

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

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Kia ora koutou



Day of Play - Shared Learnings - The kaiako met last week to talk about our shared learnings from the Global Play Day. We shared our observations and “take aways” from the day, all agreeing that it was of considerable value and worth repeating annually. We are exploring the idea of having more opportunity for learning through unstructured play within the strands. This would help to foster social skills and oral language, as well as many other aspects of social and academic learning. Our other key learnings are:

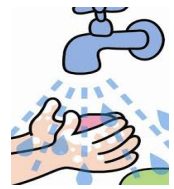
- There was a lot of value in observing behaviours over time, not intervening and seeing children resolve issues and establish their own solutions. The value of ‘stepping back’ and letting things run their course was a key learning. (However, we could see that following up later with children in some instances to recount a situation, would also be important.)
- We gained a deeper knowledge of some children and their needs in relation to self-control, self-management and their ability to negotiate and compromise.
- It was interesting to see how many of the older children struggled later in the day to fill their time with play, without being able to resort to getting on a device.
- It was gratifying to see how helpful our children can be to each other, how well they shared and interacted successfully with each other.
- We enjoyed seeing some new friendships happen.
- We were also interested and appreciative of the generally peaceful atmosphere that prevailed throughout the day.

DO NOT PARK ON THE FOOTPATH - This morning on road patrol I could see there were 6 cars with their wheels up on the footpath, parked along the curve in the road right up to the Gloucester Street turn off. I noticed every car that came around the bend went over the centre line to avoid hitting one of these vehicles. I was particularly aware of this because yesterday a car parked on the footpath close to the Gloucester St entrance was hit by another car that was avoiding a truck coming in the other direction. The truck would have hit the driver if she had tried to pull out to pass the car half parked on the footpath. A concerned member of the community came to see me about this. She witnessed the whole incident. She was also concerned about the risk to pedestrians and asked if I could put a reminder in our newsletter about not parking on the curb. Finding a place to park is a challenge, even with the Wilton Bush car park, however parking up on the footpath on a bend is a very risky alternative.



Parking down the school driveway – Please do not park down the school driveway. This is causing bottle-necks to happen and preventing other cars being able to leave.

Horoi ō ringarina! - Wash Your Hands! Supporting important messages parents give their children, we have been reinforcing children are to wash their hands with soap and water before eating and after going to the bathroom.



Te Reo Māori - Each week I will share a Māori phrase I am learning, to support those who also wish to extend their knowledge of the Māori language.

He rā hou tēnei - Today's a new day

rā - day

Swap *hou* (new) for other words:

pai – good

wera hot

makariri – cold

pōuri - sad

pake – fine

wera - hot

ua - rainy

School Charter – The Otari School Charter, which contains the strategic plan and annual plan, is now on the school website. Go to School/Kura, then Charter, then Charter 2020.



Emergency Management Plan - With the Board and staff I have reviewed our Emergency Management Plan and updated it, using a Ministry of Education template and related guidelines. This has been approved by the Board of Trustees and has replaced the old one on our school website. Click on School/Kura, then School Policies/Procedures.

Help with Funding Applications - We are starting a new initiative in relation to applying for external funds and grants to assist the school with specific requirements, such as new learning or sports equipment, artificial turf for the field, improvements to classrooms, etc. At the moment this is a major source of potential revenue which we are not utilising.

We would like to hear from anybody who is interested in being part of a loose affiliation of parents willing and motivated to assist with making funding/grant applications. Commitment will be limited to what you are able to offer and support will be provided. If you have any interest or expertise in this area, please contact Martin at martinverejones@yahoo.com or 021 245 4747.



Vision Testing for children who are new to school and Yr 7s will be on Monday 16 March.

Year 7 Vision Screening – Information for parents

Regional Public Health
HAUORA Ā IWI KI TE ŪPOKO • O TE IKA A MĀUI
Better health for the greater Wellington region

Regional Public Health provides a vision screening programme for all year 7 Students.

- * Vision – pupils will be advised of results at the time of screening. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.
- * Children who wear glasses/and or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require a vision check from our service.

Non Consent – Please notify the school if you do not want your child being screened. This screening is not a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, contact an optometrist.



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

Wehenge-kē, Detachment – Detachment is experiencing your feelings without allowing your feelings to control you. It is choosing how you will act in a situation rather than just reacting.

Affirmation: I am detached. I am aware of my feelings and choose my actions with detachment. I do what is right for me. I choose to be my best self no matter what happens.

‘It was my letting go that gave me a better hold.’ Chris Matakas

Immersion Strand Meet and Greet - Join us in and around the classrooms on Thursday, 2:30pm to 4pm. Meet the teachers and connect with other families. Please bring a plate of food to share. We hope to see you there! *Api, Glenise, Lynette, Parekohai, Cilla and Katrina*



School Picnic – A reminder that the whole school is going to Wainuiomata Pools next Wednesday (11 Mar). Students will need to bring plenty of food/drink, swimming items, a sunhat, sunblock and a jersey/jacket.



