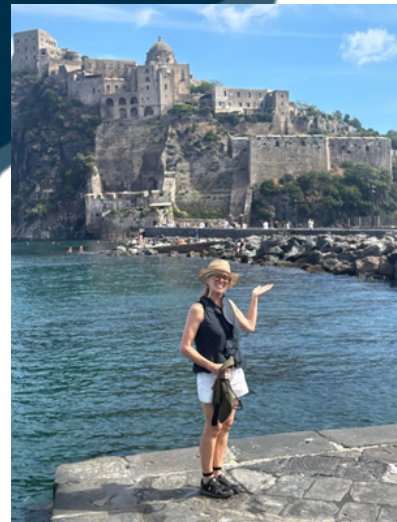




ŌWHIRO BAY NEWSLETTER

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Castles in the sky :-) Ischia
(off the coast of Italy)

Notices & Upcoming Events

Reunification Drill: Friday 23 October

We will be practicing the procedure we follow in the event of a pending tsunami which is to evacuate to Tawatawa Reserve on Murchison Street. A separate, detailed email will be sent out about collecting your child from Tawatawa Reserve from 2.30pm on Friday 23rd. There will not be an assembly on this day.

Swimming

Swimming for the whole school starts Wednesday 21 October. Harakeke will swim at Little Makos and Years 3 - 6 at Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre. Harakeke swimmers require a swimcap.

Whānau and Community Consultation: 20 October 6.15pm - 7.45pm

Please join us for community consultation on our 2027 - 28 strategic plan.

Pedal Ready: Māhuri

Māhuri are participating in the Pedal Ready Programme next week. If you haven't replied to the message from Vikki about whether your child has a bike, can you please respond so that we can make sure everyone can participate.

Waste Free Week

As part of Recycling Week, we are going waste free next week. See page 4 for details on how you can support this initiative.

Weekly Events

Monday: Briefing 9am, Kelly Sports

Tuesday: Kapa Haka (starts from 2pm for seniors, 2:30pm for juniors)

Wednesday: Swimming

Thursday: Buddy reading 1.30pm - 1.45pm

Friday: Assembly @ 2.30pm in the hall. Please join us if you are able.

A note from Cilla, our Tumuaki

It's been so nice to return to Ōwhiro Bay School feeling refreshed and inspired by my recent sabbatical, with visits to schools and travel adventures. I've had the opportunity to explore some great ideas around outdoor learning, sustainability, connecting tamariki with te taiao, and the value of hands-on, meaningful learning experiences. A particular highlight was a visit to the Green School in Bali. :-) I look forward to sharing these ideas with you all - check the calendar for a breakfast date with me :-)

It was an absolute privilege to have this time out, and I am deeply grateful to the Board for their support and to Vikki for leading our school so superbly in my absence. This was no small task particularly being term 3 when illnesses hit hard for students and staff alike. In addition, we had our second tranche of the Ngā Iti Kahurangi building work and upgrade projects happening, alongside the usual busyness of school life! I'm incredibly grateful for Vikki's calm and considered leadership, and the flexibility of the staff and students.

I strongly encourage you to attend our strategic consultation meeting next Tuesday evening. This is a very important phase in our strategic planning process and a great opportunity for you to share your thoughts, ideas and aspirations for Ōwhiro Bay School. We want our next steps to reflect what matters most to our community, and your voice is an important part of that conversation. We hope to see lots of you there!

A big mihi to our fair team who are busy behind the scenes getting ready for the big day on the 22 November. If you haven't yet registered your interest to help, please sign up on the next page - we greatly appreciate your support :-)

Kia pai tō wiki, koutou

Cilla and the team :-)

School Calendar

Term	Start	End	Public Holiday & Teacher Only Days
4	Monday 12 Oct	Friday 18 Dec, 1.00pm finish	Labour Day - Monday 26 October

Parentlink

Kia ora e te whānau,

There will be a Parentlink meeting on **Monday (19th) at 7pm in the staffroom**, welcoming Anita as the new Parentlink Chair. All are welcome to attend - don't be shy if you are new (or old) to the school! This will be a short Parentlink meeting followed by a more comprehensive Fair meeting... enter Mark with all the Fair updates!



Fair Donations

The garage will be open for your donations soon!

We are seeking:

- Excellent quality books
- Clean and working toys and games and complete puzzles
- Baby, kids and adults clothing, clean and in excellent condition
- Footwear in new condition

Please do not donate:

- Any bric-a-brac (homewares, appliances etc)
- Magazines, DVD's or CD's
- Front packs, jolly jumpers, pram accessories, car seats, reusable nappies and baby sleep aids
- Well worn shoes
- Dirty or damaged clothing
- Socks and underwear

We are striving to be a sustainable fair and donations not suitable for sale cost us time and money to dispose of. Please only donate items you would be happy to buy yourself.

