

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

5 November 2024

Week 4, Term 4

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

- Thurs: Tōtara/Kererū plays.
- Fri: Junior Swimming. Technology. Splat!



Kia ora koutou

Achievements of Former Ōtari Students - Julia Davison, Principal of Wellington Girls High School sent contributing primary schools the names of students who had achieved outstanding success this year. **Congratulations** to the following girls:



Korimako Dale McLachlan who will be Head Student next year and for being awarded Top Senior Māori Student for 2024.

Ella Clements, who was awarded Top All Rounder for Academic and Extra Curricular work and Cultural Contribution of the Year.

Lauren Luatua who was awarded the Tu Tagata Polyclub Leadership Award.

Another former student, **Erin Roxburgh**, has been inducted into the Wellington Girls' College Hall of Fame.

We always appreciate being told about achievements of former students.



Whooping Cough – Please see attached information from Te Whatu Ora.

2025 Camp at Forest Lakes for Year 7 and 8 Students - Camp will be held from Tuesday 25 February until Friday 28 February 2025. Parents of year 7 and 8 students are invited to attend a meeting in the school hall, about camp on Thursday 21 November at 6.00pm. An information pack will be coming home soon.



Birthdays This Week: Happy birthday to Freida, Manaia, Maya, Maka, Esme and Samar. We hope you all have a great day.



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Taonga Horomata, Virtue: Matawāhiti / Tact

Tact is telling the truth kindly. We think before we speak, aware of how deeply our words affect others. When our words are weighty, we weigh our words, knowing they have the power to cause pain or to uplift.

Tact is essential when we feel strong emotions like anger.

It helps us discern what to say and what is better left unsaid.



"Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy." Isaac Newton

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Junior Swimming / Technology		Fridays	
Montessori Family Gathering	Montee families	Fri 8 Nov	
School Disco	Everyone	Fri 15 Nov	
Yr 8 Dinner	Yr 8s	Wed 4 Dec	TBC
Poroporoaki	Imm Strand	Thurs 5 Dec	
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7 & Yr 8s	Fri 13 Dec	
Yr 8 Outing	Yr 8s	Mon 16 Dec	TBC
End of Term	Everyone	Wed 18 Dec, 12noon	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford



Ōtari School Disco

Friday 15 November, 5-8pm



Volunteers needed for the disco to happen!

Thanks so much to all the people who have volunteered to help at the disco. In case you missed it in the last newsletter, we are looking for volunteers to help with the sausage sizzle, sell drinks, make or sell curry, or lend us your rice cooker for the night. If you haven't put your name down yet, please consider helping us.

We only need a few hours of your time. Please put your details into this link and select a volunteering option (<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/hkr8m>).

Once you sign up we'll be in touch closer to the time with clear instructions of what you need to do, where you need to be, and when etc.

Sponsors for Otari Disco

We are hoping for support towards the purchase of sausages and other supplies. We expect to sell around 500 sausages and the total cost to run the stall is \$300. If you know of any businesses that would like to contribute towards this, it would be hugely appreciated. We would be happy to display their advertising on the night and in the school newsletter, or can discuss any other publicity or advertising that they wish.

Our contact people are Kath & Matt Reweti (leach7@gmail.com), Fiona Mulder (fiona.e.mulder@gmail.com) and Julia Luty (julia.t.luty@gmail.com), please contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you!



Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wellington Hockey is excited to announce our Term 4 hockey opportunities for tamariki across Wellington! We have two fantastic programs available for young players looking to learn or improve their skills, with an emphasis on enjoyment and development.

After-School Hockey Club (Years 1-6)

This program is open to both beginners and returning players. It's a perfect environment for students to explore hockey in a fun, engaging way, guided by our coaches.

Duration: 6 weeks - **Days and Locations:** - **Mondays** at the National Hockey Stadium, Newtown - **Thursdays** at the National Hockey Stadium and Fraser Park, Lower Hutt. **Times:** - **School Years 1-3:** 3:30 – 4:15pm. **Years 4-6:** 4:15 – 5:00pm. This program is ideal for young players keen to develop their hockey skills in a supportive, inclusive setting. Register here (<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/b6b08d>)

U11 SPRING into Development Program - Designed for players of all skill levels, this program aims to build foundational techniques and enhance abilities through fun, structured activities. Participants will enjoy teamwork, skill-building exercises, and small-group sessions focused on core hockey techniques and sportsmanship.

Program Overview:

- **Duration:** 8-week Development Programme (20th October - 8th December)
- **Training Days:** Sundays, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- **Locations:** National Hockey Stadium (Newtown), Elsdon, and Fraser park
- **Cost:** \$120 per player (includes a U11 Development shirt)

Register here: <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/f0b823>

More Information: (<http://www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz/.../u11-development>)

Step back into 140 years of legal history when the **Old High Court** opens to the public on the evening of Wednesday 6 November, as part of the Wellington Heritage Festival. This event includes an Old High Court discovery challenge activity for Tamariki. More information here: [Old High Court open evening — Courts of New Zealand](#)"