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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SWIS Pōwhiri (for current Y6's) bus depart 8.15 am	5 February
Waitangi Day (observed) school closed	8 February
Māhuri Trip to Parliament/National Library	9 February
Parentlink Get together 7.00 pm	11 February
Meet the Teacher Evening	16 February
ETAP App Helpdesk	16 February
Board of Trustees Meeting 700 pm	18 February
School Pōwhiri 2.20 pm	23 February
Road Patrol Training (weather permitting)	24 February
Teacher Only Day (Staff First Aid Training)	31 March
Teacher Only Day (Kāhui Ako Professional Learning)	1 April
Good Friday	2 April
Easter Monday	5 April
Easter Tuesday (school closed)	6 April

EACH WEEK

Monday (beginning 8 Feb)	Eternal Dragon School of Martial Arts (evening)
Tuesday	Adult Exercise Classes (6.30 pm) Floorball
Friday (from week 2)	Assembly (2.20 pm) Marrzipan Classes (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

WHAKATAUKI

Ka mate kainga tahi, ka ora kainga rua
there is more than 1 way to achieve an objective

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,

Welcome one and all to the 2021 school year, it's so lovely to have you with us. This year the newsletter will be going out each Thursday, so make sure you turn on your notifications in the eTAP parent app.

The new build is progressing nicely and is due to be completed around mid-March. Once complete our Year 3 and 4 students will move from Rooms 6 and 7 into the new learning spaces. Rooms 6 and 7 will then be demolished/removed and replaced with grass. We are looking forward to once again being able to access all of our

lovely school grounds and having better overall visibility. Please respect the safety barriers and stay away from the building site for your own Health and Safety.

Other improvements that happened during the holiday break include the installation of a bike park at the beginning of the angled carparks alongside the tennis courts and the creation of a loop track at the top of the creek path. A big thank you to the Council and the team from Fulton Hogan for all their hard work.

Due to the building and refurbishment projects planned we have put our Library into storage for the time being and have made other arrangements to provide a rich literacy programme. On the plus side this will give us precious time to process all the new books we purchased with the very generous WF Anderson Trust donation in 2020. We are looking for volunteers to help with labelling and covering our new books. This can be done either at school or at home. If you think this is something you can help with pop and chat to Ms Chamberlain. She'd LOVE to hear from you.

As always at the beginning of the year we have lots of dates and events to share, we do aim to give as much notice as possible which is tricky with the first 2 weeks being short weeks. Due to the short week there is no assembly this Friday. Friday assemblies return in Week 2, from 2.20pm in the Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

It's my pleasure to welcome Kath to the team.

"Hi, I am really excited to be teaching at Owhiro Bay this year. I have been teaching for 25 years in the UK and NZ. My son Joshua attends the kindergarten and my wife Makere is a past pupil of this school and is now on the Board".

Kath can be found in Room 7 every morning from 8.30am through till 11.00am.

Enjoy your Waitangi weekend and we'll see you all on **TUESDAY**.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tineke and the team

WELCOME

To Kath Foale our Reading Recovery Release teacher in Whanake (Room 7) who joined the staff this week.

To Jazreah, Lane, Rowan, Sonny and Eve who joined (Harakeke - Room 5), Elkanah (Room 4), Adayah and Nylah (Māhuri - Room 1), and Unity (Whanake -Room 6) who also joined us yesterday.



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.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

On Tuesday 16 February we will be hosting our "Meet the Teacher Evening". These Meet the Teacher sessions are an opportunity for parents to come along and meet your child's teacher and to learn about the hub/classroom programmes, routines and expectations for the year.

Ms Chamberlain 6.00 pm (Harakeke Room 5)

Mrs Meffan 6.15 pm (Room 4)

Jo, Niky and Kath 6.30 pm (Whanake Rooms 6 and 7)

Vikki and Julie 6.45 pm (Māhuri Rooms 1 and 3)

Mrs Martin will be available before 6.45 and after 7.00 pm for an ETAP workshop

We urge as many of you to attend as possible so that we can work in partnership to ensure SUCCESS for every child.

SCHOOL HOURS

Please note that the school is open for students from 8.30 am each day. Children are encouraged to arrive between 8.30 and 8.55 am so that they can get ready for learning. The bell rings to start the day at 8.55 am. There are two breaks for food and play:

Playtime: 1100 – 11.30

Lunchtime: 12.40 – 1.30 pm

We aim to be as open and welcoming as possible. Classrooms are open from 8.30 am onwards.

After school **all students go home at 3.00 pm**. Year 1 – 2 students are to be collected from their classroom. Please ensure your child/ren are **collected by 3.15 pm** at the latest as teachers have meetings and other commitments from this time and cannot supervise children after 3.00 pm. All other students wait in the foyer until their parents/caregivers or adult collecting them, arrive.

Please note that the office is unattended after 1.30 pm and we cannot always guarantee afternoon phone messages will get through.



SAFETY – ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

We ask students and adults coming from the south side of the carpark, to enter the school through the gate into the courts and those coming from the north to enter through the main gate. This is to stop any foot traffic in the carpark area and prevent possible accidents from occurring.