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*

UPCOMING EVENTS



| Activity | Who's Involved | Date & Time | Cost |
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| Taki Rua show | All students | Mon 9 Mar | \$4 |
| School Picnic | Everyone | Wed 11 Mar | \$10 |
| Vision Testing | Yr 7s and newbees | Mon 16 Mar | |
| WZ Football | Selected Students | Tues 24 Mar | |
| Immunisations Yr 8s | Yr 8s | Thurs 26 Mar | |
| School Cross Country | All Students | Wed 1 Apr | |
| Futsal Tournament | Yr 3-4 | Tues 7 Apr | \$5 |

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2020 Term Dates

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| 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:

- Immersion Strand newsletter



A Samuel Marsden Collegiate School education for your daughter in Year 9, 2021. Key dates: Open Morning (tour the school, ask questions and find out about Marsden's Visible Wellbeing approach and programmes): **Wednesday**

18 March 2020, 8.45am-12pm. Year 9 academic, cultural and sports Scholarships for entry in 2021 are now open, see details and apply online at marsden.school.nz/about/scholarships/ **Applications close 14 May 2020, exam date 23 May 2020.** To organise a personal tour or day in class for your daughter please contact Enrolment Registrar Leigh McCathie on 476 8707. marsden.school.nz

Raising Resilient Children - We would like to welcome the local school communities to attend a speaking event we are hosting at Karori Normal school. Kathryn Berkett present a talk on "Raising Resilient Children" where we will learn what we can do as parents and as a community to help. The talk will cover what resilience looks like with some real take home strategies and include easy to understand examples. Kathryn Berkett of ENGAGE has her Masters in Educational Psychology and has extensive experience in understanding how trauma can impact on development. She has worked and trained, nationally and internationally, delivering to a variety of organisations. There will be a chance to catch up with other parents over a light supper provided by the PTA.

When: Thursday 2 April, 7:00pm. Where: Karori Normal School Hall

Tickets: Can be purchased for \$10 at <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/kns-talk-on-resilience-tickets-88805249893>

Scouting - Want to find out more about scouting? Wondering about becoming a Kea (age 5-7), Cub (age 8-10) or Scout (age 11-14)? Northland Scout Group is having a sign-up and information night 6.30pm, Thursday 19 March, Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Road, Northland. Like to know more or get involved sooner? Check us out at www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts or email Northland.Scouts@gmail.com for more information.

Registrations for Karori Junior Hockey Club are now open - Registrations are now open for the upcoming winter hockey season. Registrations close **Wednesday 11 March**. Each player in your family will require a separate online form to be submitted. Please click below to register for the winter season on our online form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduWrTsTtMSunrpGOhPe21jUZob7l_Elch08QEsYyyM_jmD5Q/viewform

Did you know Elements Nature Based Play programmes are an option in Wellington! Are you looking to give your children a different experience these school holidays? Have your children active & imaginative in the great outdoors. Think huts, ropes, tools, water play, mud and paint! We have a great mix of planned experiences and play throughout our days. This April in Belmont "Heroes in the Wild": Tues 14-Fri 17 April, "Magic & Spells": Mon 20-Fri 24 April, and in Kapiti "Wild Adventures" Mon 20-Wed 22 April. For children aged 5-13 years.

Visit and like our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/elementsprogrammes/> To book register at <https://elements.aimyplus.com> putting 'Elements NZ' as the 'school'. For more info or to join our email list: elementsprogrammes@gmail.com.

ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING DROP-OFF DAY

SATURDAY 28 MARCH

9.00am – 2.00pm

KARORI COMMUNITY CENTRE

WE ACCEPT THESE ITEMS:

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| Flat screen TVs | Cell phones |
| Flat screen monitors | Routers |
| Servers | Cameras |
| Laptops | E-readers |
| Printers | Batteries |
| Scanners | Cables & wiring |

Spectacles for Lions Sight Project

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

Small items - \$1, Medium items - \$2,
Large Items - \$5, Oversized items & Flat
Screen TVs - \$10



A Karori
Lions Project

Proceeds will benefit
the Karori Community Centre

Care Matters Workshop

Current, relevant, practical information for family, whanau and carers of children and adults with disabilities.

Lower Hutt FREE

In association with
WDSA

EXPLORE – LEARN – CONNECT

We aim to ensure workshops meet local interests and needs.

Topics many carers have requested at previous workshops include:

- Understanding Funding
- Managing Stress
- Effective communication
- Enabling Good Lives and Planning for the Future

Date; Thurs, 12th March
Time; 9.30am – 2.30pm

Venue confirmed
on registration

Lunch provided

Facilitators with lived
experience

Please fill out the [registration form](#) or contact Maureen on:

Freephone: 0508 726 769

Txt: 027 414 5267

Email: samsno@actrix.co.nz

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