

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

2 March 2021

Week 5, Term 1

## ***Kia ora koutou***

This morning we farewelled a very excited bunch of Yr 7 & 8 students heading to camp at Forest Lakes. Unfortunately we have had to cancel our two trips to Wainuiomata Pool and Wellington Zoo. We will re-book trips in due course.



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

**To date, we have only received one nomination.** Please consider standing; in particular parents from the Original Strand. Nomination forms were emailed out or you can collect one from the office.



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/>.



**Annual Plan Goals** - See below a condensed version of the 2021 Otari School Annual Plan Goals. A full version will be put on our website in the next few days.

1. Lift the achievement of groups of students in maths/pāngarau, reading/pānui, writing/tuhituhi.
2. Provide more experiences in music and the performing arts.
3. Successfully implement the two MOE funded 'Creatives in Schools' programmes (Māori Immersion/Ngaio, Kererū and Tōtara).
4. Further develop inter-strand relationships through shared experiences.
5. Pursue the development of a parents group who will support events and fundraising.
6. Establish a "Cycle of Professional Growth" to replace the deleted appraisal system.
7. Create more space in the library.
8. Prioritise the spending of the Ministry 5 Year Property Grant.
9. Explore ways Otari School can address climate change and reduce carbon emissions and establish a plan.
10. Establish a working bee system that addresses smaller projects.
11. Enhance school and home communication, reporting and information sharing through the use of digital platforms.
12. Consult the community to inform the development of the next three year strategic plan.

**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
Vision/Hearing Testing	Yr 7s	Tues 9 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 <i>pp 15 Apr</i>	

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 – No School

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

**Notice to Year 7 Parents:**

**Year 7 Vision Screening – Information for Parents**

Regional Public Health provides a vision screening programme for all Year 7 students.

- Vision - Pupils will be advised of results at the time of screening. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.
- Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require a vision check from our service.

**Non-consent – Please notify your school if you do not want your children being screened.**

This screening is not a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please see an optometrist.

**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.

**Regional Public Health - WellKiwis Household:** We are looking for whanau living in the Wellington region (Excluding Kapiti/Wairarapa), who have someone 19 years of age or under living in their home and plan to continue living in the Wellington region over the next two years to join an influenza study. The study is planned to run for seven years (although families can drop out at any time without any questions asked)

The purpose of the study is to investigate influenza transmission within the household setting and find out what factors make occupants more at risk or conversely what prevents some individuals from developing the flu.

There are many benefits of being part of an International study:

- During the Flu season whanau will have access to our clinical team (including Registered nurses, a midwife and phlebotomists),
- when unwell we are able to visit and complete a swab and inform the family of the virus causing their illness (including ways of keeping well/managing the virus)
- For every sample taken a \$30 e-gift card is given, these can be saved up and spent whenever the family decide to do so
- Families are contributing to the scientific knowledge about the flu and covid viruses

**WellKiwis Infant study:**

We are also looking for pregnant women living in the Wellington region who may be interested in joining the study. This study is interested in looking at how an infant's immunity is developed from their first experience of the flu and how this imprints on their immune system. The benefits are the same as above, and the study is also an observational longitudinal study running for seven years.

Families can register their interest, or find out more about the study at: <https://www.wellkiwis.co.nz/wellkiwis-household/>



# 1/2 price kids entry at staglands

children's day

7 march 2021





# Join our **WellKiwis** study and help fight the flu



*'Wouldn't you like to be part of the change that helps make our children be more healthy than the generation that came before them?'*

*Jamie*

## Live in the **Wellington** region and expecting a baby?

We're calling for volunteers to take part in ground-breaking research into how children develop immunity to the flu. This will help scientists develop a universal flu vaccine that could put an end to flu pandemics and save millions of lives around the world.

**WellKiwis**  
influenza study