

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

22 September 2020

Week 10, Term 3

Kia ora koutou

We are pleased that we have returned to alert level 1 and can resume our school assemblies, beginning with an end of term one this Friday at 2:15pm. Due to the field being out of action for a few weeks, we are retaining the staggered morning tea and lunchtime breaks for a while longer. Please continue to sign in. We will continue our handwashing and cleaning of surfaces.



**Please stay off the field until further notice** - Artificial turf is being laid on the school field over the next few weeks. The field is being prepared in the holidays and is out of bounds to the public.



### School Disco - 6 November – Help Needed

Usually the school disco is organised by a few parents with the support of the Senior Student Committee. Is there a parent (or group of parents) who would be willing to organise this? We need parents to organise the food, rosters for serving, support with decorating the hall and organising a roster for the clear up at the end. The disco is usually a small fundraiser as well. In the past we have sold sausages, hamburgers and sometimes curries, and then parents have supplied desserts which have been



free of charge. However, how the disco is organised is up to those in charge. We can just have a sausage sizzle and desserts if that is easier. Our discos are family occasions and we've had very few community events this year so hopefully the disco can be a great excuse for an Otari whānau get-together. Email [principal@otari.school.nz](mailto:principal@otari.school.nz) if you are interested in running the school disco, or supporting. (I will pass names/emails on to organisers).



### Save the date! - Online Safety Information Evening – Thursday 26 Nov, 6:30 to 8pm

I have booked Rob and Zareen Cope, parents and filmmakers of "Our Kids Online" for an interactive information evening "designed to help any adults with children in their lives to gain a better understanding of some of the harms our children face in the online world". Advice and resources will also be a part of this evening. Fliers will be sent home with more detail about this event next term. There is a cost to the school which covers the presenters fees and gives the school the rights to the film. We would like to recover some of this cost by charging a \$5.00 entry fee.

**Code Club** will start back week 2 of Term 4. There will be no Code Club the first week of term.



**NZ Playhouse** are presenting 'Chilled' to the whole school on Thursday 15 October. The cost is \$5 per child.

*NZ Playhouse is going Antarctic! The ice is melting, the icebergs are cracking up, and Nataliya finds herself in the thick of it. Encountering local wildlife along the way, the team must work together to brave the elements and fulfil their mission: saving the world from climate change. But chances are... they might learn something about Antarctica as they go! From the play's hilarious beginning to its satisfying and upbeat ending, this audience-interactive story will have your whole audience from age 5 to 13 laughing so hard that they won't even notice they're learning.*

*This play will provide 45 minutes of the high quality theatre, exciting adventure narratives and fascinating characters New Zealand Playhouse is known for, and, as usual, will include clear links to the literacy and arts areas of the curriculum.*

**Weetbix Kids TRYathlon** - Entries are open for the Wellington Weetbix Kids TRYathlon on 21 Mar 2021 at Kilbirnie Park. The TRYathlon is all about giving it a TRY and is a rewarding and fun day out for you and your child. Participants need to be aged 7-15 years old on event day and can complete the TRYathlon as an individual or in a team of two.



Participants need to be aged 6 years old on event day to complete the Splash&Dash. To enter the TRYathlon visit [www.tryathlon.co.nz/](http://www.tryathlon.co.nz/)

Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. Either search for Otari School when prompted, or click the link above. By linking to our school group it will give us the chance to win some great prizes. Early bird pricing is open now and runs until December 18. The Wellington Event sold out last year so you may want to register early.

For those who require financial assistance to enter the TRYathlon, apply to the Weet-Bix TRYathlon Foundation for assistance. Visit [www.tryathlon.co.nz/foundation](http://www.tryathlon.co.nz/foundation) for details.



Hats are compulsory for children in terms 1 and 4. We have some bucket hats for sale from the office, \$12each. Caps are not acceptable.



**Taonga Horomata:** Whaiaaro/Self Discipline – The number one trait that is essential to achieve goals.

*"Self discipline begins with mastery of your thoughts. If you don't control what you think you can't control what you do."*



**Te Reo Māori phrase of the week:**

**Kia pai tō harerei!** Have a good holiday!

# UPCOMING EVENTS



# What's Happening

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Swimming Lessons	Pōhutukawa/Kākano/Kākāriki/Tui/Kererū	Term 4 -Tuesdays	\$20
Lit Quiz	Selected Students	Thurs 14 Oct	
NZ Playhouse	All students	Thurs 15 Oct	\$5
WZ Hockey	Selected Students	Thurs 15 Oct	
Yr 3 Sports Festival	Yr 3s	Tues 20 Oct	
Trip to Space Place	Pohutukawa	Thurs 22 Oct	
Staff Only Day		Fri 23 Oct	
School Athletics	Tues 27 Oct		
School Disco	Everyone	Fri 6 Nov	TBC
Immunisations	Yr 7/8s	Tues 24 Nov	
Info Evening	Parents/Caregivers	Thurs 26 Nov	\$5



Enjoy the holidays everyone.



