

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

4 April 2023

Week 10, Term 1

Kia ora koutou



Nau mai, haere mai ki te ākongā hou me tōna whānau: Welcome to a new student and her whānau: Kauhē Kapeliela (Kōwhai)

Covid – We currently have no known cases of Covid in the school.



CodeClub - It has been lovely to see so many new tamariki at CodeClub this term. We will be starting back week 3 of Term 2 (8 May) and look forward to seeing everyone then. A big thank you to our parent volunteers, Morgan Jones and John Fouhy, without whom we wouldn't be able to run a CodeClub at Otari School. If your child (Yr 4-8) is interested in joining CodeClub or you would like any further information please email sacha@otari.school.nz. There is no cost for CodeClub but a koha to the school office is welcome.

Birthdays: Happy birthday, this week, to Lucy L, Mouatasem, Frank, Beauden, Flynn and Tiriti. Rā whānau ki a koe! We hope you have a great day. To children having a birthday over the holidays, have a wonderful day...Kieran, Isabel, Wiremu, Aditi, Kahukura S, Edison L and Julieta, Ruby and Mikaere.



Bake Sale - Thanks to everyone who contributed to the bake sale, whether you brought in some baking, designed the posters, or helped serve. Also thanks to the people who brought money and hopefully enjoyed some yummy kai. We raised **\$540 dollars** and all the money went to the Red Cross that will send the money to people affected by the NZ floods. *Anna & Maia*

Taonga Horomata – Virtues: Rangimārie / Peacefulness



Peacefulness is inner calm and tranquility. It is a sense of harmony with all creation. Inner peace comes from quiet reflection. We release the past and let anxiety go. We keep a graceful pace, not allowing ourselves to be rushed or overwhelmed.

“Peace is more important than all justice: and peace was not made for the sake of justice, but justice for the sake of peace.” Martin Luther





Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Montessori Classrooms Blessing	Montessori whānau	Wed 5 Apr, 9.00am	
Lit Quiz	Selected Students	Wed 5 Apr	

Have a happy and peaceful Easter break, everyone. A reminder that school finishes on **Thursday at 2.55pm. We start back on Wednesday 26 April.**

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



FUN Sticks - FUN Sticks is an 8-week hockey programme designed for children aged 5-6 years (school Years 1 & 2). 2023 FUN Sticks will focus on individuals' movement and motor skill development, helping build a young person's physical literacy and preparing them for sport. Hockey skills will be taught through fun, games-based activities. FUN Sticks offers

- An introduction to hockey with an emphasis on having fun
- An opportunity to develop fundamental skills - running, dodging, striking
- A positive and quality coaching environment
- Full involvement for all participants
- Regular changes of activities to maintain enthusiasm and interest
- A safe environment for all activities
- Equipment required to play hockey (Hockey Stick & Ball) is provided
- We encourage parents to join in with kids if they want

Festival Day:

On the last week of the programme, there will be a festival day held at the National Hockey Stadium on the morning of Saturday 1st July. FUN Stick participants will be able to play games with players from different locations.

Please Note: There are no postponement days scheduled (excluding the festival day).

Khandallah Town Hall ... a reminder!

A reminder that Khandallah Town Hall is in the village! (11 Ganges Rd). We are alive and well!

We offer a wide range of groups, clubs and activities every week and if you have an idea for something different we are always open to suggestions.

You can download & print our weekly activity sheet from our website (Khandallah Town Hall) or just pop in for a tea/ coffee and a chat.

Our office is open Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm but many of our groups and clubs are outside those hours.

Remember too that we are a distribution centre for (free) RATs and masks.

Trish, Sarah, Penny

Blue Dragon Book Fair at Ngaio Town Hall
Saturday 6 May 9am to 4pm AND Sunday 7 May 9am to 3pm.

We invite you to come and buy books, puzzles/games, DVDs and CDs at our annual book fair.

Books are sold for \$3 each, and, after the first five books, \$2 each. Children's books are all \$1 each. We have a huge number of top quality books and other items. We encourage you to come and buy for yourself or as gifts for others.

All the money raised will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. This includes street kids, children with disabilities, children from rural families living in extreme poverty, and victims of human trafficking and slavery.

If you have good quality books to donate, please be in touch. We are particularly happy to have more children's books.

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