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12 August 2025

Week 5, Term 3

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

- Today: WZ Netball.
- Wed: Enviroschools (Planting). Goodtime Music lessons.
- Thurs: Girl's Handball final.
- Fri: Total Touch. Splat!
- Next Tues: Mathswell. NZEI Union meeting.

**Kia ora koutou**

Absences - We have a lot of children absent due to illness at the moment, which is nothing unusual at this time of the year (34 away yesterday).

Ways you can inform us of absences: We prefer the Edge app (see attached info), but you can also phone us or email (please ensure it is sent to Jillian and the classroom teacher).



After teachers take the roll at 9.00am, a pānui book is taken around each class and names of absent children are entered into this. If we record an absence before 9am, it is already written in this book. Unexplained absences are followed up by Jillian. We appreciate parents giving us a valid explanation early in the day.



Nau mai, haere mai ki ngā ākonga hou me o rātou whānau; Welcome to two new students in Kōwhai class:

Kāea Wakefield-Singh

Rieko Akanoa

School Photos - Order forms have been sent home. If you did not receive the form, you can order photos by going to the below website. You will need a code, which Jillian can provide you with.

<https://www.schoolmemories.co.nz/order/>



Paid Union Meeting – Tuesday 19 August, 2pm. Teachers will be attending a paid union meeting at 2pm on 19 August. I will be at school and so will a few teacher aides and by having lunch later we can manage supervision until 2pm. At 2pm I would like as many children as possible to go home. Supervising all 200+ until 3pm presents too many risks. Hopefully this early notification will provide time for you to have something in place to enable your child/children to leave school at 2pm instead of 3pm. However, if it is too difficult please let your child's teacher know and we will keep them at school, supervised, until the usual time. Please complete the online link so we know what your children will be doing at 2.00pm.

[Union Meeting Response](#)

Board Election - We received 10 nominations for the Ōtari School Board of Trustees. A voting election will now occur with papers being posted yesterday.



Senior Swimming Sports - Well done to all the children who participated in the Senior Swimming Sports last week. Special congratulations to those who were nervous about participating, or tried a stroke they weren't confident in, but gave it a go anyway. A big thank you to all the parents who came along and helped with timing and to Todd Morgan from Easyswim for supporting us with this event. We wouldn't be able to run events like this without this support. Results of the 1st-3rd placegetters along with the Four Stroke Champions, who were the children who attempted all four strokes on the day can be viewed at [Senior Swimming Results 2025](#).

Year 7 & 8 Girls' Handball Team – Regional Finals. Congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 Girls' Handball Team, who have earned a place in the Wellington Regional Finals after their fantastic performance at the recent Handball Festival! The finals will be held at Ākau Tangi Sports Centre, Kilbirnie, on Thursday 14 August. The team will leave school by bus at 8:50am (students to arrive by 8:40am to collect their school T-shirt) and will return by approximately 2.55pm. Kia kaha kōtiro mā!



School Fair – We still need volunteers to help run the upcoming Fair. If you haven't yet volunteered to help please do so using this link: [School Fair Volunteer Form](#).

Birthdays this week: Happy birthday to Harper, Mia N and Maraea. Rā whānau ki a kōoutou! We hope you all have a great day.



Taonga Horomata / Virtues: Tolerance - Tuku Marie

Tolerance is the positive and cordial effort to understand another's beliefs, practices and habits necessarily sharing or accepting them. *Joseph E Osborne*



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Enviroschools - Planting	Selected Students	Wed 13 Aug	
Total Touch	All Students	Fri 15 & 22 Aug	----
NZEI Union Meeting	Everyone	Tues 19 Aug	
WZ Floorball	Selected Students	Tues 2 Sept	TBC

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi
Clifford



Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup warmly invite interested families to our Open Day on Saturday 16th August, 10am-12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). If you know of anybody else who may be interested in our wonderful Playgroup and/or Preschool please let them know about this opportunity. We currently have a few spaces available. For more information phone 475 9688 or email wcmp@xtra.co.nz.

Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures - Spring School Holidays At Southern Pride: South Wellington Intermediate School (Swis) Hall, Newtown. 14th Apr – 25th Apr 2025 from 7.00am-6pm daily. Age range is 4 – 17 years with overnight sleepover activities provided with Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games. Kai Cubs Cooking, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$84.04/cub per session or \$142.87 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$336.16 per cub/week or \$571.47 for two siblings/week. MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families. Qualified 1st Aid Trained Activities Coordinators and Youth Mentors. One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is needed at \$14/hr. Action (Home support 1-on-1) Mentors is also available if needed at \$37/hr per mentor.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz or visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare. Here To Support All Tamariki & Rangatahi (Neurotypical and Neurodivergent). At Pride Lands, we welcome neurotypical and neurodivergent children and youths with on-on-one support available to those that need it in our communities.

Ngaio Scouts have space for youth between the ages of 5-14. Keas age 6-8, Cubs 8-11, Scouts 11-14 and Venturers 14-18. Every year we help 13,000 young people in New Zealand enjoy new adventures, experience the outdoors, make new connections, and gain confidence. This includes outdoor activities and Leadership. We are also on the lookout for new Leaders in our Group, it is a great and fun opportunity. To make contact with us, please email ngaio@group.scouts.nz.

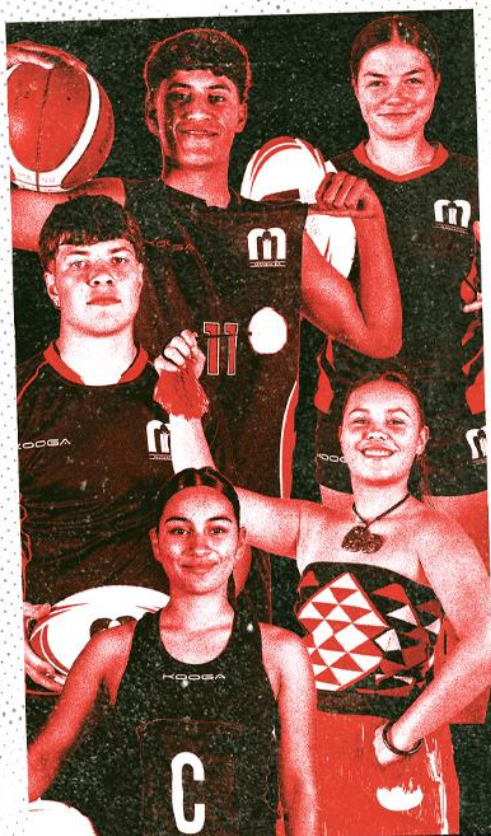


OPEN DAY—Saturday 16th August from 10am to 12pm

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www.otaripreschool.school.nz





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School Holiday Art Workshops

For kids that love art

A Day of Clay Beginners Hand Building

1 day beginners clay course, September 24th 9am-3pm

A Day of Clay 2 Beginners Clay Sept 25th 3rd, 9 am - 3 pm.

Ages 8 -14 Cost \$130 materials included

Intermediate Day of Clay September 29th 9am - 3pm

For returning students Ages 9 - 14 Cost \$130

French Cafe and Art Scene - Drawing and inking like the masters

1 day course, September 26th, 9am - 3pm. Ages 9 -14

Cost \$90 materials and a hot chocolate included



Animal Botanical

Painting an animal into a botanical scene the studio will be filled with flowers to observe and draw on large paper

1 day course, September 30th, 9am - 4pm, Ages 10 - 15

Cost \$90 materials Included



Designer Planters - working in clay with templates

1 day course, October 1st, 9am - 3pm. Ages 10-14

Cost \$135 materials included



Clay Creatures - Scientifically study an insect and recreate it in clay

1 day course, October 2nd, 9am - 3pm.

Ages 10-15 Cost \$90 materials included



Sculpted Animal Dish - Students learn sculpting methods

turning 2D images of an animal into a fabulous 3D ceramic animal bowl

1 day course, October 3rd, Ages 11-15, 9am - 4pm, Cost \$150 materials included

All bookings and enquiries

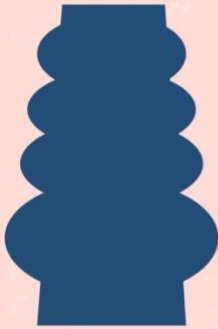
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Paintings and sculpture on this poster made by kids (the turtle and clay was made by the tutor)



INNER CITY ART STUDIO



8 weeks

Mondays October 6th - November 24th

or

Thursdays October 9th - November 27th

6.15pm - 8.15 pm



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