

ROCKS

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Old Fashioned Family Picnic 5.00 pm	5 March
Parentlink AGM followed by usual 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 Touch
Thursday (from week 3)	ROCKS Run Club
Friday	Assembly (2.20 pm) Marrzipan Classes in Room 3 (3.00 pm)

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

Kaua e mate wheke

Don't give up

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

Nau mai, haere mai,

This week we welcomed our new families, a new Board member and new staff from both Owhiro Bay School and Owhiro Bay Kindergarten. Thank you to our Board of Trustees member Megan Hunt for taking the lead role as whaikorero on behalf of the tangata whenua in our pōwhiri.

I have some exciting news to share on the building front this week. Firstly, our new build is ALMOST complete and we have a possible moving in date of Monday 8th March. This will be confirmed once all inspections and Council paperwork etc. have gone through. (Fingers and toes crossed!) The official opening celebration for this building will take place at the beginning of Term 2. If you'd like to be

part of the planning team for this celebration please let me know.

Secondly, we have Ministry of Education approval and sufficient funding to start our Block A refurbishment/remodel. During the April School holiday break Rooms 6 and 7 will be moved off-site, and there will be some earthworks and sowing of grass seed etc. while the children are away.

Once complete this will change both the look and flow of Owhiro Bay School, opening up new possibilities for our overall learning environment.

Next week we begin a sports skills rotation. Each Wednesday afternoon we will be learning how to throw, catch and strike using small balls. Children will need suitable footwear and their hats.

You may have noticed that we have more than the usual number of Staff Only Days booked in for 2021. This is because Primary School teachers were awarded 8 additional Staff Only Days over the three years of their Collective Contract. Please keep your eye on the dates in the newsletter, as we aim to give as much notice as possible so that families can plan around this.

How did you get on with the SchoolDocs navigation quiz? If you happen to be at school check out the awesome portraits on display in the hall, there's one for every child.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tineke and the team.

THANK YOU

To Erin who is helping us with updating our website. Much appreciated Erin.

To Gaven for picking up the Honours Board from Nguaranga recently. Great to have up on the wall again!

HELP PLEASE

We would love to hear from you if you could help with:

- Book coverers extraordinaire! Now that you've had a practise 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.



PARENTLINK

The Parentlink AGM will be held on Thursday 18 March at 7.30pm in the school staffroom, followed by our next get-together.

Join us for wine and cheese as we wrap up last year, and then plan the events for 2021; some of those favourite events that the kids and community look forward to each year, as well as some new events. Our get-togethers are generally only an hour long. Everyone is very welcome.

If you have any questions about Parentlink, or if you are keen to be involved, please chat to Kim or Kate at the picnic, or email kate.blakeley@yahoo.co.nz

*Old Fashioned
School Picnic*

FRIDAY 5TH MARCH
STARTING AT 5PM
WITH OLD FASHIONED PICNIC GAMES
STARTING AT 6PM

Bring your
Picnic, Tea, Rug & Whānau

DUE TO THE RENOVATIONS ACCESS TO THE BACK FIELD IS
THROUGH THE BIG GATE AT THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL FIELD
(NORTH END OF THE SCHOOL)

Thanks Maz for the great poster!

DONATIONS

Donations remain at \$200.00 per student, per year. In accordance with Ministry of Education guidelines, this donation is not tagged to specific items and is voluntary. Donations made by parents enable us to enhance the breadth and depth of our teaching and learning programmes. Statements will continue to be sent home termly as friendly reminders and we welcome weekly, fortnightly/termly payment plans.

Keep your receipts as you can claim a tax rebate through the Inland Revenue Department.

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 Sasha and Quinn 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:

Mia 27/2

Kaira 27/2

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SPORTS SPOT

Rocks Run Club

Run Club was off to a sizzling start last Thursday. The hot, calm conditions served as a reminder to always bring a hat/cap, and wear clothing appropriate for the conditions i.e. shorts or a light skirt, and tshirt.

We started with some fun run-centric games on the school field before splitting the group; the younger bunch ran laps of Happy Valley Park, whilst the older ones shot up Murchison St for a quick run-splore of the dog park. Everyone brought buck loads of enthusiasm. If your child is keen to join the weekly session (Thursday's 3-4pm), please email their name, year and your mobile number, to fjwhayvice@live.com.

Floorball

Tuis Report by Leah

Floorball was very fun, even though we didn't win.

We were running across the court running as fast as we could.

Passing, scoring, and saving goals. We were having so much fun and before we knew it there was three minutes left, we could still score a goal before the game was finished. We ran so hard and tried so hard to get one more goal but didn't score another goal in time. The game was finished and we hadn't won, but it didn't matter. It had been a good game!

We were so tired and hot, we just had so much fun; it had been a good match!

Weetbix TRYathlon

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.

Movin' March

Movin' March celebrates the benefits of walking, scooting and biking to school.

Greater Wellington invites Year 0-8 schools across the region to encourage whānau to get active to/from school over March. Walking, biking and scooting to school can help increase independence, physical and mental health, decision making and road safety skills for tamariki - and the school benefits from less chaos at the school gate. It starts next week so let's get Movin' Owhiro Bay School!



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.

A Musical Spectacular in Island Bay

Muz-Act Theatre Co is proud to present Uke Can Do It!, an extraordinary collaborative ukulele musical that will get everyone singing and grooving along.

Stuck in his musical bedroom trying to figure out what to do, director and performer Nino Raphael needs your help to remember what music is all about. Everyone gets nervous when it comes to playing music, but this is your chance to free yourself from those nerves, to sing, dance and play along in this interactive musical show. Muz-Act Theatre Co brings you a musical solo show from director and performer Nino Raphael as a part of the New Zealand Fringe Festival 2021.

Hosted in a never-before-seen theatre at The Salvation Army Hall in Island Bay (209 The Parade), this show is a labour of love for Raphael, combining his life-long love of music and a sense of child-like play and enjoyment. "Music has been the most consistent thing in my life and like so many others I have experienced what it's like to be ridiculed and made to feel inadequate through schooling so much that you lose your passion for it." Raphael says. "This show is finding a love for music once again." We encourage anyone to come along to Island Bay to enjoy this family-friendly show. It'll leave you wanting to buy a ukulele on your way home. UKE CAN DO IT! Is being performed at the Salvation Army Hall, 209 The Parade, Island Bay, during the New Zealand Fringe Festival 2021. Join us from the 2nd-5th of March at 6pm.

Tickets can be purchased from the NZ Fringe website, and range between \$10-\$15 in price. There will also be door sales available. For media enquiries, or to set up an interview, contact Emma Maguire (publicist) at emma.maguire96@gmail.com or on 0273784593.