

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

28 June 2022

Week 9, Term 2

Kia ora koutou



I am at home recovering from covid, along with Johanne. We won't be back until Monday, week 10. Not exactly the Matariki long weekend we were imagining, however it is good to be on the other side of covid and looking forward to the last week of term. In the meantime I am doing some work from home. Susan West is Acting Principal and if she is away, Whaea Wairere will step up to the role. I am in communication with them and with Jillian.

The reliever situation is a concern, especially as we look toward term 3. We have been very fortunate at Otari School to not have resorted to doubling classes or reallocating students within a strand. Numerous times teachers have changed plans to ensure every class has a teacher. This includes rescheduling classroom release, going without support teaching (or taking a class instead of providing support) and reallocating teacher aides. I have also been the reliever in a class a few times this year. Implementing strategic goals around student achievement and support is a challenge when the planned support is regularly being reallocated to ensure a class is not without a teacher. Overall though, the fact we have not needed to take more drastic measures is due to the flexibility of staff and their willingness to be adaptable each week. It is appreciated.

Teachers
are
Angels
in disguise



Birthdays this week: Happy birthday to Frankie, Ivy, Marie and Rachel. Rā whānau ki a koe!

Covid-19 - The school currently has 2 known cases of Covid-19 (staff members). There are 6 children isolating at home.



WEAR SOMETHING ORANGE TO SCHOOL FRIDAY

**40 hour
famine**

The countdown is on.... the 40hr famine event is finally happening this weekend to raise money to help people have better access to clean water. We have a small but dedicated group of senior students who are completing challenges this weekend for either 20 or 40 hours, such as giving up screen time, not using furniture and eating just 4 foods. To show our support for them and World Vision we would like to encourage everyone to **wear something orange this Friday and we will have a koha collection box**. You can also make an online donation on our school fundraising page here: <https://my.worldvision.org.nz/ss/Y9LVDs/otari-school>. It's not too late to get involved if there are last minute keen children. They can set up a page following the above link and click 'join the school team' or there are fundraising booklets at the office. Any fundraisers using the booklet and collecting cash donations will need to return it all to the school office by the last day of this term. *Noho ora mai Catherine (catherine@otari.school.nz)*

Teacher Only Day Date Change - The scheduled 19 August Teacher Only Day is cancelled. The new proposed date is 25 October (Day after Labour Day.) This is pending Board approval and will either be confirmed next week, or an alternative date provided.



Taonga Horomata – Virtues: Kotahi-tanga - Unity

Unity helps people work and live together peacefully. When you practice unity, you feel connected to everyone and everything. Unity comes when we value each person.

‘When we learn to come together, we are whole.’ Anne Cameron



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
ASB Get Wise	Year 3-8	Wed 29 June	
Yr 7 Immunisations	Yr 7s	Wed 29 June	

Have a great week everyone. Term 2 finishes next Friday, 8 July at 2.55pm.

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, Tues 25 Oct



Wellington College In-zone Year 9 students for 2023. In-zone enrolment applications for 2023 may be made at any time during the year prior to the start of school. We request that these be submitted on-line by Monday 25 July 2022 to allow for curriculum planning and so that we can determine out of zone enrolment numbers.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PUPPETRY

BOX OF BIRDS

for ages 3 to 6
14 - 17 July, 11am



THE BOY WITH WINGS

for ages 5 to 9
14 - 17 July, 2pm

Tickets \$10/\$18
BATS Theatre, 1 Kent Tce
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Wellington Holiday Workshop

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