

"YOU CAN DO IT"

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

Hellers Sausage Sizzle This Friday-10th June!

Thanks very much to Hellers for supplying free sausages for the Friends of the School fundraiser lunch. Please return the forms to school by Thursday if you wish your child to buy a sausage.

BBQ Sausages in bread with / onions / sauce / mustard are \$2.00 each. Please support Friends of the School!

Red Socks Day

We intend to remember Sir Peter Blake again this year and all the good things he achieved for our environment. We will celebrate Red Socks Day at the end of the term with another Red Disco.

Red Socks are available from reception at \$3.00 a pair (toddlers sizes through to adult).

Message From Our Board Of Trustees

Spotlight on Reading

As mentioned in a recent newsletter, Mr Waller was recently nominated for a Reading Superhero competition by Room 20. The competition was run by the National Library and Mr Waller was one of the winners! Well done.

Research shows a strong link between reading aloud regularly to children and reading achievement.

So one really important thing you can do to help your child is to read aloud to them. Try to make the story come alive - use lots of facial expressions and gestures, change your voice, be a bit silly as you read and have fun!

Here are some websites parents might find useful:

www.readingrockets.org

www.owairaka.school.nz/our-children/helping-your-children-with-their-learning/

Spotlight On...

Whanau Meeting

Wednesday 8 June, 6pm

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

Matariki is just beginning. This is a time to acknowledge your whakapapa, the past and the future. It is a time to get together and enjoy life.

Mount Albert Library will be celebrating Matariki with a special storytime session on the evening of Wednesday 15 June at 5.30 pm. All children and families are welcome to attend half an hour of stories and songs for children aged 4 -10.

Pasifika Families

Monday 13 June

7.15 to 9.15pm - Gold coin donation - Supper

Nick Tuitasi and his wife Vasa are speaking about supporting school achievement at Gladstone Primary School, Main School hall, 8 Seaview Terrace, Mt Albert. There will be other parents from Owairaka attending this meeting which I am sure will be very enjoyable and well worth attending. **All parents are very welcome to attend.** See our Community Board Rep, Saga Frost if you would like to join the group going from Owairaka or feel free to go straight to Gladstone Primary School hall.

At Owairaka Primary teachers are committed to increasing all our students' achievement but we want to continue to achieve above average results compared with the rest of New Zealand for all our Pasifika and Maori students.

Welcome to all our new families!

GREEN DAY & WALK TO SCHOOL DAY WINNERS

Congratulations to the following children who won prizes at our Green Day assembly on Friday morning.

Green Ticket Winners: Mercedes, Grace, Hawa, Samson, Ibrahim, Amber, Shanise, Hadia & Paris.

Walk To School Winners: Fotu, Jean-James, Muskan, Daniella & Louis.

Visit our school website to read about our Green Day and see some photos: www.owairaka.school.nz/latest-news/



At our Green Day assembly Maureen Maxwell from the National Beekeepers' Association spoke to us about the importance of bees in our environment. Can you see who kindly dressed up in a beekeeper suit for us?

We celebrated World Environment Day by thinking about all the wonderful native trees that we have in our school environment.

McCain Veggie Patches

We are taking part in this promotion again this year. Please send along your barcodes from any bags of McCain frozen vegetables or McCain Purely Potato packs so we can get points to spend on items for our school gardens.

Help our school win iPads.

All you have to do is nominate our school when you register on YellowLocal.co.nz to help us win. YellowLocal.co.nz is a brand new website where you can find and share notices, reviews, information and check out local businesses.

So if you want to alert the neighbours of a family feline that's M.I.A. or look up your nearest hairdresser, it's the perfect place to do it.

Register on YellowLocal.co.nz to get behind our primary. We only need 250 points to win one iPad, so make your nomination count!

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM TWO

2 May - 15 July

9 June

Eden/Albert Rugby

10 June

FOS Sausage Sizzle

2pm Assembly

21 June

ICAS Spelling Exam

24 June

FOS Sausage Sizzle

2pm Assembly

30 June

Duffy Show 11.30 am

12 July

6.30pm BOT Meeting

15 July

Red Socks Day - Red Disco

27 August

School Auction - 7 pm



GREEN TIP

Pick It Up

Next time you are out for a walk and you see litter lying around, pick it up and throw it in the nearest bin.

If everyone does this, our community would be a far cleaner place!

Term Dates For 2011

Term 2

2 May - 15 July

Term 3

1 August - 7 October

Term 4

25 October - 15 December

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