

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

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Kia ora koutou



Otari School Day of Play, Thursday 20 February - On Thursday, children will be coming to school and playing all day while teachers observe them. There are some parameters that will be in place:

- Children will still go to class for roll call. Teachers will provide relevant messages about the day, make sure hats are on heads and then send them off to play.
- Children may eat throughout the day, however we will still ring a bell to indicate a time to eat.
- The day will finish at 2:30pm to allow time to put everything away and for teachers to talk to the children about the experience.
- Children may bring toys to school, including balls, bats and board games, dolls, soft toys.
- The school will have hoops, balls, skipping ropes, nets, bats and other PE equipment available for children to play with.
- Children may not bring toy guns, including nerf guns or water guns.
- With so many children playing outside, bikes and scooters will not be part of the day of play.
- Electronic devices are not part of the day of play.



Children will need to have plenty to eat and drink and will need to bring their sun hats. You may want to apply (and supply) some sunscreen. (We will have some sunscreen too.)

Messages teachers will provide:

- All our expectations about behaviour, how we treat each other and how we treat equipment still apply.
- Children must stay within the school boundaries.



Garden Project-Working Bee Sunday 23 February 9am-3pm - Thanks to the fantastic volunteer effort last Saturday! Excellent progress was made including the old netting removed from the potting area, 5 out of 8 fence posts in place, all 9 shed piles in place, all plywood primed, back fence scrubbed down and half primed....

So, to keep the momentum going and get the hall cleared as quickly as possible we are going to have another working bee this **Sunday 23 February from 9am-3pm**. Some of the building tasks we will be looking at working through:

- With the fence posts in, we are able to build the new fence
- Bearers and shed floor to build
- Fences to paint
- Assorted other jobs to suit all skills and enthusiasms.



Not only is this a great way to meet some of the school community you will also get to sample some delicious morning and afternoon tea! Anytime you can spare will help complete this project as quickly as possible for all the budding gardeners at school.



Te mara is looking loved with all the energy going into it, and now 25 eager young gardeners need your help! Gardening will get underway this week and will run every Wednesday afternoon, from 1:25pm to 2:45pm. We plan to work on watering, weeding, composting, making signs, planting - maybe even worm farming and some cooking.

If you are interested in volunteering then you are amazing! The garden will be a great success with your help - perhaps you can spare one afternoon, or maybe you can help each week? We value your support.

Please get in touch at temara@otari.school.nz or let us know your availability using this poll: <https://doodle.com/poll/xq44up9r8cn6qyda>

Weetbix Tryathlon – If you would like to register, here is the link. Any queries, contact Gillian Hawke: gillian.n.hawke@gmail.com.

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35581&G=110512>



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Taonga Horomata/Virtues - We are exploring the virtues that help us to successfully play and work together.

Forgiveness: "Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant with the weak and wrong. Sometime in your life, you will have been all of these." Robert H Goddard

Trustworthiness: "To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved." George MacDonald

Code Club commences on Monday in Kererū classroom (3.10-4.10pm).



Montessori Strand Meet and Greet - Join us in and around the classrooms on Wednesday 26 February, 2:30pm to 4pm. Meet the teachers and connect with other families. You are welcome to explore the classroom environments too. Please bring a plate of food to share. We hope to see you there! *Deborah, Paula, Catherine & Shani*



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St John's are visiting this week running workshops with all children. **Please send your child to school with a gold coin donation.**

Scholastic Book Orders – Orders will be processed tomorrow, so if you have any cash orders, please get them to the office.





Payment

Costs – Below is a summary of the costs required. Payments can be made direct into our school account (060561 0017355 00). We understand it is an expensive time of the year, so please feel free to make small regular payments:

- Technology for Yr 7/8 - \$50.00
- School Picnic - \$10.00 per child
- Taki Rua production - \$4 per child
- Class Consumables - \$10.00 per child
- Maths Buddy for Years 3-8 - \$14.00 per child

- Educa (Montessori Strand only) - \$4 per child
- *Donation: Parent Donation \$250 per family*
- *Donation: Photocopying/printing contribution \$10 per child*

	Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
	WZ Cricket	Selected Students	Tues 25 Feb	
	Taki Rua show	All students	Tues 10 Mar	\$4
	School Picnic	Everyone	Wed 11 Mar	\$10
	WZ Football/Rippa Rugby	Selected Students	Tues 24 Mar	
	Immunisations Yr 8s	Yr 8s	Thurs 26 Mar	
	Futsal Tournament Yr 1-4	Yr 1-4	Tues 7 Apr	
	Futsal Tournament	Yr 5-8	Wed 8 Apr	
	School Cross Country	All Students	Wed 1 Apr	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2020 Term Dates

Term 1	Mon 3 Feb	Thurs 9 Apr
Term 2	Tues 28 Apr	Fri 3 Jul
Term 3	Mon 20 Jul	Fri 25 Sept
Term 4	Mon 12 Oct	Tues 15 Dec

Easter is in Term 1 Holidays: Fri 10, Mon 13, Tues 14 Apr

Anzac Day: Mon 27 Apr

Queen's Birthday: Mon 1 June (**Teacher Only day on Friday 29 May**)

