

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

22 June 2021

Week 8, Term 2

Kia ora koutou

Union Meeting – Tomorrow we require children to be collected from school at 12.30pm so that staff can attend a union meeting. A skeleton staff will remain for those children who are unable to be collected early. Please ensure your child is catered for on this day.



Email the office (office@otari.school.nz) if your child is staying at school. If they are going to After School Care, please also advise.



MESSAGES

Hui/Assembly

Ra whānau ki a Koe! Happy birthday to:

Arjun (turned 11 on Sunday)
Cora (8 on Thursday)

Atticus (8 today)
Saaj-Kaha (13 on Thursday)

Pānui/Messages

- Student committee reps taking part in the World Vision 40 hour famine spoke about events and activities related to this, including Orange Day on Friday. (Wear Orange and bring a coin to donate if you can.)
- Matua Clifford talked about Matariki and reminded students of Otari's tradition of bringing some food to school for the foodbank (non- perishable.)
- Matua Clifford talked about the lost property and the fact that there are labelled bins and therefore it is HELPFUL when children put lost property in the bins rather than just chucking it elsewhere. There is a lot of lost property.
- Whaea Johanne invited students who want to participate in creating Peace Art to meet her in the hall at morning tea time.

New Appointment - We are very pleased to appoint Erana Bouzaid as a permanent kaiako in Tūi from term 3 onwards. Erana will be taking over from Whaea Wairere who is going to be teaching Kaikōmako class and starting her new role as Immersion Strand leader and Assistant Principal.



Teachers
are
Angels
in disguise



Staffing for the rest of the year - There are a few changes in staffing and roles next term therefore a revised staffing list will be put in next week's newsletter so that parents can see the make-up of each strand and the various responsibilities, teaching days and roles each teacher has.

Reports and Parent-Teacher Conferences are next week - Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 June and 6 July. These conferences provide an opportunity for teachers to discuss your child's progress this year. These conferences are about updating you and clarifying expectations going forward. They are also about hearing from you and gaining useful information that can support future learning goals. You might find it helpful to bring their report along with you.

All interview times are booked online; go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>.

The school code is **spuvf**. If you are unable to make a booking please contact Jillian, who will be able to do it for you.



40 hour famine

The 40hr famine is this weekend **25 - 27th June!** Thank you to those who have set up a fundraising page and shared it. We have already raised \$765 which is amazing! Here is the link again if your whānau would still like to be involved, it's not too late to sign up:

<https://my.worldvisionorg.nz/ss/mraKgs/otari-school> click **join this team** and then create your own page. You can also make one off donations on the page. Alternatively, fundraising booklets are available at the office. The 40 hr famine is usually aimed towards year 5 - 8 students, but it's also a great learning opportunity for our younger tamariki, so this **Friday 25th June** we will have a 'Go Orange Day' and ask everyone to wear something orange, red or yellow to show our support for the 40 hour famine. We will be collecting a koha on this day if you would like to contribute. There will also be an after school get together for any year 5 - 8s completing a challenge over the weekend and we are expecting a visitor from World Vision. Permission letters were sent home last week and need to be handed in by tomorrow.

Wishing everyone best of luck in their challenges this weekend and thank you for supporting such a great cause. If you have any questions please email me at Catherine@otari.school.nz

Matariki - We will be celebrating Matariki as a school on Thursday 8 July. We are asking children to bring kai for a shared lunch in their strands. Prior to this, all strands will meet together in the hall for a special time of sharing and waiata. Following karakia they will go to their strands for kai. All parents are invited to share in this celebration to mark the Māori New Year. We have celebrated this special time of the year for many years at Otari School. However, we all continue to deepen our understanding of Matariki. With this in mind some of us are viewing this programme from Māori television:

<https://www.maoritelevision.com/shows/beyond-matariki>

As part of our Matariki tradition to honour the concept of keeping the storehouses full over the forthcoming months, we will be collecting food for the Wellington food bank during weeks 8 and 9 (starting 21 June.)





Taonga Horomata - Helpfulness/Āwhina

“Your greatest accomplishment today is not so much what you are able to do for yourself but how you use your life to do something for those around you. We are all at our best when we are able to help someone else shine, so make sure to share a part of your light with someone who needs it. *Cyrus Webb*”



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Union Meeting – Pickup at 12.30pm	Everyone	Wed 23 June	
40 Hr Famine		26-27 June	
Parent/Teacher Conferences	All Parents/Caregivers	29-30 June, 6 July	
Matariki	All Students	Thurs 8 Jul	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2021 Term Dates

Term 2: Ends 9 July

Term 3: 26 July – 1 Oct

Term 4: 18 Oct – 15 Dec, 12 noon

Labour Weekend: Mon 25 Oct (Teacher Only day on Friday 22 Oct)



The Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshop runs from Mon 19 - Fri 23 July, 9.30am-4pm. Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day! Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment. For more information check out our website! Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick!

marrzipandrama.co.nz E: wellington@marrzipandrama.co.nz

Tawa Tennis, Tawa Squash and Wellington North Badminton are running the Racketlon holiday programme these school holidays. Players rotate around each sport spending 1.5 hours at each club. Qualified coaches will take each session. Please note holiday programme is for age 6 years and older. Monday 19 July, Wednesday 21 July, Friday 23 July, 9am - 3pm. Cost per day: \$50 or sign up for three days \$135. Registrations: <https://forms.gle/QZco4DvLc1TthNj37>



Qisma Tech's STEM Holiday Programme

Open to kids between the ages
of 7-12 years old

When:

Monday 12th July -
Friday 23rd 2021
(weekdays only)
9 am to 3 pm

Price:

\$80 per day

or

Purchase the whole 10
days and get one day
free! \$720

Where:

Hataitai School,
2 Arawa Road,
Hataitai 6021

Learn more here:

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