

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

16 March 2021

Week 7, Term 1

Kia ora koutou



Nau mai haere mai ki to a new student and her whanau:
Maya Sarmiento-Seedhouse (Pohutukawa)

Messages from Monday morning hui

Happy Birthday/Ra whānau ki a koe... I forgot to include these last week, therefore ra whānau ki a Maria, Sylvie and Amokura and this week, Jacob!



Whaea Johanne:

- Student librarians – Year 6 students interested in being librarians are to meet with Johanne and sign up. Senior librarian meetings are on Tuesdays at lunchtimes. Yr 6 librarians meet on Fridays.
- Yr 6-8 students who are interested in representing Otari at the Wellington Regional Lit Quiz, meet in Tōtara on Wednesday.

Whaea Paula:

- Welcome to a new student in Pohutukawa; Maya.

Whaea Susan:

- Netball registrations are now open.

Matua Clifford

- Only planks of wood *without* nails were put in the wild spaces playground but I have found some, with nails that have been put there by other people. **Do not** do this and do not walk around the school with planks of wood. They stay in the wild spaces playground.
- Stay off the bank behind the hall.
- Reminder about what “Out of Bounds” means. You **do not ever** leave the school grounds without permission.
- Children must also use the gates to leave school, not jump over the fence.
- **Nga Taonga Horomata** – Integrity – Ngākau tapatani. What does integrity look like when we are learning and working. “Even though I find this mahi challenging I am going to do my best” “Ki te puku mahi ū te angitu” – “Work hard to succeed. “
- I am visiting classrooms over the next couple of weeks to see how well children are working, get to know the tamariki and see how they are operating.

Quotes related to our virtues:

Kia ū ki te pai – Cleave to that which is good
Integrity is doing the right thing – even when no one is watching – C.S Lewis





Getting to School on Time - It is important children begin the day with their peers. They need to be at school on time, greeted by their teacher, starting the day with their class community and hearing the necessary daily messages. We understand that occasionally there is the odd morning when things go awry and lateness is unavoidable. A persistent pattern of lateness however negatively impacts a child's start to the day.

Our Kura: Duties -

Teaching staff are rostered to do kai iti/morning tea and kai nui/lunch duties. Two teachers are rostered on morning tea duty and two teachers from 12:30pm to 1pm and another two from 1:00 to 1:30pm. Teachers also do before school and after school road patrol duty. Therefore most teachers are doing an hour to an hour and a half of duty each week. Duty at morning tea and lunchtime involves teachers walking around the school supervising, addressing any concerns the children have and attending to any minor scrapes. Teachers carry a small first aid kit around with them. The duty roster is displayed in the community room window. The roster is subject to change when we have relievers or if a teacher swaps duty for a particular reason. Clifford is not currently rostered on a kai iti or kai nui duty, however he goes out at lunchtime most days to support duty teachers, connect with the children and get a sense of the "playground vibe". He is able to be a fill in if needed.



Sometimes teacher aides are also out at morning tea and lunchtime. They are supervising specific children under their care.

For road patrol, children and teachers are on duty from 8:40am until 9:00am and from 2:50pm until 3:10 pm.



Scooters, skateboards and the pedestrian crossing - For everyone's safety, please walk across the pedestrian crossing at all times.



Board Election – We have received 5 nominations so consequently an election needs to occur. Voting papers have been posted out. Voting papers need to either be posted back or there is a box at the school office that they can be placed in.



Postponement Dates for Zoo Trip: The zoo sleepover for the Year 5-6 children will now be on **Wednesday 7 April** and the Year 1-4 zoo trip will be on **Thursday 8 April**.

Winter Netball - Registration is now open for players wanting to participate in an Otari school netball team. Depending on numbers, we hope to have a Yr 3-4 team, Yr 5 team, Yr 6 team and a combined Yr 7-8 team. Games are held in Karori on Saturday mornings from May through to September (excluding school holidays). The cost to register for the season is \$80. **If your child is interested and able to commit for the whole season, please register them to play on the sporty website:**



<https://www.sporty.co.nz/otari>



Netball - Training workshops for coaches (or potential coaches). If you would like to attend one of these workshops please contact Susan ASAP, susan@otari.school.nz:

- **Year 5/6 Future Ferns Training Session for Coaches** delivered by Maria Hegarty at Kelburn Normal School Hall (Kowhai Rd, Kelburn), Sat 10 Apr, 2021 1pm – 3pm
- **Year 7/8 Future Ferns Training Session for Coaches** delivered by Maria Hegarty at Kelburn Normal School Hall (Kowhai Rd, Kelburn), Sat 10 Apr, 2021, 3:30pm - 5:30pm.

