

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

25 October 2022

Week 2, Term 4



I hope you all had a lovely long weekend and enjoyed the beautiful weather! Staff are here at school today, writing end of year reports.

Junior Swimming begins in week 3. If you have not yet done this, please complete the following link, which will help Easyswim to establish the swimming ability of your child: <https://www.easyswim.co.nz/school-lessons-survey>. Cost is \$30 per child.



Calendar Orders – Orders need to be completed by this Friday. If you did not receive the order form, please let Jillian know as she has a master list.

Birthdays: Happy birthday, this week to Finn S, Hudson, Lily, Mila and Zander. Rā whānau ki a koe! We hope you all have a great day.



Otari School Disco - Save the date and help needed! Shine your dancing shoes and mark your diaries – the Otari School Disco is happening on **Friday 2 December!**

It's for the whole school, with students years 1-8 and their whānau invited to share in music, dancing and great food! We'll have a sausage sizzle and our famous curries available for purchase and we're asking families to bring along a dessert to share. It goes from 5pm – 8pm; the cost is \$5 per child or \$10 per family.

We'll be sending out more details closer to the event, but in the meantime we need your help! For a disco like this to work well, we need participation from the school community.

We'll require volunteers in the lead-up and on the night itself – this might involve cooking curries, setting up, frying sausages on the BBQ, serving food and tidying up after the disco is finished. We only need a couple of hours of your time. We will send a link in the next week or so where you'll be able to register your availability, so in the meantime have a think about how you might be able to volunteer!

Once you sign up we'll be in touch closer to the time with clear instructions of what you need to do, where you need to be, and when etc.

Also, if you have any access to discounted supplies such as soft drinks, sausages, rice etc please reach out! Our contact person is Lara Charles (Zoe, Evan, Hudson and Lily's mum) on larameredith@gmail.com.

The disco will be a fun way for us to all get together after what's been a very disrupted couple of years, so it would be great to get everyone's support.

Potai/Hats - Please ensure your child has a potai with a brim. Children are required to wear a hat outside. Otari School is a *Sun Safe* school. Ngā kaiako (teachers) will follow up on the requirement that all tamariki have a potai on their heads when outside. Children who do not wear hats end up having to play in the limited shade areas we have. We have some bucket hats for sale from the office, \$12 each.



Camp 2023 – Dates for the 2023 Yr 7/8 camp are Tuesday 28 February to Friday 3 March. More information to follow.

Increased Costs in 2023 – We have been advised from Karori West School that due to the rise in costs they will need to increase the fees for technology to \$80 per student (Yr 7/8 students only) for 2023.



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Taonga Horomata/Virtues – Matawhaiti / Tact

Tact is telling the truth kindly. We think before we speak, aware of how deeply our words affect others. When our words are weighty, we weight our words, knowing they have the power to cause pain or to uplift.

“Use a sweet tongue, courtesy and gentleness and thou mayest manage to guide an elephant by a hair.” *Sa’Di*



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Trip to Toi Whakaari	Kaikōmako	Thurs 28 Oct	TBC
Yr 3 Sports Festival	Yr 3s	Tues 1 Nov	
Yr 8 Immunisations	Yr 8s	Wed 2 Nov	
School Athletics	All Students	Thurs 3 Nov	
Junior Swimming	Juniors	Fri 4 Nov – 9 Dec	\$30
Marine Education	Seniors	4/11 14/15 Nov 24/25 Nov	TBC
EPro8 Interschool Challenge	Yr 7/8 Selected Students	Thurs 10 Nov	
EPro8 Interschool Challenge	Yr 5/6 Selected Students	Fri 11 Nov	
WZ Athletics	Selected students	Fri 18 Nov	
City Mission 'Pack the Bus'	Everyone	Tues 29 Nov	
Yr 8 Dinner	Yr 8s	Wed 30 Nov	TBC
Bush Day	Montessori Strand	Tues 6 Dec	
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7/8s & Whānau	Thurs 8 Dec	
Yr 8 Outing	Yrs 8s	Fri 9 Dec	TBC

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2022 Term Dates
Term 4: Mon 17 Oct – Wed 14 Dec 12 noon