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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Parentlink AGM and Get together (7.30 pm) 18 March
Downs Syndrome Day 21 March
Board of Trustees Meeting 24 March

Family Picnic/Kids Market Day (5.00-7.00pm) 25 March
(Picnic first followed by Market)

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

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| Monday | Choir with Kath Touch Practice (3 – 4 pm) 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 | Stream Team CodeCamp Touch |
| Thursday | ROCKS Run Club |
| Friday | Eco Stars with Ms Chamberlain Assembly (2.20 pm) Marrzipan Classes in Room 3 (3.00 pm) |

TERM START DATES/NEW ENTRANT COHORT DATES 2021

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

Me whakanui tātou

Let's celebrate

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

Dia Duit

You could say the luck of the Irish was with us yesterday, with Team New Zealand winning the Americas Cup. CONGRATULATIONS!

Whanake are settling in and fine tuning the daily routines as they transition into their new learning spaces. Next up it's Māhuri's turn. They will move into the hall on the 29th and 30th of March to allow the crew from Construct to start their preparations from the 31st of March. The sooner we start, the sooner we can be finished. The timing also allows for the bulk of the more disruptive work to be done when our students are off-site/on holiday. We will be using the old block to accommodate our Enjoy after school care and other activities until the end of term, before it is disposed of by

the Ministry of Education. It didn't make sense to move our Māhuri students into that block for a few weeks, and then into the hall for the remainder of the refurbishment, and then back into their new learning spaces. We do aim to keep disruptions to our learning programmes to an absolute minimum. What's best for all our tamariki, is at the heart of all of our decision-making processes.

Now that we have all settled into the year and with SPOTLIGHT in place, it's time to turn our attention to three-way learning conferences. Each student will have two of these per year. One on/around their birth date and another at the half way point. This means that for some students their conferences will fall into Terms 1 and 3, while for others it will be Terms 2 and 4. Once we have established this pattern, it will be the same from year to year. Teachers will be in touch with you individually to book a suitable time to meet.

On Monday in raising awareness, we will celebrate Downs Syndrome Awareness Day (Sunday 21 March) by taking part in the "Lots of Socks Campaign". Come dressed in your favourite socks/coloured socks, crazy socks – the more creative the better!



Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team

HAVE YOUR SAY – POLICY REVIEW

Every term, the Board of Trustees (BOT) is required by the Ministry of Education to review specific school policies / procedures, and submit amendments (as needed). Part of the process involves considering feedback from any relevant stakeholders (i.e. staff and/or parents). This term, parents and staff are invited to review the Home Learning policy - and direct comments to bot@owhiro.school.nz by Wednesday 24 March. All school policies, including those under "current review" can be accessed via <https://owhiro.schooldocs.co.nz/> Username: Owhiro / Password: Happy

WELCOME

To Frankie and Joshy who joined children in Harakeke this week. Welcome also to their families to our school community.

THANKS

To Makere Derbyshire who spent many hours assembling the new whare-iti for our tamariki.

FOUND

A beloved teddy bear – does this belong at your house? Please claim from the office.



ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY

Please note that Room 3 will be running assembly tomorrow (Friday 19 March), swapping with Room 4 who will run assembly in Week 10.

PARENTLINK

AGM and Get together

The Parentlink AGM is **Tonight**, 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 email kim.mcnicol00@gmail.com or kate.blakeley@yahoo.co.nz

Community Picnic & Kids Market

Our Community Picnic and Inaugural Kids Market will be held next Thursday 25th March from 5 until 7pm. Bring some Kai and a rug and share dinner with your family and school friends at 5pm. After that, some kids will be running stalls at our Kids Market. If your child wants to register a stall just email kim.mcnicol00@gmail.com and give your details to Wendy in the office, along with the \$5 entrance fee. Parents are required to be on hand to help the children. They can sell used toys and games, craft, books, baking etc. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information. A checklist will also come home with the children soon. If you wish to buy things please bring small change and a bag for holding your goodies, maybe a lunch box too for baking.



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)

HEY KIDS
run your own stall at the Owhiro Bay School

The logo for 'Kids Market' features the word 'Kids' in white letters on a purple background and 'Market' in white letters on a red background, with various colored shopping bags behind the letters.

Thursday 25th March 2021, 6pm

be your own boss
sell cool stuff
have lots of fun

You can also be a busker

- sing
- dance
- tell jokes
- play an instrument

What would your friends like to buy? Sell that!

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

ROCKS

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



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

Congratulations to Max O and Isaac who won the ROCKS voucher draw this week. Max for Open-mindedness, Success and Creativity and Isaac for Success.

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

Climbing high last Thursday, everyone looked out over Owhiro Bay from an angle many had never experienced before. We're so fortunate that the farm behind the Bata Factory allows access to respectful pedestrians. If you haven't been up there before, grab the family and head for the hills - the views are totally worth it!

IMPORTANT : this week (Thu 18 March), we're going to change it up, and both run and bike on Happy Valley Park. It'll serve as practice for those entered in this Sunday's Weetbix-TRY - good luck to you all! So, please bring a bike if you can. No bike, no problem, tamariki can share, or simply stick to running. It's going to be a lot of fun!



Weetbix Tryathlon

The Wellington Weetbix Tryathlon is on this Sunday! For all those kids who are participating, good luck and have FUN!

Are there any parent helpers who can assist us by managing the gazebo? The gazebo is a great meeting point and a spot to chill and hang out with others from school before and after the tryathlon. This requires picking it up from the school garage before 3pm on Friday, taking it to Kilbirnie park on Sunday morning and bringing it back to school next week. It can be put up and taken down with a few other parents at the park. It is on wheels so is reasonably easy to move around but it would require a car with a big boot. If you can help please let Wendy know asap or email Kim on kim.mcnicol00@gmail.com, or phone her on 022 343 0011.

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.

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!



Bike and Scooter maintenance at the kids market.

Come to Lucas's stall with your bike or scooter, for a chain clean and mini service by Lucas and his dad.

Bike service \$5

Scooter service \$3

Servicing your bike or scooter keeps them in good condition and you safe.

Artrageous April Holiday Adventure: 19 – 30 April 2021

Aimed at children aged 5-10 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; chaotic or careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things

in! **Bookings essential. [BOOK NOW!](#)**

Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am–3:00pm \$79 and after care 3:00pm-5.30pm \$15