

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

9 May 2022

Week 2, Term 2

Kia ora koutou



Winter Approaches - Covid-19 has been central to our health and safety practices over the past two years. As the cooler weather approaches it is also important to be mindful of the ways winter can impact on our health. This means ensuring our tamariki are warm and dry, wearing the appropriate clothing for the season. A particular aspect of this is sturdy footwear that is as slip resistant as possible. While we are on the subject of footwear, our junior teachers appreciate the children having footwear they are able to manage as independently as possible.

Covid-19 - The school currently has 0 cases of Covid-19 and no children are isolating at home.



Birthdays this week - Happy Birthday - Rā whānau ki a koe.... Tully Hannah.

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.



CodeClub - The Otari School Code Club will be starting back again next week. This is a volunteer run coding/digital club held Mondays 3.10-4.10pm in Kererū classroom. All children Y4-8 are welcome to join. If your tamariki is interested in joining please email sacha@otari.school.nz.

Compost Grant – The City Council has granted the school a trailer load of compost! Help Needed! Can you collect the compost from Southern Landfill or can you provide a trailer? Please contact Deborah (deborah@otari.school.nz) if you can help.



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.

OTARI SCHOOL ENROLMENT JUNE 2022 – JULY 2023

Places in MONTESSORI Years 1, 5, 6, 7, 8

Places in MĀORI IMMERSION – New Entrants/Year 1



Otari School Board of Trustees is limited in the number of places it is able to offer students as a consequence of operating an enrolment scheme, details of which are available at the school office.

The Board has determined that there are limited spaces available as follows:

- For the **Montessori Strand**, out of zone students who **turn 5 between 1 July 2022 - 1 July 2023 and any students who wish to attend Montessori in years 5, 6, 7 or 8 this year or at the start of 2023.**

- For the special programme (**Māori Immersion**) for out of zone students who **turn 5 between 1 June 2022 - 1 June 2023.**

For students seeking enrolment within this period the deadline for receipt of applications is **Thursday 2 June**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of applications by Thursday 9 June.

If the number of out of zone applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot following the Ministry of Education defined priority order. If a ballot for out of zone places is required it will be held on Tuesday 7 June. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three days of it being held.

Closing date for enrolment application: **2 June** Ballot date: 7 June Applicants notified: 9 June

Application forms are available from Otari School Office: phone 475-3018 or email office@otari.school.nz.

Clifford Wicks, Principal

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 Courtesy/Whakaaro atawhai.

Courtesy is not an old fashioned virtue. Polite, well mannered children are always appreciated. We remind children of this whenever we visit places. Being courteous extends to our families and friends as well and a little of it can go a long way. I tell children it can be like a magic key, as the quote below illustrates.

“All doors open to courtesy”. Thomas Fuller

When we look at a virtue we sometimes discuss what it looks, feels or sounds like. Whakaaro atawhai can sound like:

Ngā mihi - Thank you

Ngā mihi nui - Thank you very much

Ngā mihi maioha - Thank you with appreciation

Aroha mai - Sorry, I'm sorry, my apologies

Kei te pēhea koe? - How are you? (one person)

Kei to pēhea kōrua? - How are you? (two people)

Kei to pēhea koutou? - How are you? (three or more people)

Kei te pai - I'm well

Kei te tino pai - I'm very well





| Activity | Who's Involved | Date & Time | Cost |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------|
| 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. A reminder that our next **Teacher Only Day is on Friday 3 June.**

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



Aikido for juniors. Aikido is a martial art with a difference, its focus being on defence rather than attack: a non-violent, defensive art. Aikido is renowned for its benefits for self-control, co-ordination and posture, and like all martial arts promotes confidence and provides fun, fitness and friendship. We are seeking more juniors students: being very safety-conscious we stopped training during last year's restrictions, and in Term 1 2022, and are building up our lively classes. We are a not-for-profit organisation teaching the art of aikido, based in Kaiwharawhara, in our 28th year. Classes Monday (Kids, around 6+ to 12 years) and Wednesday (Teens) 5:30pm during school terms, \$80 per term. Older teens can join in our adults classes. City Dojo, 132 Hutt Rd, Kaiwharawhara, Wellington, directly above Animates pet shop. Turn up and give it a try - first 3 lessons free. Parents, we have beginner classes at 6:30pm for you too. Contact Conrad at conrad@aikido.org.nz or 021 843 467, or visit www.aikido.org.nz.

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.