If you have bigger items that you would like to donate we would love to hear about them please contact owhirobayfair@gmail.com

The garage* will be open to accept fair donations on:

Wednesdays:
8.45am - 9.15am

October 21st, 28th,
November 4th, & 11th

Fridays:
3.00pm - 3.30pm

October 23rd, 30th,
November 6th, & 13th

Sundays:
12noon - 1.00pm

November 1st, 8th & 15th
(closed Labour weekend)

Please only donate during these hours.

*The garage is located against the fence line to the stream between kindy and the school hall.

SignUps

Now is the time, team work makes the dream work. Please sign up to help out on a stand. We run the Fair with two shifts, 10am - 12:30pm and 12noon - 2:30pm which gives us overlap during the midday rush, and time for setup and pack down. There is also help needed for some stands to setup the day before.

Sign up here to help make our Fair a success!

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please email owhirobayfair@gmail.com and we can sign you up manually.

Do you own a business?! Are you able to lend us an EFTPOS machine for the Fair?!

Please let us know ASAP if you do (or give your details to Kate in the office) so we can discuss details. THANK YOU!

We are also farewelling our previous Parentlink Chair, Katie, **THIS Friday (16th) at DubHub Island Bay @ 7pm**. If anyone would like to contribute toward a small gift for Katie, please get in touch with Diane, Annie or Anita via parentlink@owhiro.school.nz

School Noticeboard

Sun Hats



Just a reminder that sunhats are to be worn during morning tea, lunch, and outdoor play this term. If your child forgets their hat, they'll just need to hang out in the shaded areas during breaks.

School Sports T-Shirts



As we head into the busy floorball season, we ask that all Ōwhiro Bay School sports t-shirts are returned please so that we have enough for our teams this term. T-shirts can be returned to the office. Ngā mihi nui.

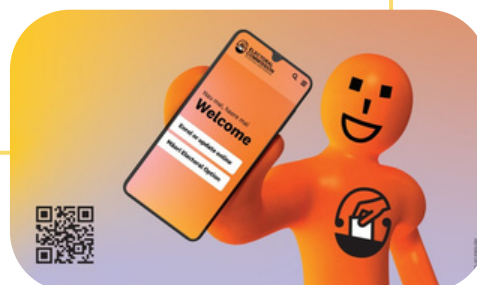
Policy Reviews Term 4

This term the Board and staff are reviewing the below policies. You can also do so by going to www.owhiro.school.nz and clicking on 'Policies & Procedures' using the login: **owhiro** and password: **happy**

- Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy (board)
- Reporting about Student Progress and Achievement (board)
- Learning Support (board)
- Māori Educational Achievement
- Health Curriculum (board)
- Privacy Policy (board)

Week	Date	What's on in Term 4	
1	12 - 16 October	12 October 15 October	Term 4 begins Indonesian Music Performance Vikki & Cilla - Senior Leaders AI Session
2	19 - 23 October	19 October 20 October 21 October 22 October 23 October	Recycling Week Māhuri Pedal Ready Programme Parentlink/Fair meeting 7.00pm staffroom Community Consultation Strategic Plan 6.15pm - 7.45pm Shake Out Day 1.30pm Māhuri Pedal Ready Programme Reunification Drill
3	26 - 30 October	26 October 27 October 30 October	Labour Day No School Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm staffroom World Teacher's Day Breakfast Hui 8.30am
4	2 - 6 November	5 November 7 November	Southern Zone Athletics Election Day
5	9 - 13 November		
6	16 - 20 November	20 November 22 November	Fair Clothing Pre-Sale Ōwhiro Bay Country Fair
7	23 - 27 November		
8	30 November - 4 December	1 December	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm staffroom
9	7 - 11 December	10 December	Year 6 Overnight Stay
10	14 - 18 December	15 December 18 December	Celebration of Success 6.00pm at SWIS End of Term 4 1.00pm finish

Are you enrolled to vote? Enrol to vote by 25 October at vote.nz



NGĀ MIHI NUI

- Thanks to everyone that helped put the shade sails back up - Delaine, Josh, Laith, Andy, Rebecca, Ila, Kim, Vikki, and Elizabeth - amazing teamwork!

Kia ora e te whanau

Next week we are having a school wide

WASTE FREE WEEK!

What's happening:

All the bins in the school will be covered and not accessible, it will be you and your child's job to keep track of their rubbish.

How you can help us:

Instead of buying food in small packets and putting the small packets in their lunchbox you can empty the small packets into their lunchbox, or you could buy a big packet of food and put a handful of it in their lunchbox each day.