Labour Weekend: Mon 26 Oct (**Teacher only day on Friday 23 Oct**)

Extra notices that have gone home recently:

- Western Zones Cricket – selected students
- Kākano class newsletter

MUSIC LESSONS. Your child can learn how to play the keyboard at Otari. **The lessons are run during school hours and all ages are welcome!** The Wellington Music Academy has been providing music lessons in the Wellington region for over 27 years. Our experienced and enthusiastic teachers will ensure all lessons are fun and appropriate for your child's level of musical development. Please contact the Music Academy at any time for more information and to book a place. Phone: 021 885 289 email: admin@musicacademy.co.nz, online: www.musicacademy.co.nz.

Kids Go Free at Staglands on Children's Day - Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be celebrating Children's Day on Sunday 1st March by offering FREE ENTRY into the reserve for ALL CHILDREN. In addition to their usual attractions visitors can enjoy free off-road tractor-trailer rides. So if you are looking for a fun Children's day outing for the whole family; meet at Staglands and Connect with Nature on Sunday 1st March. *Offer is not available with any other offer. Children (0-16 years) must be accompanied by paying adult. For more information visit www.staglands.co.nz.

Northern United Junior Hockey Club - The Northern Suburbs' home of hockey for school years 3-8, 2020 Season. Online registrations are now open (closing March 15th). Pre-season training: Tuesdays 3rd - 31st March, 2020. 5:30pm – 6:30pm : Years 3 to 6, 6:00pm – 7:00pm : Years 7 & 8. **Years 7/8 Trials** (For kids in years 7 & 8 in 2020): Saturday 21st March 2 – 5pm, Sunday 22nd March 2 - 5 pm. Season dates: May 2nd to 19th September
For more information: www.nuihc.org.nz info@nuihc.org.nz <https://www.facebook.com/NUJHC>

Drama Classes - Our international curriculum will help: Overcome shyness, build confidence, develop positive self-esteem, grow their imagination, interact with adults, make new friends, performance skills, creativity, have lots of fun. Join our after school drama classes. 5-17 years. 0800 161 131 www.helenogradynz.co.nz.



FREE WORKSHOP

For parents and caregivers supporting survivors of sexual harm

Come along and meet other parents and caregivers who are supporting and parenting survivors of sexual harm.

Together we will:

- Find out what to expect - understand why people think, act and feel as they do when they've been harmed
- Explore ways to look after ourselves while supporting our children and young people
- Explore some ways to respond and support your children

5 March
6.00pm - 9.00pm

Wellington HELP
Level 7
Education House
(back building)
178 Willis Street
Te Aro, Wellington

RSVP to register:
mayson@wellingtonhelp.org.nz
04 801 6655

Snacks provided. Event limited to 20 people so book now to secure your spot.



Elements Nature '1-day school'

Elements provides a truly authentic outdoor experience for children. Elements is no ordinary programme as we consider how the environment helps the developing child. Active movement, creative play & fun!



Ages 4-8yrs

At the '1 day nature school' children are provided the opportunity to thrive in the outdoor environment where educational concepts are naturally incorporated into the day. As children play we see them engage in executive function skills (working memory, flexible thinking). Strength, coordination & balance are improved as children test their motor skills. Healthy sensory systems are nurtured by engaging multiple senses and children foster & challenge important social skills while playing with others.



Mondays:
17th Feb - 6th Apr
9am-2pm

Register now for Term 1 2020



Woolshed Classroom
Belmont Regional Park

Email: elementsprogrammes@gmail.com

Ph Lisa 021 02416770 or Kim 0279340409

Fb: <https://www.facebook.com/elementsprogrammes>



As you will be aware Kelly Sports are the main provider for the above programme. As you have been informed by Hutt City Council, the funding model has changed for next year.

The good news is that Kelly Sports can provide you an athletics or fundamentals programme to cater for your school **at the same or similar price point.**

We are excited to advise you that we can deliver these programmes to your school at a rate of \$2.50 per child per session. *This is based on an 8 week programme at 45 minutes per session with a minimum number of children required.*

However if you wish to do a 4, 5, 6 or 7 week programme instead we can modify a programme to suit.

Kelly Sports also offer a range of other programmes throughout the year, get in touch with us to find out more!

Daniel Smith
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WADESTOWN KINDERGARTEN - SPACES AVAILABLE NOW!



At Wadestown Kindergarten we provide:

- A warm and welcoming learning environment where children develop a wide range of skills.
- We offer 20hrs free education and care from 2 years old.
 - 100% qualified staff.
 - We are now open all year round
 - Support with Transitions to School
- Tamariki learning through play and having **fun!**

Come and see us!
04 472 2227
45 Oban Street, Wadestown, Wellington
wadestown@wmkindergartens.org.nz



School Picnic – Wednesday 11 March

_____ will be attending the school picnic, travelling by bus.

I enclose \$10 cash.

Please deduct \$10 from my activity account.

Yes, I can parent help at the school picnic - Name _____

Signed: _____