

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

7 February 2023

Week 2, Term 1

*Kia ora koutou*

*Johanne and I and our entire whānau want to express our deep gratitude for the outpouring of love and support we have received from you all. Your thoughts and prayers, expressions of sympathy, your flowers and your generous gifting is truly appreciated. The waiata at Veronica's farewell was beautiful. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.*

*It is early days as we move forward with our lives, without our darling Veronica. After what had been such a happy and sun-filled, fun filled summer we were looking forward to returning to school, never expecting our world would be so tragically shattered. We are taking each day at a time. Your support and that of our church family, neighbours, family and friends is of immense help. Never have we been so thankful for our 4 adult children and our two grandchildren.*

*At this stage we are looking to return on Monday 20 February. I already miss the kids and their energy and we miss our colleagues too. However, I am very aware that it is important we are both strong enough to return and appreciate the board's flexible and supportive approach around this.*

*Arohanui Clifford and Johanne*

Welcome to the 2023 school year!

We have a number of new students and whānau to welcome to Ōtari School. We look forward to getting to know you and hope you quickly feel as though you are part of a strong and vibrant community. Nau mai haere mai ki:



Misha Drawneek	Kākano	Mia Guan	Pōhutukawa
Remy Thompson	Kākano	Adam Wang	Pōhutukawa
Edison Lensen	Kākano	Arjun Atmakur	Pōhutukawa
Inara Rai	Kererū	Sadie Reweti	Kōwhai
Samar Rai	Kākāriki		



Welcome back to all our staff...

<b>Clifford Wicks</b> , Principal	<b>Susan West</b> , Deputy Principal, Teacher (Kākāriki), SENCO, Original Strand leader
<b>Wairere Ropata</b> , Assistant Principal, Teacher (Tūi) Immersion Strand Leader	<b>Johanne Wicks</b> , Teacher (Tōtara) and Library Management
<b>Britta Martini</b> , Teacher (Kākano), RR Teacher	<b>Deborah Sorensen</b> , Teacher Ngaio, Montessori Strand leader
<b>Lynette Franklin</b> , Teacher (Kōwhai)	<b>Sacha Fell</b> , Teacher (Kererū)

<b>Erana Franklin</b> , Teacher (Kaikōmako)	<b>Paula Crisp</b> , Teacher (Pōhutukawa)
<b>Shani Leda</b> , Support Teacher	<b>Tom Wild</b> , Support Teacher
<b>Christine Dowell</b> , Support Teacher	<b>Catherine Hope</b> , Support Teacher
<b>Nichole Craig</b> , Support Teacher	<b>Rebecca MacKenzie-Pollock</b> , Teacher & T Aide
<b>Jillian Wilson</b> , Office Manager	<b>Ann Kendon</b> , Reading Recovery Teacher
<b>Parekohai Wells</b> , Kaiarahi-i te-Reo	<b>Katrina Murray</b> , Kaiāwhina
<b>Sandi McKenzie-Edwards</b> , Teacher Aide	<b>Emile Guy</b> , Teacher Aide
<b>Jamie Flude</b> , Teaching Assistant	<b>Cynthia Aylward</b> , Teacher Aide
<b>Richard Kobiti-Hiko</b> , Teacher Aide	<b>Susannah Poole</b> , Teacher Aide
<b>Rakesh Sharma</b> , Caretaker	<b>Deanne Grigsby</b> , IT Support
<b>Alison Dyer</b> , Accounts Service Provider	<b>Hilary Eats</b> , Librarian
<b>Claire Rumble</b> , Resources Manager	

**Technology** for Year 7 and 8s is on Fridays and begins this Friday (10<sup>th</sup>). Students are taken by bus, leaving school at **8.40am**, to the Technology Centre at Karori West School. Children take their morning tea with them, as they don't return to Otari until lunchtime. At technology, children learn skills through cooking, building and constructing with wood, creating sewn items and working with other materials, such as plastics and metal to create practical and aesthetically pleasing objects. If your child misses the bus, please take them to Karori West yourself. **The cost for each student for Technology for the year is \$80.00 payable to Otari School.**



**Financial: Costs** - Here is a summary of the upcoming costs required:

- Camp for Yr 7/8 - **\$270.00**
- Technology for Yr 7/8 - **\$80.00**
- Class Consumables - **\$10.00** per child
- Contribution to costs for digital learning and reporting platforms - Original strand: (Seesaw, Reading Eggs, Mathletics) **\$18.00**
- Contribution to costs for digital learning and reporting platforms - Montessori strand: (Educa, MathsBuddy, ) **\$18:00**
- Contribution to costs for digital learning and reporting platforms - Immersion strand: (Seesaw, Mathletics, ) **\$15:00**
- *Donation: Parent Donation \$250 per family*
- *Donation: Photocopying/printing contribution \$10 per child*



The costs for digital learning platforms and reporting resources are 50% of actual costs. These costs can be paid now or during the year via internet banking (060561 0017355 00) or via EFT-POS at the school office. If you do pay via internet banking please send Jillian an email itemising what you are paying for ([office@otari.school.nz](mailto:office@otari.school.nz)). A Request for Payment will be emailed to you.

