

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

5 February 2024

Week 2, Term 1

Kia ora koutou

Nau mai, hoki mai! Welcome to term 1, 2024.

We had a lovely pōwhiri to welcome new students and whānau last week. We look forward to getting to know everyone and hope tamariki and mātua quickly feel as though they are part of a strong and vibrant community. Nau mai, haere mai ki:



Leo Arona	Pōhutukawa	Ahikāea Broughton Buchanan	Kōwhai
Joaquin O'Donnell Rey	Pōhutukawa	Olive Hogg	Kōwhai
Vinzent Vere-Jones	Pōhutukawa	Āria-Rose Taogaga	Kōwhai
Serena He	Pōhutukawa	Niwareka Sykes	Kōwhai
Omar Kashou	Kākano	Raiha Wiki	Kōwhai
Taika Sciascia	Kākano	Ria Jeffs	Kōwhai
Etta Bresanello	Kākano	La'ikūhonua Hoerara	Kōwhai
Olive Bresanello	Kākano	Harper Shaw	Tōtara
Milan Owen	Tūi	Amber Vere-Jones	Ngaio
Ana Panepasa	Tūi		



We welcome back all our Ōtari staff. We also welcome our new Tūi kaiako, Tania Panepasa.

Clifford Wicks , Principal	Susan West , Deputy Principal, Teacher (Kākāriki), SENCO, Original Strand leader,
Erana Franklin , Assistant Principal, Teacher (Kaikōmako), Immersion Strand Leader	Johanne Wicks , Teacher (Tōtara), Year 5 to 8 syndicate leader and library manager
Britta Martini , Teacher (Kākano), Y1-4 Syndicate leader, Reading Recovery Teacher	Deborah Sorensen , Teacher Ngaio, Montessori Strand leader
Lynette Franklin , Teacher (Kōwhai)	Sacha Fell , Teacher (Kererū), Sports coordinator
Paula Crisp , Teacher (Pōhutukawa)	Tania Panepasa , Teacher (Tūi)
Catherine Hope , Support Teacher	Tom Wild , Support Teacher
Nichole Craig , Tūi Support Teacher	Rebecca MacKenzie-Pollock , Teacher & T Aide
Jillian Wilson , Office Manager	Ann Kendon , Reading Recovery Teacher
Parekohai Wells , Kaiarahi-i te-Reo	Katrina Murray , Kaiāwhina
Jamie Flude , Teaching Assistant	Cynthia Aylward , Teacher's Aide
Richie Kobiti-Hiko , Teacher's Aide	Nghi Jusay , Teacher's Aide
Harry McKee , Teaching Assistant	Bubba Hiko , Teacher's Aide
Bridie Te Maipi , Kaiāwhina	Hilary Eats , Librarian
Rakesh Sharma , Caretaker	Deanne Grigsby , IT Support
Alison Dyer , Accounts Service Provider	Claire Rumble , Resources Manager

Birthdays This Week: Happy birthday to Hamish, Ralph, Matisse and Remy. Rā whānau ki a koutou! We hope you all have a great day.



No School - There is no school on Waitangi Day, 6 February. We wish you all an enjoyable day!

Upcoming strand events:

- **Original Strand Afternoon Tea** is on Friday 9 February at 2.30pm in Kākāriki.
- **Montessori Strand Afternoon Tea** is on Thursday 15 February at 2.30pm.
- **Whenu Māori hui** - 12 February, 3.30pm in the school hall.



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Whānau are welcome to attend these events; it's a chance to meet and greet staff and other parents.



Lost Property - There are masses of lost property! Check it out at the medical room in the office. Please ensure you name your child's belongings - it's so much easier to return named items.

Life Education - The Life Education van and staff will be on site in Week 7. All students will participate. The cost per student is **\$8.00**.



Code Club - We will be having a Code Club again this year for children in Years 4-8. Code Club is an Otari School after school activity for Year 4 to Year 8 students and we aim to cater for all skill levels. It is run out of the Kererū classroom from 3.10 - 4.10pm Monday afternoons. Code Club is run by volunteer teachers and parents so there is no cost but a koha to the school office is always appreciated as we use school space and equipment. If your child is interested in joining CodeClub please complete the attached form: <https://forms.gle/94HziA3BskrVBWZ69>. If you have any questions about CodeClub please email Sacha, sacha@otari.school.nz.



