

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

21 February 2023

Week 4, Term 1



Yesterday, Johanne and I started back at school. I took hui for the first time this year. It was lovely to hear the children sing Ko Matou again. Later, we were welcomed back with an extended morning tea that included karakia and speeches from Whaea Wairere, our Board Chairperson, Natasha Kuka and Susan West. We feel surrounded by aroha and we know that as we travel our grief journey we are not alone. Your loving support is felt and appreciated. Once again, our heartfelt thanks to parents and whānau of Te kura o Ōtari for the many ways you have shown this. The gifts of koha will

enable our entire whānau to have a holiday together during the April break. We have booked a big house and we are going to spend a few days, all of us just being together. It has given us something to look forward to.

Our priority is reconnecting with the children and staff. The tamariki have warmed our hearts, expressing beautiful and caring messages to us. Their energy is a tonic.

We welcome two new students and their whānau to Ōtari School. Nau mai, haere mai ki ngā ākonga hou me o rātou whānau...

**Arthur Bresanello (Kākano)**

**Dakoda Tawhara (Kākano)**



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**Montessori Strand Afternoon Tea** – Whānau are welcome to join the Montessori staff for a cuppa on Thursday 23 February, from 2.30-4.00pm in the hall.

**Immersion Strand Afternoon Tea** – Whānau are welcome to join the Immersion staff for a cuppa on Friday 24 February, 3.15pm -4.15pm.

**Paid Union Meeting** – On Monday 27 February, some teaching staff will be attending a Paid Union meeting at 2pm. The school will not close as we have enough staff to ensure children are well supervised.



**EOTC Week** – Whilst the Year 7/8 students are away at camp, the rest of the school will be participating in outdoor activities beginning with a **picnic day at Aotea Lagoon on Tuesday 28 February**. Buses leave school at 9.30am and return by 2.30pm. All whānau are welcome to join us. The cost per child is \$8.00.

**Guitar Lessons** – Our guitar tutor, Jamie, begun lessons again on Thursday afternoons (during school time). If your child would like to participate, please contact Jamie at [jamie.pye.music@gmail.com](mailto:jamie.pye.music@gmail.com), 022-517-3848.





## Taonga Horomata – Virtues: Ngākau Atawhai, Kindness

Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is being thoughtful about people's needs. Kindness is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. Kindness is treating yourself and others gently. It is caring about the earth and all living things.

Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference.  
They bless the one who received them, and they bless you, the giver. *Barbara De Angelis*



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Camp	Yr 7/8	28 Feb - 3 Mar	
Picnic at Aotea Lagoon	Yr 1-6	Tues 28 Mar	<b>\$8.00</b>
Wheels Day	Yr 1-6	Fri 3 Mar	
Immunisations	Yr 7/8	Thurs 9 Mar	
WZ Cricket	Selected Students	Tues 21 Mar pp 23Mar	
WZ Football	Selected Students	Tues 28 Mar pp 30 Mar	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi  
Clifford

### 2023 Term Dates

Term 1: Wed 1 Feb – Thurs 6 Apr  
Term 2: Wed 26 Apr – Fri 30 Jun  
Term 3: Mon 17 Jul – Fri 22 Sept  
Term 4: Mon 9 Oct – Fri 15 Dec  
**Teacher Only Days: Mon 24 Apr, 24 Oct**

## Biodiversity and Childhood Health Study

Researchers at Massey University are studying how the natural environment affects health in children. The aim of the study is to find out if exposure to greater plant biodiversity may protect against several health conditions including asthma and allergies.

If your child is 6-11 years old, the research team would be grateful if you would consider taking part. For this study we need all children – including those who do and those who do not have asthma and allergies.

The study involves completing a questionnaire and your child taking part in a breathing and an allergy test. A smaller number of selected participants will be invited to take part in a second phase of the study, which would involve some further health tests.

To take part in the research, please contact the study team by text (text YES, your name and your child's name and school to **(021 819 745)** or return the consent form in the invitation pack, which will be sent to you.

