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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Māhuri Trip to National Library	9 April
Coffee Group 2.30 pm in the staffroom	15 April
Last day of Term 1	16 April

TERM 2

Staff Only Day (professional learning)	4 June
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EACH WEEK

Monday	Touch Practice (3 – 4 pm)
Tuesday	Cricket practice with Gaven (lunchtime) Floorball (during Level 1) Sue's Exercise Classes for Adults (6.30 pm) in Room 4
Wednesday	Stream Team CodeCamp – New Block Touch
Thursday	Choir with Kath (lunchtime) ROCKS Run Club (No Run Club 25/3 and 1/4)
Friday	Eco Stars with Ms Chamberlain No Assembly this week Marrzipan Classes in the hall (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

Titiro mai, whakarongo mai

Look and Listen Up

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,

I want to thank everybody for your support of the Family picnic and Kids Market on 25 March. It was wonderful to be able to finally hold a community event and we were blessed with a lovely still afternoon/evening on the field. Thank you to the Parentlink team for trying something new, the tamariki really enjoyed the experience of being vendors. A big thank you also to all the parents/whānau who supported our children in their enterprise, helping them with customer service, safe hygiene practices, and financial literacy. As with everything that is a "first" there were many things we learned on, and from, the night that we'll be able to put into place next time. Feel free to provide feedback/further suggestions via email to parentlink@owhiro.school.nz.

With space being tight we have a number of items that are surplus to requirements. Currently these are stored in "old" Room 7 and they must be cleared by Friday 16th of April. Feel free to take a look and make an offer, or give a small koha. There is some shelving, lots of plastic containers, some small desks/tables, cushions and bean bags, computer storage trolleys etc, and it all needs to GO! First in, first served. Please see Wendy in the Office or myself for the key.

The lost property is currently located just inside the foyer by Wendy's office. We have an abundance of sweatshirts etc,

waiting to be claimed before the end of term. Any unclaimed items still remaining on the last day of term will be collected up and donated to charity. Please take the time to take a look either at drop off or pick up. We'd love to reunite these items with their owners.

The bike stands are now located at the front of the school on the grass, adjacent to the fence. It was great to see the number of students who continued to walk, bike or scooter to school today.

There is no assembly this week as we work through the logistics around finding a suitable space that will hold all of the school and our parent community.

At the end of this term, Jo begins her parental leave. As you will be aware, Jo is about to start her parental leave and her last day will be Friday 16 April. If you would like to contribute to a combined gift, please pop in and see Wendy

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team

THANKS

To Brent (Reuben's dad) for moving the bike stands yesterday.

To Badyr (Addie's dad) for turning off the water for a leak we had during the Easter holiday break.

We certainly value all the help we get from our school community.

FOUND

At the Family Picnic/Market Day and blue quilt/blanket. If this belongs to you, please claim from the office.

RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

Best wishes to

Hemi who celebrates his birthday today 8 April



PARENTLINK

Parentlink AGM

On 18th March 2021 Parentlink held its Annual General Meeting. This was an opportunity to reflect on the 2020 year. Amie presented the Executive report which summarised the events of 2020. This was dominated by Covid 19 and the focus we had on caring for our community in such a strange year. Kim presented the Financial Statements for 2020. The fundraising efforts comprised the Clothing / Jewellery / Baby boutique Pop up sale, the Raffle, the Bake sale, Abacus calendars and a few sausage sizzles etc. If you would like to read these reports please email Kim at Kim.mcnicol00@gmail.com.

Each year (in term 1) Parentlink donates its fundraising profits from the previous year to the school to buy items for the children. In 2020 the school purchased the Tennis Frame and net. It is a great piece of equipment and is enjoyed by the whole community. The other major assets purchased were the 2 audio systems used by the teachers in the classrooms. They consist of a wireless microphone that the teachers wear around their neck and a speaker placed at the back of the classroom which projects their voice. This means that all the children can hear the instructions of the teacher no matter where in the classroom they are located. It is a great help for children with auditory issues. And it saves the strain on teachers' voices. Once the new Room 6 and 7 are completed and the old classrooms are demolished, the school will purchase more items from our fundraising profits to complement the new learning and playing spaces. So watch this space! It's great to see what all our fundraising efforts turn into.

