

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

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Flowers and Greenery are needed for the junior syndicate to make flower displays for the Wadestown/Wilton Horticultural Summer Show on Saturday 15 February (St Luke's

Centre, Wadestown; viewing from 11-30am-1.30pm). Please raid your gardens for anything you can spare and deliver to the junior classes on **Friday morning**. Kākāriki, Tōtara and Kererū class will have artworks on display at the show.



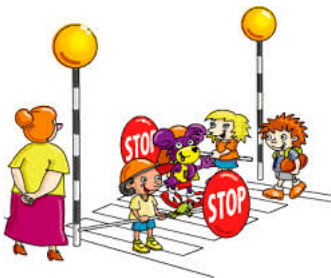
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We expect children to be arriving at school from 8:30am onwards and we expect children to be picked up by parents or a caregiver, catch a bus or walk home once school finishes at 2:55pm. We are, of course, happy for parents and children to spend time at the school if they wish to after school. We would never ignore a child who was at school early in the morning or late afternoon and needed an adult, however it is important

parents understand that we are not officially in charge of your children at these times. Teachers often have meetings after school and sometimes we also have professional development off site. When a child is not actually under anyone's care, they are being put at risk.

Toys at School - Issues around children bringing toys to school have recently been discussed by teachers. Please be aware that we will not be responsible if toys brought from home are damaged or lost. We have plenty of toys at school for children to enjoy. I know some classes have a special day when children can bring something from home to share. This provides an opportunity for children to enjoy their toys and for the teacher to keep issues to a minimum.



Road Patrol - A school patrol is the most commonly recognised way that schools manage road safety for students. Operating before and after school, patrol members extend STOP signs onto the road in both directions, which signal approaching drivers to stop. Once the traffic has stopped, the patrol signals to waiting pedestrians that it's safe to cross the road. Each duty patrol is made up of two students (with one designated the leader) and supervising adult. Before a school patrol can operate, all team members need to have

been trained by a Police School Community Officer and supervisors inducted on the procedures. We have year six, seven and eight students who do road patrol and teachers rostered on to supervise this every morning and afternoon. Please take note below of ways you can support this important service the school provides:

- Wait behind the children and teacher until the lead caller says “Cross now.’
- Use the pedestrian crossing. Please don’t run across the road, away from the crossing.
- Do not ever put pressure on children to hurry up.
- If driving, only stop if the signs are out.
- Walk right across to the other side. Please don’t get halfway across and then skip off to the side .

We understand that some people may be in a hurry to get across the road, however the safety of students is paramount. Most of the people who use the crossing are very patient, considerate and supportive, which we really appreciate.

Garden Working Bee #4 - Saturday 15 February 9-3pm. The construction stage is now underway and the next stage needs your help with these jobs:

- Scrubbing the palings on the rear fence
- Priming of plywood, barge boards, battens and fence
- Concreting posts and piles in place



Donations of primer and white paint would be greatly appreciated. BYO paintbrushes and rollers. Morning and Afternoon Tea provided. Thank you.



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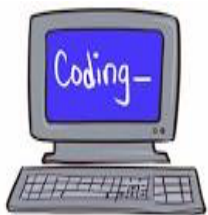
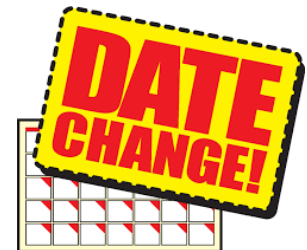
Taonga Horomata/Virtues - We are exploring the virtues that help us to successfully play and work together.

“Play is often talked about as if it were relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning.” Mr Rogers

“Be a good friend – A really good, loyal, caring, honest and truly fabulous friend.” (caring/Manaaki, loyalty/pūmau)

Date Changes – We have had to change our end of year dates, so please mark your diaries:

- Tuesday 8 December: Yr 8 dinner
- Wednesday 9 December: Yr 8 Celebration
- Thursday 10 December: Yr 8 Outing



Code Club will be held at Otari School again this year in Kererū classroom on Mondays 3.10-4.10pm. The first session back on Monday 17 February will be just for children new to Code Club this year or who joined in Term 4 of last year. We look forward to seeing the more experienced Code Club children from Monday 24 February. We will be using the school equipment so children do not need to bring anything. We would welcome a gold coin koha to allow us to purchase additional resources. This year we will also have fruit and biscuits available for the children.

Junior Swimming - There will be no junior swimming lessons this term but we are in the process of trying to arrange swimming lessons for Year 1-4 children in Term 2.



Montessori Strand Meet and Greet - Join us in and around the classrooms on Wednesday 26 February, 2:30pm to 4pm. Meet the teachers and connect with other families. You are welcome to explore the classroom environments too. Please bring a plate of food to share. We hope to see you there! *Deborah, Paula, Catherine & Shani*





St John's are visiting next week running workshops with all children. **Please send your child to school with a gold coin donation.**

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Immunisation Forms for Yr 7/8 – Students will be coming home with permission forms. Please fill in and return urgently. Even if you do not want your child immunised, we still need a signed form returned.



