

# ROCKS

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### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Old Fashioned Family Picnic 5.00 pm	Postponed
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	Cricket practice with Gaven (lunchtime) Floorball (during Level 1)  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: 26 July	mid-term date 30 August
Term 4 : 18 October	mid-term date 15 November

### PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Me mahi tahi tātou  
Let's all work together

### 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 our Rocks focus is **Open-mindedness**. The older we get, the harder it can be to be flexible in our thinking. It's important to keep an open-mind especially in the face of change. Work on our long-awaited Block A refurbishment/remodel is due to begin just before the end of this term and our Māhuri hub will move into the hall space for the duration of the remodel. Our Hall space is actually 2 prefab classrooms joined together so it will cater perfectly. The teaching team and the students will have some **creative** input into how best to use the space, and once we have everything in place I'm sure it will look quite different to what we are used to. There is the added bonus of having toilet facilities close at hand, and the use of the kitchen area to support learning programmes.

I appreciate that there will be some inconvenience in having the space unavailable for all our other regular activities for a few months, but the benefits far outweigh the disadvantages.

There has been a tweak in the New Build schedule and at this stage Monday 15th March is now the date I have pencilled in as "moving day" pending WCC approval.

Congratulations to all our newly trained Road Patrollers. We now have a full roster in action meaning our community can cross the road safely between 8.30am-8.45am and 3.00pm-3.15pm daily during school time. We appreciate this act of service on behalf of the wider school community.

Our carpark and school entrance at pick up and drop off is a very busy place. At these times our full attention needs to be on our children. Staff have witnessed some near misses of late, due to inattention and cellphone use. Please be mindful of the need to keep everyone safe.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Tineke and the team.

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### FOUND

A phone in the school playground (uncharged) so unable to track. If you have lost one, please call in at the school office.

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### HAVE YOUR SAY – POLICY REVIEW

Every term, the Board of Trustees (BOT) is required by the MOE 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](mailto: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

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### 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 email [kate.blakeley@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:kate.blakeley@yahoo.co.nz)

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### 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.

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### ROCKS

This week we are talking about what Open-Mindedness looks like, sounds like and feels like. Please share your ideas.



Congratulations to Eve and Grace S., who won the draw for the ROCKS vouchers. Kotahitanga (Eve) and Rangatiratanga, Success and Kotahitanga (Grace).

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### RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

Best wishes to Holly who has a birthday on 6 March.

Have a great day Holly!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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### SPORTS SPOT

#### **Rocks Run Club**

Last Thursday's damp skies did not deter our dedicated bunch. Pulling on a light jacket or long-sleeve, we all headed up to Tawatawa Reserve. It wasn't long before the drizzle abated and most runners were back down to a t-shirt. Light layers are ideal for running, as they provide options for sudden changes in weather, and/or core temperature fluctuations. A reminder to please ensure runners come equipped with clothing appropriate for the conditions i.e. a hat and light layers/jacket. All are welcome at our weekly Run Club (Thursday's 3-4pm). If your child is joining for the first time, please email their name, year and your mobile number, to [fjwhayvice@live.com](mailto: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!



## 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](mailto:emma.maguire96@gmail.com) or on 0273784593.