

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

4 February 2021

Week 1, Term 1

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to the 2021 school year!

We have a number of new students and whānau to welcome to Otari School.  
Nau mai haere mai ki:



Scott McWilliam	Kākano	Tasha Fairbairn	Kererū
Zachariah Davis	Kākano	Evalana Luatua	Kererū
Robin Fouhy	Kākano	Ashley Fairbairn	Kākāriki
Thomas Coates	Kākano	Marley Chase	Kōwhai
Maya Sarmiento-Seedhouse	Pōhutukawa	Tia-Jane McVeigh	Kōwhai



Welcome back to all our staff. We also welcome new staff members; Wairere Ropata, teacher in Tūi, Bubba Hiko (teacher aide in the Immersion strand) and Catherine Rees (teacher aide working in the Montessori strand). We have two student teachers joining us, Angelina, working in Pōhutukawa and Julie working in Tōtara.

**Staffing for 2021** Below is a list of all the staff and their roles:

<b>Clifford Wicks</b> , Principal	<b>Susan West</b> , Deputy Principal, Teacher (Kākāriki), SENCO, Original Strand leader
<b>Api Nathan</b> , Teacher (Kaikōmako) Assistant Principal, 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, Mont Strand leader
<b>Lynette Franklin</b> , Teacher (Kōwhai)	<b>Sacha Fell</b> , Teacher (Kererū)
<b>Wairere Ropata</b> , Teacher (Tūi)	<b>Paula Crisp</b> , Teacher (Pōhutukawa)
<b>Shani Leda</b> , Teacher (Kākano)	<b>Cilla Noblett</b> , Support Teacher, CRT
<b>Christine Dowell</b> , Support Teacher	<b>Kathy Heath</b> , Reading Recovery Teacher
<b>Jenny Price</b> , Specialist Teacher	<b>Catherine Hope</b> , Support Teacher
<b>Nichole Craig</b> , Support Teacher, CRT (Immersion)	<b>Rebecca MacKenzie-Pollock</b> , Specialist Teacher & T Aide
<b>Jillian Wilson</b> , Office Manager	<b>Katrina Murray</b> , Kaiāwhina
<b>Parekohai Wells</b> , Kaiarahi-i te-Reo	<b>Emile Guy</b> , Teacher Aide
<b>Sandi McKenzie-Edwards</b> , Teacher Aide	<b>Eli Markaida Ituino</b> , Teacher Aide
<b>Kanae Tsuji</b> , Teaching Assistant	<b>Catherine Rees</b> , Teacher Aide
<b>Bubba Hiko</b> , Teacher Aide	<b>Deanne Grigsby</b> , IT Support
<b>Alan Ward</b> , Caretaker	<b>Hilary Eats</b> , Librarian
<b>Claire Rumble</b> , Resources Manager	<b>Alison Dyer</b> , Accounts Service Provider
<b>Mike Heath</b> , Volunteer Caretaker	



**EOTC Week Years 1-6** – Whilst the Year 7/8 students are away at camp, the rest of the school will be involved in a week of activities starting with a picnic at Wainuiomata Pool on **Tuesday 2 March**. This is an opportunity for strands to get together and enjoy a relaxing day with the children celebrating our whanaungatanga and the start of the new school year. Parent help with some supervision is appreciated. We will leave school at 9.15am and return by 2.45pm. All whānau are encouraged to come and enjoy the day. All children are to travel by bus; there will be room for about 20 parents on the bus; first in gets the seat.

The picnic is the first event planned for EOTC week. There will be other activities during the week including a trip to Wellington Zoo and a sleepover at the Zoo for Yr 5/6 students. We will bundle the costs together and let you know next week what this will be for the entire week.

**Western Zone Cricket and Football** - There are two Western Zone sports events coming up this term for Year 5-8 children for which we will need parent volunteers to help supervise and/or umpire teams.

Cricket - Tuesday 25 February (pp 27th)

Football - Tuesday 24 March (pp 26th)

If you are able to help can you please contact Sacha ([sacha@otari.school.nz](mailto:sacha@otari.school.nz)). Any parents or whānau who are interested in helping with any sporting events/skills throughout the year please feel free to contact Sacha. Your input would be much appreciated.

**Code Club** - We will be having a Code Club again this year for children in Years 4-8. This is likely to begin in week 3 or 4 and will be on a Monday afternoon. 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).

