

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

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Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Otari

Today I met with year 5 to 8 children to talk to them about the way some of them are behaving and speaking on the playground when they are involved in games and activities. I reiterated our expectations in relation to this. Swearing, verbal or physical abuse and bad tempered outbursts are not going to be tolerated. We talked about how we deal with losing a game, not agreeing with the rules or feeling annoyed or unhappy about the way a game is going. We discussed strategies to employ when these feelings occur. We also talked about how our commitment to each of our strand values and our school wide values means within our strands and as a whole school we should all be able to play together, solve issues together and do our best to get along. I want the children to think about how to

- help reduce conflict situations
- avoid being passive bystanders when intervention is needed
- manage their emotions when playing games
- use building up language - (not put downs or swear words)

Teachers/kaiako will be reinforcing these messages with all children. I will also be having a few follow up sessions next term, focussing mainly on our senior boys with the view to unpacking some of this further and hopefully equipping them to have more successful interactions, enjoyable play and even better peer relationships.

Drains - Recently a number of parents commented to Jillian about the flooding that occurs when there is heavy rain. Unfortunately there is nothing we can do about this flooding without the school undertaking major work. The drains are not blocked, they are just too narrow for the amount of rain that sometimes occurs. The "flood" soon disappears when the rain ceases. On these days, walking to a classroom, using an alternative route and using the steps outside the Original strand would be best.

Wellington Regional Kapa Haka Competition is being held on 26 October at the Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua. If parents wish to take their children, tickets can be purchased from Ticket Direct or there will be door sales. We are looking at live streaming the performance in our school hall via our school FaceBook page. Times will be confirmed closer to the day.

Calendars - Last chance for calendars orders; send to the office by Thursday. Payment to be made to the school account.

Code Club - There will be no Code Club on the first Monday of next term as the Code Club teachers and volunteers will be using this time to plan. We look forward to seeing you when we start again on Monday 22 October.

Te Taonga Horomata: Pūmau, Ngākau Pōno. Virtue: Loyalty

We stand by our true friends whatever the cost. We don't allow blind loyalty to lead us into trouble. Above all, we must be true to ourselves and loyal to what we know is right.

'A true friendship is one in which everything can be told and nothing will be judged.'

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
MultiSport Day, ASB Centre	Orig/Mont Yr 4-8	Wed 26 Sept	\$5
Tōtara Sleepover	Tōtara	Thurs 27 Sept	

Thank you Te Kura o Otari Whānau for all your support throughout this busy, event filled term. I wish the children and staff a relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15 October. A reminder that the term finish on Friday at 2.55pm.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

Community Notices: (Please note: Notices are sent to us. They are not an endorsement)

Onslow Cricket Club is having a junior girls come and try day at Onslow College Indoor Centre on Sunday 30 Sept from 11-2.30pm. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1631741656930693/?ti=ia>

GirlGuiding for girls 5-9 years - Do you want your daughter to have fun trying new things, making new friends, learning leadership skills, having fun outdoors and much more? We have spaces available in our local group for Pippins and Brownies. We meet on Wednesdays in Wadestown from 5:30 until 7pm. Email Inge at wadestownbrownie@gmail.com for more information.

Karori Amateur Athletics Club, Ben Burn Park, Wednesdays 6pm. Season starts 24th October & runs for 2 terms. Do you know a child who loves to run, jump, throw? The Karori Athletics Club provides a fun environment with a mixture of games for ages 6 & under and track & field athletics for children from 7-15 years old. The Club meets weekly at Ben Burn Park in Karori on Wednesday nights (6.00pm-7.30pm) over the summer from October to March. For more information including details on online registration, visit the website: www.karoriathletics.org.nz

Free screenings of Moana Reo Māori - Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision, 84 Taranaki Street. 10.30am Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday, 3rd, Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th October. Also at 6pm on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th and on Saturday 13th at 4.30pm. More information: <https://www.ngataonga.org.nz/events/moana-reo-maori>. Screenings are free, to reserve your seat(s) you can book here: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/moana-reo-m-ori/wellington/tickets>

Aladdin - Pantaloons present their hilarious version of Aladdin at BATS Theatre. Oct 9-12, 10am & 11.45am. Tickets only \$12 from www.bats.co.nz

Spotlight Performing Arts - Does your child love to sing, dance and act? Dance, Drama and Singing for students aged 4-16 yrs old. Led by London West End performer Sherene Clarke. Now taking bookings for term 4. www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz.