

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

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## Kia ora koutou

Welcome to a new student and his whānau: Schalk de Villiers (Tōtara)



We have a number of events to enjoy over the next two weeks. It is a special time of the year in which we can take a few moments to reflect on our challenges and achievements. It is also a time when we appreciate each of our Year 8 leavers and all that they have gained and contributed and wish them well for the future. We look forward to hearing them express what their time at Otari has meant to them as they make their speeches on Friday night.



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**Yr 8 Farewell, this Friday** – Whānau of Yr 7 and 8 students are welcome to attend our event celebrating our Yr 8 students, starting at 6pm in the school hall. All Yr 7/8 students are expected to attend (yr 7s can be dropped off if parents are not attending). Please ensure students are at school by 5.45pm. The event usually lasts about 2 hours. Drinks and ice-creams will be available for purchase between 5.30-6pm - cash only.

**Water Polo Success** – Well done to the Otari team which came 3rd in the Grade B Intermediate Water Polo competition this term. The team comprised of Thomas Mayne, Toby Ulusele, Sam Elton and Angus Currie plus children from Worser Bay, Holy Cross and Kelburn schools.



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**Original Strand whānau** are invited to a shared afternoon tea on Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm.

**Carols** – Everyone is welcome to join the school in singing Christmas carols, next Wednesday (18th), 11.30am in the hall.



**Stationery** – Stationery requirements for 2020 can be found via the front page of our website ([www.otari.school.nz](http://www.otari.school.nz)) or direct at <http://www.myschool.co.nz/>. You can either purchase the items through OfficeMax or print off the lists and purchase elsewhere. If you opt to purchase items elsewhere please ensure items are of good quality – cheap pencils do not last. Ensure books are exactly what the teacher has requested.

**Teacher Aide/Kaiawhina position**, supporting a student in the Immersion Strand, 15-20 hours per week. If you are an energetic and empathetic person and interested in this role, please apply to the office for an application form. If you require more details about the position, please contact Susan at [susan@otari.school.nz](mailto:susan@otari.school.nz). Application forms must be returned to the office by Friday 13 December.

UPCOMING EVENTS	Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
	Yr 8 Outing	Yr 8s	Wed 11 Dec	\$25
	Immunisations <b>Note date change</b>	Selected students	Fri 13 Dec	
	Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7/8s & whānau	Fri 13 Dec, 6pm	
	Yr 8 dinner	Yr 8s	Tues 17 Dec, 6pm	
	Carol Singing	All classes / whānau	Wed 18 Dec 11-12am	
	End of term		Fri 20 Dec	

**Te Taonga Horomata: Aaro-nui. Virtue: Consideration**

*Consideration is giving careful thought to the needs of others. It is also holding a decision in a contemplative and thoughtful way. We mindfully consider what will result from our choices before we act. We speak with gentleness and tact. We care about others and their feelings.*

*Blessed is one, who adds to the happiness of another.' Zoroastrianism Yasht*

Have a great week everyone. A reminder that the terms ends on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> at **12noon**.

Ngā mihi nui  
Clifford

**2020 Term Dates**

Term 1	Mon 3 Feb	Thurs 9 Apr
Term 2	Tues 28 Apr	Fri 3 Jul
Term 3	Mon 20 Jul	Fri 25 Sept
Term 4	Mon 12 Oct	Tues 15 Dec

Easter is in Term 1 Holidays: Fri 10, Mon 13, Tues 14 Apr

Anzac Day: Mon 27 Apr

Queen's Birthday: Mon 1 June (**Teacher Only day on Friday 29 May**)

Labour Weekend: Mon 26 Oct (**Teacher only day on Friday 23 Oct**)



*I'm Molly Elton, a former student at Otari. I'm 15 and I adore kids. I have a flexible schedule and am available for babysitting in the Wilton, Wadestown and Northland area. I have finished school for the year so am available for after*

*school care leading up to Christmas. References are available. Please contact me for more information. Mobile 022 4729916. Home phone 04 973321.*

*You're invited to the impromptu **Christmas Pageant** at St Anne's Church (cnr Northland and Randwick Roads) on Sunday 15 December at 4pm. Come to watch or take part - dressed up as angels, wise men, shepherds or sheep for the performance. Spare costumes will be on hand. Otherwise any Christmassy dress-up welcome. No rehearsal required – just a whole lot of fun! Followed by party food in the hall. Questions to Catherine McIntosh 021 408 179.*

**First ever Makara Model School Twilight Triathlon 4 – 7pm 6 March 2020** - Inviting all children 4 – 12 years old to take part in the first ever Makara School Triathlon. Swim, Bike and Run at our beautiful country school only 7 minutes' drive from Karori Mall. A perfect opportunity for children to experience a Triathlon in a relaxed environment and a great warm up for kids attending the Weet-Bix TRYathlon later in the month! Registration is \$10 per child, with plenty of spot prizes and certificates to hand out. Bikes and helmets available to use; boys and girls change rooms; plenty of parking, and best of all dinner will be taken care of with food for sale (vegetarian, dairy, and gluten-free option available). Last day of registration is February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. To receive event and registration info, email [fundraising@mms.school.nz](mailto:fundraising@mms.school.nz).

**Northern United Junior Hockey Club.** The Northern Suburbs' home of hockey for school years 3-8. Online registrations open February 2020. For more information: [www.nujhc.org.nz](http://www.nujhc.org.nz), [info@nujhc.org.nz](mailto:info@nujhc.org.nz), <https://www.facebook.com/NUJHC>.