**Further information about digital learning and reporting resources** - All classes will be operating online platforms for informing parents and caregivers about the learning that is happening in the classroom. The Montessori Strand uses Educa and the rest of the school use Seesaw. To enhance mathematics learning, classes are also using either *Mathletics* or *Mathsbuddy*. Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress is an online learning programme some classes are using to supplement their reading programmes.

These digital platforms are above and beyond the paper based resources we have used (and will continue to use).

**Parent Donation** – A voluntary donation of \$250 per family is asked of families. This can be paid as a one-off lump sum payment or instalments during the year.

**Classroom Consumables** – As shown on the stationery list, students are required to pay \$10 to cover classroom consumables for the year. A donation of \$10 for photocopying/printing/photography would also be appreciated.



**Term Dates** – There are two Teacher Only days:

- Mon 24 April, followed by Anzac day meaning Term 2 will start on Wednesday 26 April.
- Tues 24 October (Labour day is Monday 23 October)

**Activity Account** – Parents are able to set up an 'Activity Account' to pay for trips or stationery during the year; no need to search the house for gold coins! We suggest starting with \$30. A spreadsheet is set up and when trips/shows come up, the amount is taken from the account. You will be sent a printout of what the money has been used on. If you wish to start one up, please deposit money into the school account (060561-0017355-00) with Activity Account as reference.



**Extra Food** - On occasion, we need to feed children who don't have lunch or breakfast. If you are able to, we would appreciate donations of muesli bars, raisins, nuts etc.

**Code Club** - We will be having a Code Club again this year for children in Years 4-8. This begins in week 4 and will be on a Monday afternoon straight after school. We aim to cater for all skill levels. Further information will be in later newsletters. If you have any questions or are able to help please contact Sacha [sacha@otari.school.nz](mailto:sacha@otari.school.nz).



**Taonga Horomata – Virtues: Whakaute - Respect and Kotahi-tanga - Unity**

**Respect** is an overarching value at Otari School. Having respect for oneself, for others and for the environment is a constant expectation and children need to know what each of these "look like" in multiple situations. This term we are particularly focussing on virtues within the context of playing and working together and we begin with Unity...

**Unity** helps people work and live together peacefully. When you practice unity, you feel connected to everyone and everything. Unity brings harmony, like the music made by the different instruments in an orchestra.

'Of a truth, men are mystically united; a mysterious bond of brotherhood makes all men one.' *Thomas Carlyle*

**Here are a few reminders, especially for our new parents:**

**Issues and Concerns** – We appreciate parents coming and talking to us when they have a concern. It is best to go to the teacher first if your concern is related to the classroom. For other concerns it may be appropriate to talk to a strand leader (Deborah, Wairere or Susan) or the Principal. We want to address an issue as quickly as possible rather than have you dwelling on a matter.



**Emails and expectations** - There are times when emails can be an appropriate and effective means of communication. However, last year the volume, timing and the tone of some emails were causes of concern and stress for staff at times. Too often emails were sent to staff late in the evening. We cannot stop this from occurring but we can manage ourselves and our responses. To support the well-being of all staff we now have a policy that no one is expected to respond to emails **after 5:30pm or during the weekend**. Therefore, while a teacher may *choose* to answer an email in the evening or at the weekend, please **do not expect it**. In terms of managing their own stress levels teachers have been advised to exercise self-discipline and avoid answering (or even looking at) their school emails after this time as well.

**School** begins at 8.55am. We finish at 2.55pm. If your child is late, please ensure they pop into the school office to advise of their attendance.

**Hats** are compulsory in terms one and four. If children do not have a hat they must stay in the shade. The hats must have a brim that covers ears and neck. Caps are not suitable. We have some lovely bright cheerful hats to sell from the school office for \$15.

**Edge Noticeboard** - Our main noticeboard for regular announcements (i.e. Covid updates) is on our Edge Student Management Platform. Parents are invited to download the app to access this and other information (including attendance and invoices). Information on how to download the app is at the end of the newsletter.

**Absent Children** - If your child is going to be absent from school please either send a text to 022-561-3368, ring 475-3018, send an email to [office@otari.school.nz](mailto:office@otari.school.nz) or use the Edge app before 8.55am stating why your child is away.

