

ROCKS

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Meet the Teacher (Beth) Room 7	11 May
Parentlink Meeting 7.00 pm	13 May
Whanake Trip to Te Papa	19 May
Southern Zone Cross Country	24 May
Southern Zone Cross Country PP	31 May
Staff Only Day (professional learning) (no school)	4 June
Queens Birthday holiday	7 June
Interzone Cross Country	15 June
Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm	23 June

EACH WEEK

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

TERM START DATES/NEW ENTRANT COHORT DATES 2021

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

WHAKATAUKI

Kei te whakahīhī ahau i a koe

I'm proud of you.

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

Kia ora katoa,

Goodness me, the first week of term has been busy and it's only Thursday! Thank you to everyone who came and supported the tamariki at the Cross Country, full results will go out in next week's newsletter. We are especially grateful to those parents who marshalled on the course and kept all our children safe and on the right track. We couldn't have done it without you. I'm extremely proud of all our students who gave it their best on a stunning, sunny day.

We had an enthusiastic group arrive for ukulele along with some new faces. Once again apologies for the short notice. Please check the weekly newsletter and the school calendar for regular events, dates, and times.

The children are enjoying the lovely sunny weather and our fabulous open spaces. With Block D gone we have excellent line of sight to the whole playground and can keep a close eye on everyone. We are looking forward to seeing the grass grow.

With space being a premium we have had to be both OPEN-MINDED and CREATIVE around how to organise our assemblies. For this term these will now be held on a fortnightly basis between 2 classes. The time table is as follows and further details will go out in the hub/class newsletters-

Term 2 Grouping for Assembly 2.30 pm Fridays

Weeks	W2	W5	W7	W9	W10
Groups	1/5 R5	1/4 R4	1/7 R7	1/3 Hall	1/6 Hall
	4/7 R7	7/3 Hall	4/6 R6	4/5 R4	3/4 R4
	6/3 Hall	6/5 R5	5/3 Hall	6/7 R7	5/7 R5

At the end of last term, we had a few cases of nits and these have multiplied over the holidays. This happens from time to time. Please add to your COVID 19 basic hygiene practices of handwashing and sneezing into your elbow etc, the practice of regular hair brushing (morning and night) and checking for these little beasts. If you need help with shampoo, nit combs etc. we have nit kits available from the office. Most of all we need to remember to be KIND!

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui,
Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team

MEET THE TEACHER BETH (WHANAKE) ROOM 7)

Parents and caregivers of students in Whānake (R7), are invited to come and meet Beth Jones on Tuesday 11 May at 6.00 pm. This meeting will cover off teacher expectations, class routines etc., and be an opportunity to put a face to a name.

WELCOME

Welcome to Laurel, Landon and Max who joined children in Harakeke this week. Welcome also to Landon's family to our school community. Laurel has a sister and Max a brother in Whanake (Room 7).

Welcome to Beth Jones to Whanake (Room 7) as cover for Jo while on her parental leave.



THANKS

To Marti and Gaven who helped transport items to the tip shop during the last day of term 2 – your help was much appreciated.

CODECAMP

Does your daughter or son (7+) want to learn how to code? We still have some spaces in Code camp for term 2 after school on Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15 pm. To learn more or to register go to <https://codecamp.co.nz/owhiro-bay-school/>

Feel free to contact:

Jo Campbell jo_campbell_2000@yahoo.co.nz with any (non-technical) questions.

PARENTLINK

Parentlink Meeting - Thursday 13th May 7pm in the Staffroom.

Come along and join us to throw around ideas and plan for some fun events for the children and families for this term. We are also still on the hunt for a new Chairperson. If this sounds like you please talk to Vikki or Tineke or let us know at the meeting.

Hope to see you there.

OBS UKULELE GROUP

We have started the term with an enthusiastic group. You too are welcome. We have spare ukuleles and can make a discounted purchase if you wish to buy.

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I am in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing

IN OUR SHARED SPACES

Congratulations to Bella and Anya who won the voucher draw this week for Open-Mindedness and Success in Writing respectively.

RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

Best wishes to the following students who have birthdays coming up....

Timothee 6/5

Millie 10/5

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

SPORTS SPOT

Rocks Run Club

Run Club starts back today (Thursday 6 May). Thank you to Dave Shoemack (father of Rufus Y2) and Leanne Mildenhall (mother of Josuha Y1) who are managing the group this week. Fiona Hayvice (mother of Spike Y5) will be back on-board next week.

Children meet at the boat at 3pm (and are to be collected at 4pm). Please ensure runners are wearing appropriate footwear and clothing i.e. a hat/cap and light layers/jacket. Wellington weather is very changeable, especially at this time of the year, so it's best to be prepared. All are welcome at the weekly Run Club. If your child is joining for the first time, please email their name, year and your mobile number, to Fiona; fjwhayvice@live.com.