Pedal Ready and Scooter Ready - In week 8 tamariki in Years 1-4 will be participating in the Scooter Ready programme and Years 5-8 in Grade One of the Pedal Ready program. All sessions will be held within school grounds. These programmes are funded by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) and Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency so there will be no cost to participate. As part of the Scooter Ready programme tamariki will learn traffic awareness, footpath etiquette, looking for cars reversing out of driveways and what to do at pedestrian crossings and intersections. As part of the Pedal Ready programme tamariki learn about bike and helmet safety checks, including legal requirements, starting off and stopping with control, steering and manoeuvring safely to avoid objects, looking behind while pedalling in a straight line, signalling to stop and turn left or right and using the gears. Further details can be found at <https://www.pedalready.org.nz/>



Technology for Year 7 and 8. Students are taken by bus, leaving school at 8.40am, to the Technology Centre at Karori West School. Matua Clifford usually accompanies them and supervises them at morning tea. The first session begins on Thursday 8 February. Children take their morning tea with them, as they don't return to Otari until lunchtime. At technology, children learn skills through cooking, building and constructing with wood, creating sewn items and working with other materials, such as plastics and metal to create practical and aesthetically pleasing objects. If your child misses the bus, please take them to Karori West yourself. **The cost for each student for Technology for the year is \$80.00 payable to Otari School.**

Financial: Costs - Below is a summary of the upcoming costs. A 'Request for Payment' will be emailed to you.



- Technology for Yr 7/8 - **\$80.00**
- Class Consumables - **\$10.00** per child
- Contribution to costs for digital learning and reporting platforms:
 - Tōtara, Kererū, Kākāriki, Kākano, Kāikomako: (Seesaw, Reading Eggs, Mathletics) **\$28.00**
 - Tūi: (Seesaw, Mathletics) **\$19.00**
 - Kōwhai: (Seesaw) **\$9.00**
 - Ngaio, Pōhutukawa: (Educa) **\$6.00**
- *Donation: Parent Donation* **\$250 per family**
- *Donation: Photocopying/printing contribution* **\$10**
- *Life Education*: **\$8.00**

The costs for digital learning platforms and reporting resources are 50% of actual costs. These costs can be paid now or during the year via internet banking (060561 0017355 00) or via EFT-POS at the school office. If you do pay via internet banking please send Jillian an email itemising what you are paying for (office@otari.school.nz).

Further information about digital learning and reporting resources - All classes will be operating online platforms for informing parents and caregivers about the learning that is happening in the classroom. The Montessori Strand uses Educa and the rest of the school use Seesaw. To enhance mathematics learning, some classes are also using *Mathletics*. Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress is an online learning programme some classes are using to supplement their reading programmes.

These digital platforms are above and beyond the paper based resources we have used (and will continue to use).

Parent Donation – A voluntary donation of \$250 per family is asked of families. This can be paid as a one-off lump sum payment or instalments during the year.

Classroom Consumables – As shown on the stationery list, students are required to pay \$10 to cover classroom consumables for the year. A donation of \$10 for photocopying/printing/photography would also be appreciated.



Term Dates – There are two Ministry provided Teacher Only days:

- Friday 31 May
- Friday 25 October

Activity Account – Parents are able to set up an 'Activity Account' to pay for trips or stationery during the year; no need to search the house for gold coins! We suggest starting with \$30. A spreadsheet is set up and when trips/shows come up, the amount is taken from the account. You will be sent a printout of what the money has been used on. If you wish to start one up, please deposit money into the school account (060561-0017355-00) with Activity Account as reference.



Extra Food - On occasion, we need to feed children who don't have lunch or breakfast. If you are able to, we would appreciate donations of muesli bars, raisins, nuts etc.