Payment

Costs – Below is a summary of the costs required. Payments can be made direct into our school account (060561 001755 00). Small regular payments are welcome:

- Technology for Yr 7/8 - \$50.00
- School Picnic - \$10.00 per child
- St John's visit – gold coin donation
- Taki Rua production - \$4 per child
- Class Consumables - \$10.00 per child
- Maths Buddy for Years 3-8 - \$14.00 per child
- Educa (Montessori Strand only) - \$4 per child
- *Donation: Parent Donation \$250 per family*
- *Donation: Photocopying/printing contribution \$10 per child*

|   | Activity | Who's Involved | Date & Time | Cost |
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| | WZ Cricket | Selected Students | Tues 25 Feb | |
| | Taki Rua show | All students | Tues 10 Mar | \$4 |
| | School Picnic | Everyone | Wed 11 Mar | \$10 |
| | WZ Football/Rippa Rugby | Selected Students | Tues 24 Mar | |
| | Immunisations Yr 8s | Yr 8s | Thurs 26 Mar | |
| | Futsal Tournament Yr 1-4 | Yr 1-4 | Tues 7 Apr | |
| | Futsal Tournament | Yr 5-8 | Wed 8 Apr | |
| | School Cross Country | All Students | Wed 1 Apr | |

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2020 Term Dates

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| Term 1 | Mon 3 Feb | Thurs 9 Apr |
| Term 2 | Tues 28 Apr | Fri 3 Jul |
| Term 3 | Mon 20 Jul | Fri 25 Sept |
| Term 4 | Mon 12 Oct | Tues 15 Dec |

Easter is in Term 1 Holidays: Fri 10, Mon 13, Tues 14 Apr

Anzac Day: Mon 27 Apr

Queen's Birthday: Mon 1 June (**Teacher Only day on Friday 29 May**)

Labour Weekend: Mon 26 Oct (**Teacher only day on Friday 23 Oct**)

Extra notices that have gone home recently:

- 'Clifford's Group' (for selected students)

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Want to find out more about scouting? Wondering about becoming a Kea (age 5-7), Cub (age 8-10) or Scout (age 11-14)? Northland Scout Group is having a sign-up and information night on Thursday 19 March, 6.30pm, Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Road, Northland. Like to know more or get involved sooner? Check us out at www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts or email Northland.Scouts@gmail.com for more information.

Would your child benefit from increased concentration, confidence and fitness? Then consider learning a martial art - Garry Szeto, Primary Sport Wellington, Director of Sport and 4th Dan Black Belt in the World Seido Karate Organization will be teaching Seido Karate at the Otari School Hall on Tuesday's: 6 – 6:45pm. Seido Karate is based on traditional Japanese martial art style with branches all over the world. Classes suitable for Year 5 & 6 students or older, parents are welcome to come and train with their children too. **What to wear:** Suitable clothes for physical activity. **What to bring:** A good attitude and willingness to try something new.

Waterside Karori AFC - Registrations are now open for the 2020 junior football season with Please register by Wednesday 4 March at the latest, or by Wednesday 26 February if you wish to trial for a selected team. The season then kicks off on 4 April and runs until 29 August. You can find information about the format of football for your child for this season, instructions for completing the registration process and a link to the registration system on our website. Go to www.karorifootball.co.nz/play-for-a-team and select the age group that applies to you or your child. Need help? Come along to our welcome barbecue and registration event on Sunday 1 March between 2pm to 4pm at Terawhiti Turf (beside Karori Park), and we will help you to sign up online and answer any questions you may have. Alternatively, please email support@karorifootball.co.nz with any questions, and we'll respond as soon as possible.

An evening with Barbara Arrowsmith-Young at Marsden - Arrowsmith Program - Samuel Marsden Collegiate School is hosting Barbara Arrowsmith-Young, the founder of the Arrowsmith Program, on **Tuesday 25 February at 7pm, Marsden School Auditorium, Marsden Ave, Karori**. The invitation is open to anyone interested in the links between education and neuroplasticity or has a child who would benefit from enhancing their learning and general wellbeing by improving their cognitive functions. Barbara will be presenting her fascinating talk about her cognitive training programme and personal journey. If you have a child who has a learning difference such as dyslexia, processing difficulties, dyscalculia or auditory processing difficulties, we recommend you attend. Entry is free. Please register here: <https://www.marsden.school.nz/about/whats-on-now/event-registration/>

Fencing classes for children with Wellington Swords Club

Children 8 – 12yrs - Tuesdays 6 – 7.30pm - Tanera Park, Brooklyn (Old Bowling Club)

Children 6 – 8 yrs - Wednesday 6 – 7pm - Tanera Park, Brooklyn (Old Bowling Club)

Children 11+ Saturdays 9 – 10.15am - Rongotai College, 170 Coutts St, Kilbirnie

Other classes and individual lessons, college, adults, social, beginners to international. Contact Head Coach: Vicci Lamb (T) 970 7496 or bishop.lamb@pistingaround.com.

School Picnic – Wednesday 11 March

_____ will be attending the school picnic, travelling by bus.

I enclose \$10 cash.

Please deduct \$10 from my activity account.

Yes, I can parent help at the school picnic - Name _____

Signed: _____