[asthma@massey.ac.nz](mailto:asthma@massey.ac.nz), 0508 ASTHMA (278 462), 021 819 745



**Celebrating Wadestown Presbyterian Church on 11-12 March.** Wadestown Presbyterian Church has made the difficult and sad decision to close in late March 2023. Before we do this we need to celebrate our long and amazing history from our formation in 1881, to date. Over the weekend of Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 March we have a range of events planned. If you would like more details please go to our website at <https://www.wadestownpresbyterian.org.nz/> where you will find further details including how to contact us if you have further questions. If you wish to attend any of the events listed please complete the link to the [RSVP](#) form this is also available on our website.

**Looking for an opportunity to get outside, learn something new, and make new friends?** Try Keas, Cubs or Scouts. Northland Scout Group is open for new members in our Kea (age 5-7), Cub (age 8-10) and Scout (age 11-14) sections. We welcome members from across Northland, Wadestown, Otari, Wilton, and beyond. Check us out at [www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts](https://www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts), email [Northland.Scouts@gmail.com](mailto:Northland.Scouts@gmail.com) or contact Mike on 021 044 7645 for more information.

**New sewing course** for kids starting on Tuesday's from 28th February to 28th March 3.30 - 4.45pm at Karori Arts and Crafts. Learn how to make a t-shirt and trousers. <https://www.kacc.org.nz/store/products/beginner-sewing-for-kids-tuesday-28th-feb-28-mar-3-30-4-45pm>

**Play football for Waterside Karori AFC this winter – registrations open now!** Registrations are now open for the 2023 Junior Football season. With a community of nearly 1,000 players, we have teams to suit all ages and abilities including:

- Foundation Football (players born 2017 to 2015)
- Junior Football (social or competitive) (players born 2014 to 2011)
- Youth Football (social or competitive) (players born 2010 to 2008)
- Girls Only Sunday League (players born 2015 to 2009)

**Season dates:** Saturday 29 April – Saturday 9 September

**Programme cost:** \$190. For more information, and to register, please visit: <https://www.karorifootball.co.nz/play-for-a-team>. Questions? Email [support@karorifootball.co.nz](mailto:support@karorifootball.co.nz)

**Yeah! Girls is back for 2023!** Yeah! Girls is a fun and inclusive 6 week after school cricket programme for girls years 6 –10. Each week girls will participate in exciting activities and modified cricket games that encourage sports participation, skill development, teamwork and friendly competition. All equipment is provided, no experience is necessary, and sessions are free!

The Karori Yeah! Girls Hub will start on Tuesday, 14 February at Karori Normal School Turf, and will run every Tuesday until 21 March. To register: <https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/ae5844>. For more information, please visit the Yeah! Girls website: <https://play.nzc.nz/playyeah-girls>

**WonderHouse Art Class - Course Overview** - This class aims to unleash children's creative potential by providing art guidance, space and materials. We inspire children to explore their own imagination by observing, interpreting and expressing things in great detail. During the class, a great variety of art materials/tools will be used, including paints, clay, foams, coloured paper, cardboard, brush, scissors etc. All these materials and guidance are provided at a very affordable rate (from \$9.99 per class). <https://www.wonderhouse.co.nz/>

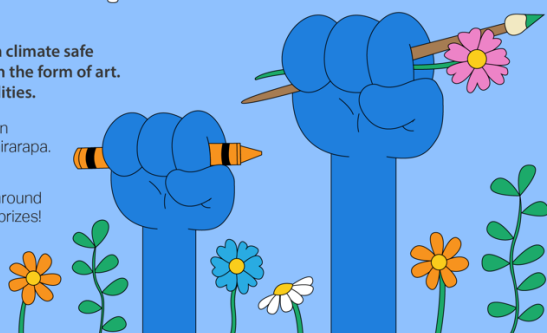
# WHAT IF WE JUST MADE ART, NOT THE CLIMATE CRISIS?

## Art Competition

The future is in our hands. Show us what a climate safe future looks, feels, or sounds like to you, in the form of art. There are no wrong answers, only possibilities.

Submissions accepted all over the Wellington region, including Kāpiti coast, but not the Wairarapa. Runs 12th December to 28th February.

Go in the running to have your art exhibited around Te Whanganui-a-Tara, and win up to \$700 in prizes!



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