

ROCKS

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Parentlink Meeting (7.00 pm)	22 October
Wellington Diwali Celebrations	25 October
Labour Day Holiday	26 October
Staff Only Day (school closed)	27 October
Coffee Group (2.30 pm)	29 October
Board of Trustees Meeting	29 October
Clothing/Jewellery/Baby Boutique	21 & 22
Pop-up Sale	November
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 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

Kia angitū ia tamaiti
Kia angitū ia kura

Every school, a great school
Every child a success

“Success for every student, success for every school”

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

Fakaalofa lahi atu!

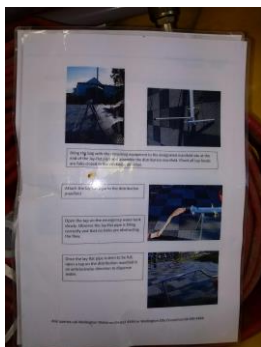
Thank you to all our volunteers, behind the scenes bakers, and local supporters who turned out for our Election Day fundraiser on Saturday. We really appreciate your efforts, enthusiasm and support. Check out the Parentlink update for more information.

On Monday a group of Māhuri tamariki along with our Eco Stars, joined with the Conservation volunteers and did some water quality testing. They learned about the presence of various bugs and how these are indicators as to the overall health of the stream.

We are making great progress in our efforts to become more sustainable and as a result we have a large number of surplus rubbish bins of all shapes and sizes, along with some green council glass recycling bins, available for a small koha. Have a look at what's available in the garage, pick out what you want, and pop in and see Wendy with your donation.

Last Thursday we held our Shake Out Day earthquake and tsunami drill. As always these are an opportunity to both practise our routines and refine our systems. The school has a large water tank as an emergency water supply for the community in case of a significant earthquake or other

event. At the very front of the school garage is a large yellow plastic bag containing all the fittings for the water supply along with laminated instructions. If you live locally and would like a demonstration I'm more than happy to arrange a suitable time for a group session. Feel free to invite your neighbours.



Tineke and the Team

THANKS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Pink Shirt day last Friday. We raised \$100.00 for Mental Health Awareness.

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who baked for the Election Day Fundraiser. Please collect your containers from the meeting room.

SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEE MID TERM ELECTION 2020

Nominations for Mid Term positions for our Board of Trustees are now open. You will have received an e mail with nomination details and how you nominate.

Nomination forms are available from School if you haven't received them. Please note nominations **close on Sunday 1st November**. We look forward to your interest.

Wayne Jamieson
Returning Officer

RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

Best wishes to:

Leni Kuester
who has her birthday today!



PB4L – SHARED SPACES

Out and About

I am in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing. We are learning which behaviours we need to display when we are out and about representing the school.

Congratulations to Brooklyn and Ruby T who won the ROCKS Vouchers from last week. Brooklyn (Kotahitanga) and Ruby (Success).

SWIMMING – TERM 4

School swimming began today for Māhuri with Harakeke and Whanake beginning on Friday. 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 Wednesdays 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

Please note: If your child is not swimming on the day due to an illness, please send a note/email/message to school.

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

LUCKY BOOK ORDER – ISSUE 7

Please note that this Issue is the last for the term/year. We realise it was a short turnaround to get orders in so have extended the deadline another week to 30 October if you wish to purchase for Christmas.

PARENTLINK

Our Successful Election Day Fundraiser.

On Saturday Parentlink held the Election day fundraiser. It consisted of a Bake Sale, Plant sale, Sausage Sizzle and Raffle. It was a great success! We made \$1,800!

A huge thank you to absolutely everyone who participated. To those who baked, the quantity and quality of the cakes, slices and biscuits was truly impressive!

To those who helped on the day, you really did make everything run so smoothly.

And to those who came and spent money with us - money well spent!!

Thankyou Thankyou Thankyou. From Parentlink



Our raffles were really popular and we will continue to sell tickets at the Clothing Pop-up Sale



Parentlink Meeting: Thursday 22 October (tomorrow) at 7.00pm

Please join us for our Parentlink meeting tomorrow 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!

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.

