

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

7 November 2023

Week 5, Term 4

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

Wednesday: Kiwi Hoops. Visit from Geologist

Thursday: Kiwi Hoops; Helpers Morning Tea. Visit from Geologist

Friday: Technology; Junior Swimming; WZ Athletics

Next Week: Monday: Teacher Only Day – No School

Tuesday: Sexuality Education. Zoo Sleepover (Yr 5/6)



Kia ora koutou

Reminder – There is a Teacher Only Day On Monday, 13 November



Food - Our supplies of food for children without lunch has dwindled. If you are able to, we'd appreciate some donations of muesli bars, nuts, etc. Many thanks.

Zoo Sleepover Yr 5/6 - If your child is attending the Zoo Sleepover next week, please make payment of \$55 as soon as possible. Thank you.



Ōtari School Disco - HELP STILL NEEDED! Thanks so much to the people who have volunteered to help at the School Disco on Friday 24 November, 5pm - 8pm.

We still have quite a few slots remaining. If you haven't put your name down yet, please consider helping us. We cannot run the event without parent help.

We only need two hours of your time. Please put your details into this link and select a volunteering option (<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/xmgab>).

Once you sign up we'll be in touch closer to the time with clear instructions of what you need to do, where you need to be and when etc.

Our contact person is Lara Charles on larameredith@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

Helpers' Morning Tea - Otari Staff invite our wonderful helpers to morning tea on this **Thursday at 10.30am in the hall**. If you have helped out in any way (coached a team, read with children, transported, helped with swimming, fundraising, Code Club etc) then please join us.



2024 Teacher Only Days - Please see updated 2024 term dates at the end of the newsletter.



Birthdays This Week: Happy birthday to Manaia, Maya, Robin F, Maka, Samar and Esme. Rā whānau ki a koutou! We hope you all have a great day.

Montessori Education - Have you ever wondered:

- What are the long term benefits of a Montessori education?
- Will a primary Montessori education easily transfer to High School and tertiary education?
- Will my child learn skills that they wouldn't get in a normal school classroom?



If you have asked any of these or other questions regarding your child's time at Montessori Primary then please come along to this learning session with past students.

The four students, who are all currently studying various degrees will share what they loved about their time at Montessori and how its helped them navigate school and life.

Date: Thursday 16 November **Time:** 7.30pm – 9pm **Location:** Montessori Classrooms
Past Students attending: Aaron Beasley (20 years) , Alice Thompson (19), Regina Fernandes (19) and Aimee Cloutman (20) Thanks, The Montessori Trust



Taonga Horomata/Virtues - This week the focus taonga horomata is **Kotahi-tanga / Unity:**

Unity is a powerful virtue and it brings great strength. Unity is inclusiveness. It brings people together. We see our commonality without devaluing our differences. We experience our connectedness with all people and all life. Unity frees us from the divisiveness of prejudice and heals our fears.



"Ehara toa i te toa takitahi, engari, he toa takitini" –
 My success (or my strength) is not that of a single person but instead the strength of many.



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
WZ Athletics	Selected students	Fri 10 Nov	
Zoo Sleepover	Yr 5/6 Orig/Imm only	Tues 14 Nov	\$55.00
School Disco	Everyone	Fri 24 Nov	
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
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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 Teacher Only Day: Fri 31 May Matariki: Fri 28 Jun
Mon 22 Jul	Fri 27 Sept	
Mon 14 Oct	Wed 18 Dec	Teacher Only Day: Fri 25 Oct Labour Weekend: Mon 28 Oct

Get ready to ignite your child's musical passion! Exciting News!

Goodtime Music Academy is coming to Otari School in 2024, offering award-winning in-school music lessons. Say goodbye to post-school commutes! Dive into the world of music in a vibrant group setting with the following instrument lesson: Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele or our 'Intro to Music' course. But the excitement doesn't stop there! Your child will have the chance to shine in our thrilling concerts.

Act fast, as spots are limited. Enrol now at

www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school

or call us at 04 568-2237. Your child's moment in the limelight awaits!



Upcoming

**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Montessori at Otari Preschool is having an Open Day on Saturday 11th November 10am – 12 noon. The Preschool offers quality, affordable early childhood education for children between the ages of 2½ and 6 years, based on the Montessori Philosophy. Invite family and friends to come along and find out more about Montessori, see a class in action and meet the teachers. For more information phone 475 9688 or wcmp@xtra.co.nz.

Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures -Summer School Holidays At South Wellington Intermediate School (Swis - Berhampore) and Western Suburbs Rugby Club (Wilton). 18th Dec 2023 – 2nd Feb 2024 from 7.00am-6pm daily. Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$82.04/cub per session or \$139.47 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$328.16 per cub/week or \$557.87 for two siblings/week . MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families. Qualified 1st Aid Trained Activities Coordinators and Youth Mentors. One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is needed at \$12/hr. ACTION (Home support 1-on-1) Mentors are also available if needed at \$35/her per mentor. Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online:

www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz or Visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/pridelandschildcare

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5+

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CHRISTCHURCH

26 November Isaac Theatre Royal

AUCKLAND

2 December The Civic

WELLINGTON

3 December St James Theatre



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New Stage Productions Proudly Presents

When Christmas Comes to Town

Join us for an Christmas Extravaganza just one week out from Christmas featuring a massive Children's Choir!

**Saturday 16th December 2023 at
3.00pm and 7.30pm**

**THE OPERA HOUSE
WELLINGTON**

Adults: \$58.00

Children up to 14: \$42.50

Seniors: \$48.00

PLUS BOOKING FEE

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