

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

19 September 2023

Week 10, Term 3

Kia ora koutou

What's Going On? - Events and Activities at Otari School

- Wednesday Day of Play
- Thurs: Tōtara/Kererū plays



Haere ra ki tā tātou hoamahi tino ngākaunui (Goodbye to our valued colleague).

This week we are saying haere ra to Whaea Wairere who is leaving Otari School for a new position working for her iwi, Ngāti Toa Rangatira. We are sorry to lose Wairere. Her enthusiasm, talents and skills have benefitted the Māori Immersion Strand and the whole school for the past three years, first as kaiako in Tūi, then later as Assistant Principal and Strand leader. As strand leader, Wairere has been responsible for implementing significant professional learning development. As well as fostering productive relationships throughout the strand, Wairere has liaised effectively with other leaders, outside agencies and whānau for the benefit of the tamariki within the strand. Kapa haka has flourished under her leadership and we have all appreciated the way Wairere has shared knowledge, encouraged the growth of Te Reo Māori and promoted learning and engagement in relation to Te Ao Māori throughout the wider school. We will all miss our collegial, friendly and good humoured colleague and wish her all the very best for her future role, as well as for continued success in her music career.

St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival - E mihi kau ana ki ngā tamariki i tū ki te whakaatu i o rātou pukenga kapa haka i te ra whakangahau o St Brigid. Well done everyone who participated in this event. The children performed beautifully!



Interzone Swimming Competition - Well done to Ella Hiscoke, Ashley Fairbairn, Sylvie Robertson, Jonathan Forbes Ballard and Charlotte-Jane Paurini who participated in the Interzone Swimming Competition last Thursday.

Special congratulations to Ashley who was 3rd in the 25m Freestyle and Backstroke and all the girls who together came 2nd in the Year 5 Girls Relay (even though Ella is only Year 4). Thanks to Rhiannon Newcombe and other whānau who coordinated and supervised the children at this event. Without whānau support we would not have been able to attend.



Codeclub - It has been great to see all the tamariki at CodeClub this term. There will be no CodeClub the first Monday back next term; we will start back on Monday 16th October. Thanks very much to our parent volunteers Morgan Jones and John Fouhy, without whom we wouldn't have a CodeClub at Otari School.



Birthdays This Week: Happy birthday to Robin M and Waimihi. Rā whānau ki a koutou!
Birthdays during the holidays: Anahera, Fletcher, Hannah, Kauwē, Robin W, Hazel, Anneliese and Pirirangi. We hope you all have a great day.

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



Taonga Horomata/Virtues - This week the focus taonga horomata is **Ngāwariwari – Flexibility**.

“Flexibility is the ability to adapt and change amid the fluctuating circumstances of life. We go with the flow, seeing the choices, challenges and opportunities in all that happens. We do not insist on our own way. We are open to the opinions and feelings of others.” (The Virtues Project)

“I bend but do not break” (Jean de la Fontaine)



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Swimming lessons	Juniors	Fridays 13 Oct – 1 Dec	\$50
Technology	Yr 7/8	Fridays 20 Oct – 1 Dec	
Trip to Parliament	Tūi	Tues 10 Oct	\$8.00
Athletics Day	All students	Tues 24 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	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 holiday everyone. A reminder that the term ends on Friday at 2.55pm. See you back here on Monday 9 October with your sunhats!

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2023 Term Dates

Term 3: Mon 17 Jul – Fri 22 Sept

Term 4: Mon 9 Oct – Fri 15 Dec

Teacher Only Day: Mon 13 Nov

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Do you know a child who loves to sing? Bring them along to our **CHORISTER OPEN DAY**, where they can experience what it is like to sing with the Cathedral Choristers. Includes a tour of the Cathedral and Fish and Chip supper. Thursday 19 October, 3:30-6:30p. Register here: <https://www.wellingtoncathedral.org.nz/chorister>

New season of tennis approaching at Karori United Tennis Club (Cyperus Tennis + Fitness). Holiday Programme over the first week of holidays, afternoons 1pm to 4pm. Coaching for Term 4, schedule now online, registrations open for a variety of ages and levels. Tennis Xpress course for adults (beginners or refresher) fortnightly on Monday evenings, starting October 9th. For further information and to register, go to www.cyperus.co.nz or contact Darren 021 870 978.



St Ninian's Karori Holiday Programme

Who Do You Want to Be?

Explore the possibilities with us!

Whatever you want to be when you grow up, have fun exploring your options with us!

Along with games, crafts, fun activities, music & drama, we'll have some cool visitors: police officer, fire fighter, doctor, nurse, vet, teacher, musician, builder, missionary, minister and more!

**2-5 October
9am-1pm**

208 Karori Road

Cost: Koha
Morning tea & lunch provided
Register by 1 Oct

Ph: (04) 476 7137 or email: stnup@xtra.co.nz



**Maranui Surf life Saving Club open day Sunday
15th October 1:00pm –
4:00pm**

• Join us for a day filled with fun, waves, and cheerful faces at the Maranui Surf Life Saving Club's Open Day, meticulously crafted for children aged 6 to 13!

• Our club boasts an enthusiastic and dynamic junior surf membership called Nippers, a delightful beach and surf program held every Sunday morning at 10:00 am, spanning from November through March.

• It's an incredible opportunity to forge new friendships, stay active, and nurture a lifelong passion for the beach. So, save the date and come make a big splash with us during Maranui SLSC's Open Day!

• For additional details, feel free to reach out to us via email at admin@maranui.co.nz



Wellington Holiday Workshop

Want to keep the kids busy with something super fun these holidays?

Join us at the **Marrzipan Holiday Workshop**
Monday 25 - Friday 29 September
at the **Wellington Cadet Centre!**

We have limited spaces - sign up now to reserve your space!

Students will devise their own play, create characters they feel awesome portraying, learn to direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes, use iMovie to create a commercial for their play on the iPad aaaaaand get to perform for family and friends at the end of the final day!

[More Info](#)

Onslow College Open Day for 2024 Year 9 Cricket

Onslow College Cricket is hosting an open training session for Year 8 students to introduce you to cricket at Onslow College.

Join us to:

- Train with the Onslow coaches, including our Director of Cricket, former Black Cap Ewen Thompson.
- See the indoor training facilities at Farnboro
- Train with current Year 9 and senior players
- Find out about Onslow teams including Year 9 open grade and all-ages girls team
- Enjoy pizza following training



RSVP and enquiries to:
onslowcollegecricket@gmail.com

Monday Sept 25th Farnboro, 2-4pm. RSVP for pizza or just come!

Summer Hockey Programmes and Leagues for school-aged players Term 4 2023



Junior Summer Programme for players in Years 1 to 6 (Monday/Tuesday afternoons) _

Wellington Hockey's Junior Summer programme is a great opportunity for young players to try the sport for the first time or for existing players to grow their skills in a fun and inclusive environment.

This programme is led by WHA Coaches and involves a combination of skill development, and small games suitable for the age and stage of the players.

We are aiming for the programme to run in the following locations, however, the exact locations will be registration-dependent.

Elsdon, Porirua
TBC, Karori/Kelburn
National Hockey Stadium, Newtown
Fraser Park, Lower Hutt
Maidstone Upper Hutt

The 6-week programme starts on Monday 30th October/Tuesday 31st October, with the last session the week of 4th December 2023. The hour-long sessions start at 4pm.