

ROCKS

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Southern Zone Athletics	5 November
Clothing/Jewellery/Baby Boutique	20 & 21
Pop-up Sale	November
Twilight Picnic/OB's Got Talent	22 November
School Photographs	1 December
Photographs – School/Kindy	2 December
Photographs School/Kindy	
Days	3-4 December
BOT mid-term elections – voting closes	4 December
Celebration of Success	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
Term 1 2021	3 February 2021

WHAKATAUKI

*He rau ringa e oti ai
Many hands make light work*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Kia ora,

Earlier this year we were fortunate enough to receive a grant from the W.F. Anderson Educational Foundation. This gift is being used to build up the non-fiction section of our Library and for kapa haka uniforms. I have an appointment next week to finalise the uniform order. In the meantime, Ms Chamberlain and Niky are both busy buying new books for our tamariki. To get these into our library and into circulation as soon as possible we need a group of volunteers who are happy to cover these books.

Do you have an hour a week to give? Can you get a couple of friends together for a regular book covering session? Would you be prepared to cover some books at home? We are happy to give a quick demonstration to get you started.

Preparations are well underway for Owhiro Bay's Got Talent, now all we need are for all the acts to sign up. Rehearsals are planned for Wednesday 11 November & Tuesday 17 November from 3.00-4.30pm. These will be held in the library.

Naturally at this time our thoughts turn to the year ahead. We've come a long way from a hot, carefree summer holiday and then lining up in the tennis courts waiting for our name to be called on Day 1 of the new school year. Whole school organisation, teacher and class allocation is decided by management. Professional judgement and oversight guide this process. Please remember that we have the best interests of every child at heart. In addition to the usual considerations I will be factoring the property building programme and its overall impact into the equation.

For our Harakeke parents the general rule of thumb is that all students who enrolled from the beginning of the year through until the end of Term Two are classified as Year 2 students the following year while those who started at the beginning of Term three, through until the end of the year,

remain as Year 1 students in Harakeke. For further clarification in the first instance please speak to your child's class teacher. Class lists will be displayed in the last week of this term.

The eagle eyed among you will have spotted that we have renamed the annual prizegiving as a celebration of success. This year we will be introducing new ROCKS certificates for each class, and we will be adding a sports award to the senior prizes/awards.

We have 30 students representing us at the Southern Zone athletics day tomorrow. Ms Meffan, Sherwin and Mrs Martin will be accompanying the team, with Mrs Meffan taking overall responsibility for the running of the event as part of the Southern Zone Sports committee. We wish them all the best.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tineke and the team.

WELCOME

To Brock and his family who returned to Owhiro Bay. Brock has joined the children in Māhuri.

SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEE MID TERM ELECTION 2020

Voting round

Our school will be going to election for the Mid Term Elections for our Board of Trustees. Voting papers will be lodged by mail on Friday 6th November with voting closing on Friday 4th December 2020. This allows a month for the voting process.

There will be two ways of voting. Either by manual vote with the voting papers returned to school for onwards transmission to CES or an online option. Full details on how to vote are included in the voting pack which you will receive in the mail **after 6th November**.

If you do not receive voting papers **by 20th November**, please contact the school office. Papers will be made available for you.

Voting closes at 4pm Friday 4th December and results will be announced on Thursday 10th December.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Wayne Jamieson

Returning Officer

HELP PLEASE – CARS TEAM REQUEST

Please see below a beautifully written request from our Cars Team

Dear Mrs Giddy and Wendy

Please can we have your permission to put our question and link in the online newsletter? We are doing an investigation about what kind of cars OBS families have. We want to have a link in the newsletter so we can get information for our investigation. We want to find out if people have hybrids, electric cars, or petrol cars. It would help us to make a graph so people would be more encouraged to buy electric cars once they see how many petrol cars we really have in our community.

Here is the link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3mGkm83fbMtPfl6KxoT6-CBQcUAMurEuahCwJDu5946qyVw/viewform>

We need our results by Monday so if you could tell the parents and families that it would be great!



Kindest regards from the Cars Team

Charlie L,

Lucas,

Spike and Stella

ROCKS

Congratulations to Georgia and Kingston who won the ROCKS vouchers from last week for Kotahitanga and Rangatiratanga respectively.

ECO STARS – WORM WEE

Our ECO stars continue to encourage us all in our sustainability efforts. We have bottles of worm wee available from the foyer in return for a small koha. This is concentrated and needs to be diluted. Worm wee is an excellent garden fertiliser. All proceeds go back to the ECO stars programme.



SWIMMING – TERM 4

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.

PARENTLINK

The Garage is Open!

The garage is open for donations for our clothing/jewellery/baby boutique pop-up sale on Friday 20 and Saturday 21 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.



