



WELCOME TO OUR OWAIROA FAMILY

Alexander Trotman / Lindy Fang
Matthew Monakhov / Eathan Gates
Alexandra Alshadiefat / Ava Woskett
Yousef Alshadiefat / Braeden Sy Tan
Aaliyah Si / Amia Yu / Jerry Shu
Maddison Watson / Andy Liu



DANCE FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE

The feet were tapping, the ears were deafened, the lighting was bright and the enthusiasm was showing with our two outstanding performances at the Howick and Pakuranga Dance Festival. Congratulations and thank you to our two dance groups and staff mentors Mrs Shona Bolton, Mrs Laura Turton and Miss Ariana Oliver.



ESOL Verification

We were recently visited by a Ministry of Education auditor who came to verify that funding the school received for ESOL (English for Speaking of Other Languages) programmes were being spent to the benefit of these students. The audit went well and a summary of the report stated that; *The school is fortunate to have an ESOL teacher who is commended for high quality ESOL provision for students and providing a range of learning experiences for English Language Learners and their families. Assessments are completed regularly and cumulative records of achievement and progress maintained. The School values and celebrates diversity.*

Play together Stay together. Staff enjoyed an early morning breakfast together at the Howick Historical Village.



GAA Fever

Saturday
24th September
10am ~ 2pm

A huge effort has gone into preparing for this year's gala by PTA, Staff and Friends of the School. Now it is your turn to come and support the event. Too scared to go on the Trail of Terror? Experience Legomania in the Lego Room. Enjoy the craft revival from yesteryear. Fill up on sausages, chips and ice cream. Asian food, South African food and home cooking. Win some great prizes. Buy a gift basket for someone you care for. Have an adrenaline rush on the Fairground rides. Test your power on the games of skill and enjoy the big red Fire Engine. See you there.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING



A growing number of students are attending the before school training session for our school Cross Country. Thanks to staff members Mr Andrew Barrett and Mr Gareth Rossiter for your mentoring and to parents for your support.

Solar from Vector

You may recall the hype around voting to win the Vector Solar System and Tesla Powerwall battery free for use for ten years. Thanks to your support we were voted number one in the country and in the last few weeks we had the system installed at our school. The Power generated by the panels are used in the school classrooms, and when school is not in session, will be sold to power providers and used in the national grid. This is our first step in becoming a more sustainable school. It is estimated that the system will save the school somewhere in the vicinity of \$1,500 a year. Your vote meant a lot to the school – *Thank you!*



SCHOOL DONATION

Payment of the annual school donation of \$260.00 is an important part of the Board of Trustees budget. This money helps pay for our Music Teacher Ms Hargraves and the wonderful music programme that she provides. To date we have received 72% of this year's school donations. The Board is hopeful that parents who have not yet paid see the value in contributing to the many extras offered at our school. To encourage the annual donation, the Board is offering an incentive of a family pass (two adults two children) to Rainbows End. To be in the draw for this prize you need to have paid all or at least 75% of the year's donation by the end of Term 3, Friday 23rd September. Payment of the annual donation can be made in one payment, term by term, weekly payments, cash or online.

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KOANGA FESTIVAL

Come along and enjoy the many different Maori Cultural groups performing at this year's Koanga Festival at Bucklands Beach Intermediate School / Pigeon Mountain Primary School, on Saturday 17th September. We have one Owairoa Cultural group performing on the day.



SEPTEMBER

1st Thursday NZ Athon testing day
8th Thursday PTA Tombola Mufti day
13th Tuesday PTA Meeting 7.30pm
17th Saturday Koanga Festival
20th Tuesday Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
23rd Friday Last day of Term 3
24th Saturday Annual School Gala Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

With kind regards
Alan McIntyre, Principal