



WEEKLY NEWS

Important Notices

Hangi

You are invited to book and pay for a hangi meal prepared and cooked at the Island Bay Tapu Te Ranga Marae. The school hangi is organised by Maria Whiting once a year and is a very popular event. The food is delicious and it is a great opportunity to catch up with other families at the school. This year's hangi is on Wednesday 23rd March from 6:00 – 7:30pm in the school hall. If you would like to be part of this, please order your meals on Wrap it Up. Cost: \$7 (child) and \$10 (adult) with a vegetarian option available.

Hangi help needed!

If you are free on Wednesday 23rd March, helpers are needed for the hangi either in the morning or afternoon. We need diggers, kitchen helpers, spades and old sheets. We also need help to dig out the hangi once it's cooked at approximately 5:00pm. If you are able to help, please contact Maria at mariawhiting@islandbay.school.nz. No experience needed!

Mahuri Team Inquiry Share Invitation

Mahuri team would like to invite parents and caregivers to our Inquiry share event on Thursday 8 April at 2pm. All welcome!

Banquer

Could all parents from the South Hub (V4, V5 & V6) please pay for Banquer on Wrap it Up as soon as possible. To continue now that the free trial is finished, students need to pay their \$4.

Whanau Group Hui

The date for the Whanau group hui has been postponed to Wednesday 30th March so as not to clash with the school hangi on the 23rd March. It is at 6:00pm in the Learning Hub. Everyone is very welcome.

Mathletics

Just a reminder that Mathletics is available to purchase on Wrap it Up. All 2015 logins have now expired. We are currently loading Mathletics every Monday and once loaded the teachers will give the student their access code and password. This can be used at home and school. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have paid and your child has not yet received login details.

Anne Hare Challenge 2016

Thank you to those who have offered to help and transport students to and from the Newtown Park on Monday 14th March 4:30pm - 6pm. All students and parents are to meet at Island Bay School on the bottom court at 3:45pm on Monday. Racing starts at 5:00pm. Runners, remember to wear a t-shirt (your team colour), running shoes and bring a drink bottle! Go Island Bay School!

Head Lice are BACK

Head lice and nits are once again back in the classrooms, especially in the junior classes. Please check your child's head for lice and treat if necessary. If your child has lice and they are seen by the class teacher we are required to send the child home and they cannot return to school until their hair has been treated. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Principal News



I awoke to the best news ever this morning: Sir Ron Brierley, an old boy of the school, has generously agreed to donate a sizeable sum to the Rimu Block modernisation project. This gift, combined with Ministry of Education funding, gives us sufficient funding to realise our full vision for the modernisation of Rimu. This would not have been achieved without the generosity of Sir Ron, who has been a wonderful friend and supporter of Island Bay School over the years. In 2011 he kindly contributed towards the Learning Hub and now he has made this contribution towards Rimu Block.

I know the Board of Trustees are tremendously grateful.

The timeframe for modernisation looks something like this:

- Mid March - Mid April: Final Ministry Approval
- Mid April - Mid July: Detailed design completed
- Mid July - Mid August: Tender process
- Late August/September: Building starts

I have a meeting booked with our project manager to re-energise the process now that funding is in place.

In the meantime please enjoy this news. While we are fortunately devoid of the rebuild challenges confronting schooling in Christchurch and the population pressure driving new schooling in Auckland, we now have the

wherewithal to do something very special here in Island Bay.



I am thrilled.

Have a great week.

Perry

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Community News

Dance Classes

Dance classes for all ages available. Pre-school – adults. Special classes for 'Late Starters'. Fully Qualified Tutors. Class sizes limited. Enquiries: Carolyn on 389-4944 or cajon@paradise.net.nz

“Have a go” cricket sessions – Brooklyn Junior Cricket Club (BJCC)

BJCC is running “have a go” cricket sessions for boys and girls of any age who are new to cricket and want to try out New Zealand's favourite summer sport. Sessions run on Sunday 13th March and Sunday 20th March from 10.00 - 11.00am at the old Wellington Bowling Club, Tanera Crescent, Brooklyn (above Tanera Park). The sessions are free and all gear is supplied. Just turn up or email katy.lethbridge@xtra.co.nz to register your interest (and we can email if we need to cancel a session due to the weather). For further information, email Katy or call 027 549 3003.

Little Sprouts Easter Country Fair

The Little Sprouts Easter Country Fair is back, one week before Easter on Sunday, 20th March from 10:00am - 2.00pm at the Battle Hill Farm Forest Park in Pauatahanui. This is a very popular event and features quality craft, plant and art stalls, delicious hot food, baking, sweets, jams and preserves, local produce and mojo coffee, jazz music and even classic cars - including Ferraris, Corvettes, hot rods and more. Plus all the fun of a true country fair - Clydesdale cart rides, fire engine rides, llamas, pony rides, air castles, driver a digger, country games, magicians and facepainters, a quiet zone for young children, Easter craft and Easter Bunny and MUCH more... PLUS a fabulous children's scavenger hunt! Entry to the fair is FREE and scavenger hunt tickets are on sale NOW for only \$7.50 per child with a prize bag for every ticket holder and special golden egg prizes for 1 out of every 10. Order your scavenger hunt tickets and find out more at www.littlesproutseastercountryfair.co.nz/

Every cent from ticket sales and all proceeds from the Fair go to the Little Sprouts Charitable Trust to help give all babies the very best start in life! You can even sponsor tickets which will be given for free to families in real need via our charity partners (like the Neonatal Trust, Women's Refuge, Barnardos, Red Cross, and many many more).

Newtown Skate Park

This is a very popular skatepark, off Russell Terrace. We are trying to raise money to make improvements and an even better place for our many skateboarders. Any assistance would be hugely appreciated. We have raised nearly half of the funds but still need help. If you can help please see pledge link: <https://www.pledgeme.co.nz/projects/4341-resurfacing-treetops-d-i-y-park#pledgers>

Wrap It Up

If your child is involved in any of the listed activities, please login to Wrap it Up to pay and give consent. To register on Wrap it Up and to make payments, go to www.wrapitup.co.nz or access Wrap it Up from the Island Bay School website: www.islandbay.school.nz

Activities

Mathletics 2016

Cost: \$22.00

Chess Club

Cost: \$15

Term 1 fees for all those attending Chess Club on Mondays at 8:00am in the Hub

FloorBall

Cost: \$41.00

This is only for those who have registered and are in a Floorball team

Banquer

Cost: 4.00

For the South Hub only - V4, V5 & V6

Winter Netball for Yrs 5-6

Cost: \$40

This is for Years 5 & 6

Events

School Hangi on 23rd March

Adults: \$10

Children: \$7

This is for everyone in the Island Bay School community and is the cost of the meal (there is a vegetarian option available). Orders close on Tuesday 22nd March. No door sales this year.

Note: The School Donation, Sunhat and T-shirt are able to be purchased throughout the school year.



Term 1 Diary	
15th March	New Entrant Parent information evening - Reading - K5, 7pm
22 March	Victory Park Focus Group Q&A - North Hub, 7-9pm, RSVP required
23 March	Hangi - Hall, 6.00-7.30pm
24 March	BOT meeting - Hub, 7.30pm
25-29 March	Easter holiday
30 March	School starts again after Easter
30 March	Whanau Hui - Hub, 6pm
8 April	Mahuri Inquiry share - M10, M11, M12, M13, & M14, 2pm
13 April	Victory Park Evidence of Learning Day
4 April	Home and School Association Meeting - Hub, 7pm
13 April	Victory Park reflection - Hub, 7-9pm
15th April	Last day of Term 1