

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

1 March 2022

Week 5, Term 1

Kia ora koutou



Nau mai haere mai! - We welcome the Johansson whānau to our school and their three children, Naylah, Demetrius and Eden. We hope you have a great first week.

Birthday's this week - Happy Birthday - Ra whanau ki a koe.... Ashley, Violet, Penelope, Tycho and Isaac.



Edge App - If you haven't already done so please download the Edge App. It is going to become a core means of communicating to parents and caregivers. If you didn't get the notification yesterday that was likely my fault for not ticking the right box. Hopefully rectified today!

Covid-19 Update: At the time of writing this email we have one confirmed case of Covid-19 at Otari School. There are a few children awaiting test results and self isolating.



Nits – There is an outbreak of nits across the school. Please ensure you check and treat your child's head.

Otari School Strategic Plan - The Otari School Strategic Plan, containing our annual plan, will be on our school website tomorrow. I will be sending this to the Ministry of Education within the fortnight. Please send any feedback or questions related to the plan to me.



The Strategic Plan provides the strategic direction and priorities the board is pursuing. It is being revised this year and there will be further consultation in relation to this.



Taonga Horomata/Virtues: Trust - Whakawhirinaki

“Trust starts with truth and ends with truth” (Santosh Kalwar)

Wisdom from the Māori World:

Tangata ako ana i te kāenga, te tūranga ki te marae, tau ana
A person nurtured in the community contributes strongly to society



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



OTARI AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Now accepting new enrolments
Onsite care until 5.30pm
with our enthusiastic team of kaimahi,
under the leadership of
Whaea Katrina

Fee Structure - Per term and subject to change

Children	5 Days	4 Days	3 Days	2 Days	1 Day
1	\$675	\$600	\$450	\$300	\$150
2	\$1050	\$895	\$735	\$600	\$300
3	\$1425	\$1212	\$1000	\$900	\$450

email otariafterschoolcare@gmail.com for more
information

Biodiversity and Childhood Health Study

Researchers at Massey University are studying how the natural environment affects health in **children**. The aim of the study is to find out if exposure to greater plant biodiversity may protect against several health conditions including, asthma and allergies.

If your child is **6-11 years old**, the research team would be grateful if you would consider taking part. For this study all children are invited to take part - including those who do and those who do not have asthma and allergies.

The study involves completing a questionnaire and your child taking part in a breathing and an allergy test. A smaller number of selected participants will be invited to take part in a second phase of the study, which would involve some further health tests. Considering the current COVID situation, we are happy to delay any face-to-face visits to a more convenient time in the future.

To take part in the research, please contact the study team by text (text **YES**, your name, and your child's name and school to: **021 819 745**), or **return the consent forms** in the invitation pack, which will be given to your child.

If you, or anyone you know would like any further information about the study please click this [link](#), or contact the research team:

Email: asthma@massey.ac.nz, **Phone:** 0508 ASTHMA (278 462), **Text (SMS):** 021 819 745



Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Montessori at Otari Preschool is having an Open Day this Saturday 5th March 10am – 12 noon. The Preschool offers quality early childhood education for children between the ages of 2½ and 6 years, based on the Montessori Philosophy. Invite family and friends to come along and find out more about Montessori, see a class in action and meet the teachers. For more information phone 475 9688 or wcmp@xtra.co.nz.

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