

"YOU CAN DO IT"

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



FRIDAY 3 JUNE

Green Day

Walk To School Day



Owairaka School is celebrating World Environment Day on Friday 3 June. The theme is protecting our trees.

We are very lucky to have so many native trees at our school. Children will be doing an activity to learn their names. We will be adding fruit trees to the school orchard.

On Friday we want everyone to dress in **green** and **walk to school**.

At 9.15am we will have a special **Green Day** assembly. It is also Bee Week so we will be having a visitor from the Beekeepers Association speak to us about the importance of bees. **If anyone would like to buy some Wildflower seeds for \$5 the funds are going to the Beekeeper's Association.**

During the day we will all spend some time caring for our school environment. We would love to see parents at our assembly and helping us in the grounds.

We encourage everyone to **walk to school** as this will help the environment too! Walking to school means less pollution from cars and reduced chaos at our school gate.

Children who walk to school can go to the hall foyer and put their name into a prize draw. Prizes will be given out at our **Green Day** assembly.

Education Review Office Visit

The reviewers were very impressed with everything they saw at our school. They enjoyed hearing our student ambassadors tell them all the great things that happen at Owairaka.

Thank you so much to our parents who came along and said nice things about us.

Well done to our teachers and support staff for always working so hard and caring for our students.

We were commended for having such a wonderful Board of Trustees who are focused on increasing student achievement and providing the resources for this to happen. We are looking forward to sharing the full report with you when it arrives in a few weeks.

Whanau Meeting—Wednesday 8 June, 6pm

All parents interested in the education of our Maori students are welcome to come along. You'll be learning a traditional Maori sport so be prepared to raise a sweat!

Healthy Food At School

We are a Health Promoting School and encourage all of our families to provide healthy lunches for their children. Please take the time to plan for healthy lunchboxes. This is something your children can help you with! Some ideas for the lunchbox:

- * sandwiches, wraps, sushi
- * vegetable sticks (carrots, celery, etc)
- * crackers, nuts and raisins
- * fresh fruit!



Eating healthy food helps children to concentrate on their learning!

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Programme

Puriri team will begin this exciting programme next term where children learn the pleasures of growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing a variety of delicious foods. It is not a lunch program, but is designed to expose children to a variety of fresh, seasonal flavours and cultural dishes, prepare small tastes of many seasonal dishes, rather than one large dish. At the moment Ms Best is working with Room 5 to design some more vegetable gardens for us.

Walking with Dinosaurs Show

Visit www.safetrex.co.nz and enter to win tickets to the show, plus play a fun electrical safety game.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM TWO
2 May - 15 July

30 May

Rimu Team Zoo Trip

3 June

Green Day

Walk To School Day!

9.15am Assembly

5 June

World Environment Day

6 June

Queen's Birthday

SCHOOL CLOSED

8 June

6pm Whanau Mtg in Nga Ringa Awhina

9 June

Eden/Albert Rugby

10 June

FOS Sausage Sizzle
2pm Assembly

21 June

ICAS Spelling Exam

Term Dates For 2011

Term 2

2 May - 15 July

Term 3

1 August - 7 October

Term 4

25 October - 15 December