

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

7 June 2022

Week 6, Term 2

Kia ora koutou



Birthdays this week: – Happy birthday to Ada, Emilio, Maia, Owen, Makere, Rohan and Sarah. Rā whānau ki a koe!

Cross Country - Congratulations to all the tamariki who participated in the Western Zone Cross Country last Tuesday at Karori Park. It is a very competitive race and all participants should be proud of their efforts. Particular congratulations to the following tamariki who placed in the top 10 in their races and will now have the opportunity to participate in the Interzone Cross Country:



Ezra White	Mahalia Milner	Rose Friend
Amokura Olsen	Milo Biddington	



Covid-19 - The school currently has 3 cases of Covid-19. There are 2 children isolating at home.

New Basketball Hoop System - The tamariki were excited to see that the school has a brand new, sturdy quality basketball hoop system. This is due to a generous donation from the whānau of an Otari student who is now at high school. Our heartfelt appreciation for this great addition to our playground.



NZ Playhouse – Tomorrow, all students (except Ngaio class and a few children from Pōhutukawa) will be attending a NZ Playhouse performance of ‘The Emperor's New Clothes’. The cost is \$5 per child. Please pay online or send cash to the office if you don't have an activity account set up.

Ngaio Class trip – Due to a shortage of bus drivers, children will not return to school until approximately, 3.05pm, tomorrow.



CodeClub Cancelled - There will be no CodeClub on Monday 11 June due to the Kererū parent teacher interviews being postponed. CodeClub will start back Monday 18 June.

Chocolate - Last chance to order Schoc Chocalate. Please have orders to the office by tomorrow morning.



40 hour famine

40 hour famine - The 40 hour famine is on the weekend of July 1-3 and we would like to encourage our year 5 - 8s to get involved. We have already had one meeting and quite a few have expressed interest and signed up but they will need some support at home to complete a challenge as well. The easiest way to get involved is by connecting to our school fundraising page <https://my.worldvision.org.nz/ss/Y9LVDs/otari-school> and clicking on Join This Team! Then your tamariki can set up their page and you can share it with friends and whānau. We do also have fundraising booklets at the office if you prefer that method. This year funds are being raised to help support people who don't have access to clean water. More information can be found on the World Vision website: <https://www.worldvision.org.nz/connect/40-hour-famine/>. We will have another meeting this Friday where ākongā can bring permission slips, sign up if they haven't already and get more ideas for challenges they might complete over the 40 hr famine weekend. Ngā mihi nui, Catherine (catherine@otari.school.nz)

Matariki - This year we will again be celebrating our Māori New Year, Matariki, with a shared lunch within our strands. Whānau are most welcome to attend this. First we will have a short, whole school gathering in the hall before going to our strands to enjoy kai and an opportunity for fostering whānaungatanga. This will be on Thursday 23 June. The assembly will be at 12:00 and the shared lunch starts at 12:30pm. Leading up to the 23rd we would also like to collect food for the City Mission as part of the Matariki concept of ensuring the storehouses are full for the coming winter months. Please send any non-perishable items to school where they can be put in the boxes we will have in the office foyer. We know that there has been an increase in need this year. Any item you can spare will be appreciated.



Entertainment

Entertainment Memberships are available again. They no longer produce books but still offer amazing savings over many categories. Visit this website to order: <https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/10455w7>

Taonga Horomata – Virtues

For the second half of this term we are looking at the kaupapa ***Ourselves, our spaces and our community*** - fostering virtues that will help children to look after themselves, the spaces they use and their community.

The virtues we are focusing on are

- Responsibility - Kawenga
- Helpfulness - Āwhina
- Cleanliness - Nohomā
- Orderliness - Whaka-tikauka
- Service - Mahi-pono mō katoa
- Respect - Whakaute - *for others, self, environment*

Contexts might include:

- playing on the playground
- looking after a pet
- eating together
- using school equipment, inside and outside
- using shared spaces like the bathroom, the hall, library, PE shed
- looking after our grounds, room, desk
- the classroom on a rainy day
- having a special event



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- working in the garden
- carrying out responsibilities (road patrol/ bell/ dishes)

Responsibility – Kawenga

- Being in control of your own behaviour
- Being trusted with important jobs
- Having your work finished on time
- Doing your part when working together



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Trip to Space Place	Ngaio & a few Poh students	Wed 8 June	\$12.50
NZ Playhouse	All students (except Ngaio a few Poh students)	Wed 8 June, 11.30am	\$5
ASB Get Wise	Year 3-8	Wed 29 June	
Yr 7 Immunisations	Yr 7s	Wed 29 June	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

2022 Term Dates

Term 2: Mon 2 May – Fri 8 Jul

Term 3: Mon 25 Jul – Fri 30 Sept

Term 4: Mon 17 Oct – Wed 14 Dec

Teacher Only Days: Fri 3 June, Fri 19 Aug



Montessori at Otari Preschool is having an Open Day on Saturday 18th June 10am – 12 noon. The Preschool offers quality early childhood education for children between the ages of 2½ and 6 years, based on the Montessori Philosophy. Invite family and

friends to come along and find out more about Montessori, see a class in action and meet the teachers. For more information phone 475 9688 or wcmp@xtra.co.nz.

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WINTER ILLNESS

Colds, flu and other respiratory illness are common in schools during winter. Here are some simple tips to prevent the spread of illness:



- Anyone who is unwell should stay at home. Keep unwell tamariki at home until 24 hours after their symptoms have gone.
- Wash and dry hands thoroughly and often.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow or upper sleeve, not your hand.
- Wash your hands after blowing your nose and after coughing/sneezing.
- Regularly clean high touch surfaces - door handles, taps, table tops, phones, computer keyboards, etc.
- Get a flu vaccination at your family doctor or pharmacist.

For more information:

<https://www.rph.org.nz/public-health-topics/illness-and-disease/influenza/education-sector>

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