At the AGM we also ran elections for the executive positions of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. After an extra week of thinking about the roles, Diane and Safua volunteered for the Treasurer and Secretary roles respectively. Thanks very much ladies! We are so excited to have them on board. They will be well supported / "shadowed" by the current committee members. We are still looking for a Chairperson. Please see the "Advertisement" in the newsletter about this role.

Thanks to all the people who contributed to the discussion about the executive position roles and Parentlink in general, the opportunities and challenges we face and the ways we communicate with the wider community. If you want to get involved please come along to our next meeting in May.

Situation Vacant - Parentlink Chair Role

How much do your tamariki enjoy the disco or movie night? Do you enjoy connecting with people? How about bringing our community together? Parentlink needs a new Chair and you would be great!

The Chair, as well as the Treasurer and Secretary, are well supported by many amazing volunteers. Parentlink meets twice a term with the purpose of bringing the school community together for social events, encouraging whanau involvement, and raising funds. The Chair leads the meetings and has oversight of Parentlink's activities, connecting people and providing guidance where needed. This would involve communicating to various people in whatever manner you wish (ie email, in person, on the phone) to progress ideas and discussions toward a particular event or outcome. Don't be put off by the name, it is by no means formal or heavy in responsibility. It is truly a team effort with the Treasurer and the Secretary and you are further supported by a great committee. There is no expectation that the Chair runs each social event or organises the Fair. It is a rewarding and fun role. We are so fortunate to have a community that comes together to enrich the schooling experience for our tamariki, builds connections and friendships, and supports one another. This is your chance to make a difference in our learning community.

If you are keen, or think you may be keen, let's have chat. Kim or Kate are often around after school or can be contacted at kim.mcnicol00@gmail.com and kate.blakeley@yahoo.co.nz. Or see Vikki Martin.

COFFEE GROUP – THURSDAY 15 APRIL

Please join us in the staffroom next Thursday 15th April from 2:30pm for coffee group. It's a great opportunity to have a chat and get to know others in the school community. Put your feet up with a hot drink before the bell rings - we would love to see you there.



ROCKS/PB4L – WE ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE, AT THE RIGHT TIME, DOING THE RIGHT THING

When "Out and About" what does this sound/look like?

Congratulations to Jesse and Jade S., who won the ROCKS voucher draw in Week 9 for Kotahitanga (Jesse) and Success (Jade).

ECO STARS – WORM WEE

Our ECO stars continue to encourage sustainability efforts. We have bottles of worm wee available from the foyer in return for a small koha. This is concentrated and needs to be diluted

Worm wee is an excellent garden fertiliser. All proceeds back to the ECO stars programme.



SPORTS SPOT

Netball

This is your last chance to sign up to play netball!

If you are a Year 5 or 6 girl or boy and are keen to play netball, let us know by **Monday 12 April**.

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

Touch Rugby

WOW! What a season we have just had. Our players were Leif, Leilani, Max C., Jade, Brooklyn, Sean, Jesse, Felix, Fern and Max O. We trained on Monday afternoons and played our games on Wednesday afternoons. We had a lot of new players this term who learnt the touch skills so fast. There was so much to remember but soon we were running for the try line and passing like Pros. Thanks to Chris for coaching and Kim for managing. We will play again in Term 4.

Floorball

Seals – Week 9 by Mya T

I am in the Seals floorball team with Cole, Kitana, Robin, Te Paea and Timothee.

Te Paea and Kitana could not play so Abby Castle helped us out.

Cole scored a goal! We played year three Scots Grey. It was fun but sadly we lost.

So we would love for you to play floorball with us. So play with us or help us out if you want.

Tuis – Week 9 by Willow

I had a great game with the Tui. Tammy scored a goal and I think Mara scored one. I was in goal for half the game and Atticus was goalie in the other half and it was very fun. The whole team was there.

