

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

15 February 2022

Week 3, Term 1

Kia ora koutou

Edge Noticeboard - Our main noticeboard for regular announcements (i.e. Covid updates) is going to be on our Edge Student Management Platform. Parents are invited to download the app to access this and other information (including attendance and paying invoices). Accompanying this newsletter is a flyer explaining how to download the app.



Farewell Alan - This week, Alan Ward finishes his role as caretaker at Otari School. Alan has been here for seven and a half years and during that time the school has benefitted from his many skills in gardening and landscaping, building and painting. A caretaker's role is vital to the maintenance of buildings and grounds. We thank Alan for the work he has done throughout the years, his commitment to the school and the multitude of tasks he has undertaken to keep classrooms, playgrounds, fields and spaces safe, secure and in working order! All the best for a happy retirement!

Farewell Bubba - We also farewell our energetic colleague, Bubba Hiko who has been a dedicated learning support teacher aide for the last year. Bubba's enthusiasm, care and skill has been most appreciated by colleagues and whānau. We wish her all the best for future endeavours.

Preparing for Learning at Home - Used devices for sale. We have the option to sell our end of lease devices including chromebooks and ipads. These items are 3 years old, no longer have a warranty, but would be factory re-set. The chrome books will cost \$60 each and the ipads \$150 each. We need to know what interest there is in purchasing them now. If you are interested in buying a chromebook or an ipad, please email deanne@otari.school.nz. Deanne is our tech person and she will register you for a device and contact you about payment. Let her know if you want a chrome book or an ipad. We will need to operate a "first in, first served" process.

HOME
LEARNING



Borrowing a Device - If you think your child will need to borrow a device from school, should they need to learn from home this year or we move as a school into online learning, please let your child's teacher know this directly. We have a form for borrowing devices for learning at home.

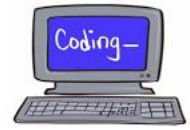
Printer - If you do not have one already, I would strongly recommend purchasing a printer and paper. It makes all the difference for online learning, enabling parents and caregivers to create their own "hard packs" to supplement resources provided by the school.





New students – If you have a younger child due to start at Otari this year or 2023, please would you send an email to Jillian (office@otari.school.nz) with their name and date of birth, so our enrolment list can be updated. If you have already notified us, then no need to do it again.

CodeClub will be running again this year with additional COVID restrictions starting from next Monday 21st February. CodeClub is open to children from across the school Year 4 and up and will be held in Kererū classroom Monday afternoons from 3.10-4.10pm. Due to the uncertainties of COVID we may have to cancel CodeClub at very short notice if there are no teachers and/or volunteers to run it, so it is really important that you fill in the attached form if you would like your child to attend. Given that CodeClub is only for children Year 4 and above, children who attend CodeClub are expected to wear a mask even if they do not wear a mask in their classrooms. CodeClub is free but a gold coin koha is much appreciated. If you have any questions please email sacha@otari.school.nz. If you would like your child to attend CodeClub please follow this link:



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13KWfwtS0aZ8xJIZtt_Rr1ENMmkrijAeJqWMpX-C67Mkk/edit?ts=6209c66b



Silent Auction \$500 Interislander Voucher - Interislander kindly donated a \$500 travel voucher* to auction/raffle at the school fair. Now there's no fair, but we still have a voucher, so hence the Silent Auction. Voucher will go to the highest bidder - all money received goes to Otari School. Starting price: \$50 - send your bid amount to kylaorr1@gmail.com. Bidding closes Tuesday 1 March 2022, 5pm. *The voucher does have some terms & conditions: Bookings and travel must be completed by 15

December 2022 and travel not valid between 14-19 April 2022. Voucher must be redeemed *in one booking and any amount not redeemed in that booking will be lost.*

Immunisations Yr 7/8 – Please ensure forms are completed and returned as soon as possible (even if you do not wish for your child to be immunised).



Taonga Horomata/Virtues



Since it was Valentine's Day yesterday here are some quotes about love/Aroha:

Mā te ngākau aroha koe e ārahi - Let a loving heart guide your decisions

Love doesn't make the world go 'round, love is what makes the ride worthwhile
(Franklin P. Jones)

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2022 Term Dates

Term 1: Tues 1 Feb – Wed 13 Apr

Term 2: Mon 2 May – Fri 8 Jul

Term 3: Mon 25 Jul – Fri 30 Sept

Term 4: Mon 17 Oct – Wed 14 Dec

Teacher Only Days: 14 Apr, Fri 3 June, Fri 19 Aug

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Drama Club - We run fun weekly drama classes to help your child express themselves creatively as well as learning some valuable performance skills along the way. Our drama classes work alongside the Trinity College London syllabus. Classes are based in

Karori. Email admin@dramaclub.co.nz or check out our website - www.dramaclub.co.nz to trial a couple of our classes to see if they are a fit for your child.



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