



ŌWHIRO BAY NEWSLETTER

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Notices & Upcoming Events

School Holidays

Tomorrow, 25 September, is the last day of term 3. School finishes at 3pm.

Term 4 starts on Monday 12 October at 8.55am. Have a safe and relaxing break.

Weekly Events: Term 4

Monday: Briefing 9am & Kelly Sports (from week 2)

Tuesday: Kapa Haka

Wednesday: School swimming (starting week 2)

Thursday: Buddy reading 1.30pm - 1.45pm

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

A note from Vikki (our Acting Tumuaiki)

Kia ora e te whānau,

Isn't it nice to see the sunshine today! A nice way to finish off the term! We hope everyone has a great holiday break, and hopefully we can get rid of the second wave of bugs we've got going around!

Term 4 is shaping up to be a busy term - with Swimming on Wednesdays and Kelly Sports sessions on Mondays. A reminder that it's 'hat term' so all children will need a sunhat ready to go for next term.

Special thanks to Amir Shefer for a great term in Māhuri while I have been in the office. We love having you a part of our community! Your art installation was a hit, and we appreciate your commitment to our tamariki. Amir will be back in Māhuri in Term 4 from Weeks 5-10. Sarah will not be here on Wednesdays next term, her groups and lessons will run 4 days a week.

Thank you to Katie Law for all your hard work on Parentlink over the years and most recently as Chair. It's a big job, and we really appreciate all the mahi and aroha you have put into our community. We wish you and your whānau well on the next chapter.

The tamariki have filled the taonga jar and are having a Fantastic Fun Friday morning tomorrow. If you have any boxes at home to be used for construction, please bring them in tomorrow. If your child has opted to take part in a beach clean-up, please make sure they are prepared for the weather:

- Rug up - it may be cool and windy.
- Pack appropriate footwear for walking along the beach.
- If the weather is wet, we will cancel the trip and let you know.

We're looking forward to making the most of the beach and helping to care for our local environment!

Have a lovely holiday break, Vikki and the team.

AWA Values in Action

Māhuri have been working hard on two projects showcasing our school values: our mega-model of the 26 April 2026 Owhiro Bay Stream flooding, and our Jar of Kindness and Buddy Kindness challenges.

As part of our Sustainability and Art studies, we brought our **Auahatanga** (creativity) to the fore, building a collaborative four-metre-long model of the April 2026 flooding of Owhiro Bay Stream. We began by learning about the stream ecosystem and our changing climate, then split into teams to build a complex, multi-layered model — learning along the way how to work together towards a shared goal. The kids "rained" on the finished valley to check the flooding effect.



Our second project let our **Aroha** and **Whanaungatanga** shine, with a focus on acts of kindness towards our classmates, schoolmates and staff. A few times a week, we paused to reflect on our behaviour at school, earning a marble of kindness for every caring act. We closed out the term with a whole week of Buddy Kindness — secretly helping out our classmates — before rounding it off with a fun class games session and a whole-school day of activities.

School Calendar

Term	Start	End	Public Holiday & Teacher Only Days
3	Monday 20th July	Friday 25th Sept	
4	Monday 12th Oct	Friday 18th Dec	Labour Day - Monday 26th October

Parentlink

Woo Hoo.... we can announce the new Parentlink Chairperson.



Welcome to **Anita Kay** (Solomon and Jackson's mum). You're gonna be awesome in the role!

Have a great few weeks off whānau!
Your Parentlink Team 😊

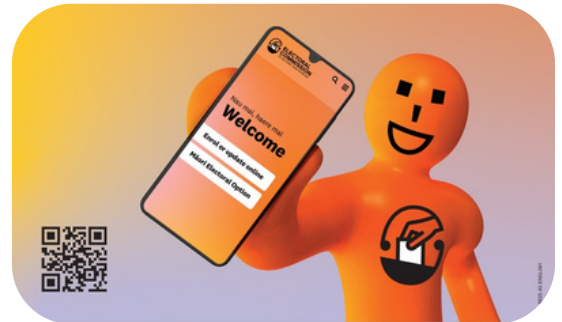


Hi everyone, the Owhiro Bay Country Fair is next term, and we will need an army of parents to make it a success. It's a lot of fun to put on, and it raises funds that make a real difference to the school and kindy. If you have any questions about it feel free to chat to me if you see me about the place, or email owhirobayfair@gmail.com

Kapa Haka Festival Photos

We've got photos from the Kapa Haka Festival to view in the office - come by and have a look!

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



Music Lessons

We have enjoyed having Theo teaching music this term. If you would like to continue lessons after school, Theo is looking for students in Wellington South. Contact Theo direct at theo@yorkbay.net.nz for details.

Let's Keep Our Gates Working Great

We love seeing our tamariki eager to open the gates when they arrive at school and kindy. To help look after them, please ensure children do not stand or climb on the gates, as this damages the hinges and latches. Thank you for working with us to keep our community safe and sound!

Community Noticeboard



Games for all seasons

Spring school holidays
26 September–11 October

Make or build your own game, search the library for clues, play any number of games and much more at the library these holidays!

Visit wcl.govt.nz/kidsholidays or scan the QR code for event times and locations.

Nau mai rā tātou katoa
Everybody is welcome.



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TAKE YOUR CHILD TROUT FISHING

WHERE: CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE (Landfill Road, Ōwhiro Bay)

WHEN: SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026

A fishing experience for children aged 2 to 11 years.

You must have a Capital Trout Center licence/registration. FREE licences/registration forms will be available from 19th September 2026 from Capital Fishing, 49 Ghuznee Street (off Cuba Mall), Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing, 8 Te Puni Street, Petone.

This is manned by volunteers from the Wellington Flyfishers Club and is funded by your donations. Your donation is appreciated.

For further information, contact Strato Cotsilinis on (04) 386 3740.



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Inner City Art Studio
After School Art Classes



Ceramics, making pigments, Painting, Drawing.
1st Term Four every Tuesday 3.45pm - 5.30pm
Ages 9 - 13 Term cost 8 week \$386
Incl all materials
8 weeks Starting October 20th - December 8th finish




Limited Bookings online
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Inner City Art Studio
SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



French Cafe and Art Scene
Studying the French masters drawing techniques. Indian ink and conte

7th October
Ages 8 - 14, 9 am - 3pm
Cost \$95pp inc materials and a hot chocolate

Cyanotype workshop
Learn how to paint using light with photographic emulsion

8th October
Ages 8 - 14, 9 am - 3pm
Cost \$95pp inc materials

A Day of Clay
Learn how to work with clay and underglaze

9th October
Ages 8 - 14, 9 am - 3pm
Cost \$135pp inc materials

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