ŌWHIRO BAY NEWSLETTER

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Notices & Upcoming Events

Breakfast Hui
Join Cilla at 8.30am on Friday 30 October in Sarah's room next to the library to hear about her sabbatical travels and discoveries.
A hot drink and muffin provided.

Be Sun Smart
Just a reminder that sunhats are to be worn during morning tea, lunch, and outdoor play this term. Please check your child has a named sunhat to wear at school.

School Photos
Inspire Photography are finalising our photos and they will be available to order shortly. Information on ordering will be sent out when the gallery is open.

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.

NGĀ MIHI NUI

- To our road patrol supervisors - thank you for your time and commitment
- Andy for helping with our smoke alarm testing
- To all whānau for your assistance with our reunification drill last week

A note from Cilla, our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

I am writing this from Kura Ahurea, a fabulous Te Atiawa run programme that we have been a part of for the past 2 years. Niky is our representative at Kura Ahurea, attends at Horokiwi once a term and brings back to us the pūrākau (stories) and waiata from mana whenua. It has been a huge reminder to me today that whanaungatanga is key to all that we do - how we connect and how we bond. Today we have been studying the story of the mounga of Te Whanganui a Tara, which leaves me with a question to pass on to you to ponder:

How does your mountain tell your story?

We had some great kōrero around this, and learning about the puke and mounga that are precious to mana whenua. We hope to explore this with our tamariki next year and will be seeking your input then too.

We have a really important survey for you to engage with to help us with our strategic planning for the next 2 years. Once you have contributed to the form, you will be in the draw for a $50 PaknSave voucher! Look out for senior students accosting you with an ipad, or you can fill out **this form** in your own time. The survey will close on **Friday 6 November**. Your input is vital to our planning, so thank you for your time with this.

If you are keen to hear what I saw in different schools across the motu and in Bali during my sabbatical, please join me for a coffee and nibble this Friday morning from 8:30am in Sarah's room (next to the library).
Ngā mihi nui koutou

Cilla and the team :-)

Waste Free Week

On week 2, term 4 2026, we had a waste free week. We are continuing waste free week this week. This means that we wanted to minimise our waste as a school, and to help this we covered the outdoor bins and put most of the indoor ones into storage. We asked kids to take their food packets back home in their lunchboxes or to not bring them to school!
The Student Council.



How was this for you?
Please fill out our **super quick survey!**

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
1 2027	Tuesday 2 February	Friday 9 April	Waitangi Day - Monday 8 February (observed) Easter - 26 March - 30 March

Parentlink



Kia ora koutou,

We are less than one month from the big Fair day on **Sunday 22 November**!

If you haven't already, please sign up to help on a stand on the day. It's easy, social and fun to put on a day that means a lot to our tamariki, and which gives the school funds for equipment and activities that otherwise can't happen.

Sign Up Here

Raffle

The raffle is one of the Fair's most important fundraisers, and we need your help to sell as many tickets as possible! Please collect books from the office to sell to friends, whānau, colleagues, neighbours...
Or alternatively, email Kate at office@owhiro.school.nz and she'll pop some tickets in your child's bag.

Amazing prizes to be won!
Check out the incredible prizes in the picture below, worth $5,000 all together! There's truly something for everyone! You can also rank your prize preferences from 1 to 4 on your ticket stub.
Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20.

How to pay
You can pay by cash or bank transfer to the Parentlink account:
Owhiro Bay School Parentlink
06-0577-0112365-00
Please include your ticket number as the bank transfer reference. If you pay by bank transfer, please also email parentlinkorders@owhiro.school.nz so we know to look out for your payment.

We'll have prizes for the family that sells the most tickets, so get selling!
The raffle will be drawn at the Fair on **Sunday 22 November at 2:15pm**.

