

ROCKS

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

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

Mahuri Trip to National Library 9 April

Last day of Term 1 16 April

TERM 2

Staff Only Day (professional learning) 4 June

EACH WEEK

Monday 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 Choir with Kath (lunchtime)
ROCKS Run Club
(No Run Club 25/3 and 1/4)

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

Karawhiua mō te hemo tonu atu!

Give it your all!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello, Talofa lava, Chao, Dia dhaoibh, Namaste, Giddy, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Ni Hao

Kia ora

On Monday we received a generous donation of \$300 towards new sports equipment thanks to the efforts of our Try Athletes! A big thank you to all who supported our tamariki on Sunday and to Mrs Meffan for her work in the background and presence on the day.

An important reminder to all that we have two short weeks coming up. Next week we have Monday and Tuesday as school days, after which school will be **closed** from Wednesday 31st March for staff only days and the annual Easter Break. School then **returns on Wednesday 7th April**.

Along with our regular learning we have been clearing out our spaces to make way for the Block A refurbishment team from Construct who will begin on Wednesday 31st March. You will notice outside areas being safety fenced off and inside, the main corridor along Rooms 1-3 will be partitioned off. This will enable the Construct team to work unimpeded and will keep our tamariki safe.

The community picnic and Kids Market has generated lots of energy and enthusiasm with over 30 registered stalls. It's going to be a great night, we look forward to seeing you all there.

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

At last night's Board meeting, it was determined that a School Community Celebration will be held mid-term 3 to mark the completion of both the new building and the reopening of the refurbished block. The celebration will acknowledge all the hard work that has gone into these major property upgrades. It will take place during a school day afternoon and include refreshments. If you would like to help with the organisation of this event please leave a message with Wendy in the office.

The Board also reviewed a number of school policies. Based on feedback from parents, staff and the Board, it was agreed that the Home Learning Policy will undergo a complete re-write. Following, the policy will go back out to parents for further comment/feedback.

Our Cohort Entry policy was also discussed and will have a clause added to clarify students transitioning into Year 2. The clause will state that students who begin their learning journey in the second cohort of Term 2, and both cohorts in Term 3 and Term 4, will enter as New Entrants. In the following year, they will become Year 1s and complete a full school year before moving into Year 2.

The strategic plan was approved and will now be submitted to the Ministry of Education and available on the school website.

RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

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

Spike 26/3

Max O. 28/3



PARENTLINK

Community Picnic & Kids Market

Our Community Picnic and Inaugural Kids Market is on this afternoon from 5 until 7pm. Bring some Kai and a rug and share dinner with your family and school friends at 5pm. After that, some children will be running stalls at our Kids Market. If you wish to buy things please bring small change and a bag for holding your goodies, maybe a lunch box too for baking. For those that do not wish to participate we will be running old fashioned games too.

A graphic for an "Old Fashioned School Picnic". It features a large, woven picnic basket filled with various items like bread, fruit, and a water bottle. The text "Old Fashioned School Picnic" is written in a cursive font above the basket. Below the basket, it says "THURSDAY 25TH MARCH STARTING AT 5PM". At the bottom, it says "Bring your Picnic, Tea, Rug & Whānau". A note at the bottom states: "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)".

Old Fashioned School Picnic

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Kids Market Check List – Thursday 25th March 6pm til 7pm (After the Community Picnic)

Kids who are buying:

- Bring money in small denominations (ie 50c, \$1, \$2).
- Bring your own bag for the goodies you buy and lunchbox or container for the food you buy.

Kids who are selling:

- Register with Wendy and pay the \$5 entrance fee.
- Bring a parent helper.
- Bring your own picnic blanket or small table.
- Bring a bottle of hand sanitiser if you have one at home.
- Have some carry bags to give to customers who might need them.
- Have a float of small change. There will be a limited 'bank' available for people to change \$20 notes.
- Power is not available.
- If serving food please only serve food that can be kept at the appropriate temperature. Ice cold food must be kept in a chilly bin or in ice.
- If serving food be aware of food hygiene. Have a clean surface, clean tongs, napkins, bags, cover the food. Use gloves if handling food and money (ask your parent to help with this).
- If your product has nuts (or other allergens) please clearly label it.
- Try to be environmentally friendly. ie Use biodegradable napkins, paper bags and paper plates instead of plastic.
- Be reasonable / flexible about prices. If it's too expensive, it might not sell. Be willing to adjust your prices on the day.
- Please take your rubbish home with you. Be a tidy Kiwi.

Kids who want to busk:

- Register with Wendy, no entrance fee.
- Turn up at the pre-allocated time and location and play / sing / tell jokes for approx 10 to 15 minutes.
- Bring a hat or something to put on the floor and hopefully earn a little bit of money.

All Kids:

- Be considerate and have fun!

ROCKS

This week we are talking about what "Success", 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 Jordan D. and Summer who won the ROCKS voucher draw this week for Rangitiratanga (Jordan) and Kotahitanga and Rangatiratanga (Summer)

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

Last week's duathlon was a hit! The children started on their bikes, completing up to six laps of Happy Valley Park, before dismounting and running a lap or two. Congratulations to all the tamariki that then went on to participate in the Weetbix-TRY on Sunday.

Sadly, there'll be **NO RUN CLUB** for the next two weeks, due to the school picnic / market (Thursday 25 March), and a Staff Only Day (Thursday 1 April).



Weetbix Tryathlon

On Sunday morning 21 excited OBS children got out of bed very early and went along to Kilbirnie Park for the Weetbix Tryathlon. First thing was to put the bikes into the Transition. Then we all found each other and set up our tent and picnic rugs. Then there was a bit of time to explore the park, eat some Weetbix and do some of the fun activities.

The children started their race at different times depending on their age. The first leg was the Swim, the second leg was the Bike ride and the third leg was the Run. It was fun to be a spectator and see them all racing around the course. There were lots of smiles and laughs as well as fast legs! At the end was prize giving and Owhiro Bay School won a prize! We won the largest number of entrants based on the size of the school. Hooray for being a small school! We won \$300 worth of sports equipment of our choosing. Well done to all the participants.

UPCOMING EVENT - Xterra Wellington Trail Series

This **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 **XTERRACrew21**. Signup for one or all five events in the series. All families welcome.

For entry and full details - <https://xterrawellington.co.nz/events/> or email questions to Fiona, fjwhayvice@live.com.



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

BIGAIR

FROM MON 29TH MARCH: BOOKINGS OPEN FOR TERM 2 CLASSES & THE APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT BIGAIR GYM! Classes fill up fast, so don't miss out!

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 pristine, exciting, kid friendly, state of the art gym facility! Our experienced coaches run structured & fun gym classes.

Keep your kids active these holidays, with our full or half day **Holiday Programme** sessions, while they also practice and learn new gym skills!

To Book online: www.bigairgym.co.nz **Contact:** Bigair Owhiro Bay - phone 383 8779 or email wgtm@bigairgym.co.nz or Bigair Tawa - phone 232 3508 or email office@bigairgym.co.nz