

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

18 August 2020

Week 5, Term 3

Kia ora koutou

Thank you everyone for being mindful of our level 2 Covid-19 requirements of using the app for contact tracing, limiting time spent in the playground and supporting our hygiene messages. Please remember to provide enough water for your child, or a drink bottle that can be filled in the classroom, as children should not be using the drinking fountains.



Parent Interviews are scheduled for week 8 (7, 8 & 9 September). These are progress interviews, however, in light of the kind of year we have been having they are also "let's have a catch up" hui! I think the emphasis should be on sharing information - hearing how things are going from your perspective as well as teacher feedback about progress on learning and behaviour at school. This will also be an opportunity for you to provide some feedback about the lockdown experience to add to our own reflections and evaluations.

Children do not attend these interviews. We will have the community room available, with activities, should you need a place for your child/children to go.

Interview times can be booked from tomorrow morning at: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>. The school code is **nfkqv**. Please let Jillian know if you have any problems; she can book one for you if necessary.

Health and Safety messages:

COUGHS OR COLDS - STAY HOME.

Please do not send children to school with coughs or colds.



NO PARKING ON THE CURB

Do not park on the curb at the top of the drive, in front of the Otari Wilton bush entrance and beside the bus bay. This is an area for pedestrians.



Te Mara o Te Kura o Otari (Otari School garden)

The revamped garden area with the brand new shed looks fantastic. What a wonderful natural, learning space this is going to be. Unfortunately we cannot have our hui celebrating the work of our parent volunteers. This was scheduled for today, however we will postpone until further notice.

WZ Netball – Last Tuesday we had four teams attend WZ netball tournament. They had a great time and showed terrific commitment. A big thank you to the following Kaiako and helpers who umpired and supervised teams on the day: Whaea Lynette, Georgia Griffiths, Waimarino Kahu-Grace and Menime Burgess.



Do you need a face mask? One of our parents has offered to make face masks as a fundraiser for the school. As you know the Government is encouraging us to wear these when we are in places close to others and demand is high!

If you would like to order a facemask please email office@otari.school.nz or see Jillian at the office. We need to know how many you would like and what size. Our parent will get them made as quickly as possible and you should be able to collect from the school office on Friday.

Face masks are:

- Available in child and adult sizes
- Made from 3 layers of cotton fabric
- Have elastic loops to go over ears
- Are pleated at the front to fit everyone
- Have a wire to hold the mask in place over your nose
- Washable

Only \$5 each with proceeds to our school. Be quick as numbers are limited.

Te Reo Māori

Three useful commands:

Waiho tenei! - Leave that alone!

Kaua e mahi pēnā! - Don't do that!

Turituri tō waha! - Be quiet!



Taonga Horomata Kaupapa (Virtues context) - "Playing and Working together"

Respect: Respect is appreciation of the separateness of the other person, of the ways he or she is unique," Annie Gottlieb

Over the past 5 weeks the focus has been on playing and working together. We often enjoy this most when we are with our friends. Here's a nice friendship quote to finish with:

"Friendship is like a rainbow between two hearts". *Anon*



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UPCOMING EVENTS



What's Happening

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Technology	Yr 7/8s	21 Aug	
Onslow College visit	Yr 8s	Wed 19 Aug, 1.30pm	
Gym Sessions	Junior/Middle School	24, 31 Aug, 7, 14 Sept	\$18
WZ Hockey	Selected Students	Tues 8 Sept pp 10 Sept	
Māori Language Week	Everyone	14-18 Sept	
Trip to Parliament	Tōtara/Kererū	Wed 2 Sept	
EPro8	Selected Students	Tues 22 Sept	
Immunisations	Yr 8s	Thurs 24 Sept	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2020 Term Dates

Term 3	Mon 20 Jul	Fri 25 Sept
Term 4	Mon 12 Oct	Tues 15 Dec
Labour Weekend: Mon 26 Oct (Staff Only Day on Friday 23 Oct)		

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Northland Cubs, Scouts and Keas are looking for new members. Coming out of lockdown we have an exciting programme for the rest of the year, with the opportunity to get outside and have an adventure or two.

We have spaces available for Keas (age 5-7), Cubs (age 8-10) or Scouts (age 11-14). Interested in developing your leadership skills, we are looking for new leaders for keas and cubs. Full training and support are available. Like to know more? Check us out at www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts or email Northland.Scouts@gmail.com for more information.