

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

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Welcome to a new student and her family: Trixie Barraud (Pohutukawa)

Kereru Whānau - Sacha Fell will be back in Kereru next week, having had two weeks leave to attend to family in the UK.

Cross Country and Fun Run: Friday 26 May (1pm) - Each event will start and finish at school. The year 5,6,7 and 8 cross country will involve children running up and along Warwick St, down Gloucester St and along Wilton Road. Year 7 and 8 competitors will also run around Wilton Park. Competitors will be crossing the road twice, both times at the pedestrian crossing opposite Warwick St.

All Fun Run competitors will be running along Wilton Road and around Wilton Park. Staff will be placed along the routes, however, I would appreciate having a few extra adults strategically placed as well. If you think you can help please email principal@otari.school.nz, or pop in and let me know.

Immunisations for Yr 7 & 8s have been re-scheduled for Wednesday 17 May.

Scholastic Books - Please have orders to the office by this Thursday.

Vision/Hearing Screening - Staff from Hutt Valley Health visit the school and screen new entrants and Yr 7s. The next visit is scheduled for Monday 22 May. See below:

Year 7 Vision Screening - Regional Public Health provides a screening programme for all year 7 students.

* Vision - pupils will be advised of results at the time of screening. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.

* Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require a vision check from our service.

Non Consent - please notify your school if you do not want your child being screened.

This screening is not a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please see an optometrist.

Yummy Fruit Stickers - Please collect stickers from any Yummy fruit (and cut out the tokens from Yummy bags) and send them to school. Sticker sheets can be downloaded from this website: http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/pdf/Sticker_Collection_Sheet.pdf. The more stickers we collect, the more free sports gear we receive at the end of the year.

Te Taonga Horomata - Mana. Virtue: Dignity

We recognise the inherent worth of each person, whether or not they see it for themselves. We treat everyone with the respect and honour all beings deserve. We refuse to violate anyone's rights. We avoid actions that cause us to feel ashamed.

Never take a person's dignity: it is worth everything to them and nothing to you. Frank Barron

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Whānau Hui	Immersion Families	Tues 9 May, 5p30pm	
Trip to Te Papa	Ngaio/Kereru	Fri 12 May	\$5.00
Immunisations	Yr 7/8s	Wed 17 May, 9.00am	
Cross Country/Fun Run	All students	Fri 26 May, 1.00pm	
No School	Everyone	Fri 2 June & Mon 5 June	
WZ Cross Country	Selected Students	Tues 13 June	
School Photos	All students	Wed 21 June	
WZ Hockey	Selected Students	Tues 27 June	

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

Community Notices: (Please note: Notices are sent to us. They are not an endorsement)

Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup is having an Open Day on Saturday 27th May, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). The Preschool and Playgroup offers quality early childhood education for children between the ages of 0 and 6 years, based on the Montessori Philosophy. Please come along to discover our environment, meet the teachers and find out more about our programme. For more information phone 475 9688 or wcmp@xtra.co.nz.

Kids Cross Country Series starts in May. The Brendan Foot Supersite Kids Cross Country Series is back this winter. Each event has 500+ kids, aged 3 to 13. There are five events through the Wellington region from May to August with the first one in Upper Hutt on Sunday 14 May and the second in Karori on Sunday 28 May. Your choice if do you one, two, or all five events. Come along, join the fun. Complete them all and receive a commemorative medal and Drink Bottle. Only \$8 to enter. For more info or to enter go to athleticshub.co.nz or contact jo@athleticswellington.org.nz

ARound the Valley, Saturday 13th May, Aro Valley Community Centre, 48 Aro Street. 1:00-4:00pm Tour, 3:30-5:30pm Entertainment and Food. ARound the Valley is the Aro Valley Community Centre's Neighbours Day event. We are opening up parts of the Valley that are not always accessible. The day gives residents and people from outside the Valley the opportunity to learn a little more about the businesses, buildings, environment and people of Aro Valley. People can pick up a map from the Community Centre from 1.00pm and take themselves on a self guided tour to the places that interest them. There is something for everyone. At the end of the day we will finish up Aro Valley style with some good music, food and company.