

# ROCKS

Respect Originality Confidence Kindness Success

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### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thankfulness Week	15 – 21 June
Three Way Conferences (Y2-Y6)	17 June / 24 June
Refugee Day	20 June
Planting Day 1 (Whanake) Rms 6 & 7)	22 June
Parentlink AGM (7.00 pm) in the Staffroom	25 June
Planting Day 2 (Rooms 4 & 5)	29 June
Year 4 – 6 Cross Country	1 July
Last day of Term 3 (3.00 pm)	3 July

### COMING UP NEXT TERM

Term 3 begins 8.55 am	20 July
Planting Day 3 (Rooms 1 & 3)	20 July
Southern Zone Cross Country	28 July
Wearable Arts Evening (SWIS)	30 July
Board of Trustees Meeting	6 August
Year 1 – 3 Fun Run	19 August
Staff Only Day	24 August

(Planting Days from 1.30 pm each Monday –  
parents/caregivers very welcome)

### EACH WEEK

Monday from next term	Eternal Dragon School of Martial Arts
Tuesday	Adult Exercise Classes (6.30 pm)
Thursday	Rocks Run Club (3.00 pm) Netball Practice (3.15 – 4.30 pm)
Friday	Assembly 2.20 pm Marrzipan Classes (3.00 pm)

### TERM DATES 2020

Term 2 2020	15 April – 3 July
Term 3 2020	20 July – 25 September
Cohort Entry Date	24 August
Term 4 2020	12 October – 18 December
<b>Staff Only Days</b>	<b>24 August, 27 October 2020</b>

### WHAKATAUKI

Hurihia to aroaro ki te ra  
tukuna to atarangi kia taka ki  
muri i a koe

Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello, Talofa lava, Chao, Dia dhaoibh, Namaste, Gidday, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Ni Hao

Kia ora

We are really feeling the winter ills and chills, which are affecting both staff and students alike. I appreciate that during this time of Covid 19 it is tricky when trying to decide whether you should keep your child/children at home or send them to school. The advice I was given at the Covid testing station was that after being sick you need two well days at home before returning to school/work. This is a good rule of thumb to follow, particularly if you have been very sick with a roaring sore throat, high fever etc. Obviously we are still going to have the odd runny nose, coughs and sneezes that come with the common cold, and as long as we follow good hygiene practices we can manage these. Please remember that you need to **ring or email the office every morning to notify us of any and all absences.**

This afternoon/evening we are holding the first of our three way learning conferences which this time around are centred around creating learner profile. These conferences are a conversation between the yourself, your child/ren and your teacher so that we can develop a more holistic picture for each of our learners. We are looking forward to having this time together. If you find you or your child/ren are unable to attend due to ill health please let us know so that we can make alternative arrangements.

Our overdue library book tally has gone down from 88 to 69, and individual notices have been sent out. Please have a really good look at home and return any library books or school readers you find. All will be received with a friendly smile.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Tineke and the team

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### THANKS

To Brent Carter for the huge amount of cardboard boxes delivered to school for wearable arts.

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### VALUE OF THE WEEK – PB4L FOCUS

Our value of the week is RESPECT

I consider the needs of everyone



Congratulations to Riyad and Kenzie who won the value voucher last week for “confidence” and “originality” respectively. Well done!

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### RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

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

Yoyo 17/6

Thibault 18/6

Taidgh 21/6

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### PARENTLINK

#### **Parentlink AGM – IN THE STAFFROOM**

The Parentlink AGM will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of June at 7pm in the staffroom. Come and hear about the great things Parentlink did last year and then add your ideas for the year ahead. We would love to see you there.

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### SPORTS SPOT

#### **Year 4 – 6 Cross Country**

Each morning from, Year 4 – 6 will be running the Cross Country course. Please ensure your child has appropriate running gear. We would love to hear from you if you could accompany students on the run or be prepared to marshal at a designated “spot” (straight after drop-off). Please contact Vikki, Julie or Niky if you can help.

#### **ROCKS Run Club**

Last week an enthusiastic bunch of runners circumnavigated the school, then ran up the zigzag track to Domanski Crescent, down Murchison Street, and back to school across Happy Valley Park, TWICE! No one believed it when they learned they’d run close to 4km! Strength in numbers.

If your child is keen to join Run Club, please email their name, year and your mobile number, to Fiona Hayvice (mother of Yr 4, Spike) [fjwhayvice@live.com](mailto:fjwhayvice@live.com). All welcome

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### STREAM TEAM UPDATE

You may have noticed some new predator traps down by the stream. On June 7th we held a training for all the volunteers helping with the new Owhiro Stream trap line.

Thanks to Eugene and WCC for the training (and traps) and Jess, Dave, Kate, Colleen, Peter, Todd, and all the kids that came out! We have set up twelve traps now along the stream and have already caught non-native predators after setting them only two days prior! If you'd like to volunteer with our group please email Jina at [jinasagar8@gmail.com](mailto:jinasagar8@gmail.com). We know everyone is likely used to these traps around Wellington but just a reminder to please make sure to keep kids out of the boxes."



#### **Mid-Winter Swim – Owhiro Bay**

Next Sunday (21 June) is the winter solstice and we're going to celebrate with the first annual mid winter swim.

Join us at the car park end of the beach around 9.30. We'll be doing a countdown and hitting the water at 9.42 - the exact time of the solstice.

We'll have free cuppa soups for everyone who's wet - thank you to Island Bay New World for their support. We'll also have a portable sauna on site to help with the post dip warm up.

We'll make a call about weather at 8am on the Sunday morning - keep an eye on the Owhiro Bay Facebook page for more updates.

We hope to see you all there.

Kind regards

Sue R

