

**"YOU CAN DO IT"***I Can Do It, You Can Do It And Together We Can Achieve Our Goals***S**potlight On...

2011 has been a very successful year for our school. Children have worked hard on our schoolwide learning goal with excellent results.

We have completed a number of Enviro projects such as our beautiful gardens, murals, fitness trail and fale. We have been supported by a number of parents and community groups. We have begun two fabulous programmes to enhance our children's learning — Discovery Time in the New Entrants/Year 1 classes and the Garden to Table Programme in Puriri Team. We have won competitions and been in the media often.

At our Thank You morning tea on Friday we received more exciting news.

We were presented with a cheque for \$2,500 from Mother Earth for a competition we have won.



We also received a Gold Heart Award, the first that has been awarded by the Heart Foundation for this year.

**School Newsletter Sponsors for 2012 still needed**

If you have a company and would like to advertise on the cover of our school newsletter please contact Rachael at the school office or email:

[principal@owairaka.school.nz](mailto:principal@owairaka.school.nz)

**Farewell to our Year 6's**

We would like to say farewell to all our year 6 students and their families. Best wishes for your future education.

Remember, "You Can Do It"

Organisation Persistence Confidence

Getting Along

We will miss you

**LAST CHANCE TO PAY**  
**SCHOOL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY**  
**RECEIVED**

With all the extra programmes we are setting up in the school and extra opportunities 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. If you cannot afford the whole amount please consider paying part of it.

**More Farewells**

Ms Mey will be leaving us and moving to May Road School. We thank Mrs. Tomic who has taught in room 17 this year.

We also say farewell this week to our wonderful Worldwide Volunteers, Wendy, Robyn and Jennifer. They have been very helpful.

*Welcome to all our new families!*

## 2012 CAMP FUNDRAISER

### BMX BIKE RAFFLE

Tickets - \$2 each (at the office)

Choose a girls or boys 16 inch bike (with trainer wheels and helmet)

**Raffle drawn at 2pm on Thursday 15th December**

The prize has been donated by Waterview Connection staff

### Student's Learning and Achievement

Last night the Literacy and Numeracy student achievement results for the year were presented at the Board of Trustees meeting. The board were pleased with the results. The reports are in the front office if you wish to read them. We will present the results to the community next year along with our 2012 targets in Reading, Writing and Maths.

This year the Board of Trustees has funded extra teacher aides to support our students who have been achieving below the standards. The Ministry of Education also gave us extra funding for specialist teachers to teach groups of children in Maths and Writing. Mrs. Bhatia and Mr. Waller taught Maths and Mr. Pressnell and Ms. Cramer taught Writing groups.

### Holiday Homework

To make sure that our children continue to improve it would be helpful for your children to continue to read, write and practise their Maths basic facts during the holidays.

We encourage children to fill in their Reading logs over the holidays.

There are many excellent websites children can use if they have access to a computer. Check out Learning Links on our school website:  
[www.owairaka.school.nz](http://www.owairaka.school.nz)

## Dates to Remember

### 13 December

Year 6 Graduation Evening

### 15 December

Prizegiving - 11.30 am

All welcome

## 15 DECEMBER

Last day of term  
Prize Giving at 11.30 am

**SCHOOL FINISHES 2 PM**

**NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

**We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and a Merry Christmas.**

## 2012

School starts back on  
**Thursday 2 February**

## GREEN TIP

**Recycle your gift wrap**