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23 May 2023

Week 5 Term 2

Kia ora koutou



Whakamihi Kahuti Hook - Congratulations! Former Otari Student, Kahuti Hook (te whenu Māori strand), took first place in the Junior Te Reo section of Ngā Manu Kōrero Regional Speech Competition at Takapuwhāhia Marae. Kahuti will be travelling to Ōtepoti in September to compete in the National competition. Poho kererū ana mātou.

Air Monitors - A high number of children are absent with colds and flu. A few are also away with Covid. We are being vigilant about checking the quality of the air in the classrooms, using the monitors each class has. If the quality changes (from green to yellow or red) the teacher and children open windows and doors.



Consultation

Consultation - Earlier last term I intended to put out a google consultation form on behalf of the Board to help with strategic planning. Please look out for this over the coming week.

Primary Teachers' Industrial Action update - NZEI Te Riu Roa primary teacher members have endorsed a one-day strike on Wednesday 31 May AND a ban on meetings outside of 8.30am-4.30pm from 1 - 30 June. Members voted not to undertake a ban on writing reports to parents on student progress between 1 - 30 June. However, due to a process initiated by the Minister of Education to progress collective agreement negotiations, any decision on moving forward with these industrial actions has been **paused by the NZEI Te Riu Roa National Executive.**



Strike action may still take place on 31 May if the NZEI Te Riu Roa National Executive and negotiations team feels insufficient progress has been made through the new process. We will let parents know as soon as we can if strike action is to take place. It may be wise to have a plan in place should the Board of Trustees need to close the school. (One that can be easily changed if strike action does not go ahead.)



Senior Swimming Sports – Notices were sent home yesterday regarding this event. Please return the tear off slip by the end of the week. We need plenty of time to organise the groups.

Junior School Sports Day – Juniors will be going to the ASB Sports Centre in Kilbirnie on Friday 2 June. More details to follow.



Birthdays This Week: Happy birthday to Ihaka, Niwareka and Milo. Rā whānau ki a koe! We hope you have a great day.

Cross Country Results



	Yr 1 Girls	Yr 1 Boys
1st	Sadie/Sade	Remy
2nd		David
3rd		Manahau

Yr 2 Girls	Year 2 Boys
Lily	Emilo
Waimihi	Hudson
Matisse	Archie
Aarna	Maurice

Year 3 Girls	Year 3 Boys
Hannah	Dylan
Mia	Zane
Julieta	Nathaniel
Marley	Harvey

	Yr 4 Girls	Yr 4 Boys
1st	Ella	Taika
2nd	Grace	Tumoana
3rd	Caitlin	Ihaka
4th	Ivy	Rohan

Yr 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys
Sylvie	Ezra
Florence	Jonathan
Olivia	Liam
Riva	Atticus

Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
Amokura	Frank
Alyssa	Evan
Mila	Taran
Mahalia	Manaia

	Yr 7 Girls	Yr 7 Boys
1st	Frankie	Kieran
2nd	Kailah	Toanui
3rd	Maia	Tully
4th	Rachel	

Yr 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys
Tiriti	Theo
Isla	Nathan
Anna	William
Grace	Ashaan



Covid – We currently have 3 known cases in the school, all from Tōtara.

Yr 7/8 Technology re-starts on 16, 23 and 30 June.



Year 2 netball - If you are interested in your Year 2 child learning a modified version of netball and participating in a team, please contact Susan for more information. This requires a commitment of one lunchtime practice per week for the second half of term 2 and the beginning of term 3 and two Saturday tournament days in July. Parent involvement is essential. susan@otari.school.nz

After School Care AGM - All whānau using the Ōtari After School Care service are invited to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 8pm on Tuesday 30 May (online). By enrolling your tamariki in after school care, whānau become members of the Ōtari After School Care Group Incorporated Society. The AGM is an opportunity to hear how the society is operating and to become more involved if you would like to. New committee members are very welcome!

Please join us on zoom - meeting ID: 822 7841 0004 and passcode: 054585

Ōtari After School Care Group Management Committee



Montessori Trust Meeting - The Montessori Trust has their first meeting for 2023 on Monday 12 June, 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Otari School staffroom. All parents from the Montessori Strand are welcome. Come along and find out more about the Trust and the Strand.



Taonga Horomata – Virtues: Whakaaronui, Mindfulness

Mindfulness is living reflectively, with conscious awareness of our actions, words and thoughts. Awake to the world around us, we fully experience our senses. We are attentive to others’ needs; we refuse to rush.

‘The things that matter most in our lives are not fantastic or grand. They are moments when we touch one another’. *Jack Kornfield*



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
WZ Cross Country	Selected Students	Tues 30 May PP Thurs 1 June	
AGM	OASC group	Tues 30 June, 8.00pm	
Junior Sports event	Junior Students	Fri 2 June	TBC
Senior Swimming Sports	Yr 5-8 + selected yr 4s	Fri 9 June	
Montessori Trust meeting	Montessori whānau	Mon 12 June, 7.30pm	
WZ Swimming	Selected Students	Tues 20 Jun	
Trip to Te Wharewaka	Tōtara/Kererū	Mon 26 June	TBC

Kia pai tō koutou wiki; Have a good week everyone. A reminder that there is **no school** on Monday 5 June (King’s Birthday).

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2023 Term Dates

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 Day: Tues 24 Oct



For more details, visit: www.karorifootball.co.nz/girls-skills-centre **Waterside Karori AFC - Girls Winter Skills Centre.** Get into football this winter! Waterside Karori AFC's new Winter Skills Centre programme is run by qualified club coaches, and representatives from the Wellington Phoenix women's programme. Sessions available for girls aged 8-14. \$50 for under 8s. \$130 for ages 9-14. For more details, visit: www.karorifootball.co.nz/girls-skills-centre

MATIKA



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR TAMARIKI & RANGATAHI

Matika provides an opportunity for tamariki who have experienced the death of someone close to them, to connect with others in their own age group who are experiencing a similar loss. Together tamariki learn about the big emotions of grief, ways to cope with the loss, and ways they can continue to feel close to the person who has died.



Tamariki & rangatahi aged 6 - 13 years.



WELLINGTON DATES

Wednesday, June 14th, 21st, 28th - 3.45 - 5.15pm

Wednesday, July 5th - 12.30 - 5pm

**THIS PROGRAMME IS FREE TO ATTEND.
TO FIND OUT MORE OR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST,
PLEASE EMAIL INFO@SKYLIGHT.ORG.NZ**