

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

3 April 2024

Week 10, Term 1

Kia ora koutou

What's Going On? - Events and Activities at Otari School

- Tomorrow: Scooter Ready
- Next Thurs: Otago Problem Challenge; Trip to Te Papa



Conference - I am away for the next two days at the Wellington Wairarapa Principals' Conference. Britta, Johanne, Erana and Rebecca are also attending this. There are a number of engaging speakers presenting on a range of interesting topics throughout the two days. Susan is Acting Principal in my absence.

<https://www.wrppa.org.nz/wrppa-conferences/2024-wrppa-conference>.

Enrolment – To manage our out of zone enrolments effectively we need to know of any siblings due to start between June 2024 and June 2025. If you have not already advised us, please send details to Jillian (office@otari.school.nz) as soon as possible.

Enrolment



Scooter Ready - The Year 1-4 Scooter Ready programme is on **tomorrow**. If possible, please send a scooter and helmet to school with your child.

Free Wood - We have had to remove two trees from our kura. There is quite a bit of left-over wood. If you would like any of this please feel free to come and get it! There is some on the car park bank and the rest is in front of the ramp going up to the preschool. For the heavy pieces of tree trunk, you might need more than one person.



Taonga Horomata: Devotion - Piriponotanga

Devotion is commitment to something we care about deeply. It is a passionate focus on our life's purpose. It is wholehearted service to an endeavour we love.

"I know the price of success: dedication, hardwork and an unrelenting devotion to the things you want to see happen". (*Frank Lloyd Wright Sr, American architect, designer, writer and educator. He designed more than 1,000 structures over a creative period of 70 years.*)



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Trip to Te Papa	Kaikōmako/Tūi/Kōwhai	Thurs 11 April	\$10.00

Kia pai to koutou wiki! Reminder that the end of term is Friday 12 April.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2024 Term Dates		
Term Dates		Holidays – No School
Thurs 1 Feb	Fri 12 Apr	
Mon 29 Apr	Fri 5 July	King's Birthday: Mon 3 June. Teacher Only Day: Tues 4 June Matariki: Fri 28 Jun
Mon 22 Jul	Fri 27 Sept	
Mon 14 Oct	Wed 18 Dec	Teacher Only Day: Fri 25 Oct Labour Weekend: Mon 28 Oct

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

CAPE EGMONT VIRTUAL HALF MARATHON 2024. Want to walk or run in your own time, but also be part of a fantastic event? Then we would love you to join us. The Cape Egmont Virtual Half Marathon offers three distance options - 5 km, 10 km and 21 km. Which can be completed any time anywhere from the 1st to the 31st of July 2024. Simply record your time via Strava, Map my run, Fit Bit or screenshot and upload through our website. Every finisher receives a medal and all money raised goes to the Taranaki Cancer Society and the Taranaki Men Can Exercise Group. To help those in our province affected by cancer.
ENTER AT: www.capeegmonthalf.com ENQUIRES capeegmonthalf@gmail.com.

School Holidays are all about having fun, right? Well, here at Ngā Manu, we've got fun in spades! Come join us on Tuesday 23rd April at 11am for a very special puppet show by the extremely talented String Bean Puppets:

"Flutter" A short tailed bat who is afraid of the dark is befriended by a sparkly glow worm who thinks she is a star. The show is for 3-10 year olds. It's about overcoming your fears and includes some of Aotearoa's unique fauna and flora and the threats they face. The threat of introduced predators to our native species and the relationship between the short tailed bat and Te Pua o te Rēinga (Dactylanthus) is part of this story. The puppet show will be followed by a short talk from our Head Ranger about Te Pua o te Rēinga (Dactylanthus). Then we'll give you the opportunity to view this rare plant which is in flower at our reserve.

Entry to **Flutter** is by koha. For those wanting to see Te Pua o te Rēinga in flower, standard admission fees will apply.

On Thursday 25th April (Anzac Day) at 1pm we have a story telling session with local author **Bianca Begovich**. Bianca is a children's writer and yoga teacher. She has published six books for children about caring for the environment through CreateBooks. All will be available for sale at Nga Manu as she reads her story 'The Earth and Me' on Thursday 25th April. She is also a published poet and in 2016 was awarded second place in the Rangitawa short story competition for her story about 'Koro Jack', an old whitebait who travels his local rivers and out to sea. She lives in Kāpiti with her husband, three teenagers, one dog, eight chickens and several thousand bees.

