

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

27 September 2022

Week 10, Term 3



Queen Elizabeth

I hope everyone enjoyed the longer weekend with its special public holiday in remembrance of Queen Elizabeth. A particular highlight over the weekend was seeing our Whenu Māori tamariki perform their kapa haka. It was great being able to celebrate kapa haka in this format again. A performance such as we were treated to on Saturday does not happen without the dedication, encouragement and hard mahi of tutors and kaiako, and most especially without the commitment of the tamariki themselves. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou mo tō koutou mahi kapa haka tino ātaahua!

Farewell to two staff members - This week we farewell Kanae Tsuji and Catherine Rees. Kanae has been the Montessori Teaching Assistant for 3.5 years, benefitting the tamariki with her expertise and valuable support. Her enthusiasm and cheerful nature will be missed by them all. Thank you Kanae, for blessing Pōhutukawa and the Montessori strand with your care and commitment.



Catherine has worked with a number of students throughout her time at Otari School in her role as a learning support teaching assistant. She has delivered the learning support these students need with patience and care, meeting their needs and liaising effectively with their teachers and Susan. Thank you Catherine - we have appreciated your many skills and your positive and friendly presence.

We wish both Kanae and Catherine all the very best in their future endeavours.



Day of Play – The 'Day of Play' is being enjoyed by everyone; we couldn't have hoped for a better day! The co-operation, inter-strand interactions, creativity and problem solving that goes on is most valuable as are the observations that teachers make during the day.

Junior Swimming: Next term, Year 0-4 children will be participating in 6 weeks of swimming lessons on Friday mornings at Khandallah School swimming pool. Lessons will start in week 3, as the Khandallah Pool will be closed for renovations during the first two weeks of term. The school is subsidising the cost of the bus, so the cost for each child will be **\$30** (\$5.00 per lesson). The lessons are being provided by EasySwim. **Please complete the following link which, will help Easyswim to establish the swimming ability of your child:** <https://www.easyswim.co.nz/school-lessons-survey>



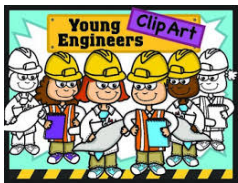
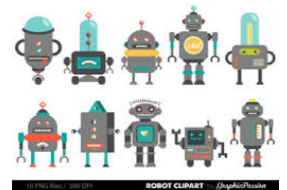
Further information will be provided next term but parent help will be needed, particularly for the younger classes.



Marine Education Programme: Next term Year 5-8 children will be participating in the exciting Mountain to Sea marine education programme. Children will be learning about marine biodiversity, human impacts and the importance of marine reserves for the conservation of our oceans. As part of this, children will have an opportunity to experience marine environments first-hand through two snorkelling field trips, leading to a better understanding of marine conservation issues in their local area and fostering kaitiakitanga (guardianship).

Children will also have a snorkelling training session at a pool prior to the snorkelling field trips. The majority of the costs involved with this programme will be covered by grants and the school will contribute \$1000 towards the costs. The senior children will also be doing some fundraising early next term. It is expected that the cost per child for will be \$20-26. Further information will be provided next term but parent help will be needed for the two snorkelling field trips which will be 14/15th November and 24/25th November.

Genesis Grant - Otari School has been successful in a grant application from Genesis School-gen Trust for the "Coding & Robotics – Coding Explorers" equipment package. The school will receive 9 x LEGO® Education Spike Prime Core Sets which will be used to support the teaching of STEM in the senior classes.



EPro8 - This year Otari will be running our own EPro8 Event, where interested Year 5 to 8 tamariki work in teams to master engineering challenges. We will run activities across two days to meet the range of skill levels, with selected students competing in a two hour event on Friday 21 October. The winning Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 teams will be invited to compete in an inter school competition.

Netball - Congratulations to all participants in Otari netball teams this season. Big thanks to all the parents who supported the teams especially to the managers and coaches – Sarah Bryant, Paula Mato, Nime Burgess, Lara Charles, Naomi Cottier and Rhiannon Newcombe. We couldn't do it without such wonderful parent support! Congratulations also to the participants in the Year 1 and 2 tournament and to the whānau who supported this fun event.



Patrol Training – Permission letters will be coming home this week for Yr 5 students regarding patrol training. Please look out for it.

Birthdays: Happy birthday, this week, to Anahera, Fletcher and Hannah. Rā whānau ki a koe! Holiday Birthdays include Albert, Anneliese, Archie, Caitlin, Dhiya, Emmett, Hazel, Lucy, Olicia and Pirirangi. We hope you all have a great day.



Yummy Fruit Stickers – Last chance for this year's collection. Please send any stickers/labels to the school office tomorrow.



Taonga Horomata: Excellence - Tino pai rawa

We saw excellence in action on Saturday at the kapa haka festival. From the virtues project card: *“Excellence is giving our best to any task we do and any relationship we have. Within us are many possibilities. Excellence hones our talents and turns them into gifts for the world.”*



“When love and skill work together - expect a masterpiece.” John Ruskin



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
EPro8 Challenge	Selected students	Fri 21 Oct	
Yr 8 Immunisations	Yr 8s	Wed 2 Nov	
Junior Swimming	Juniors	Fri 2 Nov – 9 Dec	\$30
Marine Education	Seniors	14/15 Nov 24/25 Nov	TBC
Yr 8 Dinner	Yr 8s	Wed 30 Dec	TBC
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7/8s & Whānau	Thurs 8 Dec	
Yr 8 Outing	Yrs 8s	Fri 9 Dec	TBC

Kia pai tō koutou wiki. Have a great week, everyone. A reminder that the term finishes on Friday at 2.55pm. We re-start on Monday 17 October and have a **Teacher Only day on Tuesday 25 October.**

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2022 Term Dates
 Term 4: Mon 17 Oct – Wed 14 Dec 12 noon
Labour Weekend: Mon 24 Oct
Teacher Only Day: Tues 25 Oct



FREE ENTRY

01 OCT till 16 OCT

NZ KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

1ST 2ND 3RD LONGEST SNAPPER
1ST 2ND 3RD LONGEST KAHAWAI



SPRING 2022 HOLIDAY COURSES

Kids Creativity Art Classes | Karori Arts and Crafts Centre

WEEK 1 | 4 Day Creativity Courses

School Years 4 - 6 | 9am - 12pm | \$180 - 3 hours Per Day | Monday - Thursday

School Years 7 - 8 | 1pm - 5pm | \$240 - 4 hours Per Day | Monday - Thursday

All art materials included

WEEK 2 | 4 x One Day Creativity Courses | \$100 | 9am - 5pm

MONDAY: Portrait Illustration Workshop | School Years 7 - 8

TUESDAY: Science Art Workshop | School Years 4 - 8

THURSDAY: Watercolour and Acrylic Basics | School Years 4 - 8

FRIDAY: Parent and Child Creativity Workshop

Family Crest/Logo | School Years 3 - 8

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