

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

14 June 2022

Week 7, Term 2

Kia ora koutou



Birthdays this week: – Happy birthday to Hamish, Tia-Jane and Tukino. Rā whānau ki a koe!

Covid-19 - The school currently has 3 cases of Covid-19; two children and one staff member. There are 2 children isolating at home.



Board Elections are being held in September, with nominations happening in July. I have been a part of boards for over 30 years. I have worked with a variety of Board members all bringing a range of skills and attributes to their roles. Having particular skills and attributes you can bring can be of great benefit to a Board of Trustees, however, like all leadership roles "people care how much you know when they know how much you care". Board members need to be committed to caring about all the children, all the parents and all the staff. Trusteeship is about fostering community, ensuring accountability and supporting learning, teaching and leadership. It involves working with school management and staff to set goals, review processes and policies and establish priorities for growth. It can be very rewarding to be on a board of trustees, to be part of subcommittees like finance or property, to lead a project, actively support a planned development or be involved in the employment of new staff. As a Board member you are responsible for considering the needs of all students and staff, however at our school it is also important to have parents on our Board from all the strands as this helps with effective community liaison. If you have a willingness to learn and a desire to be involved in school governance please consider putting your name forward for election to the Otari School Board of Trustees. More information to follow.

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 11.45am (note change of time) 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.



Science/Pūtaiao Self Review - Otari School is currently doing a self review of how effectively we are engaging our tamariki in authentic, purposeful, multi disciplinary science/pūtaiao learning. As part of this we are also looking at how effectively we are utilising our school community to support our tamariki's learning. Over the next few days we will be emailing out a short survey to whānau and it would be appreciated if you could complete this survey, as part of our review. Your input would be very much valued.

Taonga Horomata – Virtues: Mahi pono mō katoa/Service

Service is giving to others and wanting to make a difference in their lives. It is looking for ways to be helpful instead of waiting to be asked.

'The real value of your life can only be gauged by what it gives to the world.'

Sir Wildred Grenfell



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Matariki	Everyone	Thurs 23 June	
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



Deliverers Wanted: Want to earn some pocket money and/or get paid to exercise? GenX Distribution is looking for local deliverers to deliver a new community newspaper and real estate circulars to letterboxes in Wilton/Wadestown/Northland areas. Deliverers must be at least 10 years old (younger children may apply with parental assistance). Adults are also welcome to apply! Background: GenX Distribution used to manage the distribution of the Independent Herald in your local area. For further information, please contact Michelle McGuire – michelle@genxblders.co.nz or text (027) 230 6191.

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.

Karori Recreation Centres July School Holiday Programme is now open for bookings! From Gala Day and Space Place, to WOW and MasterChef, there will be something for everyone. Bring your friends along for a fun action packed July School Holiday Programme. For any enquiries, please call us on 04 476 80 90. To book, head to wellington.govt.nz/holidayprogrammes

Pride lands Fun Holiday Adventures. Summer holidays at western suburbs rugby club (Wilton) and southern suburbs SWIS (Berhampore). 11th – 22nd July 2022 from 7.00am-6pm daily from 7.00am-6pm daily. Interactive activities and NO TV or Video Games, Cooking, Fitness and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Morning Tea, 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 or visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare.

Does your child love to sing? Wellington Cathedral of St Paul is currently recruiting for more singers aged 8-15 to join the Cathedral Choristers. This is a terrific way to gain a musical education and learn vocal technique from one of the foremost conductors in the country free of charge. Please see this [link](#) for more information, and this [link](#) to hear the Choristers talk about their own experience. For further information or to organise an audition, please contact Michael Stewart at dom@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz