

ROCKS

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Parentlink AGM and Get together (7.30 pm)	18 March
Family Picnic/Kids Market Day (5.00-7.00pm)	25 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

EACH WEEK

Monday	Eternal Dragon School of Martial Arts (6.00 pm)
Tuesday	Cricket practice with Gaven (lunchtime) Floorball (during Level 1) Sue's Exercise Classes for Adults (6.30 pm)
Wednesday	CodeCamp Touch
Thursday	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:	26 July	mid-term date 30 August
Term 4 :	18 October	mid-term date 15 November

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Kei te aha te huarere?
What's the weather doing?

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

Tēnā koe,

I am excited to announce that Beth Jones , will be joining the teaching team from the beginning of Term 2 for the remainder of this year.

Kia Ora,

My name is Beth Jones and I live in Lyall Bay. I am really looking forward to joining the Owhiro Bay School community. For the last 4 years I have taught in Stokes Valley at Koraunui School. It is so good to be joining another small school with a wonderful environment for exploration, investigation and creativity.

I am a Wellingtonian and am lucky to have two of

my three grown up children and a lovely daughter in law also living here. I love to read, watch movies, walk on the beach, sew and make things and spend time with my friends and family. I love childrens' art and often look for new and fun ideas to try out with my class. Meeting and talking with you is something I anticipate with pleasure.

Spotlight is now live! Spotlight is the tool that we are using to plan and share our learning at school with our families via the @school app. Across the term, teachers and students will be sharing elements of their learning with you through the Spotlight section of the app. Feel free to leave a comment on their learning, and talk about it with them at home. Please see Vikki if you're having trouble accessing this, or need still need support downloading or logging in.

Monday is moving day! Rooms 6 and 7 will be a hive of activity as our tamariki and staff move into their new learning spaces. I have co-ordinated the IT and a moving crew for what should be a seamless transition. There are still a few finishing touches required and these will happen during the school holiday break. Once we are all settled in we will have an official opening celebration early in Term 2 with an actual date TBC.

Later today some of the fencing at the build site will be removed and replaced with a temporary fence just until the grass grows. This will also allow external access to the top field and our new drinking fountain, along the new footpath.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Tineke and the team.

PARENTLINK

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. Everyone is very welcome.

The Parentlink AGM will be held on Thursday 18 March at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. We are looking for a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer to be the new Exec team.

If you are keen to be involved and need to find out more, please email kate.blakeley@yahoo.co.nz or vikki@owhiro.school.nz

We look forward to seeing you at the community picnic and kids' market on the 25th. See the fantastic poster designed by Maz for details.

ROCKS

THIS WEEK WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WHAT "CREATIVITY" LOOKS LIKE, SOUNDS LIKE AND FEELS LIKE. PLEASE SHARE YOUR IDEAS.



Congratulations to Rufus who won this weeks ROCKS voucher for Creativity and Kotahitanga and to Terena for Open-Mindedness.

PB4L- We are in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing

RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

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

Palina 12/3

Quest 12/3

Ruby 13/3

Georgia 17/3

Have a great birthday!



SPORTS SPOT

Netball

If you are in Year 5 or 6 and are keen to play netball, let us know!

The season starts on 8 May. Games are on Saturdays during terms 2 and 3 at Evans Bay Intermediate School. Practices are to be confirmed but will be held on a weekday. Costs are expected to be \$25 per player.

We also need adults to help coach and manage the team. If this sounds like something you are keen on, please get in touch.

If you have any questions or are keen to play, please see Mrs Meffan or email kate.blakeley@yahoo.co.nz

ROCKS Run Club

The sun was back for week three of Run Club, so we headed down to the beach. The younger ones had a lot of fun scooting around obstacles and even did some hut building. Whilst a handful of the seniors headed up through Oku Street Reserve to the reward of magnificent views over both Owhiro and Island Bay. Run Club is held Thursday's 3-4pm, all welcome. If your child is joining for the first time, please email their

name, year and your mobile number, to
fjwhayvice@live.com.



Floorball report

Our team: Lucas, Lukas, Pippa, Charlie P, Keir and Jordan.

This game was quite intense. The first school/team were Owhiro Bay eels and the other school/team was Worser Bay. The score was 7 or 8-0 to us. The goalies were Keir for the first half and Jordan for the second half. Our whole team did great for the second game. Two of our games were cancelled because of Covid-19.

By Lucas Henwood

UPCOMING EVENT - Xterra Wellington Trail Series

Sunday 28 March - your child and you (all U16 must be accompanied by an adult) could run/walk Event #1 of the 2021 Xterra Wellington Trail series - set amongst the Meridian Wind Farm, Makara. The "short-course" is approx. 6.5km and includes one long climb (the views are worth it!), so if it's a hot day it's wise to carry water and a snack.

