

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

20 October 2020

Week 2, Term 4

Kia ora koutou



School Athletics Day is tomorrow, at Wilton Park. The event starts at 10am. Whānau are welcome to attend. Children will need to wear appropriate clothing and sports shoes, bring plenty of food and water and **wear a sunhat**. If possible, please encourage children to wear clothing to match their team colour.

December Disco Day! - In a year of adapted events and activities our disco is also going to be different from previous years. We will be having two school discos during the daytime with a sausage sizzle as a fundraiser in between on **Thursday 3rd December**. The year 1 to 4 disco will be from 10am until 12:00noon and the year 5 - 8 disco from 12:45pm until 2:45pm. The senior student committee will be organising the discos. Parents are welcome to come along for lunch or join us at any time during the day. We are also hoping to have one or two fun lunchtime activities as well. More about them later!



No School on Friday 23 and Monday 26 October – A reminder that there is a 'Staff Only Day' on Friday, so an extra-long weekend for whānau.

CodeClub has started back again this term in Kererū, Monday afternoons 3.10-4.10pm. If your child is not currently coming but would like to attend please email Sacha (sacha@otari.school.nz).



Lit Quiz - Two teams of Otari students participated in this year's Lit Quiz held at Samuel Marsden Collegiate in Karori. The teams had ten sets of questions, one being a visual set. The year six team scored the highest in the Y5-6 category. Well Done! Everyone had a marvellous time! *Johanne*

Otari A - Freya Matthews-Borshevsky, Luisa Shelton, Issy Acheson, Lucy McGuinness
Otari B - Luci Mastreani, Hannah Warburton, Johnny Hannah and Zoe Matthews-Borshevsky

"It was exciting and challenging. It was so satisfying to write down the correct answers. I would definitely do it again!" *Luci Mastreani - Y8*

"I really enjoyed my day at the Lit Quiz. I liked working in the teams. We made 'enchantments' our joker round, but we didn't really do as well as we'd hoped." *Luisa Shelton - Y6*

SLANZA - School Librarians Association of New Zealand is requesting support for compulsory funding for school libraries in New Zealand from the Ministry of Education. Please check out this site:

<https://our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/save-our-school-libraries>



Online Safety Information Evening – 26 November 6:30 to 8pm.

Rob and Zareen Cope, parents, and filmmakers of “Our Kids Online” will be presenting an interactive information evening “designed to help any adults with children in their lives to gain a better understanding of some of the harms our children face in the online world”. Advice and resources will also be a part of this evening. A flyer with details accompanies this newsletter.

There is a cost to the school which covers the presenter’s fees and gives the school the rights to the film. We would like to recover some of this cost by charging a \$5.00 entry fee. The evening is for parents/caregivers only and there are limited numbers; seats are currently selling well. Please send an email to Jillian (office@otari.school.nz) to reserve a seat for this event and make payment into the school account (060561 0017355 00).

Food drive for Otari whānau continues – A separate email will be forwarded regarding this.



Technology for Yr 7/8 students starts again next Friday (30th). Bus leaves school at 8.40am.

Hats are compulsory for children in terms 1 and 4. We have some bucket hats for sale from the office, \$12 each. Caps are not acceptable.



Calendar Orders – Individualised order forms for calendars with your child’s artwork have been sent home. Orders must be completed by next Tuesday (27th). If you don’t have a form let Jillian know (office@otari.school.nz) and she can provide you with the code for your child. All orders are done online at kidsartworks.com.



Taonga Horomata - For the first half of term 4 we are fostering the virtues that will help children relate to adults and the wider community. We discussed generosity/whaka-whetai-nga at our hui and how this is strongly linked to kindness and involves being generous in our speech as well as our actions. Other virtues we will be focussing on over the next few weeks include:

Tact - Maioha, Matawhāiti, humility/ngākau papaku and joyfulness/harikoā, hakoākoa



Quote: "Don't flatter yourselves that friendship authorises you to say disagreeable things to your intimates. On the contrary, the nearer you come into relation with a person, the more necessary do tact and courtesy become". *Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.*

UPCOMING EVENTS



What's Happening

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Swimming Lessons	Pōhutukawa/Kākano/Kākāriki/Tui/Kererū	Term 4 -Tuesdays	\$20
School Athletics	All students	Wed 21 Oct. pp 28 Oct	
Trip to Space Place	Pohutukawa	Thurs 22 Oct	
Staff Only Day		Fri 23 Oct	
Trip to Te Papa	Tui	Wed 4 Nov	\$9
WZ Athletics	Selected Students	Fri 6 Nov	
Helpers Morning Tea		Thurs 12 Nov	
Immunisations	Yr 7/8s	Tues 24 Nov	
Info Evening	Parents/Caregivers	Thurs 26 Nov	\$5
School Disco		Thurs 3 Dec	TBC
Yr 8 Dinner	Yr 8s	Tues 8 Dec	TBC
Yr 8 Celebration	Yr 7/8s and whānau of Yr 8 students	Wed 9 Dec	
Yr 8 Outing	Yr 8s	Thurs 10 Dec	

