



Welcome Nau Mai Haere Mai

Fáilte
欢迎

Maligayang pagdating

Welkom

Willkommen

Добро пожаловать

Afio mai

Malo e lelei

Selamat datang

Bienvenida

Ahlan Wa Sahlan

Velkommen

Salam

Croeso

Youkoso

Mabuhay

Upcoming Dates

February

Wed 15 - Swimming Yr 1-8
6.00 pm Parent meeting & School Picnic

Thurs 16 - School Prayers 9.00am
Mandarin language lessons

Mon 20 - Swimming Yr 1-8

Wed 22 - Swimming Yr 1-8
6.30 pm BOT meeting

Thurs 23 - School Prayers 9.00am
Assembly Rm 2 2.15 pm

Mon 27 - Swimming Yr 1-8

Tues 28 - Whole school pancake
breakfast 8.15 am

WZ cricket tournament 9.15 am

March

Wed 1 - Swimming Yr 1-8
Ash Wednesday liturgy 2 pm

2017 Terms:

Term 1

Wed 1 Feb — Thurs 13 April

Term 2

Mon 1 May — Fri 7 July

Teacher Only Day Tues 6 June

Term 3

Mon 24 July — Fri 29 Sept

Term 4

Mon 16 Oct — Tues 19 Dec

Teacher Only Day Tues 24 Oct

Kia ora te whanau,

Tonight we have our first community event.

Parent Information Meeting and School Picnic

Parent and Students Information Meeting and School Picnic beginning at 6pm in our school hall. The School picnic is a tradition of our school and last year we added a Parent and Students Information Meeting to the beginning of this event.

Within this meeting we will share:

- Overview of our school staff and home learning expectations.
- Our overarching concept for 2017 Care for our Common Home – What are the connections which affect life on our common home?
- The Board of Trustees Draft Strategic Plan for 2017-2021. You will also get the opportunity to meet your Board of Trustee members.
- Our Term 1 focus on Our Family Treasures, Heritage and Ancestry, including the explanation of the opportunities you will have to share your family traditions or cultural practices with our students during week 8-9. We will have a timetable available for you to sign up.

This meeting will be followed by open classrooms allowing your children to share their classroom with you.

To conclude the Parent and Students Information Meeting we will have a school picnic, bring your own picnic, in our school grounds.

Catholic Character

Our second community event is our shared Pancake Breakfast between 8:15am-9:15am on Tuesday the 28th of February. Come along to make and eat a pancake with your family.

Please sign up to help us run this exciting event via the google form found here: <https://goo.gl/forms/GlSkgHuUyoX3xyty2>

Fundraising Opportunity

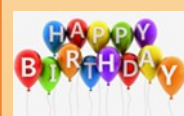
Thank you so much to those who volunteered their time to support our new venture of capitalising on events that are held next door to our school. Unfortunately, due to the lovely weather, most patrons walked or taxied to the polo event and we were not as successful as we had hoped we would be.

Free desks available at school

We have a number of old wooden desks and more modern coloured desks that are ideal for children's bedrooms. We also have some old wooden shelving that could be repurposed and a couple of tables. Please email the office or see Tania Savage after school if you would like to take one of these home.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tania Savage



Ra whanau kia koe....

We celebrate Rian's birthday tomorrow and Jimmy's birthday next Wednesday.

Ngā Rerenga Kōrero — Maori Phrase of the Week

whakatō(kia): to plant I *whakatōkia* ngā tipu e te paruauru.

The seedlings were *planted* by the gardener.

CyberSafety agreement

Thank you to those students who have returned the blue CyberSafety agreement to school. We still have a number of outstanding forms so please discuss this with your children and complete and return the second page to your child's teacher.

Lost property

We currently have a number of items in our lost property baskets, including unnamed swimming goggles. Please have a look and see if these items belong to your child.

Stationery payments

We have a number of outstanding stationery fees so please pop into the office or email Suz if you need another copy of the stationery costs. Also a big thank you to everyone who has paid the EOTC fees so far.

Music lessons

Guitar and Ukulele will soon be available with music tutor Andrew McPartlin. The lessons will be held at school on Wednesdays and the cost is \$10 per session. Guitars will be available for use at the lessons but you must bring your own ukulele. Contact andymcpmusic@outlook.com or 0210323659 for bookings or more information.

Room 2 Aquatics writing

On Wednesday we started school swimming. Some people are learning to swim and others are doing extension classes. Madison is learning about kayaking and Amelia is diving. Madison's favourite part was capsizing and Amelia's favourite part was jumping off the 3 metre diving board. We can't wait for the next class. *By Amelia and Madison*

We have started to do Aquatics every Monday and Wednesday. We all go to Kilbirnie Pool to do activities such as diving, kayaking, flipper ball and swimming lessons. We all have so much fun and we can't wait to go each time. *By Maddy and Helen*

On Mondays and Wednesdays the school will be swimming so make sure you pack your child's togs, towel and goggles on these days. If you have a dryer at home use that to dry them, if not, dry them in the sunniest room of the house.

By Luca



Otari Parish News

Otari Parish Luncheon

The Otari Parish Council invite you to a light luncheon to celebrate Mary-Anne Peetz's retirement. Sunday 19 February 2017 at 11.30 am at the St Thomas More Lounge, 30a Worcester St, Wilton.

World Day of Prayer (from the Philippines)

Place: St Luke's Anglican Parish (cnr. Wadestown Rd & Pitt Street)

Date & Time: Friday 3rd March.

The service will begin in the church at 7.00pm. A cuppa will follow the service.

This year the World Day of Prayer (WDP) service has been prepared by WDP Committee from the Philippines with the theme "Am I being unfair to you?". Come along and join the Catholic Parish of Otari, St Anne @ Ward Northland/Wilton, St Luke's Anglican Parish Wadestown, and the Wadestown Presbyterian Church for the World day of Prayer service in your local area.

Offerings taken up at the WDP will contribute to projects which work with very poor farmers and fisher-folk in the coastal region of the Philippines, the Bible Society, and the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy in New Zealand.

