

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

3 May 2022

Week 1, Term 2

Kia ora Koutou

Nau mai haere mai ki te wāhanga tuarua o te tau!

It was heartening to welcome everyone back to school and to enjoy time together as a whole kura yesterday at our first whole school hui of the term.



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

Rina Burgess (Kākano)
Athena Tovo Fifita (Kākano)
Kahurangi Milner (Kōwhai)

Maurice Britton (Pōhutukawa)
Emmett Howden (Pōhutukawa)

Assembly - Our hui messages were as follows:

- New students were introduced from Kākano, Pōhutukawa and Kōwhai.
- We sang happy birthday to Evan, Joshua and Adam, all who celebrate/celebrated birthdays this week (Sunday to Sunday).
- Parekohai has washed all the lost property clothes in the holidays and will be putting them out for people to collect. She reminded ngā tamariki to look carefully for their items.
- Johanne introduced all the student librarians and encouraged everyone to come to the library and choose books. The shelves are very full and Hilary and Johanne want to know what books children really like reading.
- Matua Clifford talked about our taonga horomata for the term, emphasising *enthusiasm/Kai ngakau*.
- Matua Clifford talked to the children about mask wearing and the Ministry of Education's directives in relation to this, under the Orange setting (encouraged but not mandated.)



Covid-19 - The school currently has 0 cases of Covid-19. This does not mean we are complacent about the possibility of more cases. Masks are encouraged and we are still vigilant about our hygiene protocols.

RAT Tests - We current have a significant surplus of RAT tests. If you would like an emergency test or two, please pop into the office and get one.

Gatherings - Correction to plan - When I was working on the updated plan under Orange I didn't fully update the gathering information correctly. This means the information about assemblies under "Groups within Schools" is contradicted by information in the "Regular School Events" section. I endeavour to reflect the Ministry of Education updates, however in this case I confused information that pertained to non-curriculum related events with information for curriculum related events. Assembly is a curriculum related event therefore the following should have been written under "Regular School Events."

- Large group gatherings can be held, outdoors or indoors.
- Indoor spaces should be well ventilated.
- Recommended capacity limit is applied if each person is 1 metre apart, **for non-curriculum related events.**
- Other curriculum related performances and events can take place, such as assemblies, in well ventilated spaces.
- Powhiri can take place, with health protocols and capacity limits applied.

I am requesting students in year 5 to 8 wear masks to assemblies. We are going to have a well ventilated hall so ensure children are warmly dressed on the colder mornings!

PINK SHIRT DAY! Friday 20 May. Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

Pink Shirt Day is funded by donations. By donating to Pink Shirt Day, you're supporting the Mental Health Foundation to reduce bullying; through raising awareness about bullying prevention, funding education workshops and supplying thousands of free resources that promote inclusive workplaces, schools and communities. Please encourage your child to wear a pink shirt on this day and if you wish to donate, please do so through a gold coin or cash contribution. We will have a pink container in the office area for this.



Birthdays this week - Happy Birthday - Rā whānau ki a koe.... Evan Charles, Adam Smith and Joshua Dickson.

School Cross Country is on Wednesday 18 May, from 12.30pm and will run around the school and local streets. All whānau are welcome to attend.



Absences - A reminder that if you are sending an email regarding an absence to please email the office (office@otari.school.nz) as well as the teachers as they often do not see emails until later in the day. Absences can also be made via the Edge app.

Yummy Stickers – Please continue to collect Yummy stickers from fruit (and cut out labels from plastic bags). Every sticker earns free sports equipment for the school.



Taonga Horomata - This term our context is *communicating with others*. We are looking at virtues that help the way we communicate our thoughts, feelings and attitudes. This week we focus on Enthusiasm/Kai ngākau...

“Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hopes shine to the stars. Enthusiasm is the sparkle in your eyes, the swing in your gait. The grip of your hand, the irresistible surge of will and energy to execute your ideas.” Henry Ford

Kai ngā kau (enthusiasm) is needed for whakaoho (motivation) -
Mauri tū, mauri ora - (An active soul is a healthy soul)



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Yr 8 Immunisations	Yr 8s	Thurs 5 May	
Parent Info Meeting	Ngaio Class whānau	Tues 10 May	
School Cross Country	Everyone	Wed 18 May	
Pink Shirt Day	Everyone	Fri 20 May	
Parent Interviews		Mon 30 May – Wed 1 June	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
 Clifford

2022 Term Dates

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: Fri 3 June, Fri 19 Aug



FOOTBALL SKILLS TERM 2! Kelly Sports are back in term 2. Held in the "Green Room", Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Ian Galloway Park, Wilton. **FRIDAY'S 3.30pm-4.30pm.** Aimed for beginners or those just wanting to have fun, an 8 week football skills programme covering both individual and team skills including: **Game rules, Ball control, Dribbling, Passing, Tackling, Defence, Team work, Goalkeeping, practice and warm up drills.** It is ideal to improve skills and confidence and have as much fun as possible!! Starts Week 2 of term 2 – Friday 13 May 2022. To Book go to www.kellysports.co.nz

Blue Dragon Book Fair at Ngaio Town Hall. Saturday 28 May 9am to 4pm AND Sunday 29 May 9am to 2pm.

Please come and buy books, puzzles/games, DVDs and CDs. Children's books are \$1 each. Other books are \$3 (and \$2 each, after the first five books purchased). We have a huge number of top quality books and other items. Come and buy for yourself or for others. **All**

proceeds will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. This includes street kids, children with disabilities, children from rural families living in extreme poverty, and victims of human trafficking and slavery. Last year we raised \$18,000 – we hope to do at least as well this year.

If you have good quality books to donate, please be in touch. We are particularly happy to have more children's books. Dinah Dobson, trustee (027 686 4554) Blue Dragon New Zealand, www.bluedragonnz.wordpress.com.



Want to find out more about scouting? We have an exciting new programme this year with new leaders, so If you are looking for something new join us as a Kea (age 5-7), Cub (age 8-10) or Scout (age 11-14). Check us out at www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts or email Northland.Scouts@gmail.com for more information.

SAMUEL MARSDEN COLLEGIATE SCHOOL - YEAR 9 ENTRY IN 2023

Upcoming events

Open Day: Sunday 15 May 2022, 2-4pm

Year 9 Information Webinar: Wednesday 1 June, 7pm

Experience Year 9: Wednesday 22 June, 8.30am - 3.30pm

Please register for the above events at <https://www.marsden.school.nz/about/experience-marsden/>

Scholarships

Applications for Year 9 Academic, Cultural or Sporting Excellence and Marsden Old Girl Scholarships close on 19 May. Exam date 28 May. Year 9 Māori & Pasifika Scholarship applications close on 12 August. Please apply online at <https://www.marsden.school.nz/about/scholarships/>

Enrolments

Enrolments for entry in 2023 are due on Friday 8 July. Please apply online at <https://www.marsden.school.nz/about/enrolments/>

If you have any questions, or you'd like to arrange a personal tour or a day in class for your daughter, please contact Enrolment Registrar Leigh McCathie on 476 8707 or leigh.mccathie@marsden.school.nz

SPOIL MUM ON MOTHER'S DAY

Order ezlunch for delivery between
2nd - 6th May 2022 and go in the
draw to win a flower bouquet!



*T&C's apply. Flowers may vary from image shown.