Events Report

Autumn is such a magical time of year for running - calm, clear, crisp days. A few of our runners have been making the most of these glorious days and nights, by participating in events over the term break.

On Saturday, Summer and Sienna Robertson ran the T42 11km & 6km respectively, in the Owhango Domain, Central Plateau. Sienna alongside her mother and grandmother really enjoyed the beautiful scenery. Summer on the other hand, didn't give her father a chance to look at the views! She was on fire, running the entire course to finish 8th woman overall and first female U20!

Closer to home, Spike Hayvice's U12 mixed team won their division at the Shaw Baton Relays, Battle Hill Farm Park. Each runner completed a 2km cross-country loop, that included leaping over horse-hurdles and through a water-jump. That night, Spike and his parents headed to the Wainui Trail Park with their headlamps for the XTERRA Starlight 6km Run. Spike cut 11.5mins off his 2019 time, finishing in 42.03 and 8th overall.

Ngā mihi nui,
Fiona Hayvice
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Friends of the Owhiro Stream

Newsletter May 2021

Our next working bee is this Saturday:

Saturday 8th May 10.00 - 12.30

By Jamieson;s Towing

A month or so ago, we were contacted by Maddy Harper, who looks after the Brooklyn orchard, asking if we were interested in two kowhai trees that had been planted at the orchard, but had had to be moved because of the new building work in Harrison St. These trees had come from the garden of Barbara and Dave Fowler, grown from seed they had collected, and were planted in memory of them and the work they did conserving native plants.. Dave and Barbara were great friends of Sue Thawley, and would it be rather nice, she wondered, if they were re-planted by Sue's memorial seat? So, at this working bee, we will make a little ceremony of planting them, and think about friends who are no longer with us.



It's very definitely autumn now, and at this working bee, we plan to make an early start to planting; every year we finish the year trying to get all the plants in the ground, and every year we just have to take some back to the nursery. So we are starting a month early; unfortunately as gardeners will know, the ground is rather dry, but we can only cross our fingers and hope for the best. This is Wellington, after all - surely, we will have ample rain sooner rather than later?

Ngā mihi
Janet Campbell
for Friends of Owhiro Stream



ARE NITS A PROBLEM IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

Liam & Gabby is able to help! Our two treatment process is painless, all natural, undertaken by an experienced team and it works! We have achieved fantastic success in the 4 years we have been helping families in the Wellington area and we would welcome the chance to help your family.

To make a booking or request further detail, get in touch.

ADDRESS:

329 Jackson Street, Petone, Lower Hutt, Wellington

PHONE:

(04) 2602192

EMAIL:

bookings@liamandgabby.co.nz

OPENING HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday 9.30am - 5.00pm & Saturday 9.30am - 4.00pm

Travel Survey

Kia ora parents/guardians,

You may be receiving this information for the second time. This is because we have received low overall engagement in the active school travel survey from eligible families and whānau. If you have already filled this survey out, Thank you! We do not require you to fill it out for a second time. If you have not filled out this survey, please read on.

My name is Zara Molijn and I am a Masters student in Public Policy at the Victoria University of Wellington. The Wellington City Council want to better understand what is holding years 0 through 8 children back from walking, biking, scootering and/or skating to and from school.

To be able to gain this type of insight, we need your help!

We are asking that just one parent/guardian per household fills out an **anonymous** 5 - 10-minute survey. The survey will be open for **3 weeks**. Thus, from midnight on **Wednesday the 19th of April** we will no longer be accepting responses.

Follow this link to the

Survey: http://vuw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9N1SndqcyjM
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Your response will provide us with valuable insights that will help inform how we can make active school travel safe and easy.

Your response is **anonymous** therefore we will not be able to identify you. Additionally, all results will be presented at an aggregate level meaning schools will not be individually identifiable.

As a thank you for your participation, completed surveys that state a child's school will be entered into a prize draw where the school can win 1 of the 3 sports equipment prize packs. The more parents from the school that complete the survey, the more chances the school will have to win. The equipment in these prize packs has been kindly donated by the Wellington Community Sports Bank. The winners for these prize packs will be drawn by a random number generator at the end of May, 2021.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at molijnzara@myvuw.ac.nz

We appreciate your time and thank you in advance.

Ngā mihi nui,
Zara Molijn

Hataitai Drama Classes

In the Wings: Got a budding performer or a child who needs a boost in confidence? Check out our Drama classes running Weds afternoons in Hataitai. Trial classes available. www.inthewings.co.nz or katie@inthewings.co.nz