ŌWHIRO BAY NEWSLETTER

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Notices & Upcoming Events

Kapa Haka Festival: 7 August
Performance clothing and moko kauae / tā moko are coming home with your child today, along with information about tomorrow.

Celebrate Cook Islands Māori Language Week
See page 2 for some phrases to try and click the banner for more.

Zealandia Trip
As we continue to explore the realms of Tāne Mahuta, we will be visiting Zealandia. **Years 1 - 2 will be visiting on Mon 10 August**, and **Years 3 - 6 on Tues 11 August.** On both days we will depart school at 9.00am and return around 1.00pm. We'd love some parents to accompany us - please let your child's teacher know if you can come.

Weekly Events
Monday: Briefing 9am
Tuesday: Kapa Haka (starts from 2pm for seniors, 2:30pm for juniors), music lessons from 12noon
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 Tumuaki)

Kia orāna kōtou kātoatoa,

Winter bugs have hit us hard at school over the last couple of weeks! Thank you to those whānau who have picked up your tamariki early, or kept them home when they are unwell. We know it's a tricky balance - we appreciate it!

With the winter bugs has come the winter weather! We've had some very cold days, including frosts on our playground, snow flurries and hail. We've had many children come via the office for a spare change of clothes, as they have gotten muddy/wet in the playground. It would be helpful if your child had a spare set of clothes in their bag and a jacket - as we have now run out of spare clothes! If you have any at home that have been borrowed, we'd appreciate them back, or if you have other clothes that may not fit your child anymore, feel free to donate them! We're definitely low on trousers, pants etc. Thanks!

Tomorrow is a big day for our kura as we perform in the Te Haruru o te Kāhui Tonga Kapa Haka Event 2026. The tamariki have been practising very hard - and are looking sharp! Today they will be sent home with a temporary tattoo as part of their costume, as well as their black clothes. The bus leaves 9am sharp tomorrow, so please ensure your child is here with plenty of time to get organised. It will be a fantastic event! Special thanks for Whaea Cilla - who has come back to help us with her guitar skills for our bracket!

Make sure you have your tickets for our session! Book tickets here

Thanks

Vikki and the team

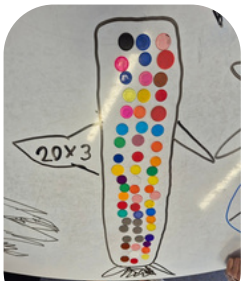
Maths Arrays

Sarah's maths group has been showing **Auahatanga** working on multiplication arrays. They were challenged to fit 60 seats in a flying vehicle. We had:

- 10 groups of 6 in a helicopter
- 3 groups of 20 in a long plane
- 20 groups of 3 in a rocket









Building Upgrades

Our building work is continuing at pace and looking great. Thanks for your patience and cooperation. We are being flexible with our working spaces so everyone can work easily and comfortably.
Thank you to Ngā Iti Kahurangi for making these upgrades possible.


Newly carpeted staffroom

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







Book tickets here

Parentlink

Firstly...



Do you own, or know someone who owns a business that can offer a prize? We are seeking donations of experiences, services, vouchers, or accommodation. We know times are tough, but every contribution makes a difference!
If you can offer a raffle prize (of any value), **please get in touch with Rebecca Langton**, William's mum – email beccalangton_42@hotmail.com **before the end of August**, so she can organise the prizes, printing of the tickets and selling of the tickets.

Secondly,
You may remember last year we ran a competition to design a t-shirt for the Ōwhiro Bay community. We have the winning design; **we need someone to complete the final actions** so we can start selling t-shirts...
It will entail:

- Getting the design print ready.
- Contacting t-shirt printers to get quotes.
- And organising a run of prints.

If this sounds like a job you can do, talk to Mark (William and Lucy's dad), he has all the details!

Thirdly...
You should all have received the minutes and Parentlink rules via email this week. If you're not receiving these emails, please speak to Kate in the office, she can add you to the mailing list.

Fourth and finally...
Stay warm out there whānau - it's a cold one!
Your Parentlink team

School Noticeboard

Garden 2 Table

Our Student Council has beautiful cauliflower to make into soup, and are needing a couple of parents to help with the cooking.
Dates and time flexible. Please let Vikki or Kate know if you can help.

Pātaka Kai Freezer

Our freezer in the Pātaka Kai no longer works. We are on the look out for a freezer in good working condition. If you are able to help us out, please see Vikki or Kate.



Thanks to everyone that has been collecting Yummy apple stickers and bags. We have until the end of this term to collect as many as we can. If you need a sticker sheet, please stop by the office.