A reminder that the term ends on Friday at 2.55pm. Term 4 starts on 12 October and ends at 12noon on Tuesday 15 December. **Also, please remember that there is a 'Staff Only Day' on Friday 23 October** (Labour weekend).

Ngā mihi  
Clifford

## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Karori Junior Cricket Club** - We don't like Cricket... Oh no, we LOVE it! Registrations are now open for the 2020/21 season at Karori Junior Cricket Club. 5-13 year olds, softball and hardball grades. All levels welcome. Join the fun in the sun on a summer morning and get into the community spirit with your local cricket club! The 60 minute matches are dual pitch form for the softball grades (grades 1 -4), keeping your girls and boys active, engaged and interested throughout! FREE season registration for Have-a-Go grade (5-6 year olds). Have-a-Go is an introduction to Cricket for 4-6 year olds. Registration for the 2020/21 season for Have-a-Go is FREE! Your little one will learn great eye to hand coordination, develop their social and teamwork skills all the while having fun with peers and creating lasting friendships. If you have any questions or an interest in playing for Karori please contact Mark Sutherland at [markqsutherland@gmail.com](mailto:markqsutherland@gmail.com) or go online to: <http://www.kjcc.org.nz/> and follow the steps.

**Karori Amateur Athletics Club**, Ben Burn Park, Wednesdays 6pm. Season starts 14<sup>th</sup> October & runs for 2 terms. Do you know a child who loves to run, jump, throw? Or do you know a child who would benefit from having an evening off screens each week? Would you like your family to spend more active time together? The Karori Athletics Club provides a fun environment with a mixture of games for ages 6 & under and track & field athletics for children from 7-15 years old. Keen athletes can access specialist coaching & represent Karori by competing in Inter-club events & other competitions during the season. Parents measure & time, supervise & guide, encourage & cheer the kids on. It's a lot of fun & there's even a sausage sizzle! The Club meets weekly at Ben Burn Park in Karori on Wednesday nights (6.00pm-7.30pm) over the summer from October to March. For more information including details on online registration, visit the website [www.karoriathletics.org.nz](http://www.karoriathletics.org.nz)

**Onslow Gymnastic Club** - Kids got energy to burn? Gymnastics is the answer! Have Fun – Learn Skills – Build Confidence! Onslow Gymnastics has Recreational, TeamGym & Competitive classes for ages 5+ years. Recreational Gym-for-All classes are held at Khandallah School Hall (ages 5-9 years) and Onslow College Rec Centre (ages 7-14+). No previous experience is required to join any of our recreational classes. TeamGym (ages 10+) brings together tumbling, mini-tramp and dance to provide an energetic and creative performance. Registrations for Term 4 2020 open from 17th September 2020 or for more information please e-mail [onslowgym@xtra.co.nz](mailto:onslowgym@xtra.co.nz).

**GirlGuiding for girls 5-6 years.** Do you want your daughter to have fun trying new things, making new friends, learning leadership skills, having fun outdoors and much more? GirlGuiding NZ has spaces available in your local Pippin group. We meet on Wednesdays in Wadestown from 5:30 until 6:45pm. Email Inge at [inge.little.girlguiding@gmail.com](mailto:inge.little.girlguiding@gmail.com) for more information.

**Sunshine Drama** classes provide a creative and fun learning space for students aged 4 - 16 years of age. Sessions engage imaginative minds, grow confidence & build communication, performance and social skills. For further information, or to arrange a free trial class, contact Jenae on 0274380533 or visit [www.sunshinedrama.co.nz](http://www.sunshinedrama.co.nz).

**Junior Rangers** - We just wanted to let you all know about our upcoming Junior Rangers school holiday programme. Runs every weekday from 28<sup>th</sup> September – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020 for children aged 5 – 14 years. It's a huge amount of fun. Just \$30 per child (\$27 for members). Full details can be found here: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/p-kaha-junior-rangers3/masterton>