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

5 December 2023

Week 9, Term 4

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

Wednesday: Geologist (Julian Thompson) at school all day.

**Thursday:** Geologist (Julian Thompson) at school all day. Bake Sale.

Friday: Immersion Strand picnic. Yr 8 Farewell.

Next Week: Mon: Zoo trip – Ngaio/Pohutukawa. Zealandia Trip – Tūī.

Tues: Yr 8 trip.



## Kia ora koutou



**Welcome** - Nau mai, haere mai ki te ākonga hou me tōna whānau. Welcome to a new child in Kererū: Ash Weightman

# Year 8 Farewell – This Friday

- Start: 6pm, Year 7 and 8 students to be there by 5:50pm
- All parents welcome, however year 7 parents can drop students off and pick up around 7:30pm. Speech lengths can vary. It may pay to wait for a text from your child. We won't leave until all children have been picked up.





**Bake Sale** - On Thursday there will be a bake sale. If your child would like to participate, please send them to school with a gold coin.

Reminder - School finishes on Friday 15 December at 12noon. There is no After School Care on that day so all children MUST be collected at 12noon. Staff have an event on after 12pm so there will not be anyone on site.





**Birthdays This Week:** Happy birthday to Bayan and Max. Rā whānau ki a koutou! We hope you all have a great day.

**Stationery 2024** - Stationery lists for next year are now loaded to the OfficeMax website. Stationery can be purchased anytime at **myschool.co.nz**.

Teachers spend a lot of time considering the needs of the students in their classrooms and choose appropriate exercise books. It is unhelpful for the teachers and the children when they turn up to school with books that do not fit their needs. If you opt to purchase stationery elsewhere, please ensure you get the correct books. Please purchase good pencils, that are going to last.





#### **Taonga Horomata/Virtues – Tapatahi/Simplicity:**

Simplicity is being content with the basic gifts of life. We live reflectively and mindfully, aware of what is important and what is not. We cherish those we love. We keep around us only what is useful or beautiful.



"A little simplification would be the first step toward rational living, I think."

Eleanor Roosevelt







Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Whenu Celebration	Immersion Whānau	Tues 5 Dec, 5.30pm	
Picnic	Immersion classes	Fri 8 Dec	
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7 and Yr 8 students + Whānau	Fri 8 Dec, 6.00pm	
Zoo Trip	Montessori classes	Mon 11 Dec	\$10.00
Zealandia Trip	Tūī class	Mon 11 Dec	ТВС
Yr 8 Outing	Yr 8s	Tue 12 Dec	

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi Clifford 2023 Term Dates

Term 4: Mon 9 Oct – **Fri 15 Dec, 12noon** 

# 2024 Term Dates

Term Dates		Public Holidays	
Thurs 1 Feb	Fri 12 Apr	Waitangi Day: Tues 6 Feb Easter: Fri 29 Mar, Mon 1, Tues 2 Apr	
Mon 29 Apr	Fri 5 July	King's Birthday: Mon 3 June <b>Teacher Only Day: Fri 31 May</b> 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	

#### Get ready to ignite your child's musical passion! Exciting News!

Goodtime Music Academy is coming to Otari School in 2024, offering award-winning in-school music lessons. Say goodbye to post-school commutes! Dive into the word of music in a vibrant group setting with the following instrument lesson: Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele or our 'Intro to Music' course. But the excitement doesn't stop there! Your child will have the chance to shine in our thrilling concerts.

Act fast, as spots are limited. Enrol now at <a href="https://www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school">www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school</a> or call us at 04 568-2237. Your child's moment in the limelight awaits!



Colouring Competition - We have organised a Colouring in Competition for all kids to get involved this Christmas to shine a bit of light on our "Little Ray of Giving" Annual Charity Drive where it helps support local charities Ronald McDonald House leading up to Christmas. It's a lucky draw so everyone has a chance to win, with x3 age categories and a \$100 Warehouse Voucher for each age group.

浑 Entries Closes 4pm, 14th December 2023 浑 Open to Wellington Residents Only

Drop off your entries to Ray White Wellington City, Level 1, 77 Thorndon Quay, Thorndon or if you can't make it to the office scan and email to <a href="mailto:reception.wellingtoncity@raywhite.com">reception.wellingtoncity@raywhite.com</a>
Download your entry form here <a href="https://tinyurl.com/XmasColouring23">https://tinyurl.com/XmasColouring23</a>

**Badminton** - Hey kids, want to learn how to play the super fun, fast and action packed sport of badminton??? Lessons for term 1 2024 start Tuesday 29 January at our stadium in Tawa. Classes cost just \$90 per term and kids can play from aged 6+. Register at <a href="https://www.wnba.org.nz/learn/junior/">https://www.wnba.org.nz/learn/junior/</a> or email <a href="mailto:babette@wnba.org.nz">babette@wnba.org.nz</a> for more details.







