

WELCOME TO OUR OWAIROA "FAMILY"

Anna Eckardt | Rewha Honor
Saraya Rite | Ethan Rite
Blake Hutcheson
Hilda Tee | Ibrahim Khurram
Carter Taumoepeau-Williams

UNIFORM PRIDE

Over the last two weeks we have been celebrating the wearing of the correct full School Uniform. As well as concentrating on the correct clothing items, we have been checking on suitable hair styles, jewellery, fingernails, clothing labelling etc. To help ensure that we can return lost clothing items, we ask that every item of clothing is labelled.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOMESTAYS



We are expecting some International Student and Adult visitors in July and August this year. If you would like to welcome some visitors into your home for 1-6 weeks and receive money for doing so, please register your interest with our Homestay Manager, Sharleen Morrow on 5380060 ext 217 or email homestay@owairoa.school.nz or apply online on the following link:
<http://www.owairoa.school.nz/international/homestay-application/>

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

In the next week or so you will receive communication regarding booking in for Parent Teacher Conferences, to be held on;

Wednesday 4th May
1.00pm~8.00pm
Thursday 5th May
3.30pm~6.30pm

Please note that the school closes early on Wednesday 4th April and students will be dismissed at 12.30pm.

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

During the year we have scheduled the following emergency procedures;
4 x Fire evacuations
2 x Lockdown procedures
2 x Earthquake drills
If you arrive at school during any of the above situations, you are expected to observe the protocol of the event e.g. during a lockdown enter the first safe area.

THANKS FROM RED CROSS

Two of our House Leaders Sophie Read and Ella Cowley-Andrea presented a cheque for \$1510.90 for the Red Cross assistance to the people of Fiji after suffering damage from Cyclone Winston. Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy cause.



APPRECIATION FOR NEW SPONSORS

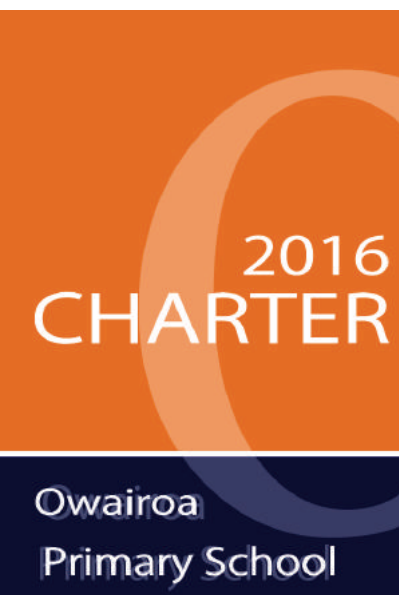
We are grateful to the companies on the back of this newsletter who have sponsored our school. We would hope that our community could support them in return for their generosity.



Our Christian Living programme got off to a positive start on Wednesday 2nd March. This programme is provided for all Year 2~6 students for thirty minutes each Wednesday morning. Alternative opportunities are available for those students not wishing to participate in the programme. Please advise the Principal, in writing, should you not wish your child/ren to attend Christian Living.

SCHOOL CHARTER

This important document is the foundation document for our school. It contains for our school Strategic Plan 2016 ~ 2018, and Annual Plan 2016. You can access a copy of the School Charter from our school website.
www.owairoa.school.nz



SCHOOL CANTEEN



As a result of numerous requests, the school canteen is now open **five days a week**.

NATIONAL STANDARDS

As part of our reporting requirements to the Ministry of Education, we need to report on our student progress in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. We were proud of our student school wide achievements in these curriculum areas last year and this is reflected in the positive report of the 2015 academic year as below.

| Reading | Well below | | Below | | At | | Above | | Total |
|--------------|------------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | Number | Proportion | Number | Proportion | Number | Proportion | Number | Proportion | Number |
| All students | 13 | 1.9% | 64 | 9.3% | 366 | 53% | 248 | 35.9% | 691 |
| Writing | Well below | | Below | | At | | Above | | Total |
| | Number | Proportion | Number | Proportion | Number | Proportion | Number | Proportion | Number |
| All students | 20 | 2.9% | 116 | 16.8% | 441 | 63.8% | 114 | 16.5% | 691 |
| Maths | Well below | | Below | | At | | Above | | Total |
| | Number | Proportion | Number | Proportion | Number | Proportion | Number | Proportion | Number |
| All students | 11 | 1.6% | 108 | 15.6% | 374 | 54.1% | 198 | 28.7% | 691 |

SOCIAL MEDIA

ks to the many parents who commented on our attempts communicate with you in the digital media.
can get up to date information / about the school from
[owairoa.school.nz](http://www.owairoa.school.nz)
the regularly updated blogs to the great learning opportunities students are enjoying
[owairoa Twitter](https://twitter.com/owairoaprimary) -
twitter.com/owairoaprimary
the daily happenings
[owairoa Skoolbag](https://www.owairoa.school.nz/app) - Available from Apple App Store and Android store
you plan your day / week with

SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS

Health and Safety and Security concerns have prompted us to remind students/parents that we don't allow the riding of scooters/skateboards within the school grounds. We also lack a secure place to store scooters/skateboards during the day.
If you wish your son/daughter to ride their scooter/skateboard to or from school, that will be your responsibility and you will need to take it home during the day.



April 8th
PTA Rock and Roll Dance Party
April 12th
Board of Trustees Meeting
7.00pm
April 15th
End of Term One
May 2nd
Term 2 starts
May 4th
Parent Teacher Conferences
1.00pm~8.00pm
School closes 12.30pm
May 5th
Parent Teacher Conferences
3.30pm~6.30pm

With kind regards
Alan McIntyre
Principal