Reduced Fee for Adults (\$20) entering with a Child (\$10). Enter ONLINE only, using code XTERRACrew. Signup for one or all five events in the series. All families welcome - the more the merrier!

For entry and full details -

<https://xterrawellington.co.nz/events/> or email questions to Fiona, fjwhayvice@live.com.

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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. Keep Movin' Owhiro Bay School!



PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

WINTER HOLIDAYS AT SOUTH WELLINGTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (BERHAMPORE) AND OTARI SCHOOL (WILTON)

19th – 30th APRIL 2021 from 7.00am-6pm daily. Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking, Keep Fit Karapu Fitness, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$81.04/cub per session or \$137.77 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$324.16 per cub/week or \$551.07 for two siblings/week. MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz or Visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare

Lost Cat

Kia ora,

We lost our beloved cat last week in your area. Maybe my husband let a flyer in your letterbox? We would like to know if you could help us finding her by checking under your buildings and decks, in any garden sheds or garages, under bushes around you etc. Or maybe it would be possible for us to visit sometime in a quiet time when there is no more kids, to check and call her?

Feel free to call or text us at 021 123 7933.

Thank you!

Cecile, Sylvain and kids

Weetbix Tryathlon Parking Available

St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie, is offering parking for the Weetbix Tryathlon on Sunday 21st March.

St Catherine's College is a short walk to Kilbirnie park, parking will be available from 7am and will cost \$10 per car.

Football

Help us celebrate NZ Footballs Girls & Women's month at Wakefield Park from 4:30pm on Friday the 19th of March with FREE fun games, spot prizes, a BBQ, a boot swap and the opportunity to talk to club volunteers about the prospect of playing in 2021. For more information check out our website islandbayunited.org or email girlsonlycoordinator@islandbayunited.org

HEY KIDS

run your own stall at the Owhiro Bay School



Thursday 25th March 2021, 6pm

be your own boss

sell cool stuff

have lots of fun

What would your friends like to buy? Sell that!

You can also be a busker

- sing
- dance
- tell jokes
- play an instrument

That's right – at the community picnic, you can set up a stall and sell things like:

- used toys and games
- craft
- books
- baking
- hand made comic books
- slime
- whatever

To register your stall, ask Wendy at the office or get an adult to email kim.mcnicol00@gmail.com



Friends of the Owhiro Stream Newsletter March 2021

Kia Ora Koutou

I don't quite believe it, but it is a month since our last working bee, so here we are again this weekend:

Saturday 13 March 10.00 - 12.30

@ Sue's Place, just south of Jamieson's Towing

for another attempt at taming those weeds, which, if you haven't noticed in your own garden, are having a lovely time this year.

Last month I wrote that we were looking forward to meeting up with our working companions; this month, rumour has it that we may see our good friend Richard Noble, who has returned, presumably non-Covid infected, from his year's sabbatical overseas. Welcome back Richard, and we look forward to hearing your stories, if not this month then at some future date. On a sadder note, as some of you already know, our lovely colleague Mahara was involved in a motor accident and suffered severe injuries. Hopefully, she is now out of hospital and in the care of her sister.



For those who weren't there last month, Martin talked to us about a group that had been recently formed, calling themselves SWWAC. What! I hear you say, another acronym!. Well, it stands for South Wellington Weed Action Coalition, and sounds a bit like Swat! and Whack! It consists of a loose coalition of several groups, including FOOS, Southern Environmental Ass., Manawa Kariori, and Paekawakawa Reserve, who hope, by combining together, to be able to achieve greater results than you can by swatting and whacking, which is basically what we small groups do. SWWAC has the backing of Wellington City Council, and an application has been made for serious funding through Jobs for Nature./Mahi mo te Taiao. This organisation "manages funding across multiple government agencies, to benefit the environment, people, and the regions." Basically, a response to Covid19, to provide work, and help the environment at the same time. Many of you have probably recently become aware of the amount of Old Man's Beard around everywhere, becoming obvious because it is flowering so prettily. While at our site we don't have a huge amount of OMB, we certainly have our share of the other weeds that GWRC's website says are so prolific and widespread that they have to rely on landowners to deal to them - Gorse, Blackberry, and our old friend Tradescantia. So, we are hopeful that combined resources will help us deal to them; in the meantime, it's up to us!.

Janet Campbell

for Friends of Owhiro Stream

Old Fashioned School Picnic



THURSDAY 25TH MARCH
STARTING AT 5PM

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)