

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

28 March 2023

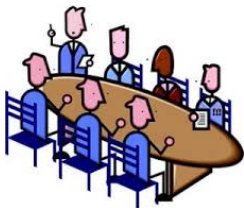
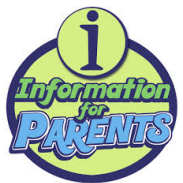
Week 9, Term 1

**Kia ora koutou**

This week, we are most fortunate to have Ruud Kleinpaste, 'The Bugman' visiting our school. He has been working with classes as they study bugs. His enthusiasm has motivated the children and his expertise has ensured rich learning has occurred. Unfortunately, tonight's planned visit into the Otari bush with the Yr 7/8 students has been cancelled, due to forecasted high winds and rain.

Next week, we have 'Mike the Forager' (Mike King) visiting the school. Mike will be working with classes to explore the unique flavours growing on plants all around us.

**Children coming back to school after hometime** - Some children are returning to school soon after going home at the end of the school day. They are unsupervised. This is not an issue at the weekend or in summer when after school care is over, but it does cause problems at other times. The Otari After School Care personnel should not be having to deal with conflicts that arise due to interaction between the children they are responsible for and children who are unsupervised. After School Care workers already have multiple responsibilities. When school is over children should either go home or be in after school care, unless they are staying to play in the playground **under the supervision of an adult.**

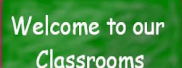
**Otari School Board of Trustees - Casual vacancy for a parent representative**

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Natasha Kuka, Board Chair, Otari School Board of Trustees, 166 Wilton Road, Wilton, by 25 April 2023.

**Montessori Refurbishments** - The Montessori Strand refurbishments are almost completed. The strand will move back into their rooms during the first week of Term 2. A blessing ceremony for the re-opening will happen next Wednesday (5 April) at 9am. All Montessori strand parents are invited to attend along with Montessori staff and Otari School board members. The rooms will be open for the rest of the school and any other parents to view on Wednesday and Thursday.

 Welcome to our  
Classrooms



**After School Care** will be back in the hall in week 2 of term 2. Thank you to all staff and parents for being so flexible and understanding during the refurbishments.

**Bake Sale, TOMORROW** – Kererū and Tōtara are providing the baking; classes will be called one at a time to buy from the sale, so leave space in the lunch boxes for them to put their cakes or biscuits. We will have some containers too, if needed. Everything will be \$1 or \$2.



**Birthdays:** Happy birthday, this week, to Te Ahumairangi and Eldon. Rā whānau ki a koe! We hope you have a great day.

**Lit Quiz** – Next Wednesday, Johanne will be taking selected students to participate in the regional Lit Quiz.



**Covid** – We currently have three staff members with Covid; two are based in Tūi class.

**Teacher Only Day – Monday 24 April** - After the holidays school will not be back for children until Wednesday 26 April. Teachers will be attending school on 24 April for a Teacher Only Day focussed on planning and reporting.



**First Aid renewals** - Staff will be attending school on Friday 21 April for a first aid course to renew their certificates.

**Māori Immersion Teachers' Aide required - 20 hours per week** - We are seeking a teachers' aide who has sufficient proficiency in te reo Māori to communicate effectively with kaiako and students and help with learning programmes within the strand. Please email our Assistant Principal and Whenu Māori strand leader, Wairere Ropata - [wairere@otari.school.nz](mailto:wairere@otari.school.nz) if you are interested in this position.



**Yummy Fruit Stickers** – Please continue to collect stickers and cut out labels (from bags) of Yummy fruit. The more we collect, the more free sports equipment we earn.

**Taonga Horomata – Virtues: Beauty/Rerehua**

“I don’t think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains”. *Anne Frank*

Life is full of beauty. Notice it. Notice the bumble bee, the small child and the smiling faces. Smell the rain and feel the wind. Live your life to the fullest potential and fight for your dreams. *Ashley Smith*



**Wisdom from the Māori World:** E tūtaki ana ngā kapua o te rangi kei runga te mangōroa e kōpae pū ana (The clouds in the sky gather, but above them extends the Milky Way.)

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Bake Sale		Wed 30 Mar	
Montessori Classrooms Blessing		Wed 5 Apr	
Lit Quiz	Selected Students	Wed 5 Apr	

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**

## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

**School Holiday Programme at Wellington Hockey** - Wellington Hockey is excited to be offering a school holiday programme again for kids aged 5 to 12 on both Wednesdays and Thursdays of the school holidays. This programme is designed to be fun and engaging for both kids new to hockey and those who already play. The school holiday programme will be held at National Hockey Stadium, Mt Albert, Berhampore rain or shine and led by our Development Officer, Regan Fricker. Bring lunch and snacks, a drink bottle, a jacket and a change of clothes. Sticks and sports equipment will be available. If it is too wet or cold to be on the turf we will move indoors for activities and movies. **Who:** Children aged 5 - 12 years, **Where:** National Hockey Stadium, Mt Albert, Berhampore, **Time:** 8:30am to 3pm, **Cost:** \$45 per day or \$40 a day for multiple days, **When:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2023, **When:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2023. Register via player management system PlayHQ <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/4a54c6>

**CodeCamp April School Holidays** CodeCamp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create games, apps. Thorndon School: 11th - 14th April & 17th - 20th April. Book Now at <https://codecamp.co.nz>

**Play football this winter!** There is still time to register to play football for Waterside Karori AFC this season. We have teams for players of all abilities, ages 5-13. **Season starts** Saturday 29 April. For more details, please visit: <https://www.karorifootball.co.nz/play-for-a-team>. Register here: <https://www.karorifootball.co.nz/junior-registration>



After much anticipation Karori Junior Hockey Club 2023 winter season registration is live!

Please see our website for details [kjhc.org.nz](http://kjhc.org.nz)

School years 3 to 8 - Registration closes April 2nd.



### Circus School Holiday Programme!

The Circus Hub in Wellington offer circus classes that are fun, exciting and challenging. Skills taught include aerial silks, trapeze, acrobatics, juggling and more! A great activity to develop coordination, perseverance, creativity and confidence. For ages 5-15 years.

We also run classes for all ages preschool to adults.

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## Autumn Fair

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
10.00am-1.30pm**

- Plants and Trees • Pots • Books • Toys • Crafts
- Childrens Clothes • Cakes • Biscuits • Preserves
- Jams Marmalades • Chutneys • Morning Tea
- Waffles • Easter Raffle • Face Painting
- Vintage Car rides

**Contributions welcome ph or text Tony 027 2792856**

**Cnr Northland & Randwick Roads  
[www.st-annes-wellington.org.nz](http://www.st-annes-wellington.org.nz)**

## Saint Anne's

**Anglican Parish of Northland-Wilton**  
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