Week	Date		What's on in Term 3
1	20 - 24 July	20 July	**Term 3 begins** **Mihi Whakatau 9.30am**
2	27 - 31 July	27 July 28 July 30 July 31 July	**3-Way Conferences this week** **Parentlink/Fair Meeting** 7.00pm staffroom **Road Patrol Training** 9.00am **SWIS Visit** 8.45am staffroom **Vikki at SENCO Conference**
3	3 - 7 August	3 August 4 August 5 August 7 August	**Brew & Banter** staffroom from 2.15pm **Cook Island Māori Language Week** **Board of Trustees Meeting** 5.30pm staffroom **SWIS Open Day** Year 6 visit **SWIS Open Evening** 6pm - 7.30pm **Te Haruru o te Kahui Tonga Kapa Haka Event** whole school
4	10 - 14 August	10 August 11 August 12 August	**Zealandia Mini Beasts Trip, Harakeke** **Zealandia Pests & Predators Trip, Whanake & Māhuri** **Student Council Stream Day**
5	17 - 21 August	17 August 19 August	**Tongan Language Week** **Miniball Tournament**
6	24 - 28 August	27 August 28 August	**School Photos** **Māhuri Poetry Cafe** 2.15pm in the hall **Daffodil Day** wear yellow today and bring a gold coin donation if you can
7	31 August - 4 Sept	1 Sept	**Southern Zone Swimming**
8	7 - 11 Sept	7 Sept 8 Sept 11 Sept 12 Sept 12 - 13 Sept	**Parentlink/Fair meeting** 7.00pm staffroom **Board of Trustees Meeting** 5.30pm staffroom **Onesie Day** **Parentlink Games Afternoon** 3 - 5pm **South Coast Arts Trail**
9	14 - 18 Sept	14 Sept	**Te Wiki o te Reo Māori**
10	21 - 25 Sept	25 Sept	**End of Term 3**

THANK YOU

- **Bonnie and Delaine for all your mahi**
- **Amir for fixing our goal frame**
- **Our community for their aroha with donations to the Pātaka Kai, and support through our Awhi group**

South Coast Arts Trail

Photographer

Do you have an interest in photography? We are looking for someone to photograph our beautiful art pieces. If you can help us out, please see Vikki, Kate or Caitlin.

To help us produce our amazing piece of art, we would appreciate any clean bottle caps (eg, milk bottle tops). Please drop them to the office or your child's teacher.

Community Noticeboard



TAKE YOUR CHILD TROUT FISHING

WHERE: CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE (Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay)
WHEN: SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 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 28th July 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 (04) 386 3740.

WELLINGTON SCHOOL DIVING CHAMPS

19TH SEPTEMBER 2026
WELLINGTON REGIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE

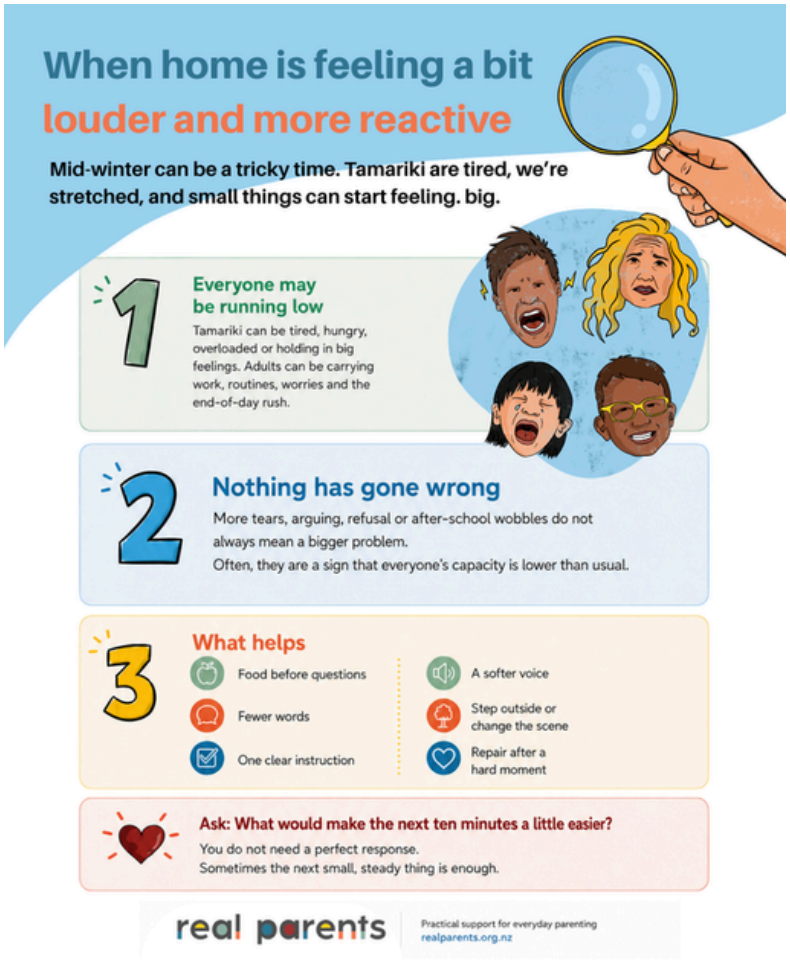


WHO IS IT FOR?
Anyone who attends a Primary, Intermediate or Secondary School in the Wellington Region.
No diving experience needed!

HOW DO I SIGN UP?
contact your sports administrator or development@wellingtondiving.org.nz

WWW.WELLINGTONDIVING.ORG.NZ

SIGN UP HERE!









FOOS Working Bee

Saturday, 8th August, 10am to 12:30pm
Location: Domanski Terrace.

Look out for the FOOS banner.
FOOS provide: Tools, gloves and morning tea
Please bring: Sturdy footwear, Warm clothes.
Weather Forecast: Extended forecast: A few showers. Northerlies.
Health & Safety: Participants will receive a briefing on arrival to the site.

Contact: Friends of Owhiro Stream,
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