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Kia ora koutou



Welcome to two new students and their families:

Jacob Taite (Kaikomako)

Bella-May Fa'arodo (Kakano)

Wellington Literacy Quiz - Yesterday our 4 Otari School Literacy Quiz finalists participated in the Wellington Regional Literacy Quiz at Papakowhai School. They achieved 2nd place out of 48 competing schools. Congratulations Bronte Davies, Jack Croasdale, Matthew Dawson and Andrew Booth, who each won a \$20 prize. They also had the distinction of achieving a perfect score in one of the rounds for which they received an extra \$5 voucher. Schools were able to put in two teams, however Otari School submitted one team. Our 5th place-getter, Xandi Gobbi accompanied the team to support them along with Johanne Wicks and Bronwyn Pope. Thank you Johanne for running the Otari based quiz, encouraging the children and for enabling them to participate in this very successful event.

End of Term Assembly - Parents are welcome to attend our end of term assembly at 2.00pm. This term, the assembly is being run by Joiah, Sky and Trinity, from the Original Strand.

School Athletics - The school enjoyed a wonderful athletics day last week. Teachers were particularly impressed with the level of enthusiasm and participation. Congratulations to all placegetters and to Team Kowhai who won the overall points competition.

In Zone Students starting between July 2015 and July 2016 - In order to determine how many out of zone spaces we have, we first of all need to know potential in zone students. Please email or ring the office and let them know if you have a child starting between July of 2015 and July of 2016. Please also pass this message on to any friends you know of who live in the zone and are thinking of bringing children to Otari School. (Even if they haven't made a final decision.)

BOT Vacancy - The following advert will be placed in next week's Independent Herald. The vacancy is due to Benedicte Florin leaving the Board of Trustees. We thank Benedicte for all her service on the Board especially in her role as a Montessori parent representative.

Board of Trustees

Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative. The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Otari School, 166 Wilton Road, Wilton, Wellington 6012

A message from Ngaio School:

This morning we were made aware of an incident that occurred on the grounds of Khandallah School yesterday - Sunday 29th March.

The acting Principal of Khandallah School has conveyed the following details to schools in our area. 'Two girls were accosted by a male in his 50's about 4pm. He is described as of solid build, with black or brown hair, unshaven (possibly a beard). He had black-framed rectangular sunglasses, and was wearing a plain black zip hoodie, black t-shirt, black pants and black pull on boots. He had a large camera with a big lens with white writing on it.

The police tell me that another incident has occurred in the region recently.

The police suggest reminding children playing at our school to ensure there is an adult present and to call the police on 381 2000 to report any suspicious behaviour.

Scholastic Book orders are due in tomorrow morning (by 10am). Books will be sent home next term.

Entertainment Books - Flyers were sent home (& emailed) last week. Books will be available in mid April. Pre-orders are being taken at the moment; go to <http://www.entbook.co.nz/10455w7> or send the form back to the school office. Pre-orders receive a bonus page of vouchers.

Kakano Class Vanuatu Fundraiser and Pajama Day on Thursday - It would be great if Kakano kids could wear their pajamas and bring a gold coin donation.

Te Taonga Horomata: Pono-nga. Our virtue is Honesty

Honesty is being truthful, sincere, open and genuine. We are content and confident to be ourselves we see ourselves and others with unclouded eyes. We do not exaggerate to impress others. We refuse to lie, cheat or take what is not ours. We admit mistakes even when we know someone may be disappointed or angry.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone. A reminder that the term finishes on Thursday at 2.55pm. See you back here on Monday 20 April.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

"To dream of the person you would like
to be is to waste the person you are."
Anonymous

Community Notices: (Please note these notices are passed on to us and are not necessarily an endorsement)

Wgtn Green Gecko Day at Zealandia. Saturday 11 April, 10-2pm. Meet & touch a Tuatara & Wgtn Geckos. Create gecko artwork. Creative writing workshop. Fun activities with Kiwi Conservation Club.

Learn a new language the FUN way! - Lunchtime French Term 2. Lunchtime French classes are held every Monday lunchtime in the School Hall. Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with the emphasis being on FUN! Language resources available to support parents at home! Come along and try out a Free Trial class! French, Spanish and Mandarin is also offered in various locations around Wellington with a new after-school Spanish class starting in central Wellington in Term 2. Visit the website: www.lcfclubs.co.nz for times of classes or contact annick@lcfclubs.co.nz or 476 3098. New: Online registration available.

Wadestown Library Holiday Programme - Story-time session, Monday 13 April, 11am-12 midday. Bring along your children for special stories and a colouring in session afterwards. Suitable for 4-9 year olds.

Creative Writing Classes in Karori - Brain Bunny Creative Writing Classes are suitable for children who are already passionate storytellers, and for children who are looking to gain confidence. Classes for 8-12 year olds will be held at Karori Community Centre on Mondays 4-5pm in term two. \$120 for term two. Classes are also offered in Island Bay on Tuesdays, and Churton Park on Thursdays. For more information or to enrol visit: www.brainbunny.co.nz or contact Helen on 4990435 or brainbunny@hotmail.co.nz.

Jack and the Beanstalk these School Holidays with KidzStuff Theatre! 4th - 18th April, Mon - Fri 11am and 2pm, Sat 11am only. Bookings 04 385 0292 or www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz.

Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics - Term 2 Enrolments Now Open. Come and try a FREE class in the holidays on Wednesday the 7TH and Thursday the 8th April 4.00 – 5.00pm. Rhythmic Gymnastics is a mix of dance and gymnastics. Great for developing hand-eye co-ordination and strong brain linkages, and for building fitness, body awareness and self-confidence. We offer Recreation classes Wednesday and Thursday 4- 5 pm and for Term 2 a NEW class on Saturday 9 – 10am. Classes are held the Anglican Chinese Mission Hall, 30 -50 Glenmore St, Thorndon just opposite the Botanical Gardens and up the driveway. Please contact elementsrg@hotmail.com or phone 022 014 0207