Easter Break – A reminder that we are closed for the Easter break, from Thursday 1 April to Tuesday 6 April inclusive.



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Taki Rua performance	All Students	Fri 26 Mar	\$4.00
Easter Break – NO School	Everyone	1-6 Apr	
Zoo Sleepover	Yr 5/6	Wed 7 Apr	\$46
Trip to Zoo	Yr 1-4	Thurs 8 Apr	\$18
WZ Football	Selected Students	Tues 13 Apr <i>pp 15 Apr</i>	
Lit Quit	Selected Students	Thurs 6 May	

Financial: Here is a summary of the upcoming costs required:

- Camp Fees for Yr 7/8 - **\$270.00**
- Technology for Yr 7/8 - **\$50.00**
- EOTC Week Yr 1-4 - **\$18.00**
- Zoo Sleepover/EOTC Week Yr 5/6 - **\$46.00**
- Taki Rua performance (26 Mar) - **\$4.00**
- Class Consumables - **\$10.00** per child
- Contribution to costs for digital learning and reporting platforms - Original strand: (Seesaw, Reading Eggs, Mathletics) **\$18.00**
- Contribution to costs for digital learning and reporting platforms - Montessori strand: (Educa, MathsBuddy) **\$18.00**
- Contribution to costs for digital learning and reporting platforms - Immersion strand: (Seesaw, Mathletics,) **\$15.00**
- Contribution for Jellybeans music - 10 sessions with trained tutors, **\$14.00** per child
- Donation: Parent Donation **\$250.00** per family
- Donation: Photocopying/printing contribution **\$10.00** per child



Payments can be made into our account: 06-0561 0017355 00. Small regular payments are welcome. Please send Jillian an email detailing what you are paying for (office@otari.school.nz).

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2021 Term Dates

- Term 1: 3 Feb – 16 Apr
- Term 2: 3 May – 9 July
- Term 3: 26 July – 1 Oct
- Term 4: 18 Oct – 15 Dec, 12 noon

Easter Break: Thurs 1 Apr – Tues 6 Apr – No School

Queen's Birthday: Mon 7 June (Teacher Only day on Friday 4 June)
Labour Weekend: Mon 25 Oct (Teacher only day on Friday 22 Oct)





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 has space for new members. Check us out at www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts or email Northland.Scouts@gmail.com for more information.

Onslow Athletics Club are hosting a one-off cross country event on Monday 29 March - the Hot Cross Country! The event is at Nairnville Park and races start at 6pm. Entry is free and there'll be a sausage sizzle and Hot Cross buns for all participants. It's a great opportunity to participate in a cross country event in a relaxed, fun environment before the school cross country season gets under way. To find out more and register, visit <https://www.sporty.co.nz/onslowaac/Hot-Cross-Country/Registration-1> or contact Phil on 022 310 4246. Registrations close on Friday 25 March.

Northern United Junior Hockey Club - Years 3-8, Online registrations are now open. (Closing end of March 2021)
Have a Go Hockey - 3 free no-obligation sessions for beginners (Years 3 - 8) at NUJHC clubrooms, Blackrock Road, Newlands. Hockey sticks and balls provided. (Shin guards and mouth guard recommended).

- Tues 9 Mar 2021, 4pm – 5pm Tues 16 Mar 2021, 4pm – 5pm Tues 23 Mar 2021, 4pm – 5pm

Pre-season training – open to any players who want to participate.

- Years 3–6 - Tues 23 Mar 5-6pm Tues 30 Mar 5-6pm Tues 6 Apr 5-6pm
- Years 7-8 - Wed 24 Mar 5-6pm Wed 31 Mar 5-6pm Wed 7 Apr 5-6pm

Club tournament day- Sunday April 11th – The new teams play each other in a club tournament day at Newlands College.

Season starts: Saturday May 8th. For more information: Web: www.nujhc.org.nz Email: info@nujhc.org.nz FB: <https://www.facebook.com/NUJHC>