

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

6 December 2022

Week 8, Term 4

Kia ora koutou

Thank you Board Members - We had our final board meeting of the year last night. The Otari School community can have confidence that the school is being governed by an engaged, skilled and dedicated Board of Trustees. I am well supported in my role as principal. The Board operates subcommittees with board members who have responsibility of finance, property, personnel and employment and self-review. This work is essentially voluntary yet highly necessary and important. The role of Chairperson is particularly important and we are fortunate to have the sound leadership and skill Natasha Kuka brings to this important role. Our other board members are Chris Chainey, Antony Dixon, Miriam Eagle, Anischka Walmsley, Catherine Wilson and Shani Leda. Many thanks to all of you for all the work you have done throughout the year.



Farewell - This week, Christine Dowell finishes her role as the teacher in Kererū on Thursdays and Fridays. Christine has had a long association with Otari school, first as a parent and then as a part time teacher in a variety of roles throughout the years. Highly organised and conscientious, Christine has provided rich learning experiences for the students she has taught at Otari School. She is valued for her expertise in science and has provided lots of memorable activities for the children in this area. She has also delivered highly engaging units of work in literacy, social studies and mathematics. We will certainly miss her expertise, however most of all we will miss Christine's warmth, care, humour and collegiality. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

School Disco - A huge thank you to Lara Charles and the team of parents and student committee members who worked with her to put on a most enjoyable disco for the children. (And a welcome whānau get-together for the rest of the school!) It really was a lovely occasion, with great food and a very positive community vibe. We have missed these opportunities that bring us together and as the first school based inter-strand event since 2019 it couldn't have been better.



Regional Athletics Championship - Congratulations to Amokura Olsen who represented Otari School and the other Wellington schools, in quoits, at the Regional Athletics Championship in Masterton today. A fabulous achievement.

Birthdays: Happy birthday this week to William C, Scott and Max T. Rā whānau ki a koe! We hope you all have a great day.





Camp Meeting – Tonight at 6pm in the school hall for Yr 6/7 whānau.

Year 8 Farewell – This Thursday at 6pm in the school hall. All Year 7/8 children are expected at school by 5.45pm.

farewell



Covid - Currently we have 4 known cases of Covid in the school. 2 in Ngaio, 1 in Kāikomako and 1 in Kererū.



Taonga Horomata/Virtues: Rangimārie, Aroha, Harikoa, Tūmanako (Peace, Love, Joy, Hope) - four seasonal virtues to take us to the end of the term.

Love is the key that opens the heart

Hope is the dream that awakens the soul

Peace is the light that guides the way

Faith is the certainty that sees us through



Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values. *Thomas S. Monson*



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7/8s & Yr 8 Whānau	Thurs 8 Dec	
Yr 8 Outing	Yrs 8s	Fri 9 Dec	
Poroporoaki	Imm Strand Whānau	Mon 12 Dec, 5.30pm	

Have a good week everyone.

2022: Term 4 finishes on Wed 14 Dec, 12 noon

Ngā mihi

Clifford

2023 Term Dates

Term Dates		Public Holidays
Wed 1 Feb	Thurs 6 Apr	Waitangi Day: Mon 6 Feb
Mon 24 Apr	Fri 30 June	Anzac Day: Tues 25 Apr King's Birthday: Mon 5 June
Mon 17 Jul	Fri 22 Sept	
Mon 9 Oct	Wed 15 Dec	Labour Weekend: Mon 24 Oct



NORTHLAND POP UP CAFE at the St Anne's Northland Fair on Saturday 3 December from 9.30am-1.00pm. The venue will be the Church Hall, corner Randwick and Northland Roads. Also with our famous Plant sale, Vintage car rides, Books, Encore store (pre-loved household goods), Delicatessen, Indoor plants, Crafts, Waffles, BBQ and more. Do come.

Kelly Club - Join us for a fun filled Pre-Xmas and January School Holiday Programmes, they are packed with lots exciting days including:

Pre-Xmas holiday Programme – From Mon 19 Dec – Thurs 22 Dec. Super Summer Fun Day, Santa's Little Helpers Day, Xmas Party Day plus a trip to Mini Golf and lots of more Xmas fun!

Jan 2023 Holiday Programme – Mon 9 Jan – Mon 30 Jan 2023. Slimetastic Day, It's Game Day (with Inflatable & Giant Games), Movie Madness Day, Postively Pawtastic Day, H2O Let's Go Day, Child VS Wild Day, Wet N Wild Day, plus trips to: The Kelly Sports Carnival Day (held at Ngatitua Domain, Porirua), Bowling, Wellington Zoo, Laser, Force, Mini Golf, Roller Skating, Picnic in the Garden plus lots more!! (check centre for trip days as each centre differs)

Kelly Club is available at the following: Kelly Club Amesbury, Kelly Club Churton Park, Kelly Club Kelburn, Kelly Club Island Bay, Kelly club West Park.

