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

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Week 9, Term 3

Kia ora koutou



Nau mai, haere mai ki ngā ākonga hou me o rātou whānau. Welcome to new students and their whānau:

Mokena Jeffs (Kōwhai)

Waimihi Dickson (Kōwhai)

Ra whānau ki a koe! Happy birthday to you! The following tamariki celebrate their birthday this week (Monday to Sunday): Robin (Kākāriki), Fletcher (Pōhutukawa), Hannah (Kākano) and Anahera (Tūi)! Wishing you all a marvellous birthday!





Taonga Horomata Self Discipline - Whaiaaro, Whakahauhau

Self-Discipline and the Virtues: Learning to manage one's emotions, desires and impulses is a lifelong learning process and one that we need to support in our young tamariki. We teach children that while they cannot always help how they might feel they can help how they respond or react to a situation. This is why we teach them strategies

for managing their feelings and also why we teach all the virtues. We can say to a child "I need you to have **courage**" or "Please use **respect** when talking about this" or "Are you able to be **flexible**?" If children don't know what these virtues look like in practice then how can they apply them to self-management? The teaching of virtues has an authentic purpose - it is not just a list of positive attributes that children recite the meanings of, but actual tools for self-management, communication and learning.

Related to self-discipline is **matakite** (foresight), Ka whāia te wāhie mo takurua ka mahia te kai mō te tau. (If you look for firewood in the winter, you will have plenty of food all year round.)

Level 2 Continues... At level 2 we continue to operate under certain conditions. For our parents, whānau and visitors to the school these include signing in, not congregating in groups and not using the playground before, during and after school. Wearing face coverings is still recommended. We can now have gatherings of 100 so we can have strand hui next week, at least. These are based on guidelines from the Ministry of Education. We appreciate the way these are being supported and thank you for your flexibility and consideration.





Term 4 Athletics - Johanne is organising the athletics for term 4. We are going to still have an athletics day at Wilton Park (all going well) however will not include high jump on this day. Instead the high jump competition will be run at school over the weeks prior to the athletics day. This is so that we do not need to worry about the grass drying out before starting this event and also because we can make use

of our field and not have to cart the huge mats down to Wilton Park. Each afternoon of week 1, different year levels from year 4 - 8 will compete in high jump to establish Western Zone finalists.

Year 1 to 3 students will also take part in high jump over the first week as well. On the actual athletics day we will have long jump, quoits or discus, vortex and running races.

We have scheduled athletics day for **Wednesday 27 October.** For sporting events at level 2 the guidance for school sporting events outdoors allows for the activities to go ahead, with advice that spectators practice physical distancing. Therefore, we look forward to an enjoyable school community event.



Year 7 and 8 at Otari School - A recent inquiry about our programmes for year 7 and 8 at Otari School led me to refer back to an in-depth survey conducted with year 7 and 8 children in 2020. This survey may be of interest to other parents as it captures the views of the children in relation to their enjoyment at Otari School, leadership opportunities and participation. It also provided us with information with which to make some changes and explore further options for our Yr 7/8 students. You can find this survey on our website under Newsletters - reports from the Principal:

https://www.otari.school.nz/files/75c1d84cf8854133/file_attachments/55/Year_7_and_8_Survey.pdf

Hats – An early reminder that we wear brimmed hats (all the way round) in Term 4. We sell hats with the school logo at the office for \$12.00. Children might like to buy a hat in the colour of their athletic team (Jillian has this information.)







Library Books - We appreciate the return of all overdue library books. We are looking forward to students borrowing some of our lovely new books for the holidays.

Yummy Fruit Stickers – Please send any stickers (and cut outs from bags) to school by next Wednesday. Thanks to everyone who has been collecting them; the more we collect the more free PE equipment we earn.





Lunch Orders - ezlunch by Kindo are updating to their new look website this weekend! Here's a hint of what it will look like at ezlunch.co.nz... you can still order exactly the same way through mykindo.co.nz or the mykindo app. Any issues, please contact them on 09-475 5287 or 0800 EZLUNCH or helpdesk@ezlunch.co.nz.

Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup currently (and very rarely) have a few spaces available for immediate start. For more information phone 475 9688 or email wcmp@xtra.co.nz.





Taonga Horomata – Whaiaaro – Self-Discipline

"Those who make channels for water control the waters; makers of arrows make the arrows straight; carpenters control their timber and the holy control their souls. *The Dhammapada10, Buddhism*









Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Life Education	All students	20-23 Sept	\$4.00 (only if you did not pay earlier in the year)
Taki Rua	All Students	Thurs 21 Oct TBC	\$4.00
School Athletics	All Students	Wed 27 Oct	
School Fair		Sat 6 Nov	
Yr 8 Outing	Yr 8s	Wed 8 Dec	
Yr 8 Dinner	Yr 8s	Thurs 9 Dec	
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7/8s & whānau of Yr 8s	Mon 13 Dec	

A reminder that the term ends next Friday (1 October) at 2.55pm. Term 4 starts on Monday 18 October with a Teacher Only day on Friday 22 October and Labour Day on Monday 25 October.

Ngā mihi Clifford

2021 Term Dates

Term 3: Ends Fri 1 Oct

Term 4: 18 Oct – 15 Dec, 12 noon



October Two-Week Holiday Programme – Northland Kidz Club. Come and join us in learning how to make a puppet & put on a puppet show, see Nigel Kennedy & Mr Bunny's Magic Show, join in a Circus Workshop and design (and do) your own outdoor scavenger hunt. We'll be making bread, painting rocks and enjoying the play area at

the George Denton Park in Highbury. Of course we're going to Time Cinema again to see another selection of early cartoons & films, (stopping at Lyall Bay Beach beforehand to have morning tea). We'll be enjoying any fine weather at local parks and play areas. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards: \$20), 8.30am to 6pm each day. For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz or contact Jan (022-140-2612) or e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).

These school holidays **KidzStuff Theatre for Children** are supporting **Mr Fungus**, Created by Fergus Aitken and Directed by Fraser Hooper.

What: Mr Fungus. When: 5th - 16th October 2021. Where: Circa Theatre, 1 Taranaki Street, Wellington. Times: 11am, no show Sundays or Mondays. Relaxed Performance: Tuesday 12th October 2021. Tickets \$15.00pp, family pass of 4 tickets \$50.00, Children under 2 Free. Bookings: https://www.circa.co.nz/package/mr-fungus/

Waterside Karori School Holiday and Summer Programmes - Register Now! Registrations are now open for Waterside Karori's October School Holiday Programme! Come and join us at Terawhiti Turf for an action-packed day of football skills, challenges, and tournaments all run by our wonderful club coaches. Register here. It is also time to register for summer football! We have a range of programmes on offer including junior, youth and girls only. Visit our website for more details www.karorifootball.co.nz. Questions? Email sumport@karorifootball.co.nz.

Sunshine Drama offers creative drama and singing classes in a supportive, fun and action packed learning environment. Sessions engage and challenge imaginative minds to build acting or singing techniques and ability, whilst growing student confidence, communication and social skills. Our timetable provides classes for students aged 4-16 years and runs after school and on Saturdays. For further information, enrolments or to arrange a free trial class, visit sunshinedrama.com or contact Jenae 0274 380 533 / sunshinedrama.com.



Help re-stock DCM's Foodbank shelves

DCM works with people who are experiencing homelessness.

During lockdown they have provided four times more food support than they usually would - and their Foodbank shelves are empty! Please help re-stock the DCM Foodbank by donating food at our special re-stock event. Some of the items most needed at the moment include:

Ready meals/soup

Tinned fruit

Tinned fish

Shampoo and conditioner

Biscuits and crackers

Toilet paper

Please bring along some of these items, along with anything else you would like to donate:

Saturday 25 September, 10am-12pm Ngaio Union Church, 3 Kenya St









Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

After school and weekend classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori and Lower Hutt!

Two-week trials available

For more information, please visi

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