

"YOU CAN DO IT"

*I Can Do It, You Can Do It And Together We Can Achieve Our Goals*

## Spotlight On...

### Fale Opening Celebrations

What an absolutely fantastic day we had on Friday. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making it so successful. We were honoured to have Georgina te Heuheu, Minister of Pacific Island Affairs come as our special speaker. We were excited that ex pupils Frankie Adams, who plays Ula, in Shortland Street and Sonny Bill Williams joined us on our special day. If you wish to see photos of this event have a look on the school website [www.owairaka.school.nz](http://www.owairaka.school.nz) and in the school office. We had some excellent media coverage of the day.



### MORE GREAT NEWS

Our school has been chosen as one of three school finalists in the NZ Gardener Magazine Schools competition. We are the only Auckland school chosen but now we need you and your friends to vote for us so we can win.

Go to [www.nzgardener.co.nz](http://www.nzgardener.co.nz)

Click on vote then Click Here to vote

Choose Owairaka Primary and fill in your details. You can only vote once on each computer ISPN number.

### YEAR 4-6 ATHLETICS REMINDER - TOMORROW

We are going to Mt Smart - \$3 needed for bus fare. Come prepared with lunch, drink, hat and coat.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

### SCHOOL VISION AND LONG TERM GOALS

In our last newsletter, we asked for feedback on our proposed revisions to our Vision Statement and Long Term Goals. Strategic planning is one of the functions of the Board and provides focus for the next three years.

#### Our proposed vision statement is:

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

#### Our proposed long term goals are:

*Our students will excel in literacy and numeracy.*

*Our students will have a love of learning.*

*Our students will be environmentally active.*

*Our students will be socially well prepared.*

There's still time to provide feedback and we are very keen to hear from our parent community.

Help us shape the school's future by emailing your comments to [BOT@owairaka.school.nz](mailto:BOT@owairaka.school.nz) or leave a note at the office.

## MARIMBA FESTIVAL

Mrs. McQueen took some of our fabulous musicians to Baradene College on Saturday afternoon to perform with a group of other schools. The music sounded fantastic and once again I was a very proud principal. Thanks to Mrs. McQueen for being a wonderful music teacher.



*Welcome to all our new families!*

## Garden to Table

We also had award-winning chef, Michael Meredith come in and prepare food with the children. Michael is a great supporter of the Garden to Table programme.



Garden to Table Volunteers are needed to help on Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 9.30 am to 11 am and from 11.20 am to 1 pm. Please see Ms Rumpler or Mrs Tregoweth if you are able to help.

## 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.

## 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.

## **ROAD SAFETY**

It is important that adults are good role models for our children. Please use the crossings when you come to drop off and collect your children.

This may take an extra couple of minutes, but it is time well invested - **safety first!**

## Dates to Remember

### Term 4

**25 October - 15 December**

#### **1 November**

Year 4 - 6 Athletics

#### **7 November**

Tread Lightly Caravan

6pm FOS Meeting

#### **8 November**

Tread Lightly Caravan

6.30pm BOT Meeting

#### **14 November**

All library books back please!

#### **15 November**

Year 5 Road Patrol Training

#### **18 November**

Make And Take Sandwich Morning

#### **23 November**

Year 1 - 3 Athletics at school

#### **26 November**

Cultural Festival at Rocket Park



## **GREEN TIP**

Check out the A to Z guide of reusing and recycling at:

[www.aucklandcity.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz)