

ROCKS

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Issue No 3

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm	18 February
School Pōwhiri 2.30 pm (all welcome)	23 February
Road Patrol Training (weather permitting)	24 February
Old Fashioned Picnic 5.00 pm	5 March
Parentlink Get together (7.00 pm)	18 March
Staff Only Day (Staff First Aid Training)	31 March
Staff Only Day (Kāhui Ako Professional Learning)	1 April
Good Friday	2 April
Easter Monday	5 April
Easter Tuesday (school closed)	6 April
Last day of Term 1	16 April

TERM 2

Staff Only Day (professional learning)	4 June
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EACH WEEK

Monday	Eternal Dragon School of Martial Arts (6.00 pm)
Tuesday	Floorball Sue's Exercise Classes for Adults (6.30 pm)
Wednesday	CodeCamp
Thursday (from week 3)	ROCKS Run Club
Friday	Assembly (2.20 pm) Marrzipan Classes in Room 3 (3.00 pm)

Coming Up

Touch on Wednesdays

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

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Kia kaha te ako.

Go hard learning.

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 koutou,

Welcome to Week 3.

The first thing we've noticed this week is that we have a lot of students absent due to illness. Thank you to everyone for following the Covid 19 Alert Level 2 guidelines. When we next end up in Level 2 we will be adjusting our end of day pick up routines and expectations. We need EVERYONE to physical distance - 2 metres when outside- and once you have picked up your child, you need to go straight home.

Changes will include signage to say please wait at the gate and we will make our playground a “no-go” area after school. For now, we are grateful to be back at Level 1.

The school wide theme/kaupapa underpinning our learning this year is Tūrangawaewae - knowing where we stand. It's all about Owhiro Bay! Our Place and Our Stories. We'll be finding out about the special features of our local area and the stories that go with them. This term we'll be exploring the story of Kupe and Te Wheke. We are using an inquiry approach supported by Ministry of Education resources, along with local knowledge.

Thank you to everyone who attended the “Meet the Teacher” evening on Tuesday, as well as sharing information, it's a great first opportunity to cement the partnership of teacher and parent. By working together, we can achieve the best educational outcomes for our tamariki. The app helpdesk was very popular on the night, and it's important that we all stay connected. If you know of anyone who still needs help with this please encourage them to pop and see Mrs Martin.

SchoolDocs for parents and whānau

At the beginning of each year I take the opportunity to draw your attention to the policies and procedures in place at Owhiro Bay School. We use School Docs for this purpose.

About SchoolDocs

Owhiro Bay School uses SchoolDocs to maintain a comprehensive, up-to-date, set of policies and procedures. These policies and procedures follow [guidelines and legislation](#) and best practice, and have been tailored for our school. For more information about SchoolDocs, see schooldocs.co.nz.

The Principal, Board of Trustees, and members of our school community all have access to SchoolDocs. This section highlights information of particular interest to parents and whānau. (SchoolDocs uses the term "parents" to refer to parents and caregivers. Sometimes, whānau is also used.) You can use the quick links to find information, or use Search to find information on the site. See [Navigation Quiz](#) for tips on navigating the site, and a quiz to put your navigation skills to the test!

I highly recommend that you click the navigation quiz to familiarise yourself with our policies and procedures, and in particular the [Community Code of Conduct](#) and the [Privacy policy](#). I also encourage you to participate in the review process found at tab titled “Current Review” at the top of our [School Docs page](#). There is also a [Quick Links for Parents](#) topic with links to the most relevant policies and procedures.

The return of the “Friends” programme. Last year we were fortunate in obtaining extra funding from the Ministry of Education to help our students settle back into school after being in Lockdown. We employed Nicola Clissold as a specialist teacher to teach the Friends programme, to help our students develop their social and friendship skills once back in the school setting. Yesterday Nicola returned and began some follow up lessons. In these follow up lessons our Year 2 to Year 6 students are "learning to think, feel and behave in resilient/brave ways". This links neatly with the Health and PE Curriculum.

How did you get on with last week's mihi challenge?

Ngā mihi nui,

Tineke and the team.



THANK YOU

To Palla for her donation from her home-made crayon sales.

To Brent Carter for removing the artwork from the south facing wall of Room 6 and 7 – for temporary storage. We appreciate your help Brent.

