

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

9 March 2021

Week 6, Term 1

## **Kia ora koutou**

Nau mai haere mai ki to a new student and his whanau: Gail Mamaril (Totara)



Despite level 2 cancellations and dire weather predictions, EOTC week was a great success. The children enjoyed their school based activities and we had a fantastic time at camp. This was due to the organisation and leadership of those responsible, wonderful parent assistance, cooperative, give it a go, friendly children and the marvellous weather we ended up being blessed with for the entire week. A big thank you to all parents for the many ways you supported our EOTC week.



### MESSAGES

#### **Messages from Monday morning hui**

Last year, a parent suggested that it might be helpful to include messages provided at the school assembly in the newsletter. This will be a regular feature from now on.

Whaea Johanne:

- Lit Quiz – This will be week 1 of term 2. Children to sign up at lunchtime.
- Otago Problem Challenge – This is open to year 7 and 8 (and maybe some year 6 students). Children asked to stay behind after assembly and sign up if interested.
- Student librarians – Trained Y7/8 librarians can sign up to a google page. Johanne still working with year 6 librarians.
- A warm welcome to our new student, Gail, who Matariki introduced. Johanne talked about how Gail has arrived from the Philippines and showed a lot of courage as he came straight from quarantine to the school camp.

Whaea Wairere:

- Acknowledgement of kaiako and tamariki who have returned from camp and a thank you to assembly hosts from Kaikōmako.
- Timely reminder for tamariki to remove potai before karakia.

Whaea Sacha:

- Code club resumes (Monday after school).

Matua Clifford:

- Nga Taonga Horomata – Diligence/Puku Mahi and Purposefulness/Whakatara Nga. We are now focussing on the virtues children need to apply when working and learning.
- Senior Student Committee – all students interested in being part of this to meet in the hall at kai iti.



## Extra to the Curriculum

### About Our Kura – Explaining various features of our daily school life.

Even though we are a smaller school with limited space, we provide a variety of opportunities for children to enjoy learning experiences throughout the year that are extra to the classroom curriculum. Some of these activities occur because the school is willing to provide the space and parents pay for their child to participate. Activities parents pay for are guitar, (Thursday and Friday afternoons), keyboard (Monday morning), drama (Monday lunchtime and before school Tuesday) and Kelly Sports (Wednesday lunchtimes). Shani Leda teaches recorder on Mondays and Tuesdays at lunchtime. On Fridays, Ukelele is being taught by one of our parents, Esther King. Code Club happens on Monday after school in Kererū class. ArtSplash Choir is going ahead this year and interested children will soon be asked to sign up for this.

Year 6 to 8 children can become student librarians and year 7 and 8 children can join the senior Student Committee. This is a student voice for ideas and change and the children also get involved in fundraising and school events. “Bush Guides” is another opportunity for children to learn more about the local Otari Wilton bush. This usually involves students in the senior school. Otari Wilton Bush has funded this programme for the past three years, however unfortunately they are no longer doing so. We are looking at ways we can continue this programme using our own staffing. It has been part of Otari School for over 20 years.

### Montessori Strand Upcoming Events –

- 15.03.2021 Term 1 BBQ, 5-7pm, Otari School
- 16.05.2021 Working Bee, 10-12pm, families A-K
- 25.05.2021 AGM, 7:30-8:30pm, Ngaio classroom
- 17.08.2021 Trust meeting, 7:30-9:30pm, venue: tbc
- 31.10.2021 Working Bee, 10-12pm, families J-Z
- 02.11.2021 Trust meeting 7:30-9:30pm, venue: tbc



### Taonga Horomata

*We are focussing on virtues that will help children manage themselves when working and learning.*

“Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardour and diligence.” *Gail Adams*



**Korongā (pupose) – He manako te kōura i kore ai** (Wishing for the crayfish won't bring it.)



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Taki Rua performance	All Students	Fri 26 Mar	\$4.00
Montessori Strand BBQ	Montessori Strand	Mon 15 Mar	
Easter Break – NO School	Everyone	1-6 Apr	
WZ Football	Selected Students	Tues 13 Apr pp 15 Apr	

**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
- 🌈 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).

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi  
Clifford

#### **2021 Term Dates**

Term 1 – 3 Feb – 16 Apr

Term 2 – 3 May – 9 July

Term 3: 26 July – 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**)*

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

#### *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 6.30 pm Thursday 19 March, Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Road, Northland. Like to know more or get involved sooner? Check us out at [www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts](https://www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts) or email [Northland.Scouts@gmail.com](mailto:Northland.Scouts@gmail.com) for more information.

**Fergs Adventure Club - Term 1 Adventure Holiday Programme** - Are you a budding adventurer? Always wanted to give rock climbing or kayaking a go? Come and join us at Fergs Adventure Club this school holidays! Our Holiday Programme has options for climbing on our indoor rock walls and SUPing, Kayaking, or Sea Kayaking. The programme is designed for 8-17 year olds. We run our programme from Monday-Friday, with both weeks of the school holidays available. From 10am to 12pm, 8-11 year olds will join us for our Kayaking session and the 12-17 year olds will Stand up Paddleboard through Wellington Harbour. As an exciting addition, 14 year olds and over will have the opportunity to Sea Kayak! At 12:30pm our Rock Climbing session begins and kids get the chance to learn on our big Top Rope walls and our bouldering area until the end of our session at 2:15pm. Learn from our qualified, experienced instructors in a fun environment filled with adventure! If you have any questions or would like to register for our programme, please contact Hope at [Saleswn@ferqskayaks.co.nz](mailto:Saleswn@ferqskayaks.co.nz).

**Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures - Winter Holidays at South Wellington Intermediate School Berhampore) and Otari School (Wilton).** 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 from 7.00am-6pm daily. Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking, Keep Fit Karapu Fitness and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$81.04/cub per session or \$137.77 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$324.16 per cub/week or \$551.07 for two siblings/week. MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families. **Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U or Register online: [www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz](http://www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz) or Visit our Facebook page: [www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare](http://www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare).**

**Marrzipan Drama - Self-Confidence classes at Otari. Spaces Still Available!** Marrzipan have gained a huge reputation in New Zealand for the development of shy children, especially those with anxiety, autism and selective mutism. Saying that, this is a class for the super crazy and dramatic types too, as we focus on positive leadership and social skills. Our classes focus on inner and outer self-confidence, and are super fun and exciting for children. Parents are kept up to date with weekly emails about what's been covered in class and why, as well as what you can work on at home. We have two awesome showcases at the end of every term too, so you can see your child's development first hand as they perform in one of our termly productions. Our classes are running on Tuesdays, at 8.00-8.50am. **We are half way through our term and still need a couple more superstars to join for our performance** - please register your interest by emailing [josh@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:josh@marrzipandrama.co.nz) or calling 022 436 5608. See you there!