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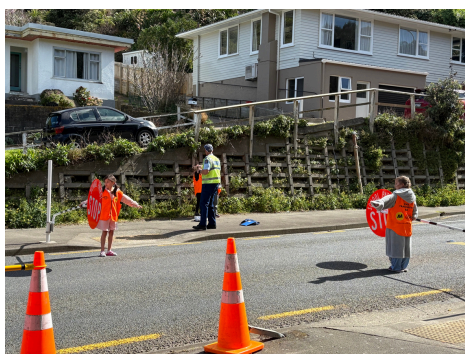
It has been a busy start to the term, and it is great to see our tamariki energised for the final mahi of the year.

This week is a busy one starting with a Mihi Whakatau for the new members of our learning community. A special thanks to Rebecca for helping set up the morning tea and for the contributions of kai from Manaaki Rōpu. Kia ora koutou! Tonight we look forward to some great discussion around our Health and PE programmes, and in particular the Relationships and Sexuality component. Thanks to everyone who provided feedback in the form we shared, this was extremely helpful. We hope you can join us at 6pm for approximately an hour. Shaun from our Board will also give an update on our Values refresh. The week finishes off with some physical labour - thanks to those of you who have already signed up to help with the Working Bee on Saturday. Fingers crossed that the weather behaves!

Please read the information in this pānui about Measles that some parts of Aotearoa are dealing with, and thank you for keeping your tamariki home if they are unwell.

Ngā mihi nui

Cilla and the team :-)



Thank you!

A BIG thanks to Janine Hyde Business Development Manager at Mitre 10 (Tory St - coming soon) for the generous donations of cleaning supplies/consumables for our Working Bee this Saturday. This is a huge saving to our school/community.



To all our new parents/caregivers/staff who were able to come to our mihi whakatau on Monday and to Manaaki Rōpu for helping with the kai afterwards - this was very helpful!

To everyone who is giving up some of their precious Saturday to help give the school a big spruce up. We are so grateful for your help. 9 - 12pm this Saturday 11 October.

welcome!

To Titus, Idris and Isabella to Harakeke this week and to Tyler who has joined Māhuri 2. Titus has a sister in Room 6. Welcome to Idris, Isabella, and Tyler's family to our school community.



Our new road patrollers are ready to keep us safe in 2026. Thanks to Constable Aaron for the excellent training.

ŌWHIRO BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Owhiro Bay's Got Talent

This favourite and very famous (well here in the Bay anyway 🤝) annual event is back again this year. Please lock in the 5th of December in your calendars. There is more information to come. For new whānau, Ōwhiro Bay's Got Talent is our very own talent show - students (past and present) and parents can showcase their talents. We have had just about every type of talent on display over the years ranging from juggling, dancing, yoga and Shakespeare, and everything in between.

OBS SUNHATS

These amazing sunhats are on sale from the office now for \$10.00 each.



SUNHATS - Term 4

Sunhats are required in Term 4. All children must wear a sunhat when outside everyday. We encourage hats as opposed to caps to provide extra care in looking after the necks and ears. Students without hats will be asked to stay under the green shadecloth or on the deck in the shade outside Whanake.



Measles cases in Aotearoa

Recent measles cases linked to overseas travel have been reported in Te Tai Tokerau and Queenstown. Cases were active in the community while infectious and there is a risk of measles circulating there, and more widely in Aotearoa.

Please read on for further [detailed information about measles](#)

Parentlink News

Kia ora wonderful Owhiro Bay-ians,

We hope that you had a good break and that you and your family are ready to launch into term four! And what better way than to come to the next Parentlink meeting:

Monday 13 October, 7pm
School staffroom

This is a special meeting as this is Amie Roberts' final meeting. She has been the Parentlink chair for ummmmm, years and years where she has championed and pioneered the Parentlink team, the awhi fund and the pātaka kai into the epicness that it is. We are so grateful for her amazing contribution.

