

ROCKS

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Inspire Photographs (gallery closes for Groups)	10 January
Online Stationery Orders to ensure delivery before school starts	15 January
First Day of Term 1 2021	3 February
Waitangi Day (observed)	8 February

TERM START DATES/NEW ENTRANT COHORT DATES 2021

Term 1 - 3 February	mid-term date 15 March
Term 2 - 3 May	mid-term date 8 June
Term 3 - 28 July	mid-term date 30 August
Term 4 - 18 October	mid-term date 15 November

WHAKATAUKI

Tē tōia, tē haumatia

Nothing can be achieved without a plan, workforce and a way of doing things



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Many Thanks!



Kia ora,

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my thanks to one and all who make up our fabulous One Learning Community. The team at Owhiro Bay School appreciate that we have a wonderfully supportive parent community who give what they can when they can, in many and varied ways.

To the parents and volunteers who give generously of their time and share their passions so that our students have a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities;

Touch- Kim and Rob

Floorball- Philippa

Netball-Tila and Lauren

Cricket-Gaven

Run Club-Fiona and Dave

Ukulele-Jim and Dan

Community Soccer-Nicole

Powhiri- Mo

To the parents and volunteers who help keep the school running smoothly;

Security – Jim Blakeley, Mark Bailey

Building safety checks- Chris

Returning Readers- Bonnie

Covering Library books-Marti

To the parents and volunteers who enhance our outdoor learning environments, especially the creek crew- Jess, Jude and Jina, and the boat team of Mark, George and Mr Denham.

To the parents who supervise our Road patrollers in all weather, all year round, so that our tamariki can walk/bike/scooter safely to and from school each day, keeping traffic congestion to a minimum;

Chris, Brent, Louise, Val, Kate, Claire and Dan

To Sue Raue who donates all proceeds of her exercise classes held each Tuesday evening at the school.

To Gaven our amazing caretaker who keeps things looking ship-shape around the school, we thank you for all your hard work.

Our trips wouldn't go ahead without the help from our parents and caregivers. Thank you very much for your help.

To those parents/volunteers who work behind the scenes to provide pastoral care when needed through the meal tree and in other ways. We have some amazing behind the scenes fairies and elves.

To Parentlink and all those who support our community events and fundraisers, and to our Board of Trustee members who work to ensure the best interests of our children are at the heart of all decision making.

2020 has been a big year and we are truly grateful to you ALL.

When extending thank yous there is always the possibility of leaving someone out, please let me know if you have inadvertently been left unrecognised.

We farewell the Catan, Wash, Nouv, LaGrange, Ridout-Gordon, Tan, Lunn, McKenzie, Locke and Paloma-Tuala families who've been with Owhiro Bay School for many years and whose children are heading off to Year 7. Thank you for your support and involvement over the years. We're going to miss you all.

Congratulations- To Wendy and Joanne who both deserve extra special recognition for their dedication and loyalty to Owhiro Bay School. Both have completed 25 years of service.

Learning from our Invacuation- Our Invac practice gave us the opportunity to refine our systems and processes. We found that we have some emergency contact details to correct, that it's important to learn surnames, and that it's easier to keep the students in class groups rather than family groups so that the runners know where to find students quickly. Using the hallway gave us a good lead in time and the messaging made for calm pick-ups all round. After an hour or so we had around 4 students remaining.

Despite our best efforts at communication, there were still some families that were not aware a practice was being held. We urge you to read the weekly newsletter and check your child's bag/bookbag for any important notices. Thank you everyone for your co-operation, we will continue to refine and review our processes.

Board of Trustee Elections – Owhiro Bay School

VOTING RETURN

169 voting papers were sent to parents with 63 (37.28%) returned. Of these votes 35 (55.56%) were returned to school and 28 (44.44%) voted online.

