

## WELCOME TO OUR OWAIROA FAMILY

Alfie Lake / Jack Lake  
Samantha Wheeler / Riley Page-Smith  
Heston Clooney / Herman Chen  
Satoshi Ozawa / Kiri Yamagami  
Alice Aggio / Angelina Hu  
James Allan / Sissi Meng

**Enviroschools**  
**Congratulations** must go to Teacher Claire Hargraves and her team, who so capably led the Green Gold journey leading up to our Green Gold Enviroschools Reflection Day on Thursday 7th July. In an email from Claire Hargraves she stated: "Thank you to those who joined our Green Gold journey. Together we made a difference and we can now officially call ourselves a Green Gold School."



**Homestay Family Wanted**  
Many of our families are currently hosting International Students from China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan. If you want to be part of a great cultural experience and would like to register as a Homestay, please go online to [www.owairoa.school.nz/international/homestay-application](http://www.owairoa.school.nz/international/homestay-application)

## OLYMPIC GAMES



The Olympic Spirit was alive and well at last Fridays Owairoa Olympic Games Celebration.

The games had a grand opening with Zoe and Georgia Matchett lighting the Olympic flames.

The spirit of goodwill, respect, excellence and sportsmanship were displayed as the young sports people participated hard for the gold medals on offer.

The closing ceremony acknowledged the winners, thanked all the participants and the Olympic flame was extinguished for another four years.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday 24 September**  
10am ~ 2pm

**GALADAY**

"One man's trash is another man's treasure" or so the saying goes. With spring fast approaching its time for your annual spring clean and to help you with the process, we are happy to accept clothing, toys, books, household items, furniture, sporting equipment, jewellery etc. for our White Elephant stall at the Gala to be held at the end of term three. If you have goodies in excess to requirements, you can ring

Lizelle Dumas on 021 054 3669 to collect, or drop them off at "Gala Central", the portacom at the main school gate in Nelson Street.



**OWAIROA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEW ZEALAND ATHON**



Coming home this week will be our New Zealand athon fundraiser information.

Each students will have a question sheet to learn and a sponsorship form. We encourage all students to seek sponsorship from the extended family, friends and parent workplace colleagues.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENT



What a wonderful day was had at our recent International Day. Respect was shown to the 53 cultures represented at our school as they proudly marched in the grand parade; enjoyed a shared lunch of all sorts of cultural delicacies, enjoyed the wonderful concert items and participated in a range of activities from around the world.

We believe that this cultural diversity gives a richness to our school and promotes a positive awareness and respect for the many different cultures that we have at Owairoa Primary School.



<b>AUGUST</b>	
Tuesday	16th PTA Gala Meeting 7:30pm
Tuesday	16th Class / Siblings photographs
Wednesday	17th Team photographs
Thursday	18th PTA Sausage Sizzle
Tuesday	23rd Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
Thursday	25th PTA Mufti Day
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Tuesday	20th Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
Friday	23rd Last day of Term 3
Saturday	24th School Gala Day

**Coming Events**

## Fonterra Milk for Schools

Our school was pleased to be the recipient of the Achievement in Recycling Excellence for the Fonterra Milk for schools programme. Our school stood out from all others as the best recyclers of the Fonterra Milk for schools packs. This included the flattening and folding of the packs, draining of packs and also ensuring no other rubbish was in the bags.



Eight students from Owairoa attended the EPro8 Technology Challenge. The challenge involving engineering, problem solving and innovation was keenly competed for against other school teams.

One of our teams Oscar Yan, Emma Neil, Kelsea King, and Palash Manthalkar got 4th equal and against some keen competition our others team of Harry McCormick, Tiffany Chan, Finn Wilton, and Kahlen Flexman gained first place. Both teams now move onto the school semi final Competition.



## DONATION APPRECIATION



Do you know that the Board of Trustees rely on parent donations to support programmes beyond those that are paid for from the Government. Your annual donation of \$260 per

year. (\$240 for second or subsequent child in same family) helps pay for our Sporting Specialist Teachers Mr Andrew Barrett. His position is not paid for from the normal staffing provided by the Government. Ask your child how they feel about Mr Barrett's sports programme and see the value of all parents sharing the expense and contributing towards a fine school initiative. Your donation can be paid in cash, eftpos, or online to

Owairoa Primary School ASB Bank  
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With kind regards  
Alan McIntyre, Principal