

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

26 May 2020

Week 7, Term 2

Kia ora koutou



We welcome three new students to Kōwhai class:

Marina Wood Wiremu Hakaraia Ihaka Dickson

Talofa Lava!

We highlight Samoan Language week and celebrate the contributions of our Samoan families and our Samoan friends, neighbours, relatives and colleagues throughout the country.



Staff Only Day

This Friday the teachers will be meeting to share the work that took place during the lockdown. We will be exploring the digital platforms that were used and gaining further understanding about all the features they contain and the potential for continued online learning. Support staff will also be meeting together on this day, sharing practice, addressing relevant issues and making resources.

Covid-19 Ministry requirements

We are mandated to take certain actions by the Ministry of Education. Some of these are time consuming for the staff involved. Your cooperation has been most appreciated.



- **Contact Tracing** - If you enter the school please continue to show your phone or ensure your name is recorded.
- **Playground** - Children cannot stay behind after school and play on the school playground, with or without adult supervision.
- **Attendance** - Unless otherwise arranged with the principal, the only acceptable reasons for children being absent are if they are self isolating, they or their whānau are at risk/immune compromised, or they are sick (including having a cold.)



Technology

Due to the Staff Only Day, technology at Karori West is now this Wednesday. The children are enjoying working in the new technology centre which is now on the top field, above the location of the previous centre.

Out of Zone Enrolment – The following advert will be in this week's Independent Herald. Application forms can be requested from office@otari.school.nz.



OTARI SCHOOL ENROLMENT JULY 2020 – JULY 2021

Otari School Board of Trustees is limited in the number of places it is able to offer students as a consequence of operating an enrolment scheme, details of which are available at the school office.

The Board has determined that there are limited spaces available as follows:

- For the special programme (**Māori Immersion**) for out of zone students who **turn 5 between 1 June 2020 - 1 June 2021**
- For the **Montessori Strand** for out of zone students who **turn 5 between 1 July 2020 - 1 July 2021**.

For students seeking enrolment within this period the deadline for receipt of applications is Friday 19 June. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of applications by 26 June.

If the number of out of zone applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot following the Ministry of Education defined priority order. If a ballot for out of zone places is required it will be held on 23 June. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three days of it being held.

Closing date for enrolment application: **19 June**

Ballot date: **23 June**

Applicants notified: **26 June**

Application forms are available from Otari School Office: phone 475-3018 or email office@otari.school.nz.

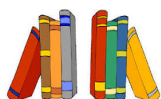
Clifford Wicks
Principal



Recorder and Ukulele lessons will resume from next week, beginning Tuesday, 2 June. All classes will be held at 12.45pm in Kākano. Monday: Senior Recorder, Tuesday: Beginner Recorder and Thursday: Ukulele. Monday classes will begin the following week (June 8) because of Queen's Birthday.



Immunisations for Yr 8s will be on Wednesday 17 June at 1.30pm.



Library – Please return any library books you have had at home over lockdown.

Yummy Fruit Stickers – Please continue to collect stickers (and cut out the labels from plastic bags) from Yummy Fruit. We get free sports gear for every sticker collected.



Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa 2020 - Samoan Language Week

Fa'afeiloaiga

Greetings

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Talofa | Hello |
| 'O a mai 'oe? | How are you? |
| Manuia Fa'afetai | Well, thank you |
| Ae a 'oe? | How about you? |
| Manuia fo'i fa'afetai | I am fine also thank you |
| Manuia le aso | Have a good day |
| Fa'afetai | Thank you |

If you want to see more words and phrases as well as learn interesting facts about Samoa, Bryan Leilua, a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour in Manurewa, has produced an excellent resource for Samoan language week. (He will be producing one set for each of the Pacific languages).

In Bryans own words *'these presentations are a gift of love and learning for all of the Pacific Islands and are to be shared freely with anyone and everyone who would benefit from this resource'*. Follow the following link: [Samoa Language Week 2020](#)



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Virtues – Taonga Horomata

Our virtues for the rest of the term are: Courtesy/Whakaaro atawhai
Gratitude/Whaka-whetai Nga
Unity/Maiātanga
Kindness/Ngākau Atawhai

E tua le fale tele i le faleo'o – Even the mighty need others.

Mauoa le Vaiaso – Have a good week.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

| UPCOMING EVENTS | Activity | Who's Involved | Date & Time | Cost |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|------|
| | Staff Only Day | NO SCHOOL | Fri 29 May | |
| | Queen's Birthday | NO SCHOOL | Mon 1 June | |
| | Immunisations | Yr 8s | Wed 17 June | |

2020 Term Dates

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| Term 2 | Wed 15 Apr | Fri 3 Jul |
| Term 3 | Mon 20 Jul | Fri 25 Sept |
| Term 4 | Mon 12 Oct | Tues 15 Dec |

Queen's Birthday: Mon 1 June (**Staff Only Day on Friday 29 May**)
Labour Weekend: Mon 26 Oct (**Staff Only Day on Friday 23 Oct**)