

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

23 February 2021

Week 4, Term 1

Kia ora koutou

Your School Board needs you!! Board of Trustees By-Election

You will have received an email, seeking nominations to join the Otari School Board. Recently three members resigned because they moved out of the region or their children left Otari and we need **three new members** to replace them. We currently have one parent representative from the Montessori Strand and two from the Māori Immersion Strand, as well as the Principal and a staff representative.



Being on the Board is a positive way to contribute to our Otari school community and get involved in your child's education. You don't need governance experience to be involved. You can find more information about the work of a Board here:

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/getting-involved-in-your-childs-school/your-school-board-of-trustees/>.

We are open to all nominations but would be keen to receive one or more nominations from parents and whānau in the Original strand so the Board has representatives from all three strands of our school.

If you are not able to print your nomination form please see Jillian in the office as she will have lots of spare copies. Completed nomination forms are due back by noon, **Wednesday 10 March 2021**.

Ngā mihi
Natasha
Chairperson



Our Kura - A weekly section about an aspect of Otari school

Strands and Curriculum Implementation

At Otari School three strands operate. Each strand has its own way of implementing the curriculum. The Māori Immersion Strand implement *Te Marautanga o Aotearoa*. Although there are similarities of structure, this is not a translation of *The New Zealand Curriculum*, it is a separate national curriculum for Māori Medium Education. The Montessori Strand implement *The New Zealand Curriculum* through a Montessori syllabus. The Montessori syllabus guides their teaching and learning, big topics and their particular approach. The Original Strand implements *The New Zealand Curriculum*. This curriculum is broad enough to allow for a variety of teaching approaches.

Every school also has to have its own curriculum that clarifies **how** the national curriculum is implemented. For our school this has presented unique challenges that we have met through consultation. Our kaiako in every strand are guided by *Te Marautanga o te kura o Otari - Otari School*

Curriculum. This organic document, developed over several years, is reviewed and updated. It expresses how we teach each learning area. Our Otari plans are written to serve all the strands whilst still catering for their differing features or particular emphasis. To provide cohesion we have 8 overarching themes that all strands use for planning of topics. We cover two of these per year. Our overarching themes for this year are **Physical Phenomena** and **People**. These themes are ‘backdrops’ from which to derive our topics. For example, “People” might lead to researching biographies for literacy/te reo matatini, exploring human biology for science/pūtaiio, learning the skills for portrait painting for art/ngā toi, researching ancestry for social studies/tikanga a iwi.



Montessori Strand Afternoon Tea is on tomorrow at 2.30pm.

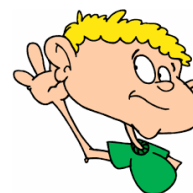
Baking for Camp

If anyone would like to donate some baking for our happy campers next week this would be most appreciated. This can be dropped off on Monday.



Otari After School Care are looking for kaimahi (staff). Work hours are Monday-Friday, 2.45 to 5.45pm. Experience with children preferred. Contact: otariafterschoolcare@gmail.com for more information.

Vision/Hearing Testing – Lyn from Public Health will be at school on Tues 9 March testing new entrants.



Sports Opportunities - A lot of our children get involved in extra sports activities outside school times. Often these involve teams made up of Otari children, managed by Otari School parents. While the school is not responsible for these groups we do appreciate the opportunities they provide for our tamariki. Kelly Sports run Friday football and Friday netball (see advert in first newsletter). If you

are a parent facilitating a particular sports group involving Otari Students and would like this included in our newsletter please send the details to the office, with contact numbers, so that we can do this. There may be parents who are unaware of the opportunities available.

Taonga Horomata

For the first half of this term we focussed on fostering the key virtues that help children relate to their peers as they play and work together.



Friendliness - Whakahoahoa

Life is a mirror, it reflects your face. Be friendly and all of life will reflect friendliness. (Rajneesh)

Tautoko - Support

Waiho i te toipoto, kua i te toiroa
Let us keep close together, not far apart

Diary Dates – Below are the dates booked for our end of year events:

- Immersion Strand Poroporoaki - **Tuesday 30 November**
- Yr 8 Outing - **Wednesday 8 December**
- Yr 8 Dinner - **Thursday 9 December**
- Yr 8 Farewell - **Monday 13 December** (for Yr 7/8 students and whānau)



Financial: Here is a summary of the upcoming costs required:

- Camp Fees for Yr 7/8 - **\$270.00**
- Technology for Yr 7/8 - **\$50.00**
- EOTC Week Yr 1-4 - **\$18.00**
- Zoo Sleepover/EOTC Week Yr 5/6 - **\$46.00**
- 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) **\$18.00**
- 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**
- Contribution for Jellybeans music - 10 sessions with trained tutors, **\$14:00** per child. (\$1:40 per session)
- Donation: Parent Donation **\$250.00** per family
- Donation: Photocopying/printing contribution **\$10.00** per child



Payments can be made into our account: 06-0561 0017355 00. Small regular payments are welcome. Please send Jillian an email detailing what you are paying for (office@otari.school.nz).



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Whānau Hui	Immersion Strand	Tues 23 Feb 5.30pm	
Montessori Strand Afternoon Tea	Montessori Strand whānau	Wed 24 Feb 2.30pm	
Camp	Yr 7/8	2-5 Mar	
EOTC Week	Trip to Wainuiomata Pool	Tues 2 Mar	\$18
EOTC Week	Zoo Sleepover Yr 5-6	Wed 3 Mar	\$46
EOTC Week	Zoo Trip	Thurs 4 Mar	
Taki Rua performance	All Students	Fri 26 Mar	\$4.00
Easter Break – NO School	Everyone	1-6 Apr	
WZ Football	Selected Students	Tues 13 Apr pp 15 Apr	

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)

Upcoming

**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Northern United Junior Hockey Club - 2021 Season - School Years 3-8. Online registrations are now open. (Closing March 9th 2021)

Pre-season training – open to any players who want to participate.

Years 3–6

- Tuesday 16th March 5-6pm
- Tuesday 23rd March 5-6pm
- Tuesday 30th March 5-6pm
- Tuesday 6th April 5-6pm

Years 7-8

- Wednesday 17th March 5-6pm
- Wednesday 24th March 5-6pm
- Wednesday 31st March 5-6pm
- Wednesday 7th April 5-6pm

Club tournament day

Sunday April 11th – The new teams play each other in a club tournament day at Newlands College.

Season starts: Saturday May 8th. For more information: Web: www.nujhc.org.nz. Email:

info@nujhc.org.nz. FB: <https://www.facebook.com/NUJHC>





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