

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

7 March 2023

Week 6, Term 1

Kia ora koutou

EOTC week was a great success. Children enjoyed the picnic and the various activities over the week. Camp was a very happy and memorable experience for the year 7 and 8 children. Major thanks to Johanne for her expert running of the camp and to Deborah for all her organisation over the preceding weeks. Thank you to everyone who supported EOTC week and the beneficial experiences the tamariki participated in.

Strike - Principals and teachers from primary schools and kindergartens have rejected the latest offer from the Ministry of Education to settle their collective employment agreement and endorsed taking further action. Therefore strike action is planned for Thursday 16 March. If the strike goes ahead, then all teachers covered by the collective employment agreement will not be at school. (This is all Otari teachers.) However, it is only the Board of Trustees who can close the school. Confirmation of strike action and information regarding school closure will be provided as soon as possible.



Birthdays: Happy birthday, this week to Penelope, Tycho, Nina, Kahurangi M and Tāmati W. Rā whānau ki a koe! We hope you all have a great day.

Western Zone Sports Help Needed: There are two Year 5-8 Western Zone sports events coming up this term for which we must have parent support or we will not be able to participate. The first is the Western Zone Cricket on Tuesday 20th March (pp. 22nd) and the second is Western Zone Football which is on Tuesday 27th March (pp 29th). Both these events are totally non-competitive and you do not need to know anything about the sport in order to help. Each team will need a supervisor but older students can be used to umpire games. If you are able to help please email sacha@otari.school.nz.



Otari After School Care is looking for a reliever to be available when our permanent kaimahi are away. There is potential for Fridays to also be a permanent rostered day for the successful applicant. Hours are 2:45pm-5:45pm Monday-Friday and we also pay the living wage. Suitable for anybody who enjoys working with a great bunch of tamariki and some awesome kaimahi! To find out more or email your expression of interest to otariafterschoolcare@gmail.com.



Taonga Horomata – Virtues: Whakawhetai, Gratitude

Gratitude is a constant attitude of thankfulness and appreciation for life as it unfolds. Living in the moment, we are open to abundance around us and within us. We express appreciation freely. We contemplate the richness of our life. Gratitude is the essence of genuine happiness. It is a virtue we can never have too much of.

‘When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive – to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love – then make that day count.’ *Steve Maraboli*



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
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



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, email Northland.Scouts@gmail.com or contact Mike on 021 044 7645 for more information.

Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures. Autumn School Holidays At Western Suburbs Rugby Club (Wilton) And Southern Suburbs Swis (Berhampore-Newtown). Dates: 10th – 21st APR 2023, from 7.00am-6pm daily. Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Cooking, Fitness, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$82.04/cub per session or \$139.47 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$328.16 per cub/week or \$557.87 for two siblings/week. MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families. One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is needed at \$12/h. Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz<<http://www.pridelands.org.nz/>> or Visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare<<http://www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare>>

School Holiday Programme Karori - Each school holidays, St Ninian's runs a fun and welcoming holiday programme for school-aged tamariki. Running for one week per holiday break, from 9am-1pm daily, there are loads of activities to keep your child busy and happy! We ask for a koha, pay what you can afford. Spaces fill up quickly so call 4767137 or email stnup@xtra.co.nz to book a spot.

“Learning Together”

Opportunities of Community Learning in Wellington 2023

We want to invite all **Spanish speaking families** from Wellington to participate in an amazing experience of community learning.

All members of the families are invited!

We will learn, in our own language, about New Zealand Education System.

It is a family programme of workshops distributed in 10 fortnightly sessions of 2 hours each.

Food will be provided & transportation support can be organised on request

Dates

From March 11th to August 19th

Place

The venue will be in Porirua-address to be confirmed

Contact/Registration

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Wellington University Coastal Ecology Lab

ANNUAL OPEN DAY

Saturday 11 March

10am-3pm



🐟 Interactive displays showcasing **marine biology research** at VUW

🐟 Touch tanks of marine creatures

🐟 Our virtual reality diving experience

🐟 And much more...including a sausage sizzle

Bring the family for a fun and educational day to celebrate NZ Sea Week!

