

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

6 May 2025

Week 2, Term 2

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

- All Week – Cross Country practices.
- Wed: Goodtime Music lessons.
- Fri: Yr 7/8 Technology. EasyGym. Splat!
- Next Week: Wananga Week
- Next Tues: School Cross Country



### Condolences

**Condolences** - Our condolences to our Caretaker, Rakesh Sharma and his wife Ritu and family, on the passing of Rakesh's mother. Rakesh and Ritu were able to get to India and spend time with her before she passed away.

Our thoughts and prayers also go out to the family of Grant Mckeen, who died suddenly on Saturday. Grant, a local father and football manager, managed a team that some of our students are in and was also known to students from Ōtari through friendships with his son.

**Consultation on Delivery of the Health Curriculum** - The Board of a state school must, at least once every 2 years, after consulting the school community, adopt a statement on the delivery of the health curriculum. The purpose of the consultation is to inform the school community about the content of the health curriculum; and ascertain the wishes of the school community regarding the way in which the health curriculum should be implemented given the views, beliefs and customs of the members of that community. **Please read the attached Implementation Plan and provide any feedback you wish in relation to it via email reply.**



**School Cross Country** – Students are practising for this event, running around the school and local streets. The event is on Tuesday 13 May (pp Thursday 15 May) starting at 1.00pm. Whānau are welcome to attend.

**Chocolate Fundraiser** – Boxes were sent home yesterday. Please sell bars for \$2.50 each; \$90.00 a box. Thank you.



**School Fair Parent Help** - We have modified the response survey. If you have previously completed it, please would you check back in and answer any outstanding questions.

<https://forms.gle/rHGeHEWUf5GZXJnk6>.

**IT Update** - We are still chasing up on outstanding IT agreements.

**Please do this asap. We need the agreement to be signed for tamariki to continue being able to access the internet for learning.**



Yr 0-3 User agreement: <https://forms.gle/nRybZUTGyWuYRGpq9>

Yr 4-8 User Agreement: <https://forms.gle/Mvm6Urst6zJeyvTo8>

Google Additional Services: <https://forms.gle/zEvc3M7FoZEB3e9B8>

BYOD Form (optional - only if you wish for your child to bring a device to school):  
<https://forms.gle/fKSupMaX7frYCDXz5>



**Talk by Julia Davidson, Principal of Wellington Girls' College - On 20 May at 3:15pm.** Julia Davidson, Principal of Wellington Girls' College will be giving a talk to year 8 students and whānau who may be interested in attending WGC in 2026. Our Year 8 girls will be bringing a notice home about this asking for whānau to indicate if they are attending.

**Teacher Only Day** – A reminder that there is no school on Tuesday 3 June, following King's Birthday weekend.



**Yummy Fruit Stickers and Labels** – We are again participating in collecting as many Yummy stickers and plastic bag labels as possible. The more we collect, the more free sports equipment we receive. You can download sticker sheets or just stick them to a sheet of paper.

[Click here: Yummy Sticker Sheet PDF](#) / [Click Here: Yummy Stickers sheet - New Varieties PDF](#)

**Taonga Horomata – Virtues: Whakatikatika /Orderliness**



Orderliness is being neat and living with a sense of harmony. It is being organised and having a place for things when you need them. Orderliness is planning something so that it works, doing it step by step instead of going in circles.

"I am thankful for the gift of orderliness. It brings harmony to my life."



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
EasyGym	Kākano/Kākāriki/Tūi/Kowhai/Pōhutukawa	Fridays	\$22.00
Technology	Yr 7/8	1 <sup>st</sup> 4 weeks of the term	
Cross Country	All Students	Tues 13 May	
Lit Quiz	Selected Students	Fri 16 May	
Book Week in School Live NZ; performance	All students	Thurs 22 May	\$5.00
Trips to Te Papa	All students		TBC

Kia pai to koutou wiki!

Ngā mihi, Clifford

## College Visit:

### 2025 Wellington College Open Mornings

We would love for you to join us at one of our Open Mornings:

**Monday 16 June 2025 at 9.00am    Tuesday 17 June 2025 at 9.00am**

This is an opportunity for new students and their families to tour Wellington College facilities and meet the Senior Leadership Team. Registration is not required. All students and their families are welcome to attend.

**Yoga Classes are coming to Ōtari** - Matua and Tamariki koha yoga classes will be held in term two on Saturdays with Jenifer in the Ōtari School hall. Classes begin 10 May going to 21 June. These parent and child yoga classes will be taught by Jenifer Parker who is a highly experienced yoga teacher in Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington. This is a class that welcomes children and parents to come together to experience the benefits of yoga. We ask that children are accompanied by a caregiver. Please BYO mats. Time to be confirmed.



