



WELCOME TO OUR OWAIROA FAMILY

Maxwell Eketone / Muhammad Fiaz
Alice McLean / Vigness Thilakeswaran
Harsher Singh / Caitlyn Metcalf
Elijah Thompson / Cody Taylor
Josh Hunkin / Yu Yao Xie
Shania Holms
Michael Maye
Caelen McLagan



gala fever

HAVE YOU SAVED THE
DAY TO COME ALONG
AND ENJOY THE FUN OF
THE FAIR?

Saturday 30th
10am~2pm



Happy Spring

All around the school the gardens are getting ready for the magic first day of Spring. Buds are swelling, bulbs are bulbous, petals are clenched tight waiting for the moment to burst forth. Some, of course, haven't been able to wait and with no consideration of the actual date are blooming and blossoming and bursting already. Pollen is puffing, birds fluffing, and the School team have spring in their steps, and getting ready to enjoy the new season.



SCHOOL CLOSURE

The school closes for the end of Term 3 at the normal time this Friday 29th September. School reopens for Term 4 at the normal time on Monday 16th October. The school will also be **closed on Friday 20th October** (Holiday in lieu of Gala Day) and on Monday 23rd October (Labour Day holiday).

Enviroschools

Owairoa
Green Gold

Kaitiaki Kokonga II -- Reducing Waste

- Sending your child with a reusable container for lunch will help to reduce the amount of waste. Our School Rule is all lunchtime and snack rubbish should go back home.
Top Tip: Name both the lunch container AND the lid.
- When shopping, buy larger packets and then put the contents in to smaller reusable containers each day for the lunch box.
Top Tip: By doing this, you can save money and reduce the amount of waste rather than buying lots of little packets.
- Include fruit and vegetables.
Top Tip: They have their own packaging – put the peel and cores in to the worm/compost bins.
- Buy products with recyclable packaging and reduce the amount of non-recyclable packaging.
Top Tip: Use your Council recycling bin.
- Have fun, family time and make your own muesli bars and biscuits etc.
Top Tip: Then you know what ingredients are in the food your child is consuming.

FOLLOW THE RAINBOW

Only a few days left to be eligible to be in the draw for a Family Pass (two adults, two children) to Rainbows End. To be in the draw you need to have paid the annual school donation of \$260 by the end of Term Three. You can pay by direct credit

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Parent Teacher Conferences!

All Parents and Students are encouraged to attend the Parent Teacher Conferences to be held in week nine this Term. The conferences have been set down for

Wednesday 20th September
1.00 ~ 8.00pm and
Thursday 21st September
3.30 ~ 6.30pm

Please note that **the school will close early at 12.30pm on Wednesday 20th September**. Your child's school report will be issued at the conference. A separate letter has already been sent home outlining the procedure for the online conference bookings. Secure your place by booking your conference now.

Owairoa Einstein's in the Making!

On August 24th, 6 budding scientists from the Middle School attended the Science Challenge at Pointview School. In Team 1 were Brody Bailey, Bailey Kannon and Carla Muresan. Team 2 included Max Hewin, Nathan Kulakov and Haolin Li. Twenty-six teams took part in this event. They were lucky enough to work with a variety of materials to experiment and solve problems. One of our favourites was using dry ice to pop a balloon and a virtual reality station, which allowed us to explore under the sea without ever leaving the gymnasium! There were also robots and electronic bowling, programming software and much more. Our children were particularly gifted in playing Top Trumps, despite never having played it before. At the end of the day our Team 2 from Owairoa came 2nd overall and Team 3 came 10th, which meant Owairoa came 4th overall out of all the schools that attended. We look forward to the next challenge in 2018!



was also placed first with Samara Ndoro achieving first and Kaitlin Long second individual places. As a result of their successes, thirteen students have been selected to proceed to the Auckland Champion of Champions competition at Mt Roskill on Friday 15th September, so the training continues. The team would like to thank Mr Church and also Mrs Brown for their generous support with training.



Dance Success

Our school was proudly represented by our two dance groups at the recent Dance Festival performed over the nights of 9th ~ 10th August at Elim Church, Botany Road. Weeks of preparation paid off as the two groups danced with enthusiasm and excellence to a full house. The Y4 dance group, consisting of 16 students danced with energy and passion to 'That Power' (Ft. Will.I.Am) - Justin Bieber. Teachers Shona Bolton and Ariana Oliver did a superb job of choreographing and teaching this group. There were cheers as they came onto the stage with silver face paint on their noses and elbow-length red gloves. Our Years 5 ~6 dance troupe danced to the popular song from the film Moana, 'How Far I'll Go'. This was choreographed and the 14 dancers taught by Lee-Anne Trebilco. They entered the dance floor dressed in black t-shirts and leggings, cobalt blue Island skirts and multi-coloured leis and they truly lit up the stage.



COMING EVENTS

September

19th BOT Meeting 7.00pm
25th PTA Meeting 7.30pm
29th Last Day of Term 3
30th **GALA** 10am - 2pm

October

16th First Day of Term 4
With kind regards
Alan McIntyre, Principal