Club, please encourage them to share these with me (or fjwhayvice@live.com).

IMPORTANT : Thursday 16 and 23 May, Robyn Locke has kindly offered to lead Run Club (as I am away in Australia competing in a 100km race through the Blue Mountains).

Next weekend - Sunday 19 May - you and your child/ren can enter Race #4 of the Xterra Wellington Trail Run Series.

Where - Whareroa Farm, Kapiti Coast (in the foothills of the Akatarawas)

Short Course - 7km (a great novice course, with one gentle climb to give you great views over the farm and Kapiti Island, followed by an easy return via horse tracks and a beautiful bush track to finish. You'll get your feet wet, but it'll be worth it!)

Race Timings

Registration : 07:30am - 9:40am (recommend arriving by **9am**)

Briefing : 09:45am

Start : 10am

The event stipulates that every child must run with an adult - you must stay within 50 meters of each other at all times.

Reduced Fees for ROCKS Run Club!

Adults - enter code : fionadults (top right hand corner), select **Short Course Run** (only \$8 at check out)

Kids - enter code : fionakids (top right hand corner), select **Kids** (only \$10 at checkout)

MUST Enter ONLINE before 5pm Wednesday 15 May

COMPULSORY GEAR : You must carry an **Emergency Survival Bag and an Emergency Whistle.**

You can purchase these at the Event Registration : bags \$10 / whistles \$6

Alternatively, Macpac often have Members discounts (no cost to join, or mention my name to receive a discount) : Bags and Whistles approx. \$3-\$4 each.

Sadly, I'll miss Race #4 (I'll be in Australia racing 100km) - BUT, Spike and Todd will definitely be there!

All three of us will be at the last event of the series on Sunday 9 June - Makara Mountain Bike Park.

Full event details can be found here : <https://xterrawellington.co.nz/events/>

Any questions please ask.

Run Free!

OBS Fun Run

The Fun Run is coming up at the end of week 4 (24th May). It will be in the afternoon this year, starting at 1pm. We need some parents to help with supervising on the course (especially parents of Years 4 – 6 students) to go up the hill and outside of the school grounds.



Friends of Owhiro Stream WORKING BEE Owhiro Bay School this Saturday! 11th May 10.00 - 12.30, Families Welcome

Come along this Saturday morning to support the awesome work of FOOS and your school stream team.

You'll find us clearing, planting and doing a general tidy in the area at the north end of school, between school and the sports fields.

Tools will be provided. Any questions call or email Jess 0274108937 or Jessica.janeallen@gmail.com

See you there

South Wellington Organic Co-operative

We have space for new members in our co-op/bulk buying group. We share-buy organic fruit and vegetable, pantry/dry goods, household, and various other products. We buy primarily organic but also include some spray free, fair trade or local goods. We require all members to play an active role in supporting and organising the co-op through a variety of ways. Email us at wgtnsouthcoop@gmail.com if you'd like to know more.

Childcare

Childcare - I am an au pair for Mara in Room 6. I have spare time to look after any children all day Mondays, Tuesday morning, or, in conjunction with my 3-year-old I take care of, I can watch another child Wed-Fri at our house. Please get in touch with me if you are interested: Francine, 02102218346

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-up 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 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.