

ROCKS

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

National Shake Out Day (tomorrow)	15 October
Pink Shirt Day	16 October
Election Day Fundraiser	17 October
WoW Week (Walk or Wheel to school)	19-23 October
Swimming Year 4 – 6 (Week 2 – 9) begins	21 October
Parentlink Meeting (7.00 pm)	22 October
Swimming Year 1 – 3 (Week 2 – 9) begins	23 October
Staff Only Day	27 October
School Photographs	1 December
Photographs – School/Kindy	2 December
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Days	3-4 December
Prizegiving	11 December
EOTC Week	15-17 December
Last day of Term 4 (1.00 pm)	18 December

EACH WEEK

Monday	Stream Team 1 – 3.00 pm Eternal Dragon School of Martial Arts (evening)
Tuesday	Adult Exercise Classes (6.30 pm)
Wednesday	Ukulele Class (8.00 am)
Thursday	Rocks Run Club (3.00 pm)
Friday	Assembly 2.20 pm Marrzipan Classes (3.00 pm)
Saturday	Community Soccer

TERM DATES 2020

Term 3 2020	20 July – 25 September
Term 4 2020	12 October – 18 December
5-year old Cohort Entry	16 November
Staff Only Day	27 October 2020
Term 1 2021	3 February 2021

WHAKATAUKI

*Waiho i te toipoto, kau i te toiroa.
Let us keep close together, not wide apart.*

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,

It is wonderful to have everybody back for a fabulous term 4. The builders have been hard at work in our absence and the framing for our new classrooms has gone up. Progress!

We continue to find ways to learn to live within the Covid 19 worldwide pandemic. At every Alert level there are some positives to be found. Alert Level 4 saw families spending time together and finding ways to enjoy daily exercise. The streets were empty of cars and full of cyclists, walkers and runners. At Alert Level 3 we were welcomed into family homes via Google Meets to reconnect and continue to build relationships around learning. There was lots of learning around measurement, through baking and telling the time. We upped our IT skills so we could send out recorded video messages to keep everybody in the loop. At Alert Level 2 we worked on resilience and confidence as students returned to school. Drop offs at the school gate were the order of the day and this routine enabled more settled starts to the day for both students and teachers. Now in Level 1 it's easy to become complacent. We need to remember to keep up our handwashing and sanitising routines, to track where we have been and to stay home if we are unwell.

All of these changes have required us to be quick to adapt to new conditions and to be aware that the impact of Covid 19 continues to be felt in different ways and at different levels for all. Term 4 is a busy term. We have lots of events planned however it's important to remember that we will

need to be open-minded and flexible and adapt to the conditions as they arise.

Shake Out Day- Tomorrow we will be taking part in Shake Out Day. We will practise our earthquake drill of drop, cover and hold, followed by a tsunami evacuation drill. From 2.30pm I will demonstrate for parents/families the Emergency Water Supply system that goes with the big water tank. This water supply is for the community to use during a natural disaster event, when outside help is likely to be at least three days away.

Pink Shirt Day- This Friday we will be encouraging everyone to wear pink and bring along a gold coin donation/koha which will go to the Mental Health Foundation. Teachers will be spreading the Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying message in classes.

Election Day Fundraiser- We have our fingers crossed for fine weather on Saturday 17th October which is the last day of voting in the 2020 General Election. There will be a Sausage Sizzle, a Bake Stall, a plant stall and the ever-popular raffles. If you haven't yet signed up to help please click on the link and add your details. <https://bit.ly/3109EsD> All baking can be sent to the staffroom on Friday. This fundraising opportunity only comes around once every three years so come along and join in the fun.

Hats- Hats are compulsory in Term 4. Sunscreen is also available in each classroom and students can self-manage this, with friendly reminders from the team. No hat, no outside play! The library is the place to be if you don't have a hat, you can read quietly out of the sun.

School App- Towards the end of last term we launched a School App and if you haven't already downloaded it, now would be a good time. The App has many useful features. It gives you access to your child's details. You can use it to notify us of any absences and you track your child's attendance. It will notify you when the newsletter has gone out from Monday. By now all families should have received log in details from Etap for this app. If you haven't, or are having trouble getting in, please come and see Vikki, or Email her vikki@owhiro.school.nz



By the end of October, the newsletter will no longer be Emailed. It will be available through the app or on the school website. If you require a printed copy, please see Wendy in the office.

Korero mai, korero atu, mauri tu, mauri ora

Tineke and the Team

THANK YOU

Thank you to Sue Raue and her exercise team who donated the proceeds \$470.00 to the school for Term 3.

Thank you to everyone who supported Onesie Day last term. We raised an incredible \$175.00 for Wellington Free Ambulance.

To Peter Sperlich who assembled the compost bins for us over the holidays. We look forward to putting these to good use. Thanks Peter!



To Bonnie and Chris Sadler for their services to the school. We really appreciate all the "behind the scenes" jobs you do for us.

To Gaven Carter who has offered to run cricket games for students in the field on Tuesday lunchtimes.

To the Munro/Lunn family for the donation of a cross trainer for auction on trademe.

