

Inspiring a love of learning through an education that values the development of the whole child

10 October 2023

Week 1, Term 4

Nau mai, hoki mai!

Welcome back everyone, to a busy term 4!



Hats - Hats are compulsory this term. Hats need to have a brim; caps are not acceptable. We have bucket hats for sale, from the office. \$15.

School Strategy Workshop - Kia ora to all school/kura whānau - The Board of Trustees warmly invites all whānau to a strategy workshop this **Sunday 15 October** at 1.30-3.30pm in the school hall. The school is updating its strategy and action plan and we are keen to hear what's important to you and your whānau as we set priorities for the plan and brainstorm actions on the priorities. We will follow with afternoon tea so you are welcome to bring your favourite treat. Of course, the kids are welcome!



Relevant Information for School Strategy Workshop - In relation to the strategic planning the Board is undertaking and the consultation process, it may be useful for whānau to have the following information regarding some learning area priorities we are already committed to:

- We will be continuing to implement structured literacy.
- Raising writing/tuhituhi achievement will remain a priority.
- We will be continuing to review and update our local curriculum to reflect the Ministry's refreshed curriculum (New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga).
- Ensuring the local curriculum authentically reflects each of our three strands is a priority and all schools must develop a curriculum that reflects the aspirations of whānau, the local area and tangatawhenua.
- Swimming sports will happen again, along with athletics and cross country and the Western Zone sports.
- We will have a performing arts opportunity, either through a school production, Artsplash or both.
- Our themes next year are 'Sky' and 'Landforms'.

English Medium

Science: The nature of science + Planet Earth and Beyond
Earth Systems:

- Interacting systems
- Astronomical systems

Māori Medium

Pūtaio: The Natural World/Te Ao Tūroa

Guardians: Papatūānuku and Ranginui

- The Earth/Papatūānuku
- Astronomy/Ranginui

Strategic planning consultation for staff and students

This term, each strand is having a planning day for the following purposes:

- Provide feedback to the strategic plan questions the community has responded to already
- Identify areas for strand development
- Plan in relation to the 2024 themes

The strand planning/feedback days are taking place offsite and relievers have been booked. The days are next week:

- Tuesday 17 October for the Montessori Strand
- Wednesday 18 October for the Original Strand
- Thursday 19 October for the Māori Immersion Strand

Students will also have an opportunity to provide feedback that can inform the board for the future development of their three year strategic plan.



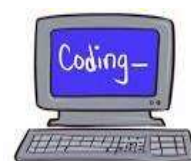
Help with Sports Events - We have two interschool sports events happening this term for which we will need parent help in order to participate. These are the Year 3 Sports festival on Tuesday 31 October, involving all Year 3 students and Western Zone Athletics on Friday 10 November, involving selected Year 4-8 students. Further information will be coming out later but we will be requiring parent help so if you think you might be able to help please put these dates into your diary.

Kiwi Hoops - This term, children will be participating in the Kiwi Hoops programme with Capital Basketball. Kiwi Hoops provide children with a fun and safe basketball experience jam-packed with learning and healthy activity. The programme is modified for different age groups. The cost of this 6 week programme is \$12 per child.



School Athletics is on Wednesday 25 October at Ian Galloway Park. Whānau are welcome to attend.

CodeClub will be starting back on Monday 16 October. Code Club is for Year 4 to Year 8 student's and is run out of Kererū classroom from 3.10 - 4.10pm on Monday afternoons. It is run by volunteers using school equipment so there is no fee for CodeClub but a koha to the school office is always appreciated. If you have any questions about CodeClub please email sacha@otari.school.nz.



Calendar Orders – Order forms will be sent home this week. Just like the photos, each order form is individualised for each child. Orders close next Thursday (19th).

Teacher Only Day – A reminder that there is a Teacher Only Day on **Monday 13 November**.





Birthdays This Week: Happy birthday to Lucy W, Olivia, Archie, Emmett and Caitlin. Rā whānau ki a koutou! We hope you all have a great day.



Taonga Horomata/Virtues - This week the focus taonga horomata is **Āta Ngāwari/Moderation**

Moderation is being content with enough. It is using self-discipline to create healthy balance between work, rest, reflection and play.

"If one oversteps the bounds of moderation, the greatest pleasures cease to please." Epictetus



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Swimming lessons	Juniors	Fridays 13 Oct – 1 Dec	\$50.00
Technology	Yr 7/8	Fridays 20 Oct – 1 Dec	
Kiwi Hoops	All students	Wednesdays/Thursdays	\$12.00
Athletics Day	All students	Wed 25 Oct PP Mon 30 Oct	
Yr 3 Sports Festival	Yr 3s	Tues 31 Nov PP Thurs 2 Nov	
WZ Athletics	Selected students	Fri 10 Nov	
Zoo Sleepover	Yr 5/6 Orig/Imm only	Tues 14 Nov	\$55.00
Yr 8 Dinner	Yr 8s and staff	Fri 1 Dec	TBC
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7 and Yr 8 students	Fri 8 Dec	
Yr 8 Outing	Yr 8s	Tue 12 Dec	

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2023 Term Dates

Term 4: Mon 9 Oct – Fri 15 Dec, noon
Teacher Only Day: Mon 13 Nov

2024 Term Dates

Term Dates		Public Holidays
Thurs 1 Feb	Fri 12 Apr	Waitangi Day: Tues 6 Feb Easter: Fri 29 Mar, Mon 1, Tues 2 Apr
Mon 29 Apr	Fri 5 July	King's Birthday: Mon 3 June Matariki: Fri 28 Jun
Mon 22 Jul	Fri 27 Sept	
Mon 14 Oct	Tues 17 Dec	Labour Weekend: Mon 28 Oct



