

ROCKS

Respect Originality Confidence Kindness Success

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Coffee Group 2.30 pm TODAY	27 May
OB Residents Association Planting Day	29 May
BIGAIR Gym Rooms 4/5 12.30-1.30	3 June
Staff Only Day (professional learning) (no school)	4 June
Queens Birthday holiday	7 June
BIGAIR Gym Room 6/7 12.30 – 1.30pm	10 June
Community Planting Day	12 June
Interzone Cross Country	15 June
BIGAIR Gym Room 1/3 12.30 – 1.30pm	17 June
Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm	23 June
Matariki Disco	2 July

EACH WEEK

Tuesday	Adult Exercise Classes (6.30 pm)
Wednesday	Ukulele 8.00 am in Room 7 Stream Team from 1.00pm Code Camp (3.15 pm) in Room 7
Thursday	Choir with Kath (lunchtime) ROCKS Run Club
Friday	ECO Stars with Ms Chamberlain (lunchtime)

TERM START DATES/NEW ENTRANT COHORT DATES 2021

Term 2: 3 May	<u>mid-term date 8 June</u>
Term 3: 28 July	mid-term date 30 August
Term 4 : 18 October	mid-term date 15 November

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Me whakanui tatou *Let's celebrate*

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,



In 2020 we introduced the Parent App and to assist families in transitioning to the App we rolled out the newsletter, absences and pupil detail functions. This was in preparation for the launch in 2021 of the **SPOTLIGHT** function in the app. The **SPOTLIGHT** function is all about your child's learning and enables teachers and students to share with you what each child is working on in real time. Generally each fortnight students and/or teachers upload and publish evidence against learning objectives. This then gives you/your whānau the opportunity to have a conversation about the learning and how it's going. As we become more familiar with this App we will enable more of the functions such as class notices. We have a little more learning to do as a team to make the most of all the App has to offer.

Communication is an area of importance for me as Principal and I'd like to get a focus group together to help me find the blind spots, give suggestions etc. as to the most effective way to share all the various information that needs to be communicated. If you are interested in being part of this focus group please send me a quick email tineke@owhiro.school.nz with Focus Group in the subject line.

Next week our first group of students will head to BIGAIR Gym for an instructional gym session. This is

part of our Health and PE curriculum. Normally our gym sessions are held in the school hall, which as you know, is currently being used as a classroom block. These visits also tie in with our overall kaupapa/theme of Tūrangawaewae- Our Place, Our stories, as an opportunity to make the most of a local facility.

Here are some useful prompts to start those all important conversations.

WHAT TO ASK KIDS INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"

Instead of: How was your day?	Try this: → What's one thing that made you laugh today?	You can learn a lot about your child's sense of humor, friends, and get them smiling by asking them to recount things that made them laugh.
Instead of: Did you eat your lunch?	Try this: → Who did you sit by at lunch today?	Allowing your child to discuss friends they may have a hard time getting along with, opens opportunities to discuss how others make them feel.
Instead of: Did you have a good day?	Try this: → What did you do that made someone smile today?	Show your kids that school isn't just about academics. Kindness matters.
Instead of: What did you learn at school?	Try this: → Did you enjoy art or science more today? Why?	When questions are broad, it's easy for a child to feel unsure of how to answer. Being specific facilitates a detailed response and opens the door for further discussion.
Instead of: What did you do today?	Try this: → I love hearing about your day.	Sometimes questions are overwhelming. Just letting your child know that you're interested, gives them permission to share when they are ready.
Instead of: How was your day?	Try this: → What was easier today than yesterday?	Encouraging your kids to notice that their practice is making a difference helps instill a positive self-image and a growth mindset.

BigLifeJournal.com

If you missed the parent session on Cyber Safety at SWIS last night, the same session is being hosted by Ridgway School tonight in the Vogelmorn Hall from 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Update from the Owhiro School Board

Board Resignation

Jo Sciascia is stepping back from her role as Staff representative on the Board due to her upcoming maternity leave. The Board is required to hold a bi-election to fill this vacant position. All members of staff will be eligible for nomination and voting. Details to be confirmed shortly.