To New World Island Bay who donated to the school a kitset garden and garden mix, some tools and approximately 150 my-little-garden plants. Many students took these home to start them sprouting and growing over the holidays. We would welcome some back to school to plant in our new garden bed.

We are planning to plant these on Friday.



WELCOME

To Charlie and Jordan who joined children in Harakeke this week. Welcome also to the families of these two students to our school community.

SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEE MID TERM ELECTION 2020

Nomination round

Our school will be undertaking Mid Term Elections for our Board of Trustees this year. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by **Monday 12th October 2020**.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination forms and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be e-mailed to you by **Monday 12th October 2020**.

For those that do not have access to the internet, nomination papers will be available at the school office and those nomination papers should be returned to the school office. We will send those on to CES for processing.

Nominations close on Sunday 1st November 2020 at 12 noon.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Wayne Jamieson

Returning Officer

ECO STARS - WORM WEE

Our Eco Stars continue to encourage us all in our Sustainability efforts. We have 2 litre bottles of worm wee available from the foyer in return for a small koha. Worm wee is an excellent garden fertiliser. All proceeds go back to ECO stars programme.

RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

Best wishes to the following children who have/had birthdays this week.

Pippa 13/10

Keir 14/10

Kingston 15/10

Amahni 17/10

Joseph 19/10

Harriet 19/10

PB4L – SHARED SPACES

I am in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.

Congratulations to the Willow and Elliot S. who won the draw for the ROCK focus on 25 September for "Kotahitanga" and "Originality" respectively

SWIMMING – TERM 4

School swimming will begin next week and finish in Week 9. Students will travel by bus. Please remember to pack togs, towels (goggles if required) and a suitable bag to bring wet togs back to school each week.

Years 4 – 6 Wednesday between 10.00 am and 11.00 am at Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre beginning 21 October

Year 1 – 3 Friday between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm at Little Makos, beginning 23 October as follows:

- Harakeke (R5) 11.30 – 12.30 pm
- Whanake (R6) 12.30 – 1.30 pm
- Whanake (R7) 1.30 – 2.30 pm

There will be no ordering from Room 6 on Fridays. All children need a decent lunch/extra snacks on their swimming day.

PARENTLINK

Election Day Fundraiser: Saturday 17 October 9.00am - 3.00pm

Join us on Election Day. We are running a sausage sizzle, bake sale, plant sale and raffle table. There will also be a coffee cart.



Baking

Draw on those lockdown baking skills! Please support our bake sale and bring your baking to the Staffroom on Thursday 15, Friday 16 or the morning of Saturday 17. Paper bags and plates went home during the week. Alternatively, you can bring your baking in a named container.

The Garage is Open

The garage is now open for donations for our clothing/jewellery/baby boutique pop-up sale on Friday 21 and Saturday 22 November.

We welcome donations of good quality adult, child and baby clothes, clothing accessories, shoes, handbags, and baby boutique items.

Opening times:

- Monday – Friday, 8.45am - 9.15am (closed if raining)
- Saturday 17 October, 10am - 12noon. Come and vote, eat and donate.

Parentlink Meeting: Thursday 22 October at 7.00pm

Please join us for our Parentlink meeting next Thursday at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome. Come along and help us plan our end of year events. All welcome – just bring enthusiasm!

Thank you for your support.

STREAM TEAM UPDATE – TERM 4

The final school term of the year is here and although it's been an unusual year due to COVID we have still managed to get over 340 plants in the ground, create a new lizard garden and start a successful trapping operation. We have been inspired by our growing group of stream fairies. These helpers can be seen sneaking down the stream at random times weeding, mulching, checking traps and pulling rubbish out of the stream - Thank you!

This term we will continue to have our weekly working bee Mondays 1-3pm. You can get regular updates about these sessions by joining our WhatsApp join (just text Jess 027 410 8937 asking to join)

We have several exciting events coming up:

1. Event with Conservation Volunteers New Zealand
Monday 19th October 9am-3pm
<https://www.facebook.com/events/620013848661620/>
2. Event with Conservation Volunteers for New Zealand World Fish Migration Day Saturday 24th October (Labour Weekend) 9-1.30. This will include a NZ native fish expert investigating which fish species are in the stream and providing an education session <https://www.facebook.com/events/677154902911240/>
3. In mid-November we will be partnering with FOOS (Friends of Owhiro Stream) for a working bee and celebration of the stream. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for the date and time.

As we head towards summer we encourage families to 'adopt a spot' down the stream to help maintain this special area and build a connection with nature, if you are keen please email Jina at jinasagar8@gmail.com

Ngā mihi nui

Jess, Jude and Jina

(Stream Team Co-ordinators)

SPORTS SPOT

Sports Shirts

With the sports season change we need all sports shirts to be returned urgently in readiness for Touch and Floorball. These can be dropped off at the office please.

Owhiro Bay Touch Term 4

Touch starts up again in term 4 at Wakefield Park Island Bay.

If you like to run and catch and want to be part of a really fun sport, then give Touch a go! It is played with a rugby ball and it is fast. There are 5 players on the field with a few subs.

