



Looking Forward:

- Mar 4 Room 4 trip to Poor Knights
- Mar 8 PTA meeting in the staffroom 6.30pm
- Mar 12 PTA planning a Pool Party
- Mar 15 BOT meeting 5.30pm
- Mar 18 Tentative date for Marae visit
- Mar 19 Tentative date for Waka paddling at Waitangi
- April 1 "Sharing" Assembly at 9.00am
- April 1 School closes for the Holidays.
- April 19 Term 2 commences.



Oromahoe School Newsletter

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Nga mihi atu mahana ki nga whanau katoa o Te Kura o Oromahoe.

Welcome to Heather Gee, our new Administration Officer. There have been lots of new things to learn and new faces to get to know. We are very happy to have Heather on board.

It was great to see so many parents at "The Big Splash" last month. It is always a valuable opportunity to get to know parents and foster communication between school and home in an informal setting.

This Term is going to be busy as usual, with Room 4 underway with an extensive programme "Experiencing Marine Reserves". This week they are lucky to be heading out to The Poor Knights Islands to snorkel amongst the marine life.

Room 2 have had the privilege of attending a live performance of "Snake and Lizard" at The Centre, in Kerikeri.

Thank you to all the Parents and Caregivers who make these opportunities possible.

We are hoping that the whole School will experience paddling a Waka in conjunction with a Marae visit later this month. More details will follow as these plans are finalised. We are looking forward to working together with families to make this another wonderful learning experience.

Mary and I attended the Learning@Schools Conference in Rotorua last week where the focus was on ICT in the classrooms. We will be sharing our learning with the other Teachers and the Students as the term progresses.

No reira kia ora ano, Annie



SCHOOL NOTICES

Term Dates for 2010

Term 1
Feb 2nd to April 1st
Term 2
April 19th to July 2nd
Queen's Birthday 7 June
Term 3
July 19th to Sept 24th
Term 4
Oct 11th to Dec 15 th

BOT ELECTIONS

Please note that BOT Elections are coming up. Nomination forms will be sent to every parent/guardian on our Electoral Roll in the next fortnight. Please ensure that the School Office has your correct postal address.

15 Mar: Nominations open
23 Apr: Nominations close
7 May: Voting Day

Heather Gee
Returning Officer

Community Notices

Free family fun at Federated Farmers Farm Day— March 28, 23 farms will open their gates for the Farm Day. This is the perfect opportunity for children to learn about farm animals, take part in a guided farm walk and try their hand at some farm work. Check out the Farm Day website: www.farmday.org.nz for a farm day near you and don't forget to pack your gumboots.

Guitar Tuition Proposal.

Free "have a go" lesson for interested children.
Phone Glenys on 405 9771 or 021 201 5367

Wanted:

Do you have or do you know anyone who might have Black and White darkroom equipment to donate to the school. I'm hoping to start a creative (pinhole) photography club. Also, if any of you are interested, feel free to contact me:
Aaron on either 022 641163 or 09 046 6605

Achievement Potential Seminars Junior Workshops 8-12 yrs

Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 April at Selwyn College, Kohimarama, Auckland. \$259.

Brochure available from School Office for further info or visit the website :
www.holidayseminars.co.nz

Mobile Ear Clinic

Will be in Kerikeri at the Community Clinic, Wendywood Lane, outside the Plunket rooms Wednesday 3 March, and Tuesday 23 March, 9am—3.30pm.

SUMMERTIME

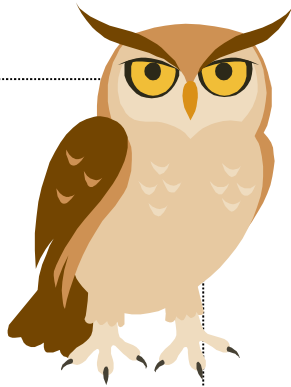
STORIES FROM Rm 2

Summertime

I went to bed at night. I heard an owl whoo-ing.

I got out of my bed and went to my Mum's bed. I told my Mum that there was an owl in my bedroom. I went to bed with my Mum.

By Chloe



Summertime

It is summertime and I see the sun a lot.

I hear the birds tweeting.

By Jackie

Summertime

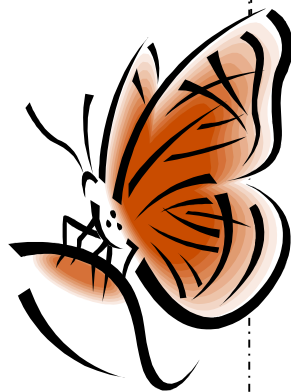
I see the sun a lot.
I hear cicadas.
I feel HOT all the time.
I like going swimming.
I see Monarch butterflies.
I see crickets.

By Brendon

Summertime

I see Monarch butterflies.
I like that.
I hear cicadas.
I feel happy.
I like swimming.

By Rosie



Room 4 MOMENT IN TIME WRITING

Blue Fish

"I'm going down" I told Mia as I flicked my flippers. "OK" she called back. I saw a little Spotty swimming in front of me. I turned and ducked down. The slime of the seaweed flicked me as I swam over it. Then I tried to reach the bottom. The water was deep and the deeper, the colder. I came up for a gust of air and tried again. But this time I got distracted – a movement in the corner of my eye. I turned. There, swimming gracefully was a blue fish. Its faded strips shone white and its silky grey-blue skin finished it off to make a unique, graceful fish. I glanced at it and started to follow its big body swaying in the waves and as I was thinking about it, it swam off and hid in the kelp bushes. I swam back up for a gasp of air. I shivered as I breathed. I swam in a bit closer to the shore, hoping for warmer waters. It was no warmer than in the deep so we started looking for catseyes. Then Nikki came up and said "stay in the shallows because we are getting out in a moment" so I gathered up all my stuff and headed for land. I smelt the salty air and sighed. "That was wonderful" I thought to myself. "Life is great" said a little voice in my head.

Jasmin Y6

Pipe Fish

He lay on his tummy looking down at the bending and swaying sea weed forest. He felt like an eagle soaring over a forest in a gale. Then suddenly he saw two Pipe Fish slowly weaving through the weed like stretched seahorses. They floated above the forest as if suspended by some enchanted power.

He tapped his friend on the shoulder. "Pipe Fish!" he gasped. He signed thumbs down to show where he was going.

He glided toward the bottom, held his nose and blew his ears and made a clicking sound to show that his ears had adjusted to the pressure. He grabbed onto some seaweed. He let go and floated to the surface like a cork. His ears made another clicking sound and he spouted.

Bjorn, Y8

A Moment in Time

I was snorkelling through the dark blue water at Matauri Bay, watching the colourful seaweed sway-ing with the tide and the Spottys right down below. Soon I was viewing snapper and all sorts of other fish. I went out a little further to find myself swimming through a school of Trevally – their sides sparkling from the sun's glare.

There was Nicky under the school and Justin swim-ming through the massive group of fish which I now saw as the size of a Landrover.

Soon we were pulled away from that school of Tre-vally and found ourselves in a polluted area amongst rubbish rather than fish.

There were golf balls, iron, plastic and drink bottles everywhere we looked.

We swam away from the waste lands and back to shore.

Jack Y6

Snorkelling in the Sea

I could smell the seaweed's crusty smell.

I could touch the hard, cold rocks.

I could hear the fish tails whipping back and forth.

But then I saw a school of spottys.

I dove down and swam with them.

It was a shame because my goggles were leaking a bit

But it was still a fun time!

When I was underwater with the spottys,

Nicky took a photo of me with an underwater camera.

Maya Y5