We hope to see you at the meeting to say thanks to Amie and to look forward to the last term of 2025, bring it on!

Love the Parentlink Team.

NITS !!

Thank you to the families who have notified the school regarding nits in their child/ren's hair. They are rearing their ugly heads again especially in the junior school. Please make a concentrated effort to check your child/ren's heads regularly and treat if necessary.

The school have secured some products/combs etc., to help with combatting these. Please call in at the office.



See you all at the Working Bee! Woohoo!

9am - Saturday 11 October :-)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

30 for START Challenge



Team Heebie G-B

Why? Both Hamish & Callum have had a stutter at some point in the last 2 yrs and the above speech-language therapists have supported, guided and provided treatment for them and our family.

This October, we are taking part in a 30-day challenge to raise funds for the Stuttering Treatment and Research Trust (START). They're working hard to hire more speech-language therapists to reduce their current 4–5 month waiting list - and we want to help make that happen so that everyone can seek help timely.

If you're able to, we'd really appreciate your support by sponsoring us. Every single dollar goes directly towards helping people who stutter get the support they need, sooner.



How? Follow the QR code if you would like to support us and START with our 30 day challenge, described in the link below:



South Wellington Intermediate School Enrolments for 2026

South Wellington Intermediate School is now underway with our enrolment process for 2026.

Over the coming weeks, our team will be visiting contributing schools to meet and discuss the children who are enrolled to attend SWIS in 2026. This helps us with the important process of building our classes for next year.

If you have a child who is planning to attend SWIS in 2026, please complete the online enrolment form here:

👉 [SWIS Enrolment Form](#)

Term 4 Calendar for Whānau 2025



Week	Date	What's On in Term 4?
Considerations for Term 4		Assembly - will now be on Fridays from 9:05 - 9:25am. Swimming - Wednesday or Fridays
One	6 - 10 October	Monday 6: Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students and whānau Thursday 9: Health and PE Whānau Hui in the Orange Room. 6pm start. Saturday 11: Working Bee! All hands on deck would be amazing! 9 - 12 noon.
Two	13 - 17 October	Monday 13: Māhuri History Tour at Pukeahu (10 - 2:30pm) Monday 13: Parentlink Meeting 7.00 pm Wed 15: Senior Swimming starts afternoons Friday 17: Junior Swimming starts afternoons
Three	20 - 24 October	Monday 20: Diwali Tuesday 21: Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in the staffroom Wed/Friday: Swimming continues as above Thursday 23: NZEI Strike action No School today Friday 24: Calendar Art orders to be in Student Council iceblock fundraiser 3pm
Four	28 - 31 October	Monday 27: Labour Day No School today
Five	3 - 7 November	Tuesday 4: Mountains to Sea for Year 6 students, session 1 (at school) 9 - 11 am This week: Relationships and Sexuality Education lessons begin
Six	10 - 15 November	Tuesday 11: Mountains to Sea for Year 6 students, session 2 (Kilbirnie Pool) 9 - 11 am
Seven	17 - 21 November	Tuesday 18: Mountains to Sea for Year 6 students, session 3 (Marine Reserve) all day Friday 21: Hāngi
Eight	24 - 28 November	Tuesday 25: Mountains to Sea for Year 6 students, session 4 (Marine Reserve) all day Tuesday 25: Board of Trustees meeting 6pm in the staffroom
Nine	1 - 5 December	Tuesday 2: Mountains to Sea Back up day Friday 5: Ōwhiro Bay's Got Talent Celebration of Learning - more details to follow
Ten	8 - 12 December	Tuesday 9: Whole School Athletics Thursday 11: Year 6 Leaver's Dinner with whānau and Overnight Stay at school
Eleven	15 - 18 December	Tuesday 16: Celebration of Success at SWIS, 6pm start Wed 17: Whole School Fun Day Thursday 18: End of the School Year - 1pm finish

Dates for 2026	
4 February 2026	First day of school
6 February 2026	Waitangi Day
2nd April 2026	Term One ends (Thursday)