

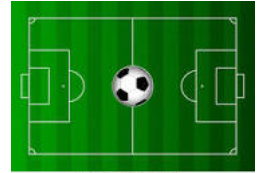
Inspiring a love of learning through an education that values the development of the whole child

10 November 2020

Week 5, Term 4

Kia ora koutou

We love our new field! Now we just need the weather to behave itself so we can fully enjoy it!



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Acknowledging effort and achievement - At our weekly hui on Monday morning we were impressed with the achievements of our students throughout all strands in a variety of areas. Children were acknowledged and congratulated for their efforts and attainments in the Western Zone athletics, the EPro8 heats, Totara students' Shakespeare performance and the Otago Mathematics Problem Challenge. All these students, participating and achieving in sports, technology, mathematics and the arts was a reminder that despite a challenging year our tamariki have continued to enjoy a range of valuable learning experiences and in many cases excel in their achievement through them.

Health Consultation

Every two years schools are required to consult the community in relation to their health curriculum. Later this week, I will be emailing our current health programmes along with a consultation form to all families.



Camp 2021 – Yesterday, information regarding our 2021 school camp was sent home to Yr 6/7 students. Please ensure the yellow and green forms are returned to school asap.

School T- Shirts – Please urgently return.



Helpers' Morning Tea – Thursday 12 November, 10.30am. The staff are hosting a morning tea on Thursday for whānau who have helped out in numerous ways. Please come along and join us.

Bake Sale – The Immersion strand are having a Bake Sale on Monday 23 November. Lots of yummy home baking for gold coins.





Online Safety Information Evening – 26 November 6:30 to 8pm.

Rob and Zareen Cope, parents and filmmakers of “Our Kids Online” will be presenting 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.

There is a cost to the school which covers the presenter’s 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. Please send an email to Jillian (office@otari.school.nz) to reserve a seat for this event and make payment into the school account (060561 0017355 00).

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



Taonga Horomata/Virtues - Ourselves, our spaces and our community. For the rest of this term we are focussing on virtues that will help children look after themselves, the spaces they use and their community. These are:

- Moderation/Āta ngāwari
- Commitment/Herenga
- Modesty/Whaka-mōwai
- Unity/kotahitanga
- Respect/Whakaute (emphasis on respect for the environment)



"Journey with me to a true commitment to our environment. Journey with me to the serenity of leaving to our children a planet in equilibrium." *Paul Tsongas*



| Activity | Who's Involved | Date & Time | Cost |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------|
| Helpers' Morning Tea | Helpers | Thurs 12 Nov | |
| EPro8 Semi Finals | Selected students – Yr 7/8 | Tues 17 Nov | |
| EPro8 Semi Finals | Selected students - Yr 5/6 | Wed 18 Nov | |
| Bake Sale | Everyone | Mon 23 Nov | |
| Immunisations | Yr 7/8s | Tues 24 Nov | |
| Information Evening | Parents/Caregivers | Thurs 26 Nov | \$5 |
| EPro8 Grand Final | Selected Students – Yr 7/8 | Mon 30 Nov, 5pm | |
| EPro8 Grand Final | Selected Students – Yr 5/6 | Tues 1 Dec, 9.30am | |
| Disco Day | All Students | Thurs 3 Dec | TBC |
| Yr 8 Dinner | Yr 8s | Tues 8 Dec | TBC |
| Yr 8 Celebration | Yr 7/8s and whānau of Yr 8 students | Wed 9 Dec | |
| Yr 8 Outing | Yr 8s | Thurs 10 Dec | |

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

Thank
you!

To everyone who helped with the garden infrastructure renovation project – Thank You!

Pictured are all the thank you cards that I received on your behalf for all our work on the garden. It seems like all the pupils have passed on their thanks for the work with lovely messages and vibrant pictures.

Deborah tells me there was an enormous response when she called for interest in the Gardening Group. It's very pleasing to know our effort to provide a motivating environment for all the ecological and life lessons gardening can bring was well aimed.

I wanted to share their thanks with all of you who turned up for the working bees, the evening shifts putting in fence posts and the weekends finishing the shed and wheelbarrow kennel.

You may recall the weeding and clearing session at the beginning, the deconstruction phase, scrubbing and priming the back fence and rebound board, digging and concreting, construction and carpentry, painting, shade cloth replacement and finishing touches with bark. It was a lot of work and interrupted by lockdown but with all your help we got there. Thank you all and thank you Ben for all I learnt while working on the shed with you.



I'd like to acknowledge Jo's work in catalysing the project, fuelling the team, sourcing our reasonably priced materials and hours of labour, Susan for the shade cloth and turning off the alarms when I set them off and Clifford and the Board for funding and backing the project.

As someone who never quite believed anyone would come to their party, thank you for your support through the project. The school wished to put on a thank you assembly for you all and plans were well advanced when the second Covid level change intervened. While that is no longer timely you are all welcome at the helpers' morning tea this Thursday at 10:30am at the school.
Harvey – Project Co-ordinator

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

The annual Wadestown Community Carols in the Park is happening again this year on Tuesday 1 December from 5.30pm onwards. So bring your picnic blanket to enjoy the music and laughter happening at the Wadestown Play Area Park. We are collecting cans of food for the City Mission and DCM as well as having a Koha BBQ (as well as drinks).

