

WELCOME TO OUR OWAIROA "FAMILY"

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SCHOOL DONATION

Many thanks to the families who have paid all or part of their school contribution this year. Owairoa Primary School, like most other schools, ask parents for a voluntary donation. This donation is used to promote additional opportunities/experiences for your children. Payments can be made via the school office (cash, cheque or eftpos) or by Direct Debit to our school bank account

Owairoa Primary School ASB Bank
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*Please remember to reference every payment.



Students have been watching with interest as the bananas started to grow and ripen in the school orchard. Over 650 bananas were harvested and shared with eager Team 1A students wishing to taste the produce.

In some of their written work they wrote...

"Today we ate the bananas we saw growing in the orchard. They were fresh sweet and delicious. There was no waste because we collected all the banana skins and put them in the compost bin. Banana skins are rich in potassium and makes great compost for the garden. Reuse...Recycle..."



On Friday 8th April the School Hall was shaking to the sounds of the 50s. Everybody enjoyed the box car racing, hula hoops and ten pin bowling outside until the sun went down. Everyone came dressed to impress with a few achieving the best dressed awards. The City of Sails Rock n Roll club showed us how it was done. The drive in photo booth proved most popular. About \$1,600 was raised during the evening. Much fun was had by all.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOMESTAY

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:

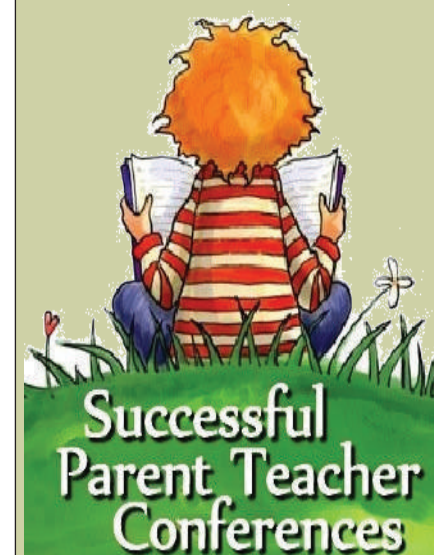
www.owairoa.school.nz/international/homestay-application



APPLY NOW!!!

IN CONFERENCE

What a great opportunity we have had with over 98% of families represented at our recent Parent Teacher Student Conferences. Many a proud student was pleased to present to parents their academic progress, their next learning steps and the help that parents could do to support them. This strong home school partnership is so important to student success, so thanks to all parents who have played their part to support this partnership.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held at 7pm in the Howard Room on Tuesday 24th May. Parents are welcome to attend Board meetings. This year we are holding triennial elections for the Board of Trustees.

Nomination details were mailed out to all parents on the official school electoral roll. Nominations close on 20th May. A school Board of Trustees information book is available at the school office.



INTERNET BANKING

Many people are now taking advantage of Internet Banking as a useful way of paying accounts etc. The school receives many payments per day and while we appreciate payments being made directly into the school's bank account, it becomes difficult to identify the payments accurately when there is no indication of who and what it is for. You could help us immensely by including your child's name, room number and what it is for eg. camp, uniform, donation.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The two weeks transition to Winter Uniform starts on 16th May

with the expectation that all students will be in full Winter Uniform by Monday 30th May. The Winter Uniform prescribes the wearing of black leather shoes for Winter. This does not include black sneakers/sports type shoes.



Second-hand Uniform Shop hours to change!

The PTA wish to inform you that we are changing our second hand uniform shop hours. The shop will now be open every Thursday from 8.30am to 9am and 2.45pm to 3.30pm. Please remember that we do not have eftpos facilities, so cash will be needed to make a purchase. We are in desperate need of uniform donations, so if you have any unwanted uniform in reasonable condition, we would appreciate having them donated to the school by leaving them at the school office or come by and drop them into the Uniform Shop during the times specified above.

Coming Events

	May	17	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm Room 5
		20	BOT Nominations close
		24	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
		30	Full Winter Uniform
	June	2	PTA Sausage Sizzle
		3	BOT Election Closed
		6	Queens Birthday holiday
		14	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
		21	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
With kind regards Alan McIntyre, Principal			