ŌWHIRO BAY NEWSLETTER

Issue #21, 26 November 2026

Notices & Upcoming Events

Student Council Sausage Sizzle, Drinks and Cupcake Sale:
Friday 4 December, 5.00pm
Join us for a sausage, enjoy a cupcake, and stay for the fabulous entertainment at Ōwhiro Bay's Got Talent at 6.00pm - what more can you want from a Friday evening!
Please bring cash for the sausage, cupcake and drinks sale.

Ōwhiro Bay's Got Talent:
Friday 4 December, 6.00pm
See page 3 for details. Performer registrations close this Sunday.

2027 Term Dates
Please see page 2 for 2027 term dates.

Weekly Events
Monday: Briefing 9am, Kelly Sports
Tuesday: Kapa Haka (starts from 2pm for seniors, 2:30pm for juniors)
Wednesday: Swimming (last day is 9 Dec)
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

Kia ora e te whānau

This newsletter goes out to everyone who helped make our Fair such a resounding success. A special thank you goes to our hardworking, dedicated crew behind the scenes, led by Mark Blundell, to whom we are hugely grateful. On top of all that, the weather really came through for us on the day! We will share how the funds raised are going to be spent in the New Year.

Our tamariki also showed amazing auahatanga at the Fair with their incredible cupcake creations! How lucky were the entrants to each be gifted a free ice cream! Ngā mihi ki a koe, Max from the Beach House for your enthusiasm and generosity - this will not be forgotten! Please continue to support local businesses like the Beach House that support us in so many ways.

As the year comes to a close, please take a good look at the calendar so you do not miss anything coming up over the next few weeks. There is a great deal happening, and we will be looking for volunteers to assist with school trips and the end-of-year clean-up. Let us know if you have any time on your hands :-)

Kia pai tō rā

Cilla and the team.













School Calendar

Term	Start	End	Public Holiday & Staff Only Days
4	Monday 12 Oct	Friday 18 Dec, 1.00pm finish	Labour Day - Monday 26 October
1 2027	Tuesday 2 February	Friday 9 April	Waitangi Day (observed) - Monday 8 February **Easter - 26 March - 30 March**
2 2027	Tuesday 27 April	Friday 2 July	ANZAC Day (observed) - Monday 26 April **King's Birthday - Monday 7 June** Matariki - Friday 25 June
3 2027	Monday 19 July	Friday 24 September	
4 2027	Monday 11 October	To be confirmed	Labour Day - Monday 25 October

Parentlink



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

And with a big sigh of relief (and exhaustion)...that is Ōwhiro Bay Country Fair done and dusted for 2026!! Woohoo!! What a day, and it's now safe to comment on the weather - we could not have been luckier! Please keep reading to find out how many $$$ we raised!!

But first some thank you's...
A big THANK YOU to each and everyone of you who helped make the fair a success by showing up, chipping in, baking, donating, spending and enjoying.

It goes without saying, but I'm going to say it...A HUGE THANK YOU to **Mark** and **Laura** who orchestrated the Fair; they have been truly inspirational taking on this mammoth task, all with a kindy kid still in tow - Ka pai!

To Kate who is/was there tirelessly helping with ALL the tasks, especially the ones no one else thinks of. She is usually the first one to arrive and the last one to leave. Thank you Kate.

To **Diane** whose number crunching, money wiles, and can do attitude have been instrumental in all the Parentlink fundraiser events, but especially so at the Fair - thank you.

I know there are many, many more 'thank you's' to come, and Mark will do the honours.

But now for 'THE NUMBER', the reason you have read this far...drum roll please...this year's Fair has raised a healthy $22,400 (exact amount tbc)! Ka pai to all involved. I'm sure Whaea Cilla has got great ideas on how best to spend this money; we will keep you updated as the ideas develop.

Also, congratulations to those lucky raffle winners:
Family fun pack: Nat H, Adventure pack: Ellie S, Inspiration pack: Clyde C, Pamper pack: Maggie L

Go forth and enjoy the rest of November.
We will be seeing you at our next event - Ōwhiro Bay's Got Talent!

Anita 🙂

Student Energiser Day | Connections Along the Awa – Learning, Creativity and Community at Ōwhiro

The Ōwhiro Bay Student Council joined with 6 other kura and 4 ECEs for the Student Energiser Day where environmental learning was woven together with creativity, storytelling and community action.
Read about their experience here.

Kia Kōrero Tātou i Te Reo Māori

Ngā āhua ahu-rua | 2-D shapes

porowhita	circle
porotītaha	oval
tapatoru	triangle
tapawhā	square/rectangle
tapawhā hāngai	oblong
taparara	trapezium
whakarara rite	parallelogram
whakrara	rhombus
taparima	pentagon
tapaono rite	hexagon
taimana	diamond
whetū	star
āwhiotanga	perimeter
horahanga	area

He porowhita tēnei
This is a circle



NGĀ MIHI NUI

- To the amazing volunteers from Garden 2 Table and Toitu that spent the day with our Student Council planting our Mound