**Lunches** - We have the following lunch options, ordered through **eZlunch** by [clicking here](#):

- Tuesdays – Sushi      Wednesdays – Subway      Fridays – Hell Pizza
- Thursdays – Nada Bakery through Lunchonline - <https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/>

**Driveway and Parking** - Parents are asked to refrain from parking at the bottom of the driveway between 8.15 – 9.30am and 2.45 – 3.30pm. Parents are to 'drop and go' only. Please do not park up or down the drive and leave your car. The Otari Bush Reserve (around the corner) is available for temporary parking, or park on Wilton Road.

Please be considerate of the residents who live in Shropshire Avenue and don't park over their driveways and in particular please do not park blocking the footpath. Children use this footpath and on too many occasions have had to walk on the road to get past a car parked illegally.

**Lost Property** - Please make sure you name your child's clothing! This is very helpful if items are left around the school.

**Permission for Trips/Shows** – When you enrol your child in the school you are asked to sign a document giving blanket permission for your child to attend trips or shows. You will be advised of events your child is participating in.

**School Closure** - Should the school need to be closed due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. bad weather) the following will occur:

- A closure notice will go on The Breeze and Newstalk ZB radio stations.
- A closure notice will go on our facebook page.
- A closure notice will go on the school web page. Make sure you use the refresh button to get up-to-date information.

**External Lessons** - The following lessons are held at school during the day:

- Keyboard lessons - Wgtn Music Academy [admin@musicacademy.co.nz](mailto:admin@musicacademy.co.nz)
- Guitar Lessons – At present, we do not have a guitar tutor.
- Marrzipan Drama lessons - [Enrolmy](#)

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi  
Susan

#### 2023 Term Dates

Term 1: Wed 1 Feb – Thurs 6 Apr

Term 2: Wed 26 Apr – Fri 30 Jun

Term 3: Mon 17 Jul – Fri 22 Sept

Term 4: Mon 9 Oct – Fri 15 Dec

**Teacher Only Days: Mon 24 Apr, 24 Oct**

## Using Edge Caregiver Portal and Mobile App

Access to the edge caregiver portal and mobile app uses the existing email address that your school has on record.

The edge caregiver portal/app allows you to view school information about your child(ren), and to pay school bills online if your school supports this. The portal & app gives you quick and easy access to the information for the children in your care as well as being able to receive announcements and notifications from the school.

edge caregiver

Log in using:

g+ facebook Office 365

Log into Edge Caregiver:

Email:

Password:

Forgot Password? Log in

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To login:

1. Enter the website <https://parent.edgelearning.co.nz/> into your browser.
2. **Either:**
  - a. click the icon (either g+ for Google, Facebook or Office 365), that is associated with the email you have supplied to your school. A popup will appear asking for

your login details. On entering this correctly the Edge caregiver home page opens, **or**

- b. if your email is not associated with the three above (they are all free, easy to sign up to and don't necessitate you using that email for other purposes), type in the email address you supplied to the school. You will then be asked to supply a password. Choose the 'Forgot Password' link and you will be sent an email (to the address you logged in with). This will allow you to create/reset your own password.

Select your child from the top row. Summary data is displayed in separate tabs (dependent on whether they're attending a primary, area or secondary school using Edge) for:

- Attendance,
- Student Reports \*
- School Payments \*\*

\* Assessment data & Reports are available when published by the school.

\*\* Dependent on you having Bill Payer status (*and the school has setup online payments*), the 'School Payments' page shows a balance and list of items owing for which the student has been billed. You may be able to pay from the 'School Payments' page (not currently supported at Otari). This page displays financial transactions for your student, with the balance due reflecting the amount totalled for your students at this school.

All other information including attendance is live. Where relevant, information from previous years can also be accessed.

If you haven't given the school an email address or are unsure about the detail please contact the school office.

## Edge Mobile App



This can be downloaded from either Play Store (Android) or App Store (iOS). Search for musac edge.

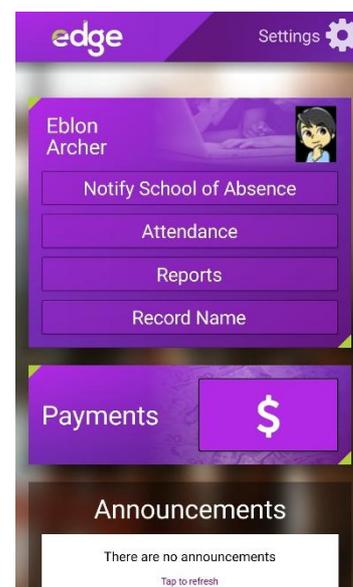
Once installed you will be asked to make up a 4 digit pin then enter your Edge email and password.

