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Kia ora koutou

It is great to have everyone back where they belong and everything back in its rightful place! Tōtara and Kererū teachers have been very busy setting up their classrooms, the children are enjoying their new spaces and the after school crew are happy to be back in the hall, which is also now all set up for its usual functions. We held our whole school Monday hui in the hall this week after many months of using other spaces.



Singing performance and workshop from former student - Ben Reason is an ex-student from the Montessori classes who left our school for Onslow College in 2008. He was in our school choir for most of his time here and went on to Onslow College where his singing talents were significantly developed. Pursuing a possible career in opera, Ben was fortunate enough to gain a scholarship to study music at the Guild Hall in London. He has returned to New Zealand for a short while and has offered to come and sing for our year 5 to 8 students and share some of his expertise with those interested in a workshop. Ben will be performing at 1pm on Monday 26 August. The school will be providing a koha for Ben and paying for his accompanist from our music budget, therefore there is no cost.

Hikoi Reo Māori - Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - The entire school is going to go on the march celebrating Te Reo Māori and Māori Language Week which starts on Monday 9 September. It is on this date we will be walking from parliament to civic square in celebration of Te Reo Māori. We are also showing our support for our Māori Immersion strand and the continuing journey our kura is on as we seek to further our own usage and understanding. We will be leaving school in buses at 11am and starting the hikoi at 12pm. The theme will be '**Kia Kaha te Reo Māori**' - '**Let's make the Māori language strong**'. All are welcome to come and join us at any stage!



Year 5/6 Mathswell - Well done to George Fullelove, Jordan Lee, Max Biddington, Joe Muroya-Browne, Jasper Tuckey and Abilio Fernandes, who did a great job representing Otari School at the Year 5/6 Mathswell competition last Wednesday night. Thank you also to Charlotte Wallace who was the reserve for the team.

Western Zone Netball – Thanks to the whānau who came and supported our netball teams, especially to Philippa Clements. It was a great day!

Bake Sale - The Otari Emeralds Netball team are having a bake sale on Friday. Please bring some gold coins.



Te Taonga Horomata: Pūmau. Virtue: Steadfastness

Steadfastness is being steady, persevering and dependable. We remain true to our purpose through whatever happens. Steadfastness grows whenever we rise to a challenge. It bolsters our will to keep going when life tests our resolve. We choose a direction, then keep a steady pace.



'As long as you've done your best, making mistakes doesn't matter. You and I are human; we will mess up. What counts is learning from your mistakes and getting back up when life has knocked you down.'
Shawn Johnson

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Mathswell Yr 7/8	Selected students	Thurs 22 Aug, 6.30pm	
Trip to TKK Ngā Mokopuna	Tūi/Kōwhai	Fri 5 Sept	TBC
Te Reo Māori Language Parade	Whole school	Mon 9 Sept, 11am	
Trip to Wgtn Zoo	Original Strand	Mon 23 Sept	TBC
School Photos	All students	Tues 24 Sept	
Twilight Fair	Everyone	Sat 2 Nov, 3-7pm	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

Information from Metlink

Just over a year ago we made some big changes to the Metlink bus network. We are now checking in with our customers to find out what is working well and what still needs to be fine-tuned. We realise that there are still some issues in some parts of the network, but the more detailed feedback we get from customers, the better we can address those problems.

Our engagement is being organised by city area. We have just completed the engagement for the Eastern suburbs of Wellington city and now have a set of local neighbourhood drop-in workshops for Southern, Western and Northern suburbs. In addition, there are two city centre drop-in workshops that cover all city areas, these are also for Eastern suburbs customers to have another chance to come and have their say.

If you can't make a local session, then you can give feedback through an online survey, just go to [Metlink.org.nz/busreview](https://www.metlink.org.nz/busreview) from Friday 23 August onwards.

WESTERN SUBURBS

Saturday 31 August: Karori Community Centre - Youth Room (7 Beauchamp St, Karori): 11am to 5pm. <https://www.facebook.com/events/404016710245291/>

Sunday 1 September: Leonard Cockayne Centre, Otari Wilton Bush (160 Wilton Road, Wilton): **11am to 5pm.** <https://www.facebook.com/events/493930151437573/>

CITY CENTRE

Sunday 8 September: Thistle Hall Community Centre (cnr Cuba & Arthur Street, Te Aro): **11am to 6pm.** <https://www.facebook.com/events/430418847560104/>

Wednesday 11 September: Victoria University of Wellington School of Business- Mezzanine Floor, (Rutherford House, 33 Bunny Street, Pipitea): **11am to 6.30pm**
<https://www.facebook.com/events/405322393424309/>

To get more information and to sign up for project updates go to: [Metlink.org.nz/busreview](https://www.metlink.org.nz/busreview)

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Art Exhibition - As a fundraising event, Makara Model School is holding an Art Exhibition of students' work on Thursday 29 August at the Community Hall from 3.30pm till 7pm. As well as the work done by the children there will be displays of art contributed by local and Wellington artists. Some of the paintings have been donated outright for sale. Others can be purchased with a commission going to the school. The children's paintings, if not purchased by 6pm will also be available for sale to the general public. There will be a gold coin entry fee with drinks and nibbles available to purchase. There will also be some silent auctions with excellent prizes. It is expected to be a very exciting event and we would love to have your support. **Please note - there will not be any eftpos so please bring cash.**

Junior Softball for ages 5 - 14 - Registration with Johnsonville Junior Softball Club is open on 25 August (via <https://www.sporty.co.nz/jvillesc/>). Subs are \$70 per player with full uniform provided. Further details available on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/jvillescjuniors/> or contact johnsonvillejuniorsoftball@gmail.com or phone Sue 027 276 0644.