

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

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Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Otari

Board Resignation - Last night Richard Ford resigned from the Board as he no longer has a child at Otari School. Richard has been a hard working board member. His work on the property committee has been particularly appreciated. We wish him all the best for the future.

Board Vacancies - There are now two board vacancies on the Board of Trustees. With Catherine and Richard both leaving there is no Montessori Strand representation on the Board. Next term there will be Board of Trustee elections, therefore the Board is going to function with the reduced number of members until then.

We encourage parents from all the strands to consider standing for the Board of Trustees. More information about this will be circulated later this term.

Co-opted Board Member - One of the ways we can increase Board of Trustee membership without appointing or electing is through co-opting. Boards can co-opt someone for a period of time and/or for a specific purpose, such as increasing ethnic or gender representation, or for a board project. Last night the Board agreed that it would be a good idea to co-opt someone from the community who could join Susan and I on the property committee as the Board undertake two property projects. This role involves keeping the Board up to date on the project and attending property meetings to discuss the ongoing project and related issues. The ideal person would have some knowledge and understanding of property and building. If there is an interested person within the community who would like to fulfill this role please contact our chairperson Maria Borshevsky (021-404-508, maria.borshevsky@gmail.com.) If you want more information about the property committee and the project, before registering interest, I am happy to provide it.

Parking on Curbs - Please do not park on the curbs when dropping children off or collecting them. Blocking the footpath can cause problems, especially for someone with a pushchair or pram.

Camp Meeting for Parent helpers – Tonight 6pm - This camp meeting is for parents who are helping on camp and the staff who are going.

Camp Concert – Yr 7/8 parents are welcome to attend the camp concert at Forest Lakes on Thursday 28 Feb at 6.30pm.

Te Matatini – Some students from the Immersion strand will be going to this Kapa Haka Festival on Thursday. A separate notice has been sent home. Cost is \$5.00

Montessori Strand 'Meet and Greet' – Friday 22 February, 3.00pm.

EOTC Week (25 Feb – 1 Mar)– While the Yr 7/8 students are at camp the remaining school will be doing lots of outdoor activities including a trip to Harcourt Park in Upper Hutt and the ASB Centre in Kilbirnie. The cost is \$10.00 per child.

Scholastic Book orders are due by Friday.

Technology for our Yr 7/8s starts this week. Please ensure your child is at school by 8.40am. If your child misses the bus, please drive them to Karori West School.

Tryathlon - We have a team participating in the upcoming Weetbix Tryathlon. If your child would like to enter please contact Lou Hannagan (louhannagan@gmail.com). More details about the event can be found at <https://tryathlon.co.nz>.

Netball - It's time to start organising our teams for netball. This is open to all students from Years 1-8. Years 1-4 children play in the Future Ferns programme. This requires at least one parent coordinator to run. Years 5 – 8 children play in competitive teams on Saturday mornings at the Marsden courts. These teams are managed and coached by parents. The season runs from May to early September. There is a small registration fee for all players. David Clement is the current school representative on the Wellington West Netball committee but is finishing this role at the end of the year and we urgently require another parent to join the committee and attend the next meeting with David on 26 March. The deadline for registering to play is March 1st. Please contact Susan at susan@otari.school.nz with expressions of interest or for more information.

Emergency Form – Please return the form, sent home last week, urgently.

Maths Buddy – Please see end of newsletter for information regarding Maths Buddy.

Payments Required –

Camp	\$260.00	Yr 7/8 students
Technology	\$50.00	Yr 7/8 students
Maths Buddy	\$14.00	Yr 3 – 8 students
Swimming	\$45.00	Yr 1/2 students
Picnic	\$5.00	All students (If you have an activity account, payment has been made)
Class Consumables	\$10.00	All students
EOTC Week	\$10.00	Yr 1-6 students
Te Matatini	\$5.00	Selected students from Immersion strand
Voluntary:	\$250.00	Parent Donation per family
	\$10.00	Photocopying

Te Taonga Horomata: Whaka-hoahoa. Virtue: Friendliness

Friendliness is reaching out to others with warmth and caring. It is the willingness to be an intimate companion. Friendship is essential to our souls. We value ourselves enough to know that we deserve true companionship. We attract others by what we are willing to contribute. What we give we get.

*"I don't need a certain number of friends. Just a number of friends I can be certain of".
Alice Walker*

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
EOTC Week	Yr 1-6 students	25 Feb – 1 Mar	\$10.00
School Picnic – Aotea Lagoon	Everyone	Wed 6 Mar	\$5.00

School Athletics	Everyone	Tues 19 Mar	
WZ Football	Selected Students	Tues 26 Mar	
Yr 3 Sports Festival	Yr 3s	Tues 9 Apr	

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

2019 Term Dates		
Term 1	Thurs 7 Feb	Fri 12 Apr
Term 2	Mon 29 Apr	Fri 5 Jul
Term 3	Mon 22 Jul	Fri 27 Sept
Term 4	Mon 14 Oct	Fri 20 Dec

Queens Birthday: Mon 4 June Labour Weekend: Mon 22 Oct

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

Northern United Junior Hockey Club 2019 Registrations - Years 3-6: 6-a-side, Years 7-8: 11-a-side. Online registrations now open for the 2019 season. Have a Go Hockey: 4 no-obligation sessions for beginners all ages: Monday 25 February and Monday 4 March. \$5 per session. Pre-season training: 25 Feb, 4th, 11, 18 March. 11-a-side Trials at Elsdon (For kids in years 7 & 8 in 2019): Sunday 10 March 2 – 5pm, Saturday 16 March 2 – 5pm, Sunday 24 March 2 - 5 pm. For info: www.nujhc.org.nz, info@nujhc.org.nz. www.facebook.com/NUJHC.