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** **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	10 November	**Fair meeting** 7.00pm staffroom
6	16 - 20 November	16 November 17 November 19 November 20 November 22 November	**Fair meeting** 7.00pm staffroom **Dan Allen: Read NZ visit** **Fair Clothing Sale set up from 5pm** **Fair Clothing Pre-Sale** **Ōwhiro Bay Country Fair**
7	23 - 27 November		
8	30 November - 4 December	1 December 4 December	**Pita Mei: Read NZ visit** **Student Council Sausage Sizzle & Cupcake Sale** 5.00pm - 6.00pm **Ōwhiro Bay's Got Talent** 6.00pm School Hall **Volunteer Day (gardening) with Randstad**
9	7 - 11 December	8 December 9 December 10 December	**Whole School Athletics Day** **Board of Trustees Meeting** 6pm staffroom **Year 6 Overnight Stay**
10	14 - 18 December	14 December 15 December 17 December 18 December	**Māhuri Living Museum** 2.30pm **Celebration of Success** 6.00pm at SWIS **Whole School Big Day Out - helpers needed** **End of Term 4** 1.00pm finish

Community Noticeboard

Motu Move is Coming to Wellington in 2027

You may have heard of Motu Move, New Zealand's national public transport ticketing system. It's already being rolled out in Christchurch.

Motu Move will replace Snapper on Metlink buses, trains, and ferries across Greater Wellington in 2027.
This means there will be some changes to how students pay for public transport, including school bus services.

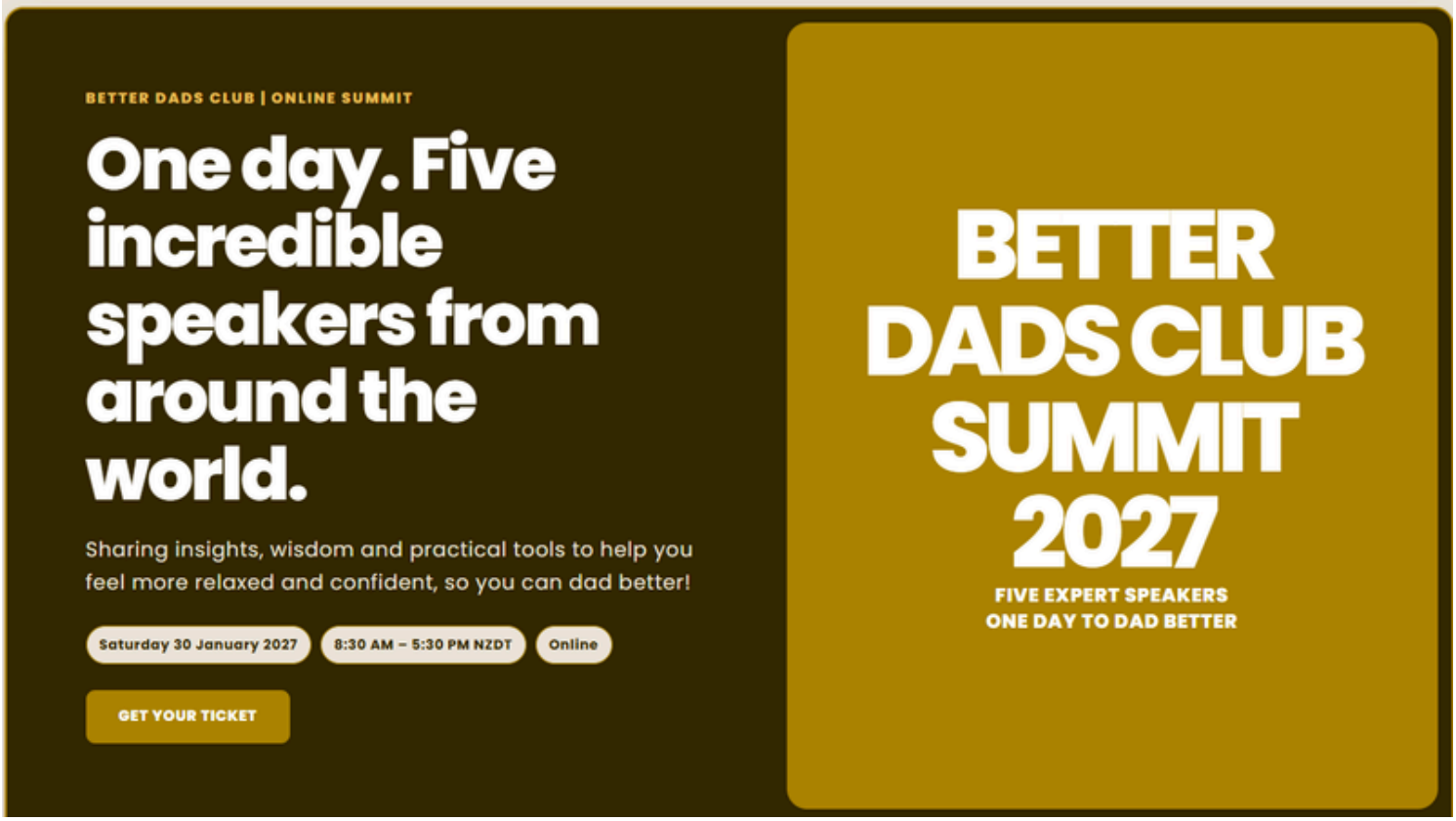
There's nothing you need to do just yet.

Metlink will share more information in the new year about what Motu Move means for students, parents, and caregivers, and how to get ready for the change.

In the meantime, students should continue using their Snapper cards as normal. We recommend topping up only what you need for now, rather than loading large amounts in advance.

To find out more, visit metlink.org.nz/motumove





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