Fair Donations

The garage will be open to accept Fair donations on:

Wednesdays:
8.45am - 9.15am
November 4th & 11th

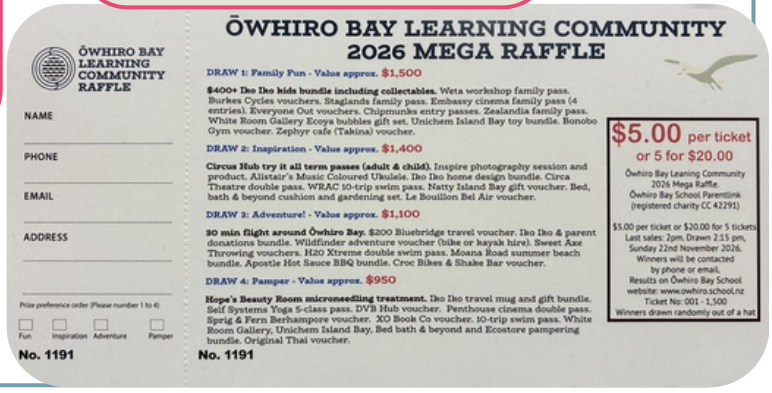
Fridays:
3.00pm - 3.30pm
October 30th, November 6th & 13th

Sundays:
12noon - 1.00pm
November 1st, 8th & 15th

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

For those who can make it or who are managing larger parts of the Fair, there are two Fair meetings before the big day: Tuesday 10 and Monday 16 November.

Ngā mihi,
The Fair Team.



School Noticeboard

Kia Kōrero Tātou I Te Reo Māori

Ngā Rā | The Days

Rāhina	Monday
Rātū	Tuesday
Rāapa	Wednesday
Rāpare	Thursday
Rāmere	Friday

Ngā Marama | The Months

Kohitātea	January
Huitangaru	February
Poutūterangi	March
Paengawhāwhā	April
Haratua	May
Pipiri	June
Hōngnongoi	July
Hereturikōkā	August
Mahuru	September
Whiringa-ā-nuku	October
Whiringa-ā-rangi	November
Hakihea	December

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** **Cilla's Sabbatical 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 20 November 22 November	**Fair meeting** 7.00pm staffroom **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

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)

Community Noticeboard

HCG Harbour City GymSports

As a first choice sport, gymnastics covers all the bases! It's fun and the fundamentals of the sport provides multiple opportunities for children to develop balance, coordination, flexibility, agility, strength, and spatial awareness.

Our low coach-to-gymnast ratio and thoughtfully sized classes ensure each child receives personalized attention and ample opportunity to develop their skills in a safe and stimulating environment.
If you are interested in joining a class this term?
Contact us by:
Email: office@hcg.org.nz Phone: 04 386 4443.
Visit our website: https://hcg.org.nz



SUNDAY NOV 1ST 3–6PM
SPOOKY DISCO
vogelmorn.nz

Join us Sunday 1 November, 3–6pm, for an afternoon of spooky fun. The Vogelmorn Precinct is coming alive with ghoulish delights.

HERE'S WHAT'S IN STORE:
~ Spooky snacks
~ DJ Monster and his terrifying tunes
~ Prizes
~ Tunnel of Thrills
~ Spooky movies (G & PG)
~ Face painting
And more!

ENTRY BY DONATION
We'll have donation buckets and EFTPOS available. We can't give change for cash donations, so please break your notes beforehand. This also helps keep the emergency exit clear. Thanks for understanding!

ACCESSIBILITY
The historic Vogelmorn club rooms are not wheelchair accessible. Vogelmorn Hall is wheelchair accessible but has no accessible bathroom.
Need accessibility info or a hand with anything before or during the event? Get in touch at vogelmornbc@gmail.com We're happy to help.

CAPITAL GYMNASTICS

At Capital Gymnastics, our focus goes beyond teaching gymnastics skills. We're passionate about building lifelong friendships, fostering a sense of belonging, and helping every athlete reach their full potential.

Whether your child joins us for recreational classes, holiday programmes, or competitive gymnastics, they become part of the Capital Gymnastics family — a community that celebrates effort, supports one another, and inspires confidence both inside and outside the gym.

To find out more or to enrol, please visit www.capitalgymsports.org.nz or email us at office@capitalgymnastics.nz