In the app there is a series of labelled tiles that when tapped bring up information on your child's contact details, timetable,



attendance, NCEA results and related data. Your school may also push announcements and notifications to the app and optionally allow you to send 'Notify School of Absence' notifications to the school.

3 minutes of non-use the Edge app will log out and require you to enter your 4 digit pin to



After

**Scouts** - Looking for an opportunity to get outside, learn something new, and make new friends? Try Keas, Cubs or Scouts. Northland Scout Group is open for new members in our Kea (age 5-7), Cub (age 8-10) and Scout (age 11-14) sections. We welcome members from across Northland, Wadestown, Otari, Wilton, and beyond. Check us out at [www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts](http://www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts), email [Northland.Scouts@gmail.com](mailto:Northland.Scouts@gmail.com) or contact Mike on 021 044 7645 for more information.

**Football Skills Term 1 2023, Green Room, Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Ian Galloway Park, Wilton. Sessions Start Weds 8 Feb 2023, 3.30pm-4.30pm.** For children aged 5-12 years. Perfect for "Beginner's" and those just wanting to have fun!! Come along and improve technique, knowledge and skills. We will focus on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling and shooting but MOST importantly having as much FUN as possible!  
To enrol go to [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz)

**WonderHouse Art Class - Course Overview** - This class aims to unleash children's creative potential by providing art guidance, space and materials. We inspire children to explore their own imagination by observing, interpreting and expressing things in great detail. During the class, a great variety of art materials/tools will be used, including paints, clay, foams, coloured paper, cardboard, brush, scissors etc. All these materials and guidance are provided at a very affordable rate (from \$9.99 per class).

# LAZINESS, LIES, ARGUMENTS, WORRY, ANXIETY, ANGER, SELF SABOTAGE, LACK OF MOTIVATION

**Sound like familiar struggles that happen in your home with your child?**

Motov8 and Savage Angel events are about inspiring, informing & instructing teenagers and their parents to make smarter, more informed decisions in life.

**Stop wasting time hoping for things to magically change, become the change your family needs - The Rev**

### See what others are saying:

Thank you. Your words are empowering for our teenagers, as I saw in my own boys tonight. The reflection that I saw in them was astounding, and the little changes that started as soon as we walked in the door were proof of the way that you captured their attention. I myself found it very inspiring to hear the way that you have learned how to be a parent - truly inspiring for people like me who have to teach themselves as they weren't taught from an early age. You have given me some steps to further this journey. Your stories and anecdotes really engaged us all. Thanks Rev. **Sarah Verheyen**

My boy really didn't want to go to the workshop. I dragged him there with the attitude that it was going to be boring and so on. He couldn't believe that we would have to sit there for 2hrs but at the end of it he couldn't believe how quickly the time went. The comment was also "that wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be". A win win situation for me and I really think he'll get something out of it. I know that I learnt some things myself. Thanks for teaching us some great strategies to help with the anger. So much to take away from this workshop. **Seona Maybery**



**John McMahon aka 'The Rev' is on tour in New Zealand Feb and May  
Tickets on sale now - scan the QR code below or visit at [eventbrite.com.au](http://eventbrite.com.au)**

**North Island: Auckland 13th & 14th Feb, Whangarei 15th Feb, Hamilton 16th Feb, Tauranga 17th Feb, Palmerston North 20th Feb, Wellington 21st & 22nd Feb**

**South Island: Nelson 28th April, Christchurch 1st & 2nd May, Dunedin 4th May, Invercargill 5th May**



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Scan here for Motov8 boys tickets



**MOTOV8**



“The Best of Wadestown Wilton Horticultural Society”

13 February 2023

St Luke’s Centre, 6.30pm

Please note the earlier time.

This meeting is to allow members to display the fruits of their horticultural labours

Categories

- Flowers
- Roses
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Preserves
- Baking (You maybe willing to share after judging for supper)

Photography - any photo with a garden theme, black or white or colour, not exceeding 150mm x 100mm (6x4), unframed. Photo must be taken by the exhibitor.

Childrens’ Section - junior /senior “Use Your Imagination” with flowers or vegetables

Cups to be awarded

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Best Dahlia        | Sirret Cup      |
| Best Rose          | Shirtcliffe Cup |
| Top Flower         | Seddon Cup      |
| Best Vegetable     | Donnell Cup     |
| Top Children’ item | Mazengarb Cup   |
| Best Photo         | Johnston Cup    |
| Best Preserve      | Hamilton Cup    |

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**Snorkel at Kāpiti Marine Reserve**



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