Opening times:

- Monday – Friday, 8.45am - 9.15am (closed if raining)

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

Coffee Group: Thursday 29 October from 2.30pm

Please join us in the staffroom next Thursday from 2.30pm for coffee group. It's a great opportunity to have a chat and get to know others in the school community. Put your feet up with a hot drink before the bell rings, or join us in the playground after 3pm if fine. We would love to see you there.



STREAM TEAM UPDATE – TERM 4

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 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/>
2. 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

SPORTS SPOT

Floorball

Owhiro Bay Wolves

This is Felix from Owhiro Bay Wolves. We played our first game of Floorball today and we won 7-5. We all played really well and it was really fun. Elizabeth was in goal for the first half and I went in goal for the second half. Ruby got player of the day. It was her first game and she had 3 shots on goal!

Owhiro Bay Dolphins

The Owhiro Bay Dolphins started the term with a 2-2 draw! It was our first game ever and our players were Jos, Robin, Abby, Hemi, Qais and Dani. Qais scored a goal (the other team scored in our goal). We ran fast and worked hard at shooting for goal, our defence was fantastic, and we had lots of fun. It was a very exciting game.

Owhiro Bay Tuks

The Tui played a fantastic action packed first game. With 9 players there were plenty of subs and lots of short fast plays. The goalies (Quinn and Lukas/) did a great job keeping the competing teams points at bay, Willow scored a magnificent goal and the score remained one all right up until the final minute when our competitors snuck in a cheeky winning goal. Great game!

Owhiro Bay Orcas

This is Rachel from the Orcas Team. It is a Year 6 team. My team consists of Amahni, Ebony, Kyla, Lucia and myself. The coach of my team is my dad, Jason. I was in goal in this game. When you are in goal you need to have two things – a helmet and knee pads. I was goalie for the first half and Ebony was second half.

In goalie you need to be paying attention to the ball and you need to try and block the ball from going into the goal.

The score was 1-10 with Miramar North getting 10 goals. Kyla got our goal and Amahni nearly got a one.

Other team reports to follow in next newsletter



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.

Free Group Exercise Class – by Greyscale Fitness

Monday 9:30am – Island Bay Beach

on the far left side of the beach, just behind the club

About the Classes

The free group classes on the beach are effective and balanced full body workouts led by our head trainer Rohan. We'll move through a series of different exercises and movements to send the body the signal to adapt and become stronger, healthier and more functional. Whether you're new to exercise or consider yourself advanced, there are progressions and regressions built into the class so that anyone can follow along.

Classes will be running despite the weather

Open Day – Karori Cemetery

On Labour Day Monday 26 October the Friends of Karori Cemetery are holding an open day at the cemetery, during which there will be several guided tours, assistance with family history research and most importantly, a fun and informative activity for children aged from 5 years. The activity is a quiz, or a quest, to find headstones throughout one of the oldest parts of the cemetery and then answer questions about them. A list of the questions, and a map of the area will be provided, and each child who participates will get a small reward when they finish.

Participation is easy - and FREE. Turn up at the cemetery any time between 10.30 and at 2.30 pm, register at the Shelter, and collect the list of questions and a map. The designated area has been checked for all safety considerations, and children must of course be accompanied by an adult/caregiver. We estimate the quiz will take between 30 minutes and an hour, maximum.

Karori Cemetery, at 100 acres, is the second largest cemetery in New Zealand, and is the largest by number of interments. For general information about the cemetery and the Friends refer <http://friendsofkaroricemetery.co.nz/visit/>

Online Safety Information Evening

Tues 27th October 2020 - 7pm - 8.30pm

with Rob & Zareen Cope - parents & filmmakers –

'Our Kids Online' hosted by St Johns in the City Church,

cnr Willis and Dixon streets (170 Willis St)

Tickets \$8, available from [Eventfinda](#)

An interactive information evening designed to help adults gain a better understanding

of some of the harm children face in the online world. The evening will use clips from

the documentary *[Our Kids Online: Porn, Predators & How to Keep Them Safe](#)*

and other resources to enable adults to confidently approach these topics with children and gain practical solutions on how to make their online experiences safer.