

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

13 December 2022

Week 9, Term 4

Reminder: Term finishes tomorrow at 12noon

Kia ora koutou

Thank you Montessori Parents - Our Montessori classes have had to move all their furniture into the hall in preparation for refurbishment during term 1. Thank you to all those who helped Deborah and Paula shift their furniture on Sunday. It is a big job and would not have been possible without your help.



Teacher Only Day: Monday 24 April - The Ministry of Education has decided to provide two teacher only days during 2023. This time they are not allowing schools to have a lot of choice, only providing a two week time frame in which to choose the day. The first time frame is a two week period from the start of term 2. (The other one is yet to be decided.) It would therefore make sense, with term 2 starting on Monday 24 April to choose this day as a teacher only day, since Anzac day follows. Therefore the term 1 holidays will be extended by two days (24th and 25th April) with the 24th being a teacher only day focussed on curriculum development.

Powhiri - We will be having a pōwhiri to welcome all new Ōtari whānau at 9am on 1 February 2023. This pōwhiri is for any children who may be starting in 2023. All parents are welcome to attend this.



Birthdays: Happy birthday this week to Alaia, Alyssa, Ataaria, Demetrius and Paige. Rā whānau ki a koe! We hope you all have a great day. Best wishes to our other December birthdays: Anthony, Eleanor, Mia, Tamati and Zoe. If your birthday is in January, enjoy the day and be happy you are on holiday!

Covid - Currently we have 5 known cases of Covid in the school. 2 in Ngaio, 1 in Kāikomako, 1 in Tuī and 2 staff members.



Payment

Payments - There is quite a number of unpaid activity fees (i.e technology, Mountain to Sea, Swimming etc). We would appreciate payment of these as soon as possible.

Stationery for next year can be order from OfficeMax <https://www.myschool.co.nz/>.



A Good Year - There is only half a day to go until we finish for the year. It has been a challenging but very satisfying and successful year. The challenges have been due to the lack of relievers, during a year of high students and staff absences due to covid. (We seem to be entering round two with a few staff and students away today.) However, despite the challenges we maintained learning programmes, provided a lot of very engaging extra-curricular experiences and did not once need to double classes. While not a long term sustainable solution, it also didn't hurt the principal to experience a few days of being the reliever!

We are finishing the year in a good place, with most of our annual goals achieved, including our learning achievement goals with pleasing academic results throughout the year that reflect learning has been maintained, despite interruptions. We have a stable staff and Board, prepared for 2023.

Thank you all for the many ways you have supported us and contributed to our community throughout the year.

Next year our curriculum priorities will include:

- A whole school genre based approach to lifting writing achievement (we will be providing information about this for parents as we teach each genre)
- Field based science experiences for all strands
- Structured Literacy professional development
- Further pāngarau professional development
- Deeper implementation of the Aotearoa, NZ Histories/Te Tangata o Te Wā.

The Board will be preparing a new 3 to 5 year Strategic Plan and this will involve a range of opportunities for consultation feedback that can help inform the eventual plan.

All in all we have much to be thankful for this year and lots to look forward to. We will see you all back here on 1 February 2023.

Until then, Ngā mihi o te kirihimete me te tau hou!
Clifford

2023 Term Dates

Term Dates		Public Holidays
Wed 1 Feb	Thurs 6 Apr	Waitangi Day: Mon 6 Feb
Wed 26 Apr	Fri 30 June	TOD: Mon 24 Apr Anzac Day: Tues 25 Apr King's Birthday: Mon 5 June
Mon 17 Jul	Fri 22 Sept	
Mon 9 Oct	Wed 15 Dec	Labour Weekend: Mon 24 Oct

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January 2023 Holiday Programme - Northland Kidz Club. We'll be having a Puppet Workshop, treasure & scavenger hunts, a Wheels Day, a Music Day, and creating more unique art. We'll be going to lots of play areas, exploring Tinakori/Te Ahu Mairangi Hill, splashing in the Albemarle Stream and doing the Kids Garden Trail at the Botanic Gardens. Our favourite Time Cinema will be putting together another selection of early films and cartoons, which we'll see after stopping at Lyaal Bay Beach for morning tea. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards, \$20), 8.30am to 6 pm each day. For details, check our website (www.nkc.org.nz) or contact Jan on cell phone (022-140-2612), e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).

Are you interested in hosting a young leader from the Philippines? UnionAID is seeking hosts for its Young Leaders Programme funded by MFAT. Participants are professionals in their mid to late 20s, working on important projects that support their local communities. They will be here from mid-April till late June, studying at Victoria University and visiting organisations relevant to their field of work. There will be another cohort arriving in September. Hosts will receive \$290 weekly. To register interest or for more information go to UnionAID's website or contact Gracielli on 027 954 2299/ gracielli.ghizzi-hall@unionaid.org.nz.

Racketlon Holiday Programme - Once again Tawa Tennis, Tawa Squash and Wellington North Badminton are running the Racketlon holiday programme these school holidays. Players rotate around each sport spending 1.5 hours at each club. Qualified coaches will take each session. Please note holiday programme is for age 6 years and older. Tuesday 24 and Thursday 26 January 2023, 9am - 3pm. Cost per day: \$50 a day or \$90 for both days. Registrations: <https://bit.ly/3WOETy6>. For more information contact Babette at babette@wnba.org.nz



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We are conducting a survey of parents of primary-aged children (aged 5-11), to learn more about their feelings, behaviours, challenges and access to psychological assessment and treatment.

Even if your child has never needed psychological treatment, we would love to hear from you! We need to understand the experiences of many children in NZ, both those experiencing challenges and those who are not.

Your answers will help us to design better support for children in the future. The survey should take less than 15 minutes to complete.

For more information or to complete survey, please click the following link or scan the QR code:

https://aut.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Lewvlae6Ms17wy



Ngā mihi,

Amy Kercher, Liesje Donkin, Seona Beattie, Sonja Goedeke & Charmaine Bright at AUT

Be in to Win an awesome Christmas Hamper and support our Preschool!



First prize Hamper includes:

- Absolute Bliss in Marsden - massage voucher for you to relax
- NZ made kids book - will keep the kids entertained
- Munro merino socks - a fun colourful pair
- Antipodes hand cream
- 2x tickets to Penthouse Cinema
- 2x nights accomodation for two adults in a luxury seaside B&B in New Plymouth
- Voucher for 1 primary school aged child to Drama Club Karori for one term
- Unicorn lip gloss pack
- Large felt pot plant holder
- Various gourmet treats



A consolation **second prize** is a **Box of gourmet treats!**

Tickets available until Tuesday, **13 December**, at the following prices:

- 1 ticket - \$4
- 2 tickers - \$10
- 5 tickets - \$15

Raffle drawn on Wednesday 14 December - just in time for Christmas!