Taonga Horomata – Virtues: We begin the year with the virtue of Whakaute, Respect

Respect is an attitude of honouring ourselves and others as people of value. We care for each person's dignity. Everyone has the right to expect respect. We show respect in the courtesy of our words and in our tone of voice.

He tangata takahi manuhiri, he marae peuhu - when a guest is disrespected, the marae suffers.



Important Reminders:



Issues and Concerns – We appreciate parents coming and talking to us when they have a concern. It is best to go to the teacher first if your concern is related to the classroom. For other concerns it may be appropriate to talk to a strand leader (Deborah, Erana or Susan) or the Principal. We want to address an issue as quickly as possible rather than have you dwelling on a matter.

Emails and expectations - There are times when emails can be an appropriate and effective means of communication. However, the volume, timing and the tone of some emails can cause concern and stress for staff at times. Sometimes emails are sent to staff late in the evening, or at weekends. We cannot stop this from occurring but we can manage ourselves and our responses. To support the well-being of all staff we have a policy that no one is expected to respond to emails **after 5:30pm or during the weekend**. Therefore, while a teacher may *choose* to answer an email in the evening or at the weekend, please **do not expect it**. In terms of managing their own stress levels teachers have been advised to exercise self-discipline and avoid answering (or even looking at) their school emails after this time as well.

School begins at 8.55am and we finish at 2.55pm. It is most important that children are at school on time, ready to begin the day. However, if for any reason your child is late, please ensure they pop into the school office to advise of their attendance.

Hats are compulsory in terms one and four. If children do not have a hat they must stay in the shade. The hats must have a brim that covers ears and neck (please ensure it is named). Caps are not suitable. We have some lovely bright cheerful bucket hats to purchase from the school office for \$15.

Edge Noticeboard - Our main noticeboard for regular announcements is on our Edge Student Management Platform. Parents are invited to download the app to access this and other information (including attendance and invoices). Information on how to download the app is at the end of the newsletter.

Absent Children - If your child is going to be absent from school please either use the Edge app, send a text to 022-561-3368, ring 475-3018 or send an email to office@otari.school.nz before 8.55am stating why your child is away.

Lunches - We have the following lunch options, ordered through **eZlunch** by [clicking here](#):

- Tuesdays – Sushi Wednesdays – Subway Fridays – Hell Pizza
- Thursdays – Nada Bakery through Lunchonline - <https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/>

Driveway and Parking - Parents are asked to refrain from parking at the bottom of the driveway between 8.15 – 9.30am and 2.45 – 3.30pm. Parents are to 'drop and go' only. Please do not park up or down the drive and leave your car. The Otari Bush Reserve (around the corner) is available for temporary parking, or park on Wilton Road.

Please be considerate of the residents who live in Shropshire Avenue and don't park over their driveways and in particular please do not park blocking the footpath. Children use this footpath and on too many occasions have had to walk on the road to get past a car parked illegally.

Lost Property - Please make sure you name your child's clothing! This is very helpful if items are left around the school.

Permission for Trips/Shows – When you enrol your child in the school you are asked to sign a document giving blanket permission for your child to attend trips or shows. You will be advised of events your child is participating in.

School Closure - Should the school need to be closed due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. bad weather) the following will occur:

- A closure notice will go on The Breeze and Newstalk ZB radio stations.
- A closure notice will go on our facebook page.
- A closure notice will go on the school web page. Make sure you use the refresh button to get up-to-date information.

External Lessons -

- Goodtime Music Academy holds music lessons at the school. Visit <https://www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school> for further information.

Kia pai to koutou wiki! Have a great week everyone!

Ngā mihi
Clifford

Dates to note:

- *Technology is on Thursdays for term 1 only. It will revert back to Fridays in term 2.*
- *Yr 8 Dinner - Wednesday 4 December*
- *Yr 8 Farewell - Friday 13 December - This involves Yr 7 & 8 students*
- *Yr 8 Outing - Monday 16 December*



Using Edge Caregiver Portal and Mobile App

Access to the edge caregiver portal and mobile app uses the existing email address that your school has on record.

The edge caregiver portal/app allows you to view school information about your child, view outstanding payments and input absences. The portal & app gives you quick and easy access to the information for the children in your care as well as being able to receive announcements and notifications from the school.



