

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

16 May 2023

Week 4, Term 2

Kia ora koutou



Winter Illness - We have quite a few children away due to illness at the moment. Please inform the school if the illness is covid so we can keep track of numbers.

Covid – We currently have 2 known cases in the school, both from Tōtara.



Cross Country – The school Cross Country is scheduled for this Thursday starting at 11.00am (postponement date is Tuesday 23rd May). The competitive races will go first (starting with Yr 8s). Once these races are complete, the Fun Run will commence, starting with Yr 1s. Children are welcome to dress up for the Fun Run provided they can run in their outfit.

Whānau are welcome to attend the cross country but it would be appreciated if you could come a bit early and stay for the whole event. The track runs around the school and we do not want people getting in the way of the runners. Whānau can watch from the middle of the field where the children will be gathered or on the verandah of the hall. Please stay away from the edges of the field and the concrete in front of the hall where the children will be running.

40 or 20 hour Challenge - Kia ora e te whānau. It's that time again when some of our year 5 - 8 ākonga take on the **40 or 20 hour Challenge** to raise money for World Vision! This year the focus is on enabling better access to clean drinking water in Malawi. Yesterday some of our senior ākonga along with Charlotte from World Vision spoke about this at the morning hui. Tomorrow there will be a lunchtime meeting for all those who are interested in taking part on the weekend of 16 - 18th June. To find out more, have a look at the 40 hour challenge website <https://www.worldvision.org.nz/connect/40-hour-challenge/>. Our school fundraising page is set up and this is the easiest way for tamariki to be involved although we do have fundraising booklets available from the office or in Ngaio classroom. Here is the link to the fundraising page <https://my.worldvision.org.nz/ss/8Uk7aF/otarischool> which you can connect to and set up your own page with your tamariki by clicking **join this team**. I will send home more details with those tamariki that come to the meeting on Wednesday. *Ngā manaakitanga, Catherine*

**40 hour
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Measles – Please read the information supplied.



Birthdays This Week: Happy birthday to Tully, Adam W, Orla, Eden and Nathaniel. Rā whānau ki a koe! We hope you have a great day.

Montessori Trust Meeting - The Montessori Trust has their first meeting for 2023 on Monday 12 June, 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Otari School staffroom. All parents from the Montessori Strand are welcome. Come along and find out more about the Trust and the Strand.



Taonga Horomata – Virtues: Generosity – Ohaohanga

Generosity helps us to give time and attention to the feelings, needs and views of those around us. It springs from a sense of abundance and gratitude for the limitless richness of life.

“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.” *H. Jackson Brown J*



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Vision/Hearing Testing	New entrants	Wed 17 May	
School Cross Country	All students	Thurs 18 May. PP Tues 23 May	
WZ Cross Country	Selected Students	Tues 30 May. PP Thurs 1 Jun	
Senior Swimming	Yr 5-8 + selected yr 4s	Fri 9 Jun	TBC
Montessori Trust meeting	Montessori whānau	Mon 12 June, 7.30pm	
WZ Swimming	Selected Students	Tues 20 Jun	

Kia pai tō koutou wiki; Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2023 Term Dates

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 Day: Tues 24 Oct

Wellington College 2023 Key Dates for Enrolments - Due to Industrial Action the Open Mornings have changed to the following days:

Monday 12 June 2023 – at 9.00am Tuesday 13 June 2023 – 9.00am

Unfortunately, there will be no parking available at the College.



Montessori at Otari Preschool is having an Open Day on Saturday 27th May 10am – 12noon. The Preschool offers quality early childhood education for children between the ages of 2½ and 6 years, based on the Montessori Philosophy. Invite family and friends to come along and find out more about Montessori, see a class in action and meet the teachers. For more information phone 475 9688 or wcmp@xtra.co.nz.

School Holiday Steam - All details are here: <https://steaminc.org.nz/book-train-trip/school-holiday-steam/>



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