Xterra Race Report

By Spike Hayvice (Y5) - Event #1 of the 2021 Xterra Wellington Trail Running Series;

A couple of Sundays ago, Mum and I lined up on a windy hill in the middle of the Mākara West Wind Farm to race 6km - see photos. We ran down a gravel road for a few hundred meters, then weaved down a jungle like descent. After reaching the bottom of the valley, we then had to climb back out. Along the really steep track, I found lots of empty bullet shells, which I carried home. I crossed the finish-line first U16 / third overall, then had a lot of fun eating cream buns and cheering on other friends, including Eve Carpenter (Y1).

UPCOMING EVENT - Xterra Wellington Trail Series

Sunday 18 April - Event #2 of the 2021 Xterra Wellington Trail series takes place from the Catchpool Valley Carpark, Remutaka Forest Park Coast Road. Your child and you (**all U16 must be accompanied by an adult**) could run/walk the mostly flat 7km 'short course' through pristine native bush. There's a lot of fun to be had weaving through the trees, alongside the Catchpool Stream.

Reduced Fee for Adults (\$20) entering with a Child (\$10). **Enter ONLINE** only, using code **XTERRACrew21**. All families welcome.

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



Friends of the Owhiro Stream

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Our next working bee will be:

Saturday 10 April 10.00 - 12.30

300 metres south of Jamieson's Towing

Lately, we have been working on the site just south of Jamieson's Towing. It seems best to concentrate our limited

resources on making a noticeable difference at one spot, but we are conscious that areas further downstream, that have previously had some hard work invested in them, are being neglected and reverting to weedy wastes. Especially disheartening is looking at an area that was weeded and planted by the Britannia Sea Scouts a few years ago. Now, we have been offered one day of weed control by WCC; this will be mechanical weed control, mostly for blackberry, that we are not able to do, and hopefully involve some after clearance spraying. so we have chosen this spot for the project. First, though, we have to check to see if there are any plantings surviving under the weeds,

and if so, we will clear around them - would be a shame if they got mulched along with the blackberry!

Fun Sticks Hockey

Our upcoming Fun Sticks programme being held at Berhampore's National Hockey Stadium.

Designed for children years 1-2, the programme offers a fun and interactive introduction to hockey and is a great opportunity for children looking at getting into the sport. Fun Sticks has a focus on developing fundamental skills and offers a positive and quality coaching environment for all. The programme will run for 8 weeks from Saturday the 8th of May and will cost \$60 for all sessions.

For Fun Sticks registrations and more info click here:

https://wellingtonhockey.org.nz/content_page/10069834/

Registrations for our other primary programmes are also open for children years 3-8 and have new competition structures and playing formats to encourage the development and growth of fundamental skills.

Check them out here:

https://wellingtonhockey.org.nz/content_page/10059449/?fbclid=IwAR2UyHA04qDCY_owu47rCfumZgd0KGkntfQ13IMLqD3QvkCCVTVHS_s3Aw

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 2 classes - from preschool to adults. Email our office office@hcg.org.nz for further information or to register.

Join our gymnastics packed Term 1 school holiday programme. This will be running over the 2 weeks break with 9 sessions available;

- Monday 19th April - Friday 24th April

- Tuesday 27th April - Friday 30th April

The cost is \$45.00 per day (9.00AM - 3.00PM)

To register please visit hcg.org.nz/holprog or contact office@hcg.org.nz - Spaces are limited so be in quick!"

Special Holiday Open Day

Capital Trout Centre Open Day Sunday 25th April 2021

Children must have a licence to fish for trout and free licences/tickets are available from [Saturday 10 April 2021](#) at the following stores.:

Capital Fishing , 49 Ghuznee Street (off Cuba Mall)

Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing, 8 Te Puni Street, Petone

The Centre is located behind the WCC Administration buildings on the way to the Wellington City Council Southern Landfill, on Landfill Road, Happy Valley, Wellington and is open to the public on specific days.

Children do not have to bring any gear as Club members will assist children to catch a trout on fly fishing tackle.

As the Centre is manned and maintained by volunteers we rely on donations to cover our expenses of purchasing the fish from the hatcheries, fish food and general maintenance.

Your donations will be appreciated

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