Matua and Tamariki yoga at Ōtari is a community building idea that aims for whānau, tamariki and tinana wellbeing. It is not funded. It just feels like a good thing to do in these challenging times. The koha exchange reflects this. Please give generously if you can, to subsidise others. Please don't exclude yourself and your children, even if you can only give a little. Options are to pay by class, or at the beginning of the 8 week term.

Originally from the U.S., Jenifer has taught yoga for 28 years and has over 4,000+ hrs of Yoga Teacher and Yoga Therapy training across four lineages — Krishnamacharya, Kripalu, Sivanada and Thai Yoga Bodywork. She combines modern, cutting edge understanding of anatomy and biomechanics with Traditional methods of Yoga.

All are welcome (with or without children). If you have any questions please email:

Karlo: [karlomila@gmail.com](mailto:karlomila@gmail.com)

**Thriving with neurodiversity webinar: A strengths-based approach for parents with**

**Anna Mowat & Morwenna Bates-Thornton**

**Date: 14/05/25**

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Link to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/neurodiversity>**

**Session Overview:**

Parenting a neurodivergent child comes with unique challenges - but also incredible strengths. Join us for a live webinar where we'll explore how shifting our perspective can transform the way we support our tamariki and ourselves.


- Change the narrative - come to see your child (and yourself!) through a strengths-based lens
- Advocate with confidence and be able to communicate your child's needs and strengths effectively
- To discover your own strengths as a parent - you're more amazing than you think!
- Connect with like-minded parents—you're not alone on this journey
- Walk away with practical strategies—ready to use in everyday parenting

**About Anna:**

**Anna Mowat** is the director of [Real Parents](#). She has a background in psychology and has a passion for children's wellbeing. Anna has worked across the child wellbeing space for over 15 years supporting parents, teachers, and children. Some of her work includes being the child and family advisor for the post-Christchurch earthquake [All Right?](#) campaign, project leading [Sparklers](#) for over 7 years, a trainer for the [New Zealand Institute of Wellbeing & Resilience - NZIWR](#), a writer for [Manahau](#), a parent coach, and a facilitator of the Incredible Years and Incredible Years Autism parenting programmes.

**About Morwenna:**

**Morwenna Bates-Thornton** is an experienced early childhood educator with a deep passion for neurodiversity. Her interest has grown as a māmā to three neurodivergent tamariki, and the need to explore and advocate for inclusive approaches. Morwenna is also a facilitator of the Incredible Years parenting programme, supporting whānau on their parenting journey.



**Family Movie Afternoon – Fundraiser for Women's Refuge**

**Date:** Saturday 31 May 2025

**Time:** 3:00pm

**Location:** Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn

**Movie:** Lilo and Stitch

**Ticket Prices:** \$20 Adults  
\$15 Children (12 and under)

I'm inviting you to join me for one of my favourite family movies, while raising funds for the Wellington Women's Refuge

This will be a cozy, feel-good afternoon filled with popcorn, laughs and good company and it's all for a great cause!

By coming along you'll be helping support women and children in need of safe housing and support.

All money raised will go directly to the Wellington Women's Refuge to support their vital work in our community.

Please email me with the number of tickets you would like and make payment via bank transfer using the following details:

**Bank Account:** 02-0544-0056096-083 (Claudia Elizabeth Mazuecos)

**Particulars:** Last Name

**Code:** Number of tickets (Adult:A; Children:C).

**Reference:** Fundraising

**Email:** cem\_sj@hotmail.com

# E-RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 10 May

9.00am – 1.00pm

KARORI COMMUNITY CENTRE

Payment by Cash and Eftpos

A Karori Lions Fundraising Project

## WE ACCEPT THESE ITEMS:

Flat screen TVs/Monitors	Cell/land line/IP phones
Modems/Routers	DVD players
Servers/Motherboards	Cameras
Laptops/Tablets/PCs	E-Readers
Printers/Scanners	Stereos
Gaming Consoles	Hair Driers/Straighteners
Alarm Clocks/Radios	Keyboards/Mice
Batteries	Cables/Wiring

Spectacles for Lions Sight Project

**NO CRT TVs/monitors, car batteries, microwaves, whiteware, speakers**

Charges - Most items \$5, Printers \$10,  
Large/Oversized items \$10,  
Flat Screen TVs \$20



*Proceeds go to the Karori Lions Trust  
to support the Community*

Contact: 027 442 0916



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