**Technology** for Year 7 and 8s is on Fridays and begins in week 2. Students are taken by bus, leaving school at **8.40am**, to the Technology Centre at Karori West School. Clifford will be the teacher accompanying them. 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 sewed items and working with other materials, such as plastics, 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 \$50.00 payable to Otari School.**

**Performance** - Taki Rua will be performing to the whole school on Friday 26 March, 1.30pm.

**Swimming Lessons** – Likely to be in term 4. Details to follow.



#### **Financial:**

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

- Camp Fees for Yr 7/8 - **\$260.00**
- Technology for Yr 7/8 - **\$50.00**
- EOTC Week Yr 1-4 - **TBC**
- Zoo Sleepover/EOTC Week Yr 5/6 - **TBC**
- Taki Rua performance (26 Mar) - **\$4.00**
- Class Consumables - **\$10.00** per child
- Contribution to costs for digital learning and reporting platforms - Original strand: (Seesaw, Reading Eggs, Mathletics) **\$18**

- 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**
- Contribution for Jellybeans music - 10 sessions with trained tutors, **\$14:00** per child. (\$1:40 per session)
- Donation: Parent Donation **\$250** per family
- Donation: Photocopying/printing contribution **\$10** per child

The costs for digital learning platforms and reporting resources and the Jellybeans Music are 50% of actual costs. For example the school is also paying \$14 per child for Jellybeans Music as the actual cost is \$28 per child for the term.

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).

**Further information about digital learning and reporting resources and Jellybeans music** - This year 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.

In term 2 the whole school will enjoy 10 weeks of music lessons delivered through Jellybeans Music. Trained music tutors will be providing experiences in music once a week for every class for 10 weeks. Costs are charged to the school per child, however not all children are doing all things.

These digital platforms and programmes are above and beyond the paper based resources we have used (and will continue to use) and the music programme is an opportunity to provide music learning and experiences at a level we would not be able to provide ourselves.

**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** – We are having 3 Staff Only days; Thursday 1 April (before Easter), Friday 4 June (before Queens birthday weekend) and Friday 22 October (before Labour Weekend). School will not be open for students on these three days.



**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, Api or Susan) or the Principal. We want to address an issue as quickly as possible rather than have you dwelling on a matter.

Firing off an email when you are annoyed or upset is never a good idea, however there are times when emails can be an appropriate means of communicating and can be quickly addressed. Please be aware that staff may not read emails during the teaching hours. If something is urgent, please phone the school office.

**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 \$12.

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

**Lunches** – We have three choices:

- Sushi is available on Tuesdays, ordered online at <http://www.ezlunch.co.nz> or [mykindo.co.nz](http://mykindo.co.nz)
- Pita Pit is available on Thursdays, ordered online at [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)
- Hell Pizza is available on Fridays. Order slips can be found at the office (\$6 each, cash only).

**Driveway** - 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 not park over their driveways.

**Cookies** are sold from the office at morning tea for \$1.30.

**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.

**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 – Finn [astro\\_johansson@hotmail.com](mailto:astro_johansson@hotmail.com)
- Marrzipan Drama lessons - *Enrolmy*

Below is a table of some key events and dates:

TERM 1

Technology for Yr 7 & 8s (**Starts 12 Feb**)

**2 - 6 Mar:** School Camp

**Wed 2 Mar:** School picnic at Wainuiomata Pool

**Wed 3 Mar:** Zoo Sleepover Yr 5-6

**Thurs 4 Mar:** Trip to Zoo Yr 1-4

**Tues 23 Mar:** WZ Football

**Fri 26 Mar:** – Taki Rua performance

**Tues 7 Apr:** Yr 1-4 Futsal Tournament

**Wed 8 Apr:** Yr 5-8 Futsal Tournament

**1-6 April:** Easter Break – No School

**TBC:** School Athletics

**Thurs 16 Apr:** End of term

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi  
Clifford

**2021 Term Dates**

Term 1 – 3 Feb – 16 Apr

Term 2 – 3 May – 9 Jul

Term 3: 26 Jul – 1 Oct

Term 4: 18 Oct – 15 Dec, 12 noon

Easter Break: Thurs 1 Apr – Tues 6 Apr

Queen's Birthday: Mon 7 June (**Teacher Only day on Friday 4 June**)

Labour Weekend: Mon 25 Oct (**Teacher only day on Friday 22 Oct**)



**Marrzipan at Otari School** - We use Enrolmy to help make booking quick and simple, so securing your place in Marrzipan at Otari School.

**Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup** warmly invite interested families to our Open Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). If you know of anybody else who may be interested in our Playgroup and/or Preschool and would find the Open Day of interest, please let them know about this opportunity. For more information phone 475 9688 or email [wcmp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wcmp@xtra.co.nz).

