



WELCOME TO OUR OWAIROA FAMILY

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PTA Disco Mania

Friday 26th May

Theme: The letter "P"

Years 0 - 3 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Years 4 - 6 7.00pm - 8.30pm



== 2016 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 school wide achievements in these curriculum areas last year and this was reflected in the positive report of the 2016 academic year as below.

Reading	Well below		Below		At		Above		Total
	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion	
All students	15	2.1%	71	9.8%	384	53.3%	251	34.8%	721
Writing	Well below		Below		At		Above		Total
	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion	
All students	13	1.8%	130	18%	444	61.6%	134	18.6%	721
Maths	Well below		Below		At		Above		Total
	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion	
All students	11	1.5%	98	13.6%	401	55.6%	211	29.3%	721

Gresham Block

Our new temporary six classrooms are finished and the first two Year 0 classes have started using the new facility this week. The six classroom block has been called the Gresham Block in recognition of the great effort and contribution that Mrs Wendy Gresham has made to the school over the last 21 years. The rooms will be numbered G1 to G6. The official opening (Open Home) was conducted on Wednesday afternoon with formalities of speeches, cutting the ribbon, a tour of the property by master real estate agent Andrew Barrett and was followed by a celebratory tea and scones.



PLAYGROUND FUN



Thanks to the generosity of the Board of Trustees and PTA, we have finally got our new playground up and running. The students are eager to use this new facility and the community has made good use, after hours. The official opening of the new playground will be held at 2pm on Thursday 25th May.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The two week transition to Winter Uniform has started with the expectation that all students will be in full Winter Uniform as from the day after Queens Birthday, Tuesday 6th June. All students are required to wear black leather shoes for Winter. Please note this does not include black sneakers / sports type shoes.



IN CONFERENCE

What a great opportunity we have had with over 96% 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.



May
22nd Winter Uniform Transition starts
23rd PTA Meeting 7.30pm
25th Playground opening 2.00pm
26th PTA School Disco

June
5th Queen's Birthday
6th Full Winter Uniform
With kind regards
Alan McIntyre, Principal

An International Welcome

On Friday 12th May we said goodbye to.....

On Friday 12th May afternoon we said goodbye to the 54 students and 11 teachers from the Guangzhou International Primary School, who have studied with us for the past two weeks. The students were mainstreamed into our Year 5 and 6 classrooms, and all of the students and Teachers had the kiwi homestay experience with our



Owairoa homestay families. It was a very successful first visit for our newly established sister school agreement. They had a very action packed programme to fit everything in, and when the majority of the students (and Teachers!) said they didn't want to go home at the end of their visit, we knew it was a job well done!!

2017 SCHOOL CHARTER

Every year the school has to prepare a School Charter that needs approval from the Ministry of Education. The 2017 Charter outlines the Schools Strategic Plan for 2017 ~ 2019. It also has the 2017 Annual Plan and associated Educational Targets for the year. The 2016 summary of National Standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics is included in the document. A copy of the School Charter is available to read on our school website.



Families must be First-Language English Speakers

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

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