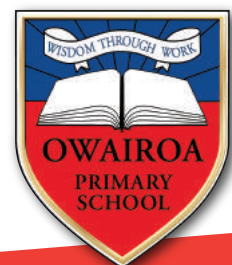


WELCOME TO OUR OWAIROA FAMILY

Liam Eccles | William Hunt
Abby Story-Frayling
Alexis Kennedy | Jay Guruge
River Walmotu | Olivia Kelly
Tejas Sharma | Levi Kelly



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our first semester school reports will be distributed to parents at the Parent Teacher Conferences, scheduled for Wednesday 4th May and Thursday 5th May. Bookings for these conferences are made online and a separate notice has already been sent to you to explain the steps to take. Please note that on Wednesday 4th May, students will conclude their day's tuition earlier, at 12.30pm. We ask that you collect your children from school at 12.30pm or make other arrangements for them.



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Board of Trustees Elections

2016 Planning for the 2016 Triennial School Trustee Elections is underway and a Returning Officer has been appointed by the Board to manage our elections. Nominations for those wishing to stand for elections close at noon on Friday 20th May. Elections close on 3rd June with the Board taking office on Friday 10th June. For those interested, a booklet entitled "A parents guide to the role of the Board of Trustees" is available at the office.

Swimming Sports

Owairoa Primary School was well represented with 36 Year 4~6 students participating in the Interschool Swimming Sports. They swam with great enthusiasm and showed good sportsmanship to all.

Thanks to teachers Gareth Rossiter, Andrew Barrett and the many parents who came along to support the event.

We were proud of the efforts made by all our swimmers and note below some of their outstanding results.

Donald Chen	2nd Boys 10 Years	Championship Freestyle
Regan Kennerley	3rd Boys 10 Years	Championship Freestyle
Ella Cowlet Andrea	3rd Girls 10 Years	Championship Freestyle
Taigo Yamagami	3rd Boys 9 Years	Championship Freestyle
Madidon Harada	1st Girls 9 Years	Championship Freestyle
Ethan Lewis	2nd Boys 8 Years	Championship Freestyle
Freya Hingston	2nd Girls 8 Years	Championship Freestyle
Sophie Read	3rd Girls 10 Years	Novice Freestyle
Harley Gray	3rd Boys 9 Years	Novice Freestyle
Milly Belcher	3rd Girls 9 Years	Novice Freestyle
Ben Hao Li	1st Boys 8 Years	Novice Freestyle
Will Bolton	3rd Boys 8 Years	Novice Freestyle
McKenzie Tucker	2nd Girls 10 Years	Backstroke
Ella Cowley Andrea	3rd Girls 10 Years	Backstroke
Madidon Harada	1st Girls 9 Years	Backstroke
Freya Hingston	2nd Girls 9 Years	Backstroke
Matthew Vergala	2nd Boys 10 Years	Breaststroke
Donald Chen	2nd Boys 10 Years	Breaststroke
Sophie Read	3rd Girls 10 Years	Breaststroke
Taigo Yamagami	1st Boys 9 Years	Breaststroke



TIP TOP FUN DAY



A fun filled day was held on Sunday 3rd April by the 60 Owairoa Primary students who participated in the Tip Top Fun Day at Edgewater College. The children enjoyed the eight games organised throughout the day and the event concluded with each participant receiving a medal and iceblock. Many thanks to Andrew Barrett and Babette Maas and the large numbers of parents who supported the event. Thanks also goes to the Pakuranga Rotary Club who organised the fun day.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is on Tuesday 17th May at 7pm in the Howard Room (Room 5). All parents are welcome to attend these Board Meetings which are public meetings.

HEALTH ISSUES

If your child requires medication to be administered at school, we ask that parents complete a medication consent form, available from the school office. For asthmatics, we will work with you to formulate an action plan to assist with your child's individual needs. For safety reasons, all medication is to be brought and stored in a named container in our school office.

Paper from Home No More

In the past our school has promoted bringing paper from home to recycle at school. The company that offered this service no longer provides our school with a payment for paper. In order to reduce our rubbish costs we have decided to use the Council's free recycling collection. From now on we will no longer be collecting paper from home for recycling at school. The easiest way to recycle your paper is by using your yellow-lid recycling bin at home.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The two week transition to Winter Uniform begins as from Week 3, Term 2 Monday 16th May with all students in full Winter Uniform as from Monday 30th May.

All students require plain black leather shoes for winter. Please note this does not include black sneakers / sports type shoes.

We accept donations of second hand uniforms to the School Office.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOMESTAYS

We are expecting a number of International Students and Adult Visitors in July and August this year. They will be requiring paid homestays and we generally place one to two students (aged around 10~11 years) or a mum and child in each homestay. If you would like to extend some hospitality to our visitors, you can contact Sharleen Morrow, on 5380060 ext 217 to register your interest or apply online on the following link: www.owairoa.school.nz/international/homestay-application/

END OF TERM CLOSURE

Where does the time go? We have nearly reached the end of Term One and close at the normal time this Friday 15th April. Term Two starts on Monday 2nd May for another busy, challenging and fun filled 10 week term.

SUPER HYGIENE ESSENTIAL

We currently have a number of staff and students experiencing an unfortunate bout of stomach upset resulting in vomiting and diarrhoea. If your child contracts this bug, they are required to remain at home for at least 24 hours after the last of the vomiting / diarrhoea. We are encouraging all staff and students to wash hands and use hand sanitizer at all times.



April 15	Last Day of Term One
May 2	Term Two Begins
May 3	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
May 4	Parent Teacher Conferences 1pm~8pm Students finish school at 12.30pm
May 5	Parent Teacher Conferences 3.30~6.30pm

With kind regards
Alan McIntyre
Principal