



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Kia ora koutou

Working Bee - One of the projects that fund raised money is being used for is the creation of a "wild spaces" playground. This Saturday, between 10 am and 2pm a working bee is organised to begin this project. If you are able to help, bring some sturdy gardening gloves & gumboots. If you have anything else you might think useful for clearing away a lot of green waste please bring it along, if not, just muscles and man/woman power will be most appreciated! Even if you can only spare half an hour, every little bit helps.

Library - The library is closed at present due to the computer being replaced. Hopefully it will re-open next week.

Hats - Otari School is a "Sun Safe School". Please ensure that your child has a sun hat this term. Sun hats must be either bucket style or have a full brim. Caps are not acceptable. Children will be asked to play in the shade if they are not wearing a sun hat.

Parent Donations - All children benefit from the money the school receives through parent donations. These donations enable us to fund extra activities and help us resource our education priorities within budget. The budget includes funding to support class trips, camp, end of year activities, swimming lessons for junior children and a few extra teacher and teacher assistant hours. Therefore we are using funding to keep costs down for activities that are often extra to the curriculum. An example of this is the fact every class has at least one excursion where the bus is totally funded by the school. Please pay your donation this term if you have not already done so. (Payments can be paid online to our account: 060561 0017355 00).

Calendars - This is your very last chance to order calendars. Orders to the office by Friday.

School Fair - If you haven't already volunteered to help at the fair, please do so urgently. We really need as much help as we can get. Remember, funds raised benefit all of our children. Email Louise: louhannagan@gmail.com.

Whanau hui: Tuesday 20 October, 5.30pm.

Technology starts this Friday for Yr 7/8s. Please ensure children are at school by 8.40am.

Te Taonga Horomata: Aroha, Ngariri. Our virtue is Love

Love is at the centre of our being. It is the vital force that gives us energy and direction. It connects one heart with another. Love is irresistible attraction and affection for a person, a place, an idea, or even for life itself.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Jack Flash Show	All children	Wed 28 Oct, 11am	TBA
School Fair	Everyone	Sat 7 Nov, 3-7pm	
Volunteers Morning Tea	Volunteers/staff	Thurs 19 Nov, 10.30am	
School Disco	Everyone	Fri 27 Nov, 5.30pm	
Wgtn City Mission 'Pack the Bus'	Everyone	Tues 1 Dec, 10.15am	
Year 8 outing and dinner	Yr 8s	Thurs 10 Dec	TBA
Year 8 farewell	Yr 7/8s & families	Tues 15 Dec	
Carols in the hall	Everyone	Wed 16 Dec	
End of term		Thurs 17 Dec, 12noon	

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

Community Notices: (Please note these notices are passed on to us and are not necessarily an endorsement)

Rhythmic Gymnastics new Northland classes, Northland Community Centre. Come along and try a free class in Term 4. Beginners classes Monday 4.30 -5.30pm and Friday 5.00-6.00pm. For more information contact us at <http://www.rhythmicgym.nz> or email info@rhythmicgym.nz.

"Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses." *Ann Landers*

Easy Now Mindfulness classes are starting again! **Mindful Doodle & Colouring Workshop** for adults (\$30) and kids (7+ go free) this Saturday at the Wadestown Community Centre. This is a fun, mindful and creative family activity. No artistic skills required at all! :-). Learn about mindfulness and why doodling and colouring is good for you. Lots of hands on creativity and you take home your workbook and a framed artwork! Children (7+) free! Everything is provided for you. Txt, call or email to secure your place. Last workshop in Tawa was quickly fully booked.

8-Week Mindfulness Training at the Northland Memorial Community Centre, starts Wednesday October 21, 7.30-9pm. Want to be more calm and balanced and feeling less stressed? Or just improving your general wellbeing? Did you know that Mindfulness is scientifically proven to reduce feelings of stress, anxiety and depression? Learn to live more in the here and now, learn to be less judgmental and create more self compassion. Mindfulness can help you to enjoy your daily life more and to worry less.

Txt or call Monique at 021 134 7541 or email monique@easynowmindfulness.com to register. Look at the website easynowmindfulness.com or find me on Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/pages/Easy-Now-Mindfulness/728543133903910>

NZ Bookshop Day Meet The Authors/Illustrators - Wellington authors and illustrators **Juliette MacIver, Ruth Paul, Paul Beavis and Philip Webb** will be at a very special Storytime for the under 6's at The Children's Bookshop, Kilbirnie Plaza at 11am on Saturday 31st of October, followed by a book signing session at 11.30am. Those attending are welcome to bring their own books for signing. Later that day (October 31st) award-winning Wellington author **Fleur Beale** (I Am Not Esther) will be at The Children's Bookshop from 1pm-1.30pm to meet her readers and sign copies of her books.

Tutor – experienced, licensed teacher tutoring pupils in years 1-8, overcoming weaknesses, strengthen strengths and teaching new skills in Maths and English. Please contact Cecilia 021 0252 1616 or ceciliadoogue@xtra.co.nz.

Mandarin Classes - Ni Hao Children's Community provides immersion Mandarin Chinese classes for those learning it as a foreign language. Our classes are child-centred in their approach and we "learn by doing". We make learning Mandarin Chinese active, fun and something to look forward to!! Tuesdays 3:45-4:40pm Kids (6+ yrs), Northland Memorial Community Centre. A waitlist is also open for Wednesdays @ St Ninian's Karori: 9-9:45am Preschoolers (2.5-5 yrs) and 3:30-4:25pm Kids (6+ yrs). Visit www.nihaocc.org.nz to trial a class or enrol online.