

"YOU CAN DO IT"

*I Can Do It, You Can Do It And Together We Can Achieve Our Goals***FOS MEETING TONIGHT AT 6PM!****S**potlight On...**Upcoming Fale Opening
Friday 28th October**

A huge thank you to the Samoan Support group who have worked so hard and given the school \$5,000 towards the fale. We are wanting to celebrate the opening of the fale on Friday October 28th with a special ceremony followed by a whole school shared lunch, similar to our Race Relations Day lunch. The Samoan Support group will be feeding our visitors.

Room 8, with Ms Best and Mrs. Faleva'ai have been coming up with ideas to make a Pasifika garden around the fale. See Ms Best if you have any Pasifika plants you are able to donate such as bromeliads, mondo grass, frangipani, birds of paradise, irisin or taro.

We are having a Working Bee on Wednesday 19th October to put in the garden. If you are available to help come to school from 9am and see Ms Best.

MUSIC AWARDS

Congratulations to Benjamin Room 1 and Elsie Room 7 who have received the 2011 Term Three 'Star Musician' awards from the Music Education Centre for outstanding commitment and enthusiasm to music practice.

For students who would like to enrol in keyboard/piano lessons at school contact The Music Education Centre on 0800 893 939.

**WOW Club Members**

Remember to record your walking for the term and give Miss Whysall your forms on Thursday.

Competition entries should also be handed in by Thursday!

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE****SCHOOL VISION AND LONG TERM GOALS**

At recent Board meetings we have discussed our existing vision statement and long term goals. If we consider a child's time at primary as a journey, the vision is the destination – it represents our aspirations for all students but in particular our Year 6 students, to be prepared for success as they move on to intermediate and high school. The goals act as signposts along the way, helping us structure how we work with students to achieve this. Our current vision and goals have been in existence for 4 years and we now feel it is time to raise the bar again.

Our current vision is: *Our students will be motivated to achieve their 'personal best' academically, and be aware of themselves, others and the environment.*

We propose modifying this to read:

Our students will be active learners, striving to achieve their best academically, physically, socially and globally.

Our long term goal discussions have resulted in these 4 goals:

Long term Goal #1 currently states: Our students will be literate and numerate.

We propose changing this to read: *Our students will excel in literacy and numeracy.*

Long term Goal #2 currently states: Our students will have a love of learning.

We decided that this goal should remain unchanged, however we would like to re-word the definition which supports the goal.

Long term Goal #3 currently states: *Our students will be environmentally conscious.*

We propose changing this to read: *Our students will be environmentally active.*

Long term Goal #4 currently states: *Our students will be socially well prepared.* As with Goal 2, we decided to keep this goal as it is.

We'd like to hear your views. Please email any comments to BOT@owairaka.school.nz or leave a note at the office.

Trophy Thank You

Thanks to those wonderful parents who donated trophies or money towards trophies. We now have exactly what we need for this year. Thanks also to Trinity of Silver who are donating a Science Cup to our school.

Year 4/5/6 School Athletics At Mount Smart

On Tuesday 1 November, Year 4, 5 and 6 children will go by bus to Mt Smart Stadium for our school athletics. There will be a small cost for the buses. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our children to use an official track. Parents are most welcome to attend.

A letter with more information will be sent home in the first week of Term 4.

Discovery Time - Donations Of Toys Needed

The New Entrant and Year 1 classes are beginning a new programme for one hour per week called Discovery Time. During this time the children have a number of learning opportunities to take part in.

To help us set up some extra activities we need some extra equipment. If anyone has any lego, dress ups, small dinky cars, dolls and clothes, a parking garage or any other good quality items please see Ms Hand or Mrs. Morgan.

The Butcher and The Bear!

TIME OUT THEATRE brings to life a heart warming story of friendship and sticking together.

Gather your family and join a bumbling bear, his best friend bird, a wise gypsy, a greedy butcher and a live gypsy band in a show packed with daring rescues, dangerous traps, magic, music and dancing.

Saturday 8 to Saturday 15 October, 11am & 1.30pm.
Herald Theatre, Aotea Centre, THE EDGE.

General Admission tickets only \$15 (service fees apply)

For more info and to book: Phone: 09 357 3355

Website: www.buytickets.co.nz

School Donations

We would love you to pay your school donation if you have not already done so. For the whole year it is \$100 or \$25 a term per child or \$120 and \$30 a term per family.

Friends of the School are selling \$5.00 fundraiser books that are valid at St. Lukes, Westfield. Please see Rachael in the school office if you wish to purchase one.

Dates to Remember

3 October

6pm FOS meeting

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Disco Theme:

ALL BLACK FOR THE ALL BLACKS!

Please support the Friends Of The School by giving a gold coin donation for the disco.

2PM SCHOOL CLOSSES

NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE



GREEN TIP

Never doubt that a small group of people can change the world—indeed it is the only thing that ever has.

Term 4

28 October

11am - Fale opening / lunch

1 November

Athletics at Mt Smart for Year 4/5/6 children

Term Dates For 2011

Term 4

25 October - 15 December