Mid Term Election 2020 for 2 Parent Representatives

Declaration of parent election results for 2 parent representatives

	Votes
Derbyshire, Makere	44
Henwood, Philippa	53
Mace, Maz	9

I therefore declare the following duly elected:

Makere Derbyshire, Mrs Philippa Henwood

Wayne Jamieson,
Returning Officer,
Owhiro Bay School

Philippa and Makere will join Megan, Dan and Fiona as the parent representatives on the Board of Trustees. We thank Maz for putting her name forward and giving it a go. There will be further opportunities to stand for the Board during the next election cycle.

Staffing 2021

We welcome Kath Foale to the teaching team for 2021. Kath will be teaching in the Year 3/4 area of the school, providing reading recovery and specialist teacher release daily from 9.00am.

Kath is an experienced teacher who brings a passion for literacy, singing, and the outdoors to the team. Niky Clegg will be training in Reading Recovery in 2021. This means we will have places for 4 students each day to receive this specialist intervention programme.

Photos- our school photos are gorgeous and are available on the gallery. All orders placed before 10 January will qualify towards a donation for the school or kindy. Some sibling photos appear on either the Kindy link or the school link and some of our Room1 students can be found under Room 4, which is where they started the school year.

Stationery- Stationery lists will go home with this newsletter and are available online from Officemax.myschool.co.nz

I See YOU. Sometimes there are gems to be found on social media. This particular one is worthy of sharing and especially pertinent in 2020.

It's a time of certificates, trophies, recognition, awards, prizes and 'seeing' of high achievement. I love seeing the kids that shine at this time of year - a big high heartfelt round of applause to you. You so deserve it for the effort you have put in.

This message is for the kids that didn't get called up for any of the above...

I SEE YOU.

To the child that conquered their fear of heights, or sleeping in the dark, or riding without training wheels or sleeping out for the night for the first time this year, I SEE YOU

To the child that managed to resolve more conflict than they started this year, to the child that learnt to say the impossible; "I'm sorry", and to the child that walked away from the fighting instead of getting involved, I SEE YOU

To the child for whom school is a huge struggle, you get up every day and you go, I SEE YOU

To the child that battled all year with the maths, or reading, or concentration, or speaking out in class, or learning their words, but persevered anyway, I SEE YOU

To the child that found the kindness in their heart to reach out in any way to another person or to an animal in need or in pain, I SEE YOU

To the child that learnt to give and to share for the first time this year and even found joy in these, I SEE YOU

To the child that battles to make friends and to be social, you made new friends this year and for that, I SEE YOU

To the child who wanted so much to please, but was just out of sight of an adult who perhaps was too busy or too distracted, I SEE YOU

To the child who lost a friend or a loved one this year, but carried on everyday bravely even though their heart ached, I SEE YOU

To the brave parents that try every day to do the best for their kids, I SEE YOU.

May you and your children revel in small but significant victories that you have both experienced this year.

-Author unknown

New Classrooms- Building update

After the statutory holiday period Dec 24th 2020- January 5th 2021, work will continue on the new build. This will involve trenching for cabling etc. therefore the whole quad area is to be isolated and safety fenced off.

We know our school grounds are a popular place for families, friends and the community to enjoy during the school summer break however please make sure you abide by the health and safety signs. We look forward to seeing the progress on our return to school.

Tineke and the team

FAREWELL

To our Year 6 students – Amahni, Charlie L, Elizabeth, Terrence, Alby, Hana, Kingston, Lucia, Rachel, Ebony, Kyla, Maia, Ranith, Ruby M. and Stella we wish you all the best at your future schools.

To Riley and Kenzie and Violetta who are off to new schools in the New Year.

To Angela, our dedicated Reading Recovery Teacher. Our children have made wonderful progress.

INSPIRE PHOTOGRAPHS

Hello parents,

We would like to invite you all to view your pictures at Inspire Photography's online ordering site. Orders to be posted will be processed at the same time as the prints that are to be returned to the **school or ECE**. Digital files are purchased as is and retouching requests may incur fees.