Board Consultation: Before and After School Care

In the next few weeks, the Board will be approaching our 'One Learning' community (School and Kindergarten) in regards to care outside of school

hours (Before and After School Care). The purpose of the consultation is to understand our communities needs, in a 'before school' and/or 'after school' service, and to appoint the right Care provider to meet these needs.

A consultation plan is being finalised which ensures a number of different ways to share your views. How and when to share your views, and how you could be involved in the selection process, will be announced shortly - watch this space.

School Policies are available to view

A reminder that all whānau can access our School Policies via <https://owhiro.schooldocs.co.nz/> Username: Owhiro / Password: Happy. Every term, the Board is required by the MoE to review specific school policies / procedures, and submit amendments (as needed). The Board will let you know when the policies under review need your input - please keep an eye out.

The following policy has been updated and has vital information for our prospective and current New Entrant parents/whanau.

Cohort Entry

Owhiro Bay School operates a cohort entry policy, which allows new entrants (after they turn five) to start school in cohort groups on the first day of the term, or at a mid-point during the term, rather than singly on each child's 5th birthday (also known as continuous entry).

We feel cohort entry allows new entrants an easier transition to school and helps them build relationships with their fellow new entrants and other students already in the class. It allows Owhiro Bay School to better plan its curriculum delivery, staffing requirements, and minimises disruption for new entrant classes.

Students who enrol at the beginning of the school year (up to and including the first cohort of term 2) will be classified as Year 1. Students who enrol in the second cohort (in term 2 and beyond) will be classified as New Entrants, and complete the entirety of year 1 the following year.

Once a child is formally enrolled at school, they must attend school regularly. Children must be enrolled in school by their 6th birthday.

The cohort entry policy has been approved by the Owhiro Bay School board of trustees, and developed in consultation with:

- current parents
- school staff
- local early childhood centres
- prospective parents.

If the school decides to revoke the cohort entry policy, the board will undergo reasonable consultation with the stakeholders listed above, and provide at least one term's notice before the policy ends.

Legislation

- Education Act 1989, including Education (Update) Amendment Act 2017
- Education Amendment Act 2019

WELCOME

To C.J. and his family who joined our school community yesterday. C.J. has joined the Year 5 children in Māhuri.

PARENTLINK

Matariki Disco July 2nd

Save the date to your calendar and watch this space for more info!

COFFEE GROUP – TODAY (THURSDAY 27 MAY)

Please join us in the staffroom today - Thursday 27th May 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.



THANK YOU

To our fabulous Road Patrollers and our volunteer parent supervisors! You are doing a fabulous job and keeping everyone safe as they travel to and from school.

ROCKS – OPEN MINDEDNESS

PB4L – we are in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing

Congratulations to Harriet and Dyna who won the ROCKS vouchers this week for Rangatiranga and Kotahitanga respectively.

Congratulations to Room 5 for having the most ROCKS in Week 3, Term 2. Let's do our best to show off our ROCKS this week with a focus on "Open-Mindedness".



YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

There are many changes happening around us, but at least some things stay the same – the YUMMY School Sticker Promotion!

"We have kicked off again for this year and whether children are collecting at home or school, it all counts for some new sports gear. Coming home with your child/ren today are the official sticker and cut-out sheets for your to start collecting".

The promotion ends at the end of September, so plenty of time to collect and send back to school for collation. We look forward to receiving our share of the \$250 000 worth of sporting equipment to be awarded.



RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

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

Eve 3/6

Leif 5/6



CHEQUES

A reminder that the phasing out of cheques will come into place on 1 July 2021 for BNZ customers (Owhiro Bay School). From 1 July you'll not longer be able to use a cheque to make or receive a payment.

