



WELCOME TO OUR OWAIROA FAMILY

Gavi Ravra
Jacob Richards
Hayley Van Der Westhuizen
Archie Precious / Xavier Joy
Anne-Maree Richards
Devon Panton
Ava Bronkhorst
Charles San Jose
Nicholas Lau
George Townley / Jacob Cillo

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House Leaders

Congratulations to the following senior students who have been appointed to the important position of House Leader for 2017.

AOTEA

House Leaders

Daniel Goody
Emma Segedin

Deputy Leaders

Logan Hammonds
Shanaye Howard

TOKOMARU

House Leaders

Advait Kuwalekar
Alexia Delpont

Deputy Leaders

Douglas Brown
Kahlen Flexman

TAINUI

House Leaders

Hunter McCabe
Milly Belcher

Deputy Leaders

Ethan Blyth
Summer Roberts

TAKIMU

House Leaders

Yazan Saleh
Madi Buckley

Deputy Leaders

Harley Gray
Robin Warmington

Arrival at School



Students are welcome to enter classrooms each morning after the 8.30am bell. Students arriving prior to 8.30am are asked to assemble in one of two areas ie outside Rooms 10~13 and for those in the upper classrooms outside Rooms 32~36. These areas are secure areas and a Staff Member is on duty to supervise the students until 8.30am.

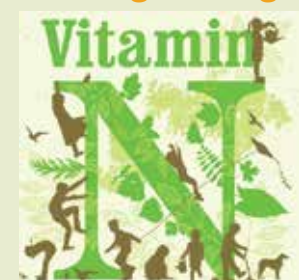
Playground Excitement

The new playground equipment has been installed and we are all excited to use this wonderful facility. Once the base course and matting has been laid, we will open the facility for all to use. Thank you to the Board of Trustees and the PTA for supporting this new resource.



Health Warning

Is Your Child Getting Enough Vitamin N?



If you're a parent, is your child getting enough Vitamin N? It may be the most important thing you can give them. But what exactly does Vitamin N do? Follow this You tube link now

<https://tinyurl.com/enoughvitamin-n>

WHY READING THE SAME BOOK REPEATEDLY IS GOOD FOR KIDS (EVEN IF IT DRIVES YOU NUTS)

Does your child have a favourite book they want to read over and over again? Or worse, wants you to read over and over again? I bet you've memorized every word. You loved its adorable illustrations and clever text when you first brought it home, but now you've grown to hate it. You might even wish it would disappear forever. I feel your pain. I know it can be maddening, but before you toss this particular book, you may want to reconsider. Despite its annoyances, repetitive reading - whether you're reading to your child or they're reading to you - offers a surprising number of benefits for new readers.

To read the benefits you can go to <http://tinyurl.com/readsamebook>

Book Week Fun 3rd ~ 7th April

Our pirate themed book week will focus on "getting hooked on reading".



The enthusiasm is building as we prepare for this fun event.

A large number of books will be on display in the hall for you to purchase for your home library. All students, staff and parents will be encouraged to dress as a pirate during the week and especially for the Grand Pirate Parade and our Guinness Book of Record attempt with the Great Pirate Clash.

Term Dates For 2017

- * Term One
Tuesday 7th February ~ Thursday 13th April
- * Term Two
Monday 1st May ~ Friday 7th July
- * Term Three
Monday 24th July ~ Friday 29th September
- * Term Four
Monday 16th October ~ Wednesday 20th December

The school will also be closed for:

- * Friday 14th April - Good Friday
- * Monday 5th June - Queen's Birthday
- * Friday 20th October - Gala Day Holiday
- * Monday 23rd October - Labour Day



Our school is proud of its environment and strives to make the school a safe and desirable place to be. This was recognised in our recent **Green Gold Status** achievement. We have a

number of gardens and special areas that would benefit from some attention by voluntary gardeners. If you would like join the team of volunteer gardeners for an hour or so per week, then please phone the school office on

538 0060 or email hargraves@owairoa.school.nz

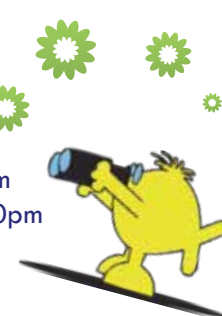
Looking Ahead

March

- 14th Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00pm
- 21st PTA Annual General Meeting 7.30pm
- 24th PTA - Wild Wild West Dance

April

- 4th Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00pm
- 13th Last day of Term One
- 14th Good Friday - Holiday



Relocatables Arrival

Six new temporary classrooms have been placed on the school site and are currently being connected into the services. These classrooms are needed for when we repairs our two-storey block which has water tightness issues, and also to relocate students when the construction starts for our new two-storey classroom block. Thanks to the Board of Trustees foresight, our school owns six other classrooms on site which allows extra room for additional programmes e.g. our Music room, Science room etc.



With kind regards
Alan McIntyre, Principal

School Donations

Owairoa Primary School, like all other schools, ask parents for a voluntary donation. This donation is a very important source of income in our school budget and is used to provide additional staffing, programmes and resources, all dedicated to increasing the educational outcomes for students. The donation for 2017 has been set at \$260 per child Payment can be made via the school office (cash, cheque, eftpos) or direct debit to our school bank account

Owairoa Primary School ASB Bank 12-3089-0109566-001
(Please put your child's name and classroom number as reference)
All school donations are tax deductible and can be claimed from Inland Revenue after 1st April.