**Meningitis** is a dangerous bacterial infection that can be life-threatening and deadly in just a few hours. People who survive meningococcal disease often have serious long-term effects. The Ministry of Health recommends that young people living in close together in places such as halls of residence be immunised against meningitis. Please find attached the Ministry of Health's brochure regarding meningitis and vaccines available to your child as they perhaps move on with their tertiary education and will be flatting or living in halls of residence.

Please also note that hard copies of this brochure are available free through the HealthEd website as follows: <https://www.healthed.govt.nz/resource/immunise-against-meningococcal-disease>

**Sunshine Drama** - Sunshine Drama and our exciting new class 'Sunshine Sing' start up next week! Sessions offer a creative and fun learning space for students aged 4 – 16 years. Our classes engage and challenge imaginative minds to build performance technique, ability and talent whilst growing young people's confidence, communication, and social skills. For class timetables and enrolment information, or to arrange a free trial class, visit [sunshinedrama.com](http://sunshinedrama.com) or contact Jenae 0274 380 533 / [sunshinedrama.nz@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinedrama.nz@gmail.com).

**KELLY SPORTS TERM 1** - Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

**Super Summer Sports! (Years 0-4)** – Wednesday's Lunchtimes - Come and try the following sports: **Tball, Dodgeball, Handball, Touch Rugby and Athletics!**



It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Your child will learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time!

### Term 1 Netball Skills - Raroa Intermediate School

Weds 3.30pm-4.30pm

Years 1-4 - Learn the basic of netball in a fun and engaging environment. Learn the key skills and understanding of the game, ball handling, co-ordination, speed and accuracy.

Years 5-8 - For those already playing 7-side netball and those wanting to get a head start and to advance their technical and tactical knowledge of the game.

For both sessions we use fun drills and games to develop and challenge young players focusing on the key skill areas for their level of development while also having fun!

Sessions start Weds 17 Feb 2021, Cost \$96 for 8 weeks

### Football Skills Term 1 - Weds 3.30pm-4.30pm – Years 1-8

An 8 week football skills programme in the "Green Room" at Wests Rugby Club Rooms, Ian Galloway Park, Wilton.

This Programme is designed to cover both individual and team skills including, Game rules, Ball control, Dribbling, Passing, Tackling, Defence, Team work, Goalkeeping, practice and warm up drills for players and teams.

Sessions start Weds 17 Feb 2021, Cost is \$96 for 8 weeks.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.

**Drama Club** runs small drama classes, grouped by your child's age. We support your child so they feel happy and confident when performing in front of others. We focus on developing your child's performance skills so they can give an engaging and captivating performance. Our drama classes work alongside the Trinity College London syllabus. Email [bridie@dramaclub.co.nz](mailto:bridie@dramaclub.co.nz) or check out our website - [www.dramaclub.co.nz](http://www.dramaclub.co.nz) to trial a couple of our classes to see if they are a fit for your child.

KAT Khandallah Arts Theatre's Play-in-the-Park  
**The Reluctant Dragon**  
by Carl Nixon  
February  
20 & 21  
27 & 28  
Khandallah Park  
(Cochran Hall if wet or windy)  
for venue change info  
on the day  
[www.facebook.com/KATTheatre](http://www.facebook.com/KATTheatre)  
1:30pm  
&  
3:30pm  
entry  
by  
koha  
Bring the family and bring a picnic for a hilarious and heart-warming hour with the dragon, the knight and young John - who knows lots because he reads books.

## Swimming tuition and coaching in a non-competitive and fun environment

Swimmers are placed in groups (lanes) according to age, ability and personal comfort.

For children aged four to eighteen.

Club Nights:  
Fridays 7-8pm  
Freyberg Pool



High level of coaching in all aspects of learning and development of swimming techniques

A family atmosphere and a low-cost approach (\$85pa). free trial period

"We want every child to be safe, comfortable and able to enjoy the aquatic environment."

An enjoyable experience so that our young swimmers look forward to coming back

For more info go to [www.maranuiswimming.co.nz](http://www.maranuiswimming.co.nz), contact [maranuiswim@gmail.com](mailto:maranuiswim@gmail.com), or just come down and give it ago.



## Aikido for Juniors



Aikido is a martial art, but differs from most with the focus being on defence and control, rather than attack  
Classes Monday (Kids) and Wednesday (Teens) 5:30pm during school terms

Ages ~8 to 16+  
\$80 per term,  
first 3 lessons free  
City Dojo, 132 Hutt Rd,  
Kaiwharawhara, Wellington  
Directly above Animates

Turn up and give it a try - **first 3 lessons free**  
or contact Conrad at [conrad@aikido.org.nz](mailto:conrad@aikido.org.nz) or 021 843 467  
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