GirlGuiding for Girls 5-9 years - Do you want your daughter to have fun trying new things, making new friends, learning leadership skills, having fun outdoors and much more? We have spaces available in our local group for Pippins and Brownies. We meet on Wednesdays in Wadestown from 5:30 until 7pm. Email Inge at wadestownbrownie@gmail.com for more information.

Kids Go Free at Staglands on Children's Day - Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be celebrating Children's Day on Sunday 3 March by offering FREE ENTRY into the Reserve for ALL CHILDREN. In addition to their usual attractions visitors can enjoy free off-road tractor-trailer rides. So if you are looking for a fun children's day outing for the whole family; meet at Staglands and Connect with Nature on Sunday 3rd March. *Offer is not available with any other offer. Children (0-16 years) must be accompanied by paying adult. For more information visit www.staglands.co.nz

Dear Parent/Guardian

My name is Michael Stewart and I direct the music at Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, opposite Parliament on Molesworth Street.

I am writing to you to let you know about the opportunity for children to gain a free music education and singing tuition at the Cathedral, an acknowledged centre of musical excellence.

We offer two choirs at the Cathedral: the first, the Children's Choir, is for children aged 5-8. In the Children's Choir members are taught basic musicianship and singing technique in a weekly rehearsal, and join with the Cathedral Choristers for a monthly Thursday evening service.

The Cathedral Choristers are a robed choir of 8-15 year old children, whose skills are developed in singing technique, music theory, public speaking and teamwork through two weekly rehearsals. They lead the weekly Thursday evening Evensong service, with choristers reciting the readings as well as leading all the sung components. The training that the Choristers receive has equipped many graduates to proceed on to national choirs, such as the New Zealand Secondary Schools Choir, and many of the world's leading singers can attribute their start in their profession to having been trained as chorister.

Please see the this [video](#) which illustrates a week in the life of a Cathedral Chorister presented by Archie Taylor, one of our graduates who has proceeded on to the NZSSC.

We currently have vacancies in both of these choirs. If you are interested in finding out more, please do not hesitate to contact me on 021 477 257 or at dom@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz.

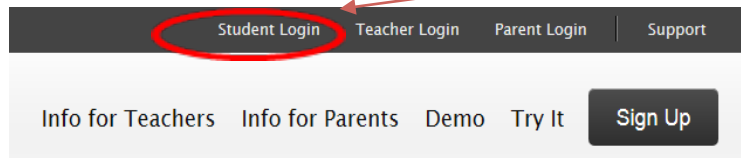
Yours sincerely
Michael Stewart

Newsletter Announcement - Information for Parents

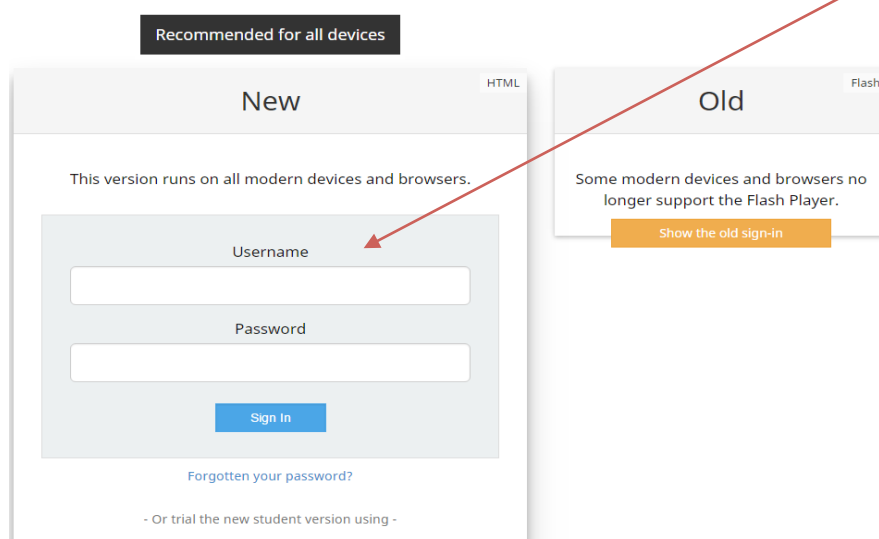
We would like to announce the opportunity for our school community to use MathsBuddy. MathsBuddy enables students to control the pace of their own learning and further assists teachers to ensure that no-one misses out. This is because the key feature of this programme is that there is a

Video Tutorial for Every Mathematics Concept.

- To see what your child will experience go to www.mathsbuddy.co.nz



- Then ask for your child's login details and insert them here



- Now you will have access to **every** lesson in the NZ curriculum from year 1 to 13 by selecting "Browse All Lessons"

