

# ROCKS

Respect Originality Confidence Kindness Success

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### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

BIGAIR Gym Rooms 4/5 12.30 – 1.30	3 June
<b>Staff Only Day (professional learning) (no school)</b>	<b>4 June</b>
Queen's 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

#### **Makariri - cold**

Kei te makariri ahau - I am cold

### 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

Tālova lava it's Samoan Language week. The theme is 'Poupou le lotoifale. Ola manuia le anofale' which means 'strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive'

We couldn't be prouder of the wonderful group of children who represented Ōwhiro Bay School at the Southern Zone cross country event last Wednesday. Both Mrs Martin and Mrs Meffan were impressed with the entire team and very grateful for the amount of parent support, especially all those who marshalled on the course. For a small school we really punched above our weight on the day. Thirteen students made it through to the Inter Zone Cross Country event, an Ōwhiro Bay School record! Congratulations to:

#### **Year 4's**

Leah  
Miles

#### **Year 5's**

Olivia  
Leilani  
Nylah  
Sienna  
Grace (Reserve)  
Leif  
Spike  
Jordan

#### **Year 6's**

Summer  
Ruby  
Wren  
Felix

Thanks everyone for your patience, we have managed to arrange for the safety latch on the tennis court gate to be replaced tomorrow morning.

Our road patrollers are out every morning from 8.30pm-8.45pm and again from 3.00pm-3.15pm meaning there is supervised safe road crossing available for all. We continue to encourage everyone to walk, bike or scooter to and from school as much as possible.

Yesterday our Eco Stars group worked with Sonja (Conservation Officer – Conservation Volunteers New Zealand). They looked at the water quality of our stream. An exciting find was a fresh water kōura casing. The presence of eels, kōura and other creatures are an indication that the water quality in our stream is improving all the time. This is exciting news! We continue to work to improve the stream environment and coming up soon we'll be having our annual planting days. Here's a link to a fabulous article all about our stream team.

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/the-vision-is-clear/news/the-stream-team-and-their-dream/EDSYVIYQZFJ7GBYJTV5LMKFLDA/>

Today our first group of tamariki will head to their Big Air Gym session.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, an area of importance for me as Principal is communication. If you would be interested in being part of a focus group to work together with me to help find blind spots, give suggestions etc., as to the most effective way to share all the various information that needs to be communicated, please send me a quick email [tineke@owhiro.school.nz](mailto:tineke@owhiro.school.nz) with Focus Group in the subject line.

A final reminder that school is CLOSED tomorrow Friday 4th of June while the team have a day of professional learning facilitated by Mark Osborne. Fa'afetai-Thank you.

See you all on Tuesday,

Ngā mihi,  
Tineke and the team

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### CONGRATULATIONS

We would like join with Jo and Andy in welcoming their new baby boy into the world.

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### THANK YOU

To Derek, Rose, Diane, Fiona and Jo who helped at the Southern Zone Cross Country event last week. Hope you enjoyed the day.

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### 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.

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### ROCKS – OPEN MINDEDNESS

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

Congratulations to Tilly and Anya who won the ROCKS vouchers this week for "Creativity" and "Rangatiratanga" respectively.

Congratulations to Room 7 for having the most ROCKS in Week 4, Term 2. Let's do our best to show off our ROCKS this week with a focus on "Open-mindedness"



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### RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

Best wishes to the following student who has a birthday coming up....

C.J. – 5th June

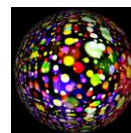
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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### PARENTLINK

Matariki Disco July 2<sup>nd</sup>

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



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### SPORTS SPOT

**Netball – Week 4**

by Ruby T.

This week we played the Island Bay Rimu. The score was seven to five to us. Because of my team and our defence, I

was able to score seven goals. The players this week were Bella, Sienna, Olivia, Billie, Terena, Elizabeth and me. Adayah and Pippa did not play this week. Our passing was much better so we are going to keep practicing. I can't wait till next week.

by Olivia S.

This week Ōwhiro Bay Stars versed Island Bay School. 'We won!' scoring 7-5. We did a great job at defence and shooting. I think the practices are really paying off we are getting better every time. Ruby T's shooting was on fire. I'd like to thank our coaches for running practice each week and taking their own time to help.

### ROCKS Run Club

The hills above Ōwhiro Bay were alive with the sound of children last Thursday. It was somewhat a case of up hill and down dale, with excited voices scattered along the 4WD farm tracks. Next time your family needs to stretch their legs and lungs, head up onto the farm behind the Bata Factory (important - no dogs allowed). The climbs are significant, yet totally worth it for the expansive views. You'll feel on top of the world up there!

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](mailto:fjwhayvice@live.com).

### UPCOMING EVENT - Xterra Wellington Trail Series

**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' entry - \$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](mailto:fjwhayvice@live.com).



### Carparking at Ōwhiro Bay School/Kindergarten

We are one of the only schools in the south Wellington area to have such generous parking facilities. We have 22 spaces available and more angle parking alongside the tennis court. Despite this we still have members of our community over staying their welcome in the quick pick up/drop off zones, parking on the yellow criss-cross lines, parking in the one dedicated disability park, and creating an 'extra' park where there are no line markings. These actions contribute to making our carpark less than safe for all, especially on rainy days when visibility can also be an issue. You can report these incidents directly to the parking team at Wellington City Council Traffic Division or by calling 105 and alerting the Police.

### Gold Coin Community Day at Nga Manu

Our way of saying a massive thank you to all our supporters! Pack a picnic and come and enjoy a fun family day out in nature.

You will experience both forest and wetland habitats and our walk-through aviaries and nocturnal house offer close-up encounters with our rare NZ wildlife. Our 'Bird's Eye Trail' gives you the opportunity to view Nga Manu plants through the eyes of birds as you explore our network of all-weather, buggy friendly trails. Or discover our dunes and swamps on the 'Humps and Hollows Trail'.

At 2 pm (rain or shine) watch the Nga Manu eels being fed – purchase an eel feeding token for \$2 to have a go at feeding an eel yourself. Join our free guided forest walk at 2:15pm - meet at our eel pond after the eel feeding.

Your gold coin donation goes to the non-profit Nga Manu Trust, which contributes to national and local conservation through its involvement in many species breeding programmes such as for kiwi, tuatara, whio/blue duck, as well as endangered lizard species and plant conservation. Thank you!

### 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](mailto: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.