For your support in purchasing your back-to-school stationery from Officemax. We received a \$230.00 reward.

For ordering school photographs from Inspire Photography. We received a \$279 reward.

Thanks also for supporting the school by ordering Scholastic Book Club books. We get rewards also from this company to purchase free books. An issue/catalogue will be with you in the next 2 – 3 weeks.

HELP PLEASE

We would love to hear from you if you could help with any of the following:

- Book coverers extraordinaire! Now that you've had a practice with your child's school books, how about giving our Library Books a go. All materials supplied, along with a quick “how to” session if needed.
- We have a garden that needs removing for health and safety reasons (the sleepers have rotted out over time)- to be repositioned at a later date.



PŌWHIRI

Please join us on Tuesday 23 February from 2.30 pm to welcome our new families and staff to the Owhiro Bay Learning Community. Following on from this, afternoon tea will be served in the staffroom.

PARENTLINK

A huge thank you to all those that attended our get together last week. It was a lively hour with great ideas discussed and as a result, some fantastic events are being planned.

Our next Parentlink get together will be on Thursday 18 March.

Mark your diaries for our first event - the Community Picnic – on Friday 5 March. Come and meet other parents and teachers in a fun and relaxed setting. Bring your own food and picnic blanket to the School field from 5.00 pm. There will be old fashioned games like tug-of-war and the sack race from 6pm for young and old. Would be great to see you there!

Access is through the gate on the top field.



Thanks Maz for the great poster!

CODECAMP

<https://codecamp.co.nz/owhiro-bay-school/>

CodeCamp allows boys & girls to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed & [agile environment](#). We help develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems & collaboration. Students get to create projects in a pretend tech company environment, where they create games, websites and build mobile apps.

Please contact Jo (jo_campbell_2000@yahoo.co.nz)



SUNSMART

A reminder that in Term 1, children need to wear a sunhat when outside every day. We encourage hats as opposed to caps to provide extra care in looking after the necks and ears of students and also encourage students to wear sunblock and sun glasses when they are outside during the “sunsmart” months to keep them safe from the harmful rays.

PB4L FORMAL OCCASIONS

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

Congratulations to Rufus and Dyna who won the draw for the OBS ROCKS Vouchers for Rangatiratanga and Success respectively.

RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

Best wishes to the following students who have birthdays coming up:

Elliot S 21/2

Mia 27/2

Kaira 27/2

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SPORTS SPOT

Rocks Run Club

ROCKS Run Club recommences today, **Thursday 18 February 2021**. One of the world's top female ultra-runners, Fiona Hayvice (mother of Yr 5, Spike) leads the group, alongside Dave Shoemack (father of Y2, Rufus), and from time to time other enthusiastic parents.

Keen to expose our children to the joy of exploring our neighbourhood on their own two feet, Fiona coordinates fun, running centric games on the school field, and run-splores (using the adjacent grass oval, and the trails and reserves that are easily accessible from school). Thursday's

from 3pm-4pm (meet and collect by the boat). All ages are welcome - just bring an active attitude. If your child is keen to join, please email their name, year and your mobile number, to fjwhayvice@live.com.

Weetbix TRYathon

This swim, bike and run event is coming up on Sunday 21st March at Kilbirnie park. It is for ages 7 and up, and we have some free entries to give away!! The TRYathlon will begin with the swim leg in the heated indoor pool at Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre where the pool is 50 m in length. Email kim.mcnicol00@gmail.com if your child is keen and check out the link below for more information:

<https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/wellington>.

Get there early as parking is always difficult and once you've checked your bike in, look out for the Owhiro Bay School gazebo and come and join the supporters crew.



Owhiro Bay Kindergarten – Entertainment Book

As a fundraiser, OB Kindergarten will be selling Entertainment Books this year. The school will have a “sign up” app at the office in support. From dining to shopping, to travel, get more of what you love and give back to the cause.

More details to follow.

Owhiro Bay Residents Association Community Event

We have a community event next Sunday (28 February). It's the second annual Ukulele Festival.

Hosted by the Ōwhiro Bay Residents Association

3pm until 5pm at the Visitor Centre at Te Kopahou Reserve.

BYO Ukulele. Gold coin donation. Music provided. Some cheap ukuleles for sale.