For other rubbish like up and go or juice boxes, we would love you to try and avoid these (water - used to be cheap!). If they do come to school, students will need to wash them out and flatten them for recycling.

The easiest way to avoid the waste is not to purchase it in the first place - there's a challenge for you!

We really hope to make this work so that our environment, awa and moana can be pollution free. It is up to us to show aroha by making these thoughtful decisions :-)

Ngā mihi
Solomon and Charlie
On behalf of the Māhuri team.



STEM After School Coding with Mohammad

Weekly Monday from 9 November to 14 December.
Cost: \$180. Devices will be provided.

To register, [complete the form here](#).
Spaces are limited.



PRICE

for 1 term
\$180 per student

Monday (from 9th of November)
3:50 pm to 4:30 pm
years 4 - 8



GAME DEVELOPMENT

Game development requires a programmer to use both logic and creativity to build a game that people want to play.

The students will learn the basics of programming using scratch, a programming language made for children.

We will be building a 2D game with multiple levels, the students will be able to add more to it as they see fit.



ELECTRONICS

Electronics combines creativity, problem-solving and practical engineering skills to understand how electrical components work together to create something useful.

Using hands-on electronics projects, students will learn how to build and experiment with circuits, sensors, LEDs, motors and other components.

All of the required electronics equipment and components will be provided, so students can focus on experimenting, building and having fun.



WEB DEVELOPMENT

Web development will always be a necessary career in our modern digital world.

The students will learn the basics of web development programming in HTML, CSS and Javascript.

They will be aiming to build their own website about whatever content they choose.



ABOUT US

We are a locally owned business with a passion to develop young kiwi's skills in STEM subjects. Our After School Programme is designed to educate tamariki in programming in a fun and engaging way.

CONTACT US

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☎ +64 20 485 6202

Coding After School Programme



Offered by



Community Noticeboard

Community Meeting

Moa Point Wastewater Treatment Plant Recovery

Maranui Surf Lifesaving Club
Downstairs from Maranui Café
Tuesday 27 October
6pm to 7:30pm

Hear the latest update on the recovery work at Moa Point, ask questions, and talk directly with the team.

Everybody is welcome.



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★ Bigair Gym – Big Skills, Big Confidence! ★

From first tumblers to impressive new skills, Bigair Gym helps children grow in confidence, coordination, strength and resilience while having fun, making progress and celebrating their achievements.

Explore Bigair Gym Classes

- Crashmat Kids (Walking–4 yrs) – Active play and movement for little ones.
- Pocket Rockets (3–4 yrs) – Preschool gymnastics, listening skills and school readiness.
- Gravity Busters (5+ yrs) – Gymnastics foundations, strength and tumbling.
- Team Extreme (Advanced) – New challenges and advanced gymnastics skills.
- Free Running (5+ yrs) – Parkour-inspired movement, agility and body control.
 - Trampoline (5+ yrs) – Bouncing, aerial skills and balance.
- Cheerleading (5+ yrs) – Tumbling, dance, stunts, jumps and routines.
- Tumbling (5+ yrs) – Walkovers, handsprings, flips and more.

Give your child the opportunity to learn, achieve, and thrive at Bigair Gym.
Book online today at www.bigairgym.co.nz — classes available at Tawa, Owairo Bay & Kapiti.

TWILIGHT BOWLS IN THE BAY

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Join us for an evening of outdoor bowling. Bring your friends, family, or come solo - everyone welcome!

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

2026
15th Oct - 19th Nov

2027
14th Jan - 18th Feb

Arrive by 5:45 PM to sign up. Light supper provided (koha is welcome).
Island Bay Bowling Club, 276 The Parade, Island Bay, Wellington.
For more information and updates, visit us on Facebook

COMMUNITY HOCKEY PROGRAMME

AFTER SCHOOL HOCKEY CLUB

TERM 4

JOIN IN THE FUN!

Upper Hutt

WEDNESDAY

Yr 1-3 (3:30pm - 4:15pm)
Yr 4-6 (4:15pm - 5:00pm)

Lower Hutt

THURSDAY

Yr 1-3 (3:30pm - 4:15pm)
Yr 4-6 (4:15pm - 5:00pm)

Karori

THURSDAY

Yr 1-3 (3:30pm - 4:15pm)
Yr 4-6 (4:15pm - 5:00pm)

NHS

MONDAY

Yr 1-3 (3:30pm - 4:15pm)
Yr 4-6 (4:15pm - 5:00pm)

Porirua

WEDNESDAY

Yr 1-3 (3:30pm - 4:15pm)
Yr 4-6 (4:15pm - 5:00pm)

Cost: \$65 for 6 sessions

Starts 22 October