

ROCKS

Respect Originality Confidence Kindness Success

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Parent/Teacher Conferences	2 December
Photographs School Individual/Sibling	3 December
Coffee Group 2.30 pm	3 December
Parentlink Meeting (Brew'd) 7.30 pm	3 December
Board of Trustees Meeting	3 December
BOT mid-term elections – voting closes	4 December
Whole School Fun Athletics afternoon	7 December
Year 6 Leavers Dinner	9 December
Invacuation/Lockdown Procedure	10 December
Celebration of Success 6 pm (at SWIS)	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) Lunchtime Cricket with Gaven
Wednesday	Ukulele Class (8.00 am)
Thursday	Rocks Run Club (3.00 pm)
Friday	Marrzipan Classes (3.00 pm)
Saturday	Community Soccer

TERM DATES 2020

Term 4 2020 12 October – 18 December

Term 1 2021 3 February 2021

WHAKATAUKI

*Kia mate ururoa, kei mate wheke
Fight like a shark, don't give in like an octopus*

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,

Thank you for being so flexible as we work through getting all the school photos done. The very changeable weather is proving to be extra challenging. There is still lots of learning to do and a few more important events to complete before the end of term.

On Monday 7th December if it's fine we'll be having a whole school fun athletics/ tabloid sports afternoon. On Thursday 10th December we'll be practising our Invacuation/Lockdown procedure and reunification process. Expect a text asking you to pick up your child/dren from the hall once the Invacuation/Lockdown has been completed.

We are looking forward to our Celebration of Success which is being held at South Wellington Intermediate in Rintoul Street on Friday 11th December from 6.00pm. Everyone is invited and all students are expected to attend. We are very fortunate to be able to hold and celebrate these annual community events, a privilege that is so easily taken for granted.

We are starting to see the effects of various illnesses in our attendance data. The bugs doing the rounds at the moment include high fevers, sore throats, itchy eyes and tummy bugs. If your child/ren are unwell they need to stay home. Now is also a good time to reinforce thorough handwashing and regular bedtime routines.

Nga mihi nui,

Tineke and the team.

THANKS

A big thank you from staff, parents and students to our Floorball Managers. To Philippa, Kate, Diva, Rose, Diane, Kim and Jason – thank you all for your time and support.

SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEE MID TERM ELECTION 2020

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As you will be aware our school is currently undertaking mid-term elections for our Board of Trustees. Voting papers have been mailed to you and you are able to vote on line or with a manual vote with those papers returned to school. **Voting closes at 4pm Friday 4th December** and we encourage your participation.

Wayne Jamieson
Returning Officer

RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

Best wishes to the following two students who have a birthday coming up:

Odin 3/12

Ashutosh 4/12

Summer 7/12

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

ROCKS

This week we are talking about what Success looks like, sounds like and feels like. Please share your ideas.



SUCCESS

Congratulations to Jordan N.G., Elizabeth B and Kyla who won the ROCKS vouchers this week for Rangatiratanga, Success and 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

Last week for swimming next week.

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

Coffee Group: Tomorrow from 2.30pm – Last for 2020!

Please join us in the staffroom tomorrow from 2.30pm for our last coffee group for the year. 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 - we would love to see you there.

Parentlink Meeting

Our final Parentlink meeting of the year will be held at **Brew'd in Island Bay at 7.30pm tomorrow.**

This last meeting is a chance to review the Spring pop-up, celebrate what we have achieved this year, and farewell our year 6 parents.

We hope we see you there.

Please note: beverages and /or food are at your own cost.

SPORTS SPOT

ROCKS Run Club

Tomorrow, **Thursday 3 December** we're going to runsplore up to the Pouwhenua - Tawatawa Reserve [<https://nzplaces.nz/place/pouwhenua-tawatawa-reserve>].

This adventure may take a little longer than our usual hour, so please **collect your child from school at 430pm**. Alternatively, you're very welcome to join this fun exploration (departing from The Boat at 3:05pm)!

Thanks

Fiona Hayvice

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BIGAIR Gym

Children LOVE learning how to Cartwheel, Round-off, Handspring and Flip at BIGAIR GYM's Classes! Children develop strength, flexibility, balance, proprioception, plus determination and self-confidence as they achieve new skills! BIGAIR's GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING & TRAMPOLINE classes are excellent for fun and fitness! We focus on safety, technique, fundamental skills, right through to more advanced skills, such as summersaults and twisting. Bigair Gym is a clean, pristine, exciting, kid friendly, state of the art gym facility! Our experienced coaches run structured & fun gym classes.

Book now for Bigair's popular January School Holiday Programme! Full day or half day sessions. Keep your kids active these holidays, while they also practice and learn new skills! **Holiday Programme & Term 1 Class BOOKINGS ARE OPEN NOW** at www.bigairgym.co.nz, or contact Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay 383 8779 wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz, or Bigair Gym Tawa 232 3508 office@bigairgym.co.nz.