



WELCOME TO OUR OWAIROA FAMILY

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We have had a lot of happy students celebrating winter with lots of different winter related activities happening over the last week. We appreciated the parent support for these

activities and trust that those who participated enjoyed their time as well.



Owairoa Green Gold Enviroschools

Kaitiaki Kokonga

Tips from our Kaitiaki – Guardians of the Environment
Plastic – what is the best way to use it?

- Cut the circles from container lids before recycling, so wildlife won't get stuck in it. (see the photo)
Tip: Buy products without the extra circle at the lid
- Use reusable bags when you go shopping
Tip: If you do get a single use plastic bag – send it in to school as we know a community group that plait them in to mattresses
- Look at the recycling triangle and place these items in your recycling bin
Tip: Only buy products in a container that can be recycled or reused
- Stop buying cosmetic products that contain micro beads. These are tiny balls of plastic that can ruin our beautiful oceans and beaches.
Tip: Read the label carefully when buying products



Homestay Families Wanted

Families must be First-Language English Speakers

Learn about another culture while supplementing your income



Owairoa Primary School

is looking for families interested in hosting International Visitors from 1-12 weeks

Contact Michelle 538 0060 ext 216 homestay@owairoa.school.nz
<http://www.owairoa.school.nz/international/homestay-application/>



Saturday 30th September 10am ~ 2pm

GALA FEVER 2017

Save this date for another of our world famous Owairoa School Galas. We have already started collecting for the ever popular White Elephant stall. If you are organised and get your spring clean done early, we would welcome any donations of clean, working items that you would like to give to the gala e.g., clean furniture, books, kitchen ware, toys, sporting goods, jewellery, tools, quality bricabrac, artworks, clean quality clothing, linen, household items, bikes, skateboards etc. **No** TVs or computer screens please.

Spellathon

The support from families and friends has been amazing with our current Spellathon promotion. The students were so focussed with their learning of their lists with many students achieving 20 out of 20 correct in the test. To date we have raised \$29,934 towards the new playground. We would appreciate receiving any outstanding sponsor cards and sponsor money before the end of term.



TALK WITH ME BABY

A recent NZ Herald article (2 June 2017) entitled "Too much tech harms child development study" looked at the impact of technology on children's communication. The article concluded that we are heading for a communication "time bomb" of diminished speech, language and hearing ability. The report stated that today's children spend a staggering average of seven hours a day on entertainment media, including phones, computers and other electronic devices. The difference in older generations and our children's generation is that older folks have had the benefit of living in the pre-digital world, where imagination took you to faraway places instead of experiencing them in the palm of your hand. Research has shown that spontaneous and informal conversations with young children can play a crucial role in school readiness and often leads to a more sophisticated vocabulary and better reading comprehension. We all need to do our youngest learners a favour and consider establishing screen-free zones [and times] in your house and instead enjoy shared experiences with your children that support their learning and development.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniform ordering

Last week we had a meeting with Argyle Schoolwear, our school uniform suppliers. We discussed uniform issues including stock availability, sizing, shipping and ease of ordering. They asked that we inform you that if you need assistance with sizing, you are welcome to go onto their website and use their *Online Live Chat* facility. This facility operates from 9am until 5pm, five days a week, for your convenience. All students are currently wearing the Winter Uniform. Owairoa beanies are available from the school office for \$10.

Headlice Hits Again



Every year we have outbreaks of headlice and the only answer to this is for everyone to be vigilant and attend to any infestation that occurs. We have been told that a headlice prescription for either a shampoo or lotion is available for free through your GP.

The lotion is supposedly more effective. Children under 12 are free to go the Doctor.

END OF TERM CLOSURE

Term 2 finishes this Friday 7th July at the normal dismissal time of 3pm. The school reopens for Term 3 on Monday 24th July. The school office is open from 9am ~12noon on Friday 21st July.

COMING EVENTS

July	
7th	Last Day of Term 2
24th	First Day of Term 3
25th	BOT Meeting 7.00pm
August	
1st	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
3rd	International Day
15th	PTA GALA Meeting 7.30pm
September	
30th	School GALA

Thank you for your support of our school

With kind regards
Alan McIntyre, Principal