Our ever-popular Clothing / Baby Boutique / Jewellery Sale is back. This year it is run over 2 days and it's going to be fab!

We need people to help us to run the Pop Up. Click on the link below to sign yourself up for a slot. It is always a lot of fun. Contact Amie on castleroberts95@gmail.com

if you have any questions:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1E_H1BkTyfLFNAqxpH9hHLDcarA06MmVWLmD9qxt5IY/edit#gid=0

Raffle Tickets for Sale Next Week

YAH! Our awesome raffle tickets will be available at the school and kindy offices. If you would like to sell some tickets to your friends, family and work colleagues please come and grab a few books. Or if you just want to buy a few, Wendy will have some tickets for individual sale. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Sold ticket stubs and money need to be returned by Friday 20th November please.

The winner will be drawn just before Owhiro Bay's Got Talent at the Twilight Picnic on Sunday 22nd November 2020. We will have a prize for the family who sells the most raffle tickets. Good Luck!

Winners will be contacted by phone or email. Results on Owhiro Bay school website: www.owhiro.school.nz



Owhiro Bay's Got Talent

It's that time again...to register your spectacular items for Owhiro Bay's Got Talent!

COVID has caused us to adjust our usual programme, but the show must go on! This year Owhiro Bay's favourite variety show will be happening from 5.30-7.00pm at the Owhiro Bay Twilight Picnic at Owhiro Bay School on Sunday 22 November.

We welcome all kinds of talent: singing, dancing, gymnastics, DJing, jokes, skits, magic tricks, dragon role-playing, whistling, and more. Don't delay: sign up today at tinyurl.com/OBGT2020 or at the school office.

Any questions? Email OwhiroBayTalent@gmail.com

SPORTS SPOT

FLOORBALL

Owhiro Bay Dolphins

It was a fast, exciting game of Dolphins vs Dolphins as our team today of Robin, Grace, Jos, Abby, Dani and Hemi played the Lyall Bay Dolphins.

With all players working together, along with some amazing defence, we won 5-3.

The team also supported each other through a few tumbles, knocks by flying balls, and even a lost shoe! Goals were scored by Jos and Robin.

TOUCH

Last week we played our first game of Touch for the term. We played against St. Francis. They had really fast runners but luckily, we do too. Kyla, Felix, Riley, Amahni, Charlie and Kingston all scored tries. It was a very exciting game

and by the end everyone's faces were bright red! The end result was 16 – 7 – we won yah!

By Jesse

ROCKS Run Club

Last Thursday, the group scrambled up The Farm tracks, well and truly testing out the grip on their shoe soles. Can you spot a boat in the photo?

This week, Dave Shoemack (father of Rufus (Y1)) is leading the group, as Fiona will be at Southern Zone Athletics. Good luck to all our students that were selected to represent Owhiro Bay School.

Running Events

Report by Spike Hayvice (Y4) on Event #4 of the 2020 Xterra Wellington Trail Running Series;

On Sunday, I ran 6km of Wainuiomata, Remutaka Forest Park trails with my Mum. There was one big climb (150m) where I kept running and passed lots of people (Mum struggled to keep up!). Near the end it was a flat gravel road which felt really hard, so I was surprised to hear I was running < 5mins / km. I was really happy finishing 1st U16 / 6th overall (out of 81 runners).

Coming Up

Sunday 15 November - last event of the 2020 Xterra Wellington series

Your child and you (all U16 must be accompanied by an adult) can run/walk 7.5km amongst 110m tall wind turbines in the Meridian Wind Farm, Makara. **Reduced Entry Fee** for Adults (\$20) using code **XTERRACrewWW** + Child (\$10). **Enter ONLINE Only** - <https://xterrawellington.co.nz/west-wind/>. All families welcome.

Fiona Hayvice

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WAITRI KIDS TRIATHLON - Saturday 21 November

Held at Borderlandz Paintball in Carterton, the WAITRI includes **biking, running** and target shooting style **paintball**. It's currently the only multisport event in the World that

involves paintball! There'll be lots of getting active, lots of fun and lots of prizes. Full details and ENTER here - <https://www.wairunfest.co.nz/the-waitri.html>

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william@bigairgym.co.nz**



I just wanted to thank you and all your coaches for such amazing dedication and hard work with all the cheer teams. There is such a huge sense of pride and belonging at Bigair. The results today were amazing and a tribute to the commitment you all have to the children. They all know you believe in their capabilities, and their ability to be successful and have their other dreams come true! It is so joyous to watch the togetherness, care, connection, praise, genuine concern, love, and support between the girls. Not to mention the sheer fun, excitement, and delight I see on their faces! I love what cheer does for their self-esteem, confidence and personal growth. You are all helping to grow amazing children and I am so grateful that this opportunity is afforded to my daughter.