

"YOU CAN DO IT"*I Can Do It, You Can Do It And Together We Can Achieve Our Goals***From The Principal's Desk****FOS Meeting 6pm Tonight In The Staffroom!**

Last week we celebrated the first National Science Week. Classes had fun doing experiments and learning about Science. This term the whole school is focusing on Science. We will invite you to our own school Science Week at the end of the term.



The teachers went to Science meetings after school to have fun doing Science too. Ms Christison, Mrs. Bhatia and Mrs. Tregoweth went to the Science Department and had fun doing Chemistry experiments.

Sky Tower High!

Chitter, chatter as the children flooded out of the classroom door. What will happen?, the class wonders.

Finally, everyone half shouts. It was about to start. Whoosh! The coke shot up high, like some kids expected. My mum, Kirsten, did another one with three holes drilled in the top. She dropped in the mentos and it whooshed up higher than the first. Whoooooosh! Kirsten tried three more, all different kinds of coke. They all seemed different in the way they shot up. Diet coke worked the best. Whoooooosh! That one was nearly as high as the Sky Tower! When Room 7 tried salt - whoosh! The experiment was heart stopping!

Those bubbles that form on the mentos mixed with the gases sure creates a BLAST. After that everyone buzzed with excitement. I can tell you, it sure was noisy and I can't wait for the next experiment. *By Elsie*

Spotlight On...**Message From Our Board Of Trustees**

Last week reports were sent home for all children. Accompanying the report was some information on National Standards. This information is now available on our website for future reference (www.owairaka.school.nz), along with the link to the Ministry of Education website, as this contains extensive information on National Standards. From time to time we will post articles regarding National Standards on our website, as there has been much debate on the subject and it may be of use to understand what concerns have been expressed.

Parent Interviews - Tuesday And Wednesday

Students may go home at 2pm tomorrow as we are having parent, student, teacher interviews. On Wednesday lessons will finish at the usual time and interviews will begin at 3.15pm. **Please note that interviews are in classrooms this time.**

ERO (Education Review Office) Visit

ERO is visiting us from Monday May 23rd to Thursday 26th May. The reviewers would be pleased to meet parents in the McGarry Room on the afternoon of Wednesday 25 May. They want to know your thoughts about our school - what you think are the school's strengths, what information you receive about how well your child is doing, how the school encourages your involvement and what happens if you are not happy. It would be wonderful for as many parents as possible to come along and "sing our praises!"



SUPER READERS

Esther R16

GOLDEN BOX WINNER

Ashden R17 & Steele R20

GREEN TICKET WINNERS

Syed R17 & Deesha R20

Walking School Bus Update

We currently have walking buses operating from Grande Ave, Hargest Tce, Owairaka Ave, Range View Road and Ennismore Road. Not all our walking buses operate every day - some are just mornings or afternoons, others only a couple of days a week—every little bit helps!

In the past we had a walking bus running from Valonia Street, and a parent has expressed interest in starting this up again. We need parent volunteers to help with this.

If you live near Valonia Street and would like to help start a walking bus, please talk to Rachael at the office.

Music Education Centre News

'Star Musician Awards' have been presented to Bronwyn and Holly for being enthusiastic young keyboard/piano students. Well done girls!

The Great Anchor Milk Run

For 80 days starting on April 4th 2011, Anchor is giving schools and consumers the chance to win a share of \$500,00 when they purchase specially marked Anchor milk. **To be in to win**, enter the code on the reverse of the Anchor milk bottles by texting to 311 or enter online at www.anchor milkrun.co.nz

The Awesome Colgate Carton Race

Collect empty Colgate toothpaste cartons and be in to win! \$60,000 worth of Sports gear up for grabs! Please bring your empty cartons to the school office.

Knitting Club

We have a new Knitting Club underway. This group meets in the library at lunch time on Thursdays. If you can help us out with donations of double knitting wool we would be very grateful.



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM TWO

2 May - 15 July

9 May - TODAY AT 6PM!
Friends Of The School Mtg

10 / 11 May

Parent / Student Interviews

12 May

Eden/Albert Auskick

16 May

Kauri Team Trip To The Zoo

17 May

BOT Meeting 6.30pm

19 May

Music Group Visit

Young Leaders Day

20 May

Staff are having a Fair Trade coffee break

23 May - 26 May

ERO

3 June

Green Day

5 June

World Environment Day



GREEN TIP

Donate unwanted things to family, friends or charities.

This helps others and reduces waste!

Term Dates For 2011

Term 2

2 May - 15 July

Term 3

1 August - 7 October

Term 4

25 October - 15 December