To login:

1. Enter the website <https://parent.edgelearning.co.nz/> into your browser.
2. **Either:**
 - a. click the icon (either g+ for Google, Facebook or Office 365), that is associated with the email you have supplied to your school. A popup will appear asking for your login details. On entering this correctly the Edge caregiver home page opens, **or**
 - b. if your email is not associated with the three above (they are all free, easy to sign up to and don't necessitate you using that email for other purposes), type in the email address you supplied to the school. You will then be asked to supply a password. Choose the 'Forgot Password' link and you will be sent an email (to the address you logged in with). This will allow you to create/reset your own password.

Select your child from the top row. Summary data is displayed in separate tabs (dependent on whether they're attending a primary, area or secondary school using Edge) for:

- Attendance,
- Student Reports *
- School Payments **

- * Assessment data & Reports are available when published by the school.
- ** Dependent on you having Bill Payer status (*and the school has setup online payments*), the 'School Payments' page shows a balance and list of items owing for which the student has been billed. You may be able to pay from the 'School Payments' page (not currently supported at Otari). This page displays financial transactions for your student, with the balance due reflecting the amount totalled for your students at this school.

All other information including attendance is live. Where relevant, information from previous years can also be accessed.

If you haven't given the school an email address or are unsure about the detail please contact the school office.

Edge Mobile App

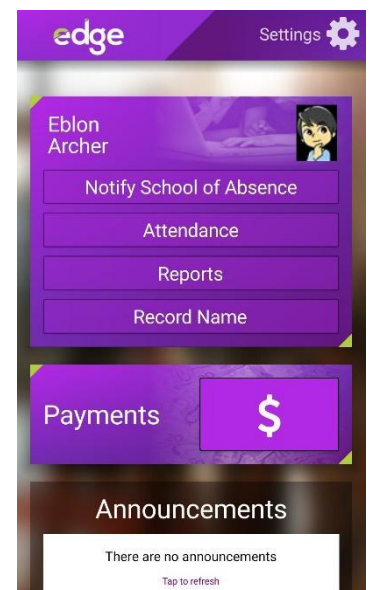
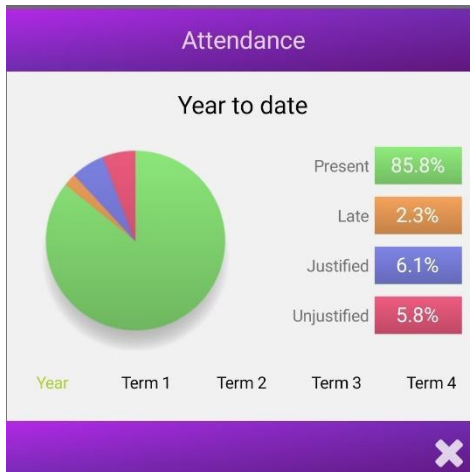


This can be downloaded from either Play Store (Android) or App Store (iOS). Search for musac edge.

Once installed you will be asked to make up a 4 digit pin then enter your Edge email and password.

In the app there is a series of labelled tiles that when tapped bring up information on your child's contact details, timetable, attendance, NCEA results and related data. Your school may also push announcements and notifications to the app and optionally allow you to send 'Notify School of Absence' notifications to the school.

After 3 minutes of non-use the Edge app will log out and require you to enter your 4 digit pin to



Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

GirlGuiding for girls 7-9 years. Is your daughter interested in having fun trying new challenges, making new friends, learning leadership skills, having fun outdoors and earning badges?

GirlGuiding NZ has spaces available in your local Brownie group. We meet on Wednesdays in Wadestown from 5:30 until 7pm. Email Julia and Inge at Wadestownbrownie@gmail.com for more information.