To Book go to www.kellyclub.co.nz

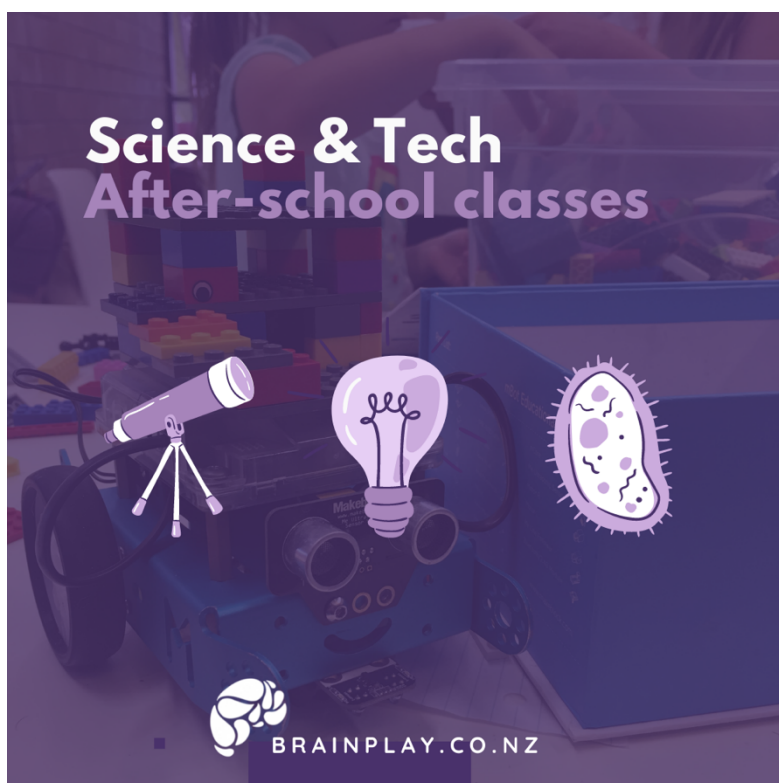
January Football Holiday Programme!, Green Room, Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Ian Galloway Park, Wilton

Week 1 – 17, 18, 19 Jan 2023 from 9.30am-12.30pm

Week 2 – 24, 25, 26 Jan 2023 from 9.30am-12.30pm

For children aged 5-12 years. Perfect for "Beginner's" and those just wanting to have fun. Come along and improve technique, knowledge and skills. We will focus on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling and shooting but MOST importantly having as much FUN as possible!

To enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz



Be in to Win an awesome Christmas Hamper and support our Preschool!



First prize Hamper includes:

- Absolute Bliss in Marsden – massage voucher for you to relax
- NZ made kids book – will keep the kids entertained
- Munro merino socks – a fun colourful pair
- Antipodes hand cream
- 2x tickets to Penthouse Cinema
- 2x nights accomodation for two adults in a luxury seaside B&B in New Plymouth
- Voucher for 1 primary school aged child to Drama Club Karori for one term
- Unicorn lip gloss pack
- Large felt pot plant holder
- Various gourmet treats

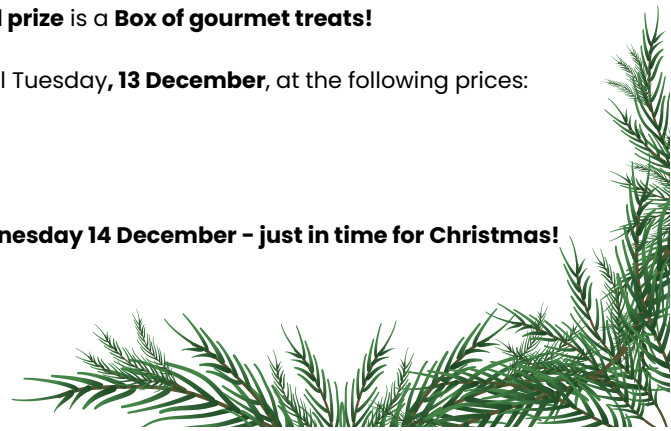


A consolation **second prize** is a **Box of gourmet treats!**

Tickets available until Tuesday, **13 December**, at the following prices:

- 1 ticket – \$4
- 2 tickers – \$10
- 5 tickets – \$15

Raffle drawn on Wednesday 14 December – just in time for Christmas!



Calling all '22 Y8 and Y9 Kōtiro wanting to play U15 in 2023

Unsure what college rugby will look like for your daughter?
Or maybe you're not sure if your school has an established team? NJRC are working to help to facilitate a composite team for 2023 alongside building current teams to ensure all girls can get out on the field next season.

To register interest in playing, coaching or helping please send us an email -
newlandsrugbyclub@gmail.com
Subject: 2023 U15s

