

ROCKS

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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
Matariki Planting 1.30 – 2.30 pm	23 June
Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm	23 June
Matariki Planting 1.30 – 2.30 pm	30 June
Matariki Disco at Island Bay School Hall	2 July
Matariki Planting 1.30 – 2.30 pm	7 July

EACH WEEK

Tuesday	Advanced Ukulele Class (8.00 am) 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) no choir this week 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

Kia piki te ora
Get well

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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

Kia ora katoa,

The winter ills and chills are upon us. Along with the usual sniffles there are various other bugs about. We need to keep up the hand washing, sneezing into our elbows, sanitising and staying home if you are sick. Please remember to let us know if your child/ren are going to be absent either through the app, email, or phone message.

The Board of Trustees are in the process of consulting with the community around Before and After School Care. The first step is to determine the level of need. If you missed the link to the questionnaire via the teacher notices in the app, here it is again.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qFuduYAb5lNoF5nO5RsVVLUrMKPT2UfYPUcPHViteD0/edit> Please complete this google form by Monday 14th June.

As part of our Tūrangawaewae, Our Place Our Stories, we have discovered that the correct spelling of Owhiro is in fact Ōwhiro. The official name of the suburb was changed from Owhiro Bay to Ōwhiro Bay (with macron) by the New Zealand Geographic Board on 21 June 2019. Over time we'll be making sure to reflect this in our various platforms, documentation and signage.

At this time of year, we look forward to celebrating the season of Matariki. Matariki signals the Māori New Year. It is a time of renewal and celebration in New Zealand that begins with the rising of the Matariki star cluster. The star cluster Matariki appears in our skies in the month of Pipiri (June–July), marking the start of the Māori New Year. This is the coldest time of the year and Pipiri means 'to draw close'. It's a time to come together with your friends, whānau, and communities. It's about eating, reflecting, having fun, and looking forward to the year ahead.

We do this in a variety of ways, one of which is our annual planting alongside the Ōwhiro Bay stream. This year we have 400 plants to plant over the course of consecutive Wednesday afternoons. Keep an eye on the calendar for days and times. Dr Rangi Matamua has an excellent series of episodes you can watch for an in-depth understanding of Matariki. Here's a link to the first one to get you started.
[Beyond Matariki, Episode 1 | Māori Television](#)

Please note, the tennis court gate latch will be repaired this afternoon. A reminder that families coming from the south of the school to please use this gate for safety. Please avoid the driveways due to vehicles entering and exiting the carpark.

Ngā mihi,
Tineke and the team

HAVE YOUR SAY – POLICY REVIEW

Every term, the Board of Trustees (BoT) is required by the Ministry of Education 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 [Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement](#) - and direct comments to bot@owhiro.school.nz by Wednesday 23 June. All school policies, including those under "current review" can be accessed via <https://owhiro.schooldocs.co.nz/> Username: Owhiro / Password: Happy

WELCOME

To Benjamin and his family who joined our school community this week. Benjamin has joined the Y1 children in Harakeke.

THANK YOU

For your participation in the Before/After School Care Study.

To Marti for taking on the role of Returning Officer for the Staff Trustee election.

To the teaching team for their dedication to new learning on Teacher Only Day.

HELP WANTED PLEASE

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.

If you can help move one bike stand into the carpark it would be appreciated. Please contact Tineke thanks

ROCKS – CREATIVITY

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

Congratulations to Leni and Leilani who won the ROCKS vouchers this week for “Kotahitanga & Rangatiratanga” and “Rangatiratanga” respectively.

Congratulations to Room 7 for having the most ROCKS in Week 5, Term 2. Let's do our best to show off our ROCKS this week with a focus on “Open-mindedness”.



PARENTLINK

Owhiro Bay School Matariki Disco!

After a hiatus last year due to the year that was, it's back and it's going to be a blast! This year due to the ongoing renovations we are having the disco off-site and the lovely people at Island Bay School are letting us use their hall. Song request sheets will be going up around the classes so you can let us know what tunes really get you grooving!

Friday the 2nd of July 6.30pm-8pm
Island Bay School Hall



Come dressed as your favourite star.
Prizes for best dressed and best dance moves.
Entry of Koha or a Gold coin donation.

Special thanks to Island Bay New World for supporting us with this event!

DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE STAR!

PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED & BEST DANCE MOVES!



VENUE
ISLAND BAY SCHOOL HALL
6 THAMES STREET



SPECIAL THANKS TO
NEW WORLD
Island Bay

RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

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

Rufus 13/6

Aurora & Desiree 14/6

Quincy 15/6

Liam 16/6

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SPORTS SPOT

ROCKS Run Club

Last Thursday, it was Eve's 6th birthday, so we put her 'in charge' After a few warm up games on the school field, the group headed up to Tawatawa Reserve for a run-splore - great fun was had by all.

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.

UPCOMING EVENT - Xterra Wellington Trail Series

This **Sunday 13 June** - is the last Xterra Wellington Trail series event for 2021. Your child and you (**U16 must be accompanied by an adult**) can run/walk approx. 7km of high quality / non-technical trails through the Makara Mountain Bike Park - runners only, for one day. Easy climbs and descents make this 'short course' a fantastic introduction to trail running.

Reduced Fee for Adult + Child 'short course' - \$30 + booking fee. **Enter ONLINE** only, using code **XTERRACrew21**. All families are welcome.

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



Works on Severn Street (bus detours)

The road works on Severn Street are finally coming to an end and the bus detours will no longer need to be in place from 19th June.

This means all school routes will return to their normal routes as from Monday 21st June, as per the bus timetable.



Friends of the Ōwhiro Stream

Newsletter June 2021

Kia Ora Koutou

Our next working bee is this Saturday:

Saturday 12th June 10.00 - 12.30

Murchison St

Note the change of venue!

Native seed source in pines