Entry is free for this session. Standard admission fees apply for those who wish to explore the reserve before or after.

We're also open every day during the holiday break from 10am to 5pm. For families we have concession passes available, which include entry for up to 3 children. Click [here](#) for more details.



**Blue Dragon Book Fair at Ngaio Town Hall
Saturday 4 May 9am to 6pm AND Sunday 5 May 9am to 3pm.**

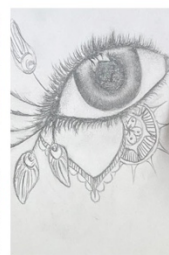
We invite you to come and buy books, puzzles/games, DVDs and CDs at our annual book fair.

Books are sold for \$3 each, and, after the first five books, \$2 each. Children's books are all \$1 each. We have a huge number of top-quality books, CDs and puzzles. We encourage you to buy for yourself or as gifts for others.

All the money raised will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. This includes street kids, children with disabilities, children from rural families living in extreme poverty, and victims of human trafficking and slavery.

If you have good quality books to donate, please be in touch. We are particularly happy to have more children's books.

Dinah Dobson, trustee (027 686 4554) Blue Dragon New Zealand. www.bluedragonnz.wordpress.com



AUTUMN 2024 CREATIVE HOLIDAY CLASSES

Kids Creative Art Classes | Karori Arts and Crafts Centre

MONDAY 22 APRIL | Anime, Chibi, Kawaii Art For Beginners Class

TUESDAY 23 APRIL | Anime, Chibi, Kawaii Art Character Creation Class

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL | Creative Science Art Class

THURSDAY 25 APRIL | 'IF I WERE A LANDSCAPE' Art Class

The above 4 classes are suitable for School Years 4 - 9

FRIDAY 26 APRIL | HOW TO MANIPULATE IMAGES AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE

This Friday class is only suitable for School Years 6 - 9

ALL CLASS TIMES ARE: 9AM - 3PM | COST: \$85 PER CLASS

COURSE OUTLINE: Step By Step Lessons | Positive Creative Mindfulness | Critical Creative Thinking | Project Planning & Development Skills | Technical Art Skills | Loads of Fun!

CONTACT: Lauren Poutawera | artbrainnz@gmail.com | 0220752189 | www.enrolmy.com/artbrain

CTF Autumn Holiday Program

@ Karori United Tennis Club
16 Campbell St
Karori



Monday 15th April

9am to 12pm morning session 1pm to 4pm afternoon session

Tuesday 16th April

9am to 12pm morning session 1pm to 4pm afternoon session

Wednesday 17th April

9am to 12pm morning session 1pm to 4pm afternoon session

Thursday 18th April

9am to 12pm morning session 1pm to 4pm afternoon session

\$40 per session
\$70 full day
20% sibling discount

register online through website,
registrations for Term 2 tennis
coaching also open online



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Are you looking for a piano teacher for your children?

My name is Bonnie, and I have been teaching piano for the last eight years to students ranging from 3-18 years of age, as well as mature students.

My mobile teaching service offers the convenience of in-home lessons for parents. Available for before school, after school or weekend lessons.

Contact me at bonnie.p.allen@gmail.com
or 0277072991



Qualifications: Trinity College London ATCL Music Teaching Diploma, Bachelor of Commercial Music, NZMEB PIANO PERFORMANCE Grade 1-8, Suzuki Teenage Training Stage One Course, Professional Session Musician, Young musician of the year finalist and runner up, Chamber Music Regional Finalist, Junior band mentor, ABRSM Slinging Exams, NZMEB Theory Exams, Performed alongside artists such as Ben Waters (Rolling Stones, Chuck Berry), Neil Finn and Geoff Sewell.

The children really respond well to Bonnie as she is able to relate to them on their level and also tells them about her own experiences when she was their age and how she progressed and the importance of keeping up practices. She is patient and really enjoys seeing them progress".
- Gerard Shortall

"She helps our son polish the pieces, the results are outstanding, he loves her description and explanation way. Bonnie is very responsible and meticulous during her work time. She also brings her wealth of knowledge to her work".
- Sukie

"I have had the opportunity to observe Bonnie in the lessons and have found her to be extremely competent. Bonnie has identified how each child learns best, and utilises different skills to support and encourage them. Bonnie is patient, knowledgeable and can be firm if required. She has a lovely manner with the children and I have no hesitation in recommending her for any future position in the same role".
- Ingrid