



NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e te whānau

Every newsletter there is so much to note that I can seldom fit it in.

Some recent positives

- Helpful hands in the office while we search for a Julie replacement; Sam Sun, Alysha Stephens and Sarah Brooks (fondly called Bella's aunty), we really appreciate you!
- Growing strength in our Samoan fono. Time to dream and plan for ways to celebrate being Samoan.
- Learning Record comments that are insightful and meaningful.
- Staff that are committed, incredibly hard working and find fun each day.
- Small kindnesses matter. A handcrafted bookmark telling me I'm doing a good job. We all like feedback.
- **Cyber Safety evening.** What a fantastic turn out. There were about one hundred parents who turned up to hear Rob Cope talk about safety online for our children. The evening was provocative, uncomfortable and helpful. Thank you to the parents who could make it, including the Owhiro Bay School community.
- Thank you to the teachers who helped support the Cyber Safety evening being successful; Karen, Debbie, Rhys and Leanne for child care. Holly, Sarah D, Alysha and Leanne for great tasting sausages and Hillary for organising everything. You are amazing supporters for our community.

The challenges

One of our school's greatest strengths is its diversity. With every new family I share why this is a positive and challenging aspect of learning together. As a school we talk, model and expect kindness, respect and inclusion with ALL people in our community, at all times. As parents we must expect this from our children, towards each other.

This week I have been part of challenging conversations regarding School Pride Week. Although we didn't organise something formally, as a school we are respectful of diversity, the freedom for all to thrive, shine and grow freely.

Thank you for your continued support, asking of questions and sharing important issues of the heart and mind.

Kia pai tō wiki mutunga.

Important dates

- **Tuesday 27 June** - Matariki Breakfast
- **Friday 30 June** - Last day of Term 2
- **Monday 17 July** - First day of Term 3
- **Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 July** - School Photos

Welcome to our new students

- Hayzel Ribū
- Blessing Pita
- Yasmeen Peterson
- Salwa Al Masri
- Safa Mahamud
- Rima Thaer Samir Adas
- Irene Paul

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Upcoming Events



Board News

DONT FORGET TO VOTE!!

Nominations closed this week for the by-election to appoint 1 board member. Please keep an eye on the post for your voting papers next week.

Key Dates:

20 June - voting papers issued

18 July - voting closes

24 July - Votes counted | New Board member announced



INTERZONE CROSS COUNTRY YOU ARE AMAZING!!

These children represented our kura and showed our school values at interzone cross country this past week on 14th June.

- Eva Kennedy
- Sofea Ahmad Nadzri
- Louie Laing
- Blessed Tanuvasa
- Indie-Storm Rua

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR MATARIKI BREAKFAST

Tuesday 27 June | 7.30am



KIA MANAAKI Ka whakamana tātou i ngā rongo o te katoa.
RESPECTFUL We value the thoughts and feelings of each other.

Information | Notices



Taste of Samoa

Thank you to the Parents who prepared the delicious taste of Samoa for Samoan language week.

Cyber Safety Evening

Thank you to everyone who came along last night to the Cyber Safety evening. It was an eye opening event for many, into what can happen online.

Attendance

It is really important that all children attend school every day unless they are sick. We are tracking and analysing our attendance data and will be contacting families. Every day attendance increases learning.

Inspire
PHOTOGRAPHY

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos for 2023 will be taken on Wednesday 19th July & Thursday 20th July
*First week back after the holidays

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