The gallery will remain online for up to 12 months from approximately lunchtime the day after the main ordering period closes, postage and packing fees may also apply. The school does not receive any commission on sales after the main ordering closes.

To view and order your photographs:

1. Go to our website at <https://www.inspirephotocart.co.nz>
2. Enter this access code in the box: Owhiro98z

OBS Groups 2020

1.This gallery will close **Sunday 10th January 2021** Please ensure you have placed and paid your order in good time.

2. If ordering Package 2 or 3, the default group print provided will be the class group associated the Individuals subgallery in which the student appears.

If you would prefer to choose a group photo from a different class, please specify this clearly in the notes section of your order. If ordering sibling images as Package 2 or 3, please stipulate which group photo is required.

No swaps are available for incorrectly-ordered group photos - please contact us if you are unsure and we will be happy to clarify.

3. Having your prints posted or picking up from our studio?

These will be processed at the same time as the prints that are to be returned to the school; keep an eye on **your** inbox for emails to let you know these are ready to collect/being shipped.

4. Digital files are purchased as is. Group templates and images of multiple children are not available in digital format. Digital files are available to download once purchase has been completed and paid for.

5. For minor retouching please make a note of what is required on your order.

6. Retouching fees may apply, please call 043848009 for details.

7. Please contact the school office for access code if you have misplaced their original email, as for privacy and security we need to verify new customers with the school before sending out access details.

FOUND

A lens for a child's prescription glasses was found at South Wellington Intermediate Hall on Friday night at the Celebration of Success evening. Please claim at the OBS office.

RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

Best wishes to the following students who have birthdays coming up. Happy belated birthday to Charlie – we changed the newsletter day this week!

Charlie L. 16/12

Atticus 22/12

Iris 28/12

Brock 29/12

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

PB4L – OUT AND ABOUT

We are in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.

Congratulations to Fern and Sire who won the ROCKS vouchers this week for Success/Rangatiratanga and Rangatiratanga respectively.

LOST PROPERTY

Well done everyone for keeping the lost property to a minimum. There are just a handful of items to be re-united with owners.

A FEW SHOTS OF THE YEAR 6 LEAVERS DINNER

Farewell Year 6's – we will miss you!



Artist - Kyla

SPORTS SPOT

ROCKS Run Club

Big thanks to the enthusiastic bunch that came along to our weekly ROCKS Run Club this year. We had a lot of fun exploring our neighbourhood, playing games, and teaming up for relay races. Some children took their running a step further entering local events, including; [Round the Bays](#), [Xterra Wellington Trail series](#), [WAITRI Kids Triathlon](#), and [Waterfront 5K](#). Keep an eye out for notification of kid-friendly opportunities next year - as Henry Ford once said "Whether you think you can, or you can't, you're right." So, here's to many more incredible adventures in 2021 - Fiona Hayvice and Dave Shoemack



Child Care Available

Kia ora. I'm Georgie, a 24 year old from Liverpool that you may have already met. I'm a teacher aide in Ms Chamberlain's class (Harakeke) as well as a supervisor at Enjoy Childcare.

Due to COVID, I will be in NZ indefinitely, so please get in touch if you have any childcare-related enquiries. I'm available any time, any place after 5 January.

My contact details are:

021 0468036, email georgina.andersen@hotmail.co.uk.

Merry Christmas - Georgie

School Holiday Programme – Capital Gymnastics (Newtown)

Capital Gymnastics offers a fun filled holiday programme during the school holidays. Our programme suits children aged 5 – 12 years. Each day we provide gymnastics, free play time, games and other activities.

We are running the programme beginning Wednesday 16th – Thursday 24th December and then starting again on Monday 11th January.

There are half and full day options available (\$25/\$40). Please visit our website for full information and to book: <http://www.capitalgymnsports.org.nz/holiday-programme.html>

We have very easy pick up and drop off with heaps of free parking.

Thank you and have a great and well-deserved Christmas break.

Kind regards

Zara

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