The season starts on Wednesday 28th October (Week 3 of Term 4) and runs for 6 weeks until Wednesday 2nd

December. Teams need to be finalised by Tuesday 20th October (Week 2).

If you are interested or have any questions please email me on kim.mcnicol00@gmail.com

Owhiro Bay Floorball Term 4

Owhiro Bay Dolphins (Yr 1/2 grade): Adult – TBC

Grace
Abby
Jos
Robin
Danni

Owhiro Bay Seals (Yrs 1/2 grade) Adult – TBC

Kitana
Abby
Te Paea
Tammy
Timothee
Sean

Owhiro Bay Tuis (Yr 3 team) Adult – TBC

Willow
Lukas Ha
Atticus
Leah

We are looking for a couple of more players for this team.

Owhiro Bay Eels (Year 4 team) Adult TBC

Thibault
Charlie P
Jordan
Joe
Liam

Owhiro Bay Hawks (Year 4 team) – Adult: Philippa Henwood

Pippa
Lucas
Leif
Spike
Keang
Sire

Owhiro Bay Orcas (Year 5/6 team) – Adult: TBC

Felix
Sasha
Rachel
Lucia
Elizabeth B
Ebony

Any questions please let me know, I will be in touch shortly with the times for next week and we will sort out team shirts. Players just need shorts and sports shoes all other equipment is provided.

Ka kite anō
Philippa
021 570 834

ROCKS Run Club

ROCKS Run Club - starts tomorrow, **Thursday 15 October** from **3pm - 4pm** (meet beside the boat). Fun, running centric games, and group runs on local parks/reserves. All welcome. If your child is joining for the first time, please email their name, year and your mobile number, to Fiona Hayvice (mother of Y4, Spike) fjwhayvice@live.com.

This week and next, Dave Shoemack (father of Rufus (Y1)) is kindly leading the group, as Fiona is away. From 1am Sunday 18 October, Fiona is **representing New Zealand** in a last person standing event. She'll be running a 6.7km lap within the hour, restarting again on the hour ... continuing ... until there's ONLY ONE left. Intrigued? You can follow - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/142055916440410> and <https://www.facebook.com/events/352586789253197>.

Also happening **this Sunday** (18 Oct) is Event #3 in the 2020 Xterra Wellington series. Your child and you (**all U16 must be accompanied by an adult**) can run/walk approx. 7km of bush, forest, and open farm trails through Belmont Regional Park. One climb early in the course, leads to some stunning views back over the Hutt Valley and Wellington.

Reduced entry fee for Adults (\$20) using code XTERRACrew + Child (\$10). **Enter ONLINE** only. For entry and full details - <https://xterrawellington.co.nz/events/>. All families welcome - the more the merrier!



Te Kopahou Tracks

Do you love to walk, run or ride your bike in the hills around where you live? Would you like to share your ideas about the tracks in Te Kopahou Reserve?

You can find out more about the Te Kopahou Tracks Network project on the Wellington City Council website and we would like to invite you to come out and look at a new draft plan for the area and tell us your ideas in person.

On **Sunday 8th November** we will be at the Owhiro Bay carpark from 9am-11am and at the Brooklyn Wind Turbine carpark from 2:30pm-4:30pm.

On **Sunday 15th November** we will be at the Brooklyn Wind Turbine carpark 9am-11am and the Owhiro Bay carpark 2:30-4:30.

We would love to encourage the local school children and their families to share their thoughts and ideas either online or by coming out to talk to us in November. We are really excited about development of a track network in the Te Kopahou reserves that gives more people the opportunity to visit and enjoy this rugged and wild part of our wonderful city.

BIGAIR GYMSPORTS Owhiro Bay

Is your child wanting to learn how to handstand, cartwheel or flip? Do you want them to feel strong and confident, and learn in a safe and encouraging environment? Come to Bigair! Our experienced coaches run classes such as **Gymnastics, Tumbling, Trampoline, Parkour** and **Cheerleading!** Our classes support children of all skill levels to learn and develop new skills and abilities, improving their fitness and co-ordination, and boosting self-esteem! **BOOK NOW** for TERM 4!

Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay: 04 3838779 or wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz

Parenting Course

INITIATING INDEPENDENCE – Parenting 6 to 12-year olds

The Course starts from 28 October. 2 hours per week for 6 weeks. Wednesday 7 pm – 9 pm. Small group classes (max. 12 people) in Parent Help offices: Level 4, 175 Victoria Street, Wellington.

- Learn skills to communicate with and support your child
- Understand your child's behaviour
- Feel empowered to solve behavioural issues

Register here www.parenthelp.org.nz/ii

Childrens Kidscan Halloween Party

Saturday 31 October from 3.00 – 5.30 pm Brooklyn Community Centre

Halloween Event

To not only let the kiddies have fun
But also to raise money for Kids Can

Emma the wiggles and Batman will be there for Trick or treating and photos

We will keep updating this page with more exciting news!

TICKETS ARE LIMITED - so get in fast
\$20 per ticket

Please email or you can message
jessica@jmaholdings.co.nz

Or text 022 064 0135

Please put your child's name or names that will be attending along with your email so we can send you confirmation.