

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

2 November 2021

Week 3, Term 4

## ***Kia ora koutou***

Happy Birthday - Ra whanau ki a koe .... Eve (Pōhutukawa) and Freida (Tuī).



**Athletic Sports** - Our athletic sports tournament is scheduled for Thursday. Here's hoping the weather behaves! Parents are most welcome to attend. As these are council grounds we must abide by their Level 2 rules, which means signing in, social distancing (2 metres) and mask wearing.

**Education Vaccination Mandate** -The Government has announced nationwide mandatory vaccination for the education workforce in order to work onsite. In accordance with the recently released Public Health Orders related to testing and vaccination, all those covered by the mandate are required to have received the first COVID-19 vaccination by 15 November 2021 and to be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022. They must provide evidence of their initial vaccination by 15 November. If a person under this mandate does not provide the school with this evidence then it is assumed they have not been vaccinated and will be in breach of the order if they attend work onsite when students may be present.



The following people are covered by this mandate:

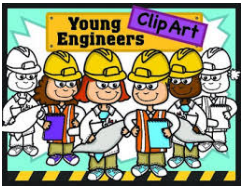
- Teachers
- Sports coaches
- Volunteers
- Anyone engaged to provide onsite services
- Teacher aides
- Providers of tuition (sports, music, drama, academic)
- Contractors

If this mandate covers you then please provide proof of vaccination to the school office by 15 November. Proof can be obtained from the Ministry of Health. Some people have had to create a My Health Account and then needed to screenshot the vaccination record in order for their name to be included.



We congratulate Shani Leda on her recent wedding to Murray Langham. Wishing you both many years of wedded bliss!





**EPro8** - Otari School had six teams competing in the EPro8 qualifying challenge, a science and technology competition. Each team of four students worked together to design and build a famous landmark to launch fireworks (party poppers) from. The teams created wonderful structures, and learned about teamwork and engineering along the way. The teams are:

Year 5-6

- Alexis Tzeng, Maia Smith, Albie Robertson, Alex Cochrane
- Lucy Cochrane, Arjun Prasad, Dylan Paloma, Anna Dixon

Year 7-8

- Tuia Reedy, Awhina Duncan, Rosa Sutherland, Rose Friend
- Jasper Tuckey, Charlotte Wallace, Judith Eyre, Owen Jones
- Te Aokawai Hemi, Ruariki Jones, Sam Lawless-Poole, Max Biddington
- Abilio Fernandes, Jordan Lee, Oscar Wilkie, Joe Muroya-Browne

Congratulations to Lucy, Arjun, Dylan, Anna, Tuia, Awhina, Rosa, Rose, Abilio, Jordan, Oscar and Joe who will be representing Te Kura o Otari at the semi-finals next week.



**Nei rā te hā o mihi ki a tātou katoa** - We want to acknowledge students of the Immersion Strand who wrote and created a short film and submitted it right before the end of the term 3 holidays. The online film competition had reached out to avid film makers across Aotearoa to have their say on environmental management and protection of the Taiao. People of all ages, including rangatahi aged 11 and under, and from all communities, were encouraged to submit work exploring questions about kaitiakitanga, environmental protection, aspirations for the future of the taiao or environment.

Congratulations to Kaikōmako students - Tuia Reedy, Kahuti Hook, Samson Lawless-Poole, Awhina Duncan, Rose Friend and William Fullelove 'Te Ao Hou' for their outstanding efforts in coming **1st place** for **Te Reo Māori** and **2nd place** for **Mātauranga Māori**. Students have been awarded prizes for entering and we should be very proud of them all! Congratulations on your well-deserved success. Kei runga noa atu e hoa mā!

**Calendar Orders** – Please continue to order these online. If you need a code, email Jillian (office@otari.school.nz).



**Baby Clothes/Items** - Do you have any good quality baby clothes/items that you would be willing to pass to a young family who need some help? Clothing can be dropped to the office but for anything else, please would you text Katrina on 021-330-099. Many thanks.

### Taonga Horomata - Mindfulness/Hinengaro

We are looking at virtues that help children when interacting with others and the wider community. Mindfulness is simply being aware of what is happening right now without wishing it were different.

Enjoying the pleasant without holding on when it changes (which it will.)  
Being with the unpleasant without fearing it will always be this way (which it won't.)

*(James Bawaz)*



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Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
School Athletics	All Students	Thursday 4 November	
Poroporoaki	Immersion Strand whānau	Thursday 25 November	
Yr 8 Immunisations	Yr 8s	Tuesday 30 November	
City Mission Pack the Bus	Everyone	Tuesday 30 November	
Yr 8 Outing	Yr 8s	Wednesday 8 December	
Yr 8 Dinner	Yr 8s	Thursday 9 December	
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7/8s & whānau of Yr 8s	Monday 13 December	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi  
Clifford

<b>2021 Term Dates</b> Term 4: Ends on 15 Dec, 12 noon
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