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Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Northland Scout Group - We are looking for new members. Coming out of lockdown we have an exciting programme for the rest of the year, with the opportunity to get outside and have an adventure or two. We have spaces available for Keas (age 5-7), Cubs (age 8-10) or Scouts (age 11-14). Interested in developing your leadership skills, we are looking for new leaders for keas and cubs. Full training and support are available. Like to know more? Check us out at www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts or email Northland.Scouts@gmail.com for more information.

Friends of Karori Cemetery - On Labour Day Monday 26 October the Friends of Karori Cemetery are holding an open day at the cemetery, during which there will be several guided tours, assistance with family history research and most importantly, a fun and informative activity for children aged from 5 years. The activity is a quiz, or a quest, to find headstones throughout one of the oldest parts of the cemetery and then answer questions about them. A list of the questions, and a map of the area will be provided, and each child who participates will get a small reward when they finish.

Participation is easy - and FREE. Turn up at the cemetery any time between 10.30 and 2.30 pm, register at the Shelter, and collect the list of questions and a map. The designated area has been checked for all safety considerations, and children must of course be accompanied by an adult/caregiver. We estimate the quiz will take between 30 minutes and an hour, maximum.

Karori Cemetery, at 100 acres, is the second largest cemetery in New Zealand, and is the largest by number of interments. For general information about the cemetery and the Friends refer <http://friendsofkaroricemetery.co.nz/visit/>

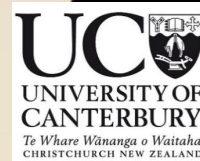
Karori Amateur Athletics Club, Ben Burn Park, Wednesdays 6pm. Season starts 14th October & runs for 2 terms. The Karori Athletics Club provides a fun environment with a mixture of games for ages 6 & under and track & field athletics for children from 7-15 years old. Keen athletes can access specialist coaching & represent Karori by competing in Inter-club events & other competitions during the season. Parents measure & time, supervise & guide, encourage & cheer the kids on. It's a lot of fun & there's even a sausage sizzle! The Club meets weekly at Ben Burn Park in Karori on Wednesday nights (6.00pm-7.30pm) over the summer from October to March. For more information including details on online registration, visit the website: www.karoriathletics.org.nz.

Blue Dragon Children's Foundation - Re-scheduled - Book Fair, Ngaio Town Hall - Saturday 21 November 9am to 4pm AND Sunday 22 November 9am to 1pm. We have more books, puzzles/games, DVDs and CDs than we've ever had before. We would love you to come and buy them – Christmas shopping perhaps! Children's books are \$1 each. Adult books are \$3 (and \$2 each, after the first five books purchased).

All proceeds - about \$14,000 last year - will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. This includes street kids, children with disabilities, children from rural families living in extreme poverty, and victims of human trafficking and slavery. Blue Dragon New Zealand www.bluedragonnz.wordpress.com

Cricket - Online registration for the 2020-2021 season is still open for Nursery and Sunday Girls grades, please go to <https://wellingtoncollegians.org/pages/juniors>. Nursery grade is an introduction to cricket for Year 1s where children and parents will be introduced to the core skills of the game. We have secured former Collegians Junior chair Grant Richardson as well as our Senior Men's pro Akash Sivan to run the sessions. They will be fast, furious, and fun with additional guest skill specific coaches and a takeaway kit. Sunday Girls is soft ball cricket for Years 5-8. This is a great introduction to cricket with 7 games over the season commencing on 22 November. For those registered in Teams coaches will be announcing sides by the end of October for our 14 November start date. We are looking forward to another great season of cricket at Collegians!

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PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Are you a parent/caregiver to a preschool/school-age child?

Do you speak another language that is not English, Te Reo Māori, or New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL)?

Were you born overseas?

If you answer **YES** to these questions, we would like to invite you to participate in our study of parent/caregiver perspectives on their children's language development.

What is required from you?

10-13 minutes of your time to complete an online survey.

This survey is completely anonymous and the data will be kept confidential.

Survey link:

<http://bit.ly/nzparentsurvey>

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Please contact Rachel Zakaria (rpz12@uclive.ac.nz) for any questions about this study