As both the kindergarten and school staff require use of the school carpark, and often have heavy loads to carry we ask you to park outside the school – thank you.



RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

Best wishes to the following students who have/had birthdays this week.

Damien 1 February

Brooklyn 3 February

Jos 6 February

Elliot HC 8 February

Miles 10 February

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MY MIHI – HERE IS A WAITANGI CHALLENGE – GIVE IT A GO!



This Waitangi Day we have a new challenge for New Zealanders: learn how to introduce yourself in te reo Māori. The #MyMihi moment will help you to take another step in your te reo journey.

Here's a simple, short mihi structure for you to learn so that you can level up from 'kia ora'. Watch Sonny Ngatai present [3 easy steps here](#).

So what now? [Learn your mihi](#), get practicing, and [upload your moment](#) to our website. (You can even revisit the [Māori Language Moment](#) while you're there!)

Reo Māori
<http://tuku.reomaori.co.nz/>

WHEELS DAY

Every day is wheel's day and children are welcome to bring bikes and scooters to school to ride in the tennis courts or top field at lunchtime. Helmets are compulsory.

SPORTS SPOT

Floorball Starts soon.

It is looking like we will have teams entered into each year group again this year. There are still a few spaces for anyone wanting to give it ago for the term but I need to registered teams by Monday so please let me know asap.

Floorball is similar to indoor hockey and ice hockey, it is a fast-paced game and kids get involved really quickly with limited rules to keep the game moving. The ball is plastic, sticks and school playing shirts are provided. Kids just need soft soled shoes and comfortable shorts or pants.

Dates: 16th Feb - 13th Apr (no games 23rd March due to ASB event), 8 weeks

Location: ASB Sports Centre

Times: Tuesdays 3:30pm - 7pm, ASB Sports Centre. Younger children have the earlier games and older children have the later games.

Cost: \$25 – 30 per player for the term depending on numbers.

Grades: Y1-2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6.

If your child is keen please email me on pip_kane@hotmail.com or text or call on 021 570 834. Please make sure you contact me by the end of the week please so I know how many teams to register.



Marrzipan Drama - Self-Confidence classes at Owhiro Bay. Spaces Available for Term 1 2021!

Marrzipan have gained a huge reputation in New Zealand for the development of shy children, especially those with anxiety, autism and selective mutism. Saying that, this is a class for the super crazy and dramatic types too, as we focus on positive leadership and social skills. Our classes focus on inner and outer self-confidence, and are super fun and

exciting for children. Parents are kept up to date with weekly emails about what's been covered in class and why, as well as what you can work on at home. We have two awesome showcases at the end of every term too, so you can see your child's development first hand as they perform in one of our termly productions.

Our classes will be running on Friday, at 3pm. **Spaces are limited to 10-14 students, to sign up for a non-obligatory trial lesson** - please register your interest by emailing josh@marrzipandrama.co.nz. See you there!

Nga mihi,
Josh Evans

Owhiro Bay Fri, 3-4pm

Lesson 1 12/02/21
Lesson 2 19/02/21
Lesson 3 26/02/21
Lesson 4 5/03/21
Lesson 5 12/03/21
Lesson 6 19/03/21
Lesson 7 26/03/21 - Dress Rehearsal
Easter Friday
Lesson 8 9/04/21 - Peer Performance
Lesson 9 16/04/21 - Parent Performance

Harbour City Gymnastics

"Gymnastics is a great and fun activity for developing confidence, coordination, strength and agility. Harbour City Gymnastics, Hataitai Park, are currently taking enrolments for Term 1 classes - from preschool to adults. Email our office office@hcg.org.nz for further information or to register"

Found

Purple scooter found, black handle grips. Found by the stream in between Owhiro Bay School and playing fields. Call Sue 027 6943970.



Introducing South Coast Music School, a **new music school** in Evans Bay founded by Lindsey Mason, offering high-energy hands-on group music classes where children learn musical skills including beat-keeping, rhythm, melody, and improvisation through:

- Classroom instruments (including xylophones and hand drums)

- Singing
- Poetry and story-telling
- Movement and dance

Who: Primary students in Years 1- 6

Where: Evans Bay Intermediate School

When: Tuesdays or Thursdays after school

Yrs 1 - 3 3:30 - 4:15

Yrs. 4 - 6 4:30 - 5:30

To find out more, please visit southcoastmusicschool.co.nz or find us on Facebook at South Coast Music School. We look forward to hearing from you!

BIGAIR GYM

Children LOVE learning how to Cartwheel, Round-off, Handspring and Flip at BIGAIR GYMs 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. Children learn amazing life skills through these classes, including self-confidence, achievement, determination, persistence, pride and how to respond proactively to feedback. Classes start on 1st FEB, so don't miss out! **Book for Term 1 NOW** at www.bigairgym.co.nz, or contact Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay 383 8779 wgtm@bigairgym.co.nz, or Bigair Gym Tawa 232 3508 office@bigairgym.co.nz.