Aikido for juniors - Aikido is a martial art with a difference, its focus being on defence rather than attack: a non-violent, defensive art. Aikido is renowned for its benefits for self-control, co-ordination and posture, and like all martial arts promotes confidence and provides fun, fitness and friendship. We are a not-for-profit organisation teaching the art of aikido, based in Kaiwharawhara, and in our 31st year. Classes for 'Aiki Kids' (around 6+ to 12 years) 5:30pm every Monday in school terms, and our 'Aiki Teens' train every Monday and Wednesday 6:30pm. First 3 lessons free, then \$80 per term, with 10% discount for families. City Dojo, 132 Hutt Rd, Kaiwharawhara, Wellington, directly above Animates pet shop. Turn up and give Aikido a try - and parents, you can join in too :-). Contact Conrad at conrad@aikido.org.nz or 021 843 467, or visit www.aikido.org.nz.

High Quality Early Childhood Education available - Northland Community Preschool has spaces available for children aged 18 months to 5 years. We are a not for profit, community run Preschool with 100% trained and qualified kaiako. Our centre is small and friendly with plenty of room and resources for your tamariki to thrive. If you are looking for high quality early childhood education please contact our Supervisor, Maeve O'Neill on 04-475 8062 or email office@ncpreschool.co.nz



Starts: Wednesday 14th February 6:30pm-8:30pm

Duration: 8 Weeks

Venue: Greenstone Doors, St Bernadette's Hall 190 Naenae Road

Txt: Francis 021 0887 4824

Programme Facilitated by Francis and Ian

We look at what our kid's need, what is our role as Dads, communication, discipline and boundary setting, what makes a great family and more.

We do all this along with kai, tea/coffee and conversation!

KAT THEATRE PRESENTS

PUSS IN BOOTS

by Sarah Delahunty
directed by Archana Sahani

A particular cat with purrfect boots and a cunning plan

KHANDALLAH PARK

(bad weather, Cochran Hall - for updates see facebook.com/KATTheatre)

**FEB 17-18
24-25**

1:30 & 3:30

no bookings required
admission by koha,
EFTPOS available

KAT

 **Greenstone
Doors**

Contact our Office Manager to register
office@greenstoneddoors.co.nz or
reception@wn.catholic.org.nz

 **Catholic
Social Services**
people helping people āwhina tātou

Atareira Family Fun Day

Waikanae Pool

Ngarara Road Waikanae

Atareira invite you and your whanau to a family picnic and pool day at Waikanae Pool on 11 th February 2024, 11:00am -2:00pm

We will provide a sausage sizzle, cold drinks, and entry fee to the pools.

What to bring: Picnic rug or chairs, sunhats, sunscreen, togs and towels if you want to swim .

To book either let your Family/Whanau worker or Child and Youth worker know you would like to come along or call Josh on 0220912139.



KACC.org.nz
info@KACC.org.nz
04 476 6817

Kid's
Afterschool
Classes

Term 1
2024



Sculpting Animals
5 February to 25 March
3:30 to 4:45
Mondays



Art for 8 & Up
13 February to 9 April
NO CLASS 2 April
4:00 to 5:15



Beginner Sewing
13 February to 9 April
NO CLASS 2 April
4:45 to 5:45
Tuesdays



Afterschool Art for Ages 11 to 13
7 February to 27 March
4:30 to 5:45
Wednesdays



Julie's Art Adventures
8 February to 28 March
4:00 to 5:15
Thursdays



START CARE

Children's Asthma Study

Do you have asthma?
We want to find the best inhalers for kids/tamariki with asthma.



SCAN ME!

What does it involve?

- Try turbuhalers to manage your asthma symptoms
- Attend 6 visits over 1 year for asthma reviews, education, and breathing tests
- Reimbursement for travel expenses for parents, and gift card koha for children

To take part you must:

- Be between 5 and 11 years old
- Have asthma
- Take separate reliever and preventer inhalers

Get in touch to learn more:

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Keep the mess out of your house!

Water, Paint, Sand, Swings, Puzzles, Blocks

Join us for slightly structured child led play meet other parents and have morning tea.

When: Wednesdays 10 - 12

Where: Wilton Playcentre

Cost: \$5 session, \$40 a term

Starts: Wednesday 7th Feb

Contact: wilton@playcentre.org.nz

or 027 700 1379 (Weekday mornings during school term)

or message us @wiltonplaycentre