HELP WANTED

Our regular go-to handy person is currently out of action and we need a volunteer to help put up our No Vaping/No Smoking signs and stickers. Please see Wendy in the Office if you can help with this. Thank you.

SPORTS SPOT

Netball Week 3 by Ruby T

This week the OBS stars played St Francis. We scored three points and St Francis scored seven points. I think the team was much better at passing and shooting than last time. This week the players were Bella, Sienna, Olivia, Elizabeth, Adayah, Terena, Pippa and me. We are looking forward to next week so we can improve.

Rocks Run Club

Last Thursday, Run Club hit the beach for a scavenger hunt, hurdles relay (using a combination of portable school equipment and natural obstacles), and short, sharp sprints.

Those that opted for barefoot discovered pretty quickly that they need to toughen their soles, in order to maintain speed on our pebbly coastline.

Run Club is held Thursday's 3-4pm, all welcome. New members, please email your child's name, year and parent's mobile number(s) to Fiona Hayvice (mother of Y5, Spike) fjwhayvice@live.com.

Anyone with an active attitude is welcome to join in, Thursday's from 3pm-4pm (meet and collect at the boat). New members, please email your child's name, year and parent's mobile number(s) to Fiona Hayvice (mother of Y5, Spike) fjwhayvice@live.com.



Ōwhiro Bay Residents Association

Community Planting - BYO tools
Saturday May 29, 2021.

From 9am until 11am. Ōwhiro Bay Parade. We'll be opposite number 110 Ōwhiro Bay Parade.

Wellington City Council has provided us with more plants this year to continue our beach side planting to provide shelter for our Little Blue Penguins and to provide some mitigation against rising sea levels. Come along for an hour or so to help with the planting and meet some of the neighbours.

More information from owhirobayresidentsassoc@gmail.com

Tawatawa Reserve Southern Environmental Association Inc



COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY SATURDAY 12 JUNE*

1pm to 3.30pm

Please come and help us plant trees in and around our wetland as part of our work restoring and enhancing the Tawatawa Reserve. (Road entry from Murchison Street which is off Happy Valley Road.)

Meet at the nursery – turn left as you walk out of the Murchison Street car park and follow the path. If you have them, please bring:

- sturdy footwear or gumboots
- gardening gloves
- spades or shovels

- a drink and snack if you wish.

Chocolate will be provided!

Please email Susan at susanyorke@xtra.co.nz with your name(s) so we have an idea of how many people will attend. Also contact Susan if you have any queries.

- Rain day is Saturday 26 June 2021.
- Both Saturdays depend on Wellington being in Covid Level 1.

PRIDELANDS

Our adventure programme to Napier, yes that's correct, to Napier in Summer 2022 early-bird discount is closing in 5 months time.

The combined early-bird and Wild Card will give you 30% off our adventure of a life time.

Pride Escape is a unique adventure programme and parents whose cubs have attended it in the past have given it huge A+ rave reviews because it is second to none.

Travelling across the north island field with amazing scenery of pure NZ, going to Splash Planet, charging through rapids of white water rafting, horse trekking, visiting NZ national aquarium, amazing social development activities, go to a restaurant together, all to enhance your Tamariki and give them a great advantage in their lives.

Yes, we at Pride Lands are not holding back when it comes to giving your cubs the best because we believe they deserve the best.

Book your spot now for your cubs so that they can experience the best social development this country can offer.



ESCAPE THE CITY : HEAD ON A PRIDE ESCAPE ADVENTURE

DATES:
17th - 22nd Jan 2022
Payments: 13th December 2021
Enrolment Deadline: 30th November 2021
Early - Bird Enrolment*: 31st October 2021
*Excludes last booking 1st October 2021

FEES:
New Pride Escape Fees - 6 Days
Standard: \$1111.12
Wild Card/ or Early Bird Discount: \$944.45
Early-Bird** (plus Wild Card): \$777.78
Easy Payment Options Available: Tailored to your budget

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