



Te Kura o Otari  
Otari School

# News

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Kia ora koutou

**Strategic Plan** - Take the opportunity to have a say in the strategic planning for Otari School. The Board invites all parents to contribute to the development of the new Otari School Strategic Plan. This involves a 5-minute survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2SRFKLL>. The survey asks what you would like the Board to focus on for the next three years. It is only 8 questions and parents are invited to indicate if they would like to be involved in a face-to-face discussion. Please complete the survey by **5pm on Wednesday 11 November**.

**Emails to staff** - Please be aware that if you are seeking a quick response from a staff member about any issue or concern then a phone call or visit to the school might achieve this more effectively than an email. Staff will endeavour to answer emails as soon as they have the time available to do this.

**Sunhats** - I am pleased to see that most children are wearing the regulation sun hats. Otari School is a "Sunsmart School." Your support of our sunsmart messages is appreciated.

**Fair** - The schedule of stall volunteers will be posted at school in the next couple of days. There will be a copy in the office and one posted outside each strand. Coordinators of each stall will also be in contact with the people rostered on their stall. If you have not been contacted by the end of the week, please check the rosters at school or contact Lou at [louhannagan@gmail.com](mailto:louhannagan@gmail.com). We still need helpers, so if you are coming to the fair but haven't signed up to help yet, please contact Lou.

**Parent Donations** - 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. Please pay your donation this term if you have not already done so (our bank account is 060561-0017355-00).

**Jack Flash & The Jumping Beanstalk** - This production by NZ Playhouse will be performed to the school tomorrow at 11.05am. The cost per child is \$4.00. Please return the slip at the end of the newsletter.

**Nits** - Please check your child's head for nits and treat if necessary.

***Te Taonga Horomata: Rangimārie. Our virtue is Peacefulness***  
*Peacefulness is inner clam and tranquillity. It is a sense of harmony with all creation. Inner peace comes from quiet reflection. We release the past and let anxiety go. We keep a graceful pace, not allowing ourselves to be rushed or overwhelmed.*

#### Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Jack Flash Show	All children	Wed 28 Oct, 11am	\$4.00
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	

Have a good week everyone!

Ngā mihi nui  
Clifford

*"It isn't enough to talk about peace, one must believe it.  
And it isn't enough to believe in it, one must work for it.  
Eleanor Roosevelt*

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

**Ni Hao Children's Community** provides a fun & friendly place for young Kiwi children and their families to learn Mandarin Chinese. If you are interested in your pre-schooler or infant participating in songs, games and interactive learning of Mandarin Chinese we want to know! You can learn more about us at [nihaocc.org.nz](http://nihaocc.org.nz). We will hold classes at Northland Memorial Community Centre in the morning should there be enough interest. Please email [info@nihaocc.org.nz](mailto:info@nihaocc.org.nz) to register your interest along with the age of your child and preferred day/s for lessons.

**Easy Now Mindfulness** starts again with the 8-week Mindfulness Training in Tawa (Tuesday evening, Redwood Church Hall) and Northland Memorial Community Centre (Wednesday evening). Monique at 021 134 7541 or email [monique@easynowmindfulness.com](mailto:monique@easynowmindfulness.com) to register or with questions. Want to be more calm and balanced and feeling less stressed? 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.

Mindfulness is also a great attention trainer, you might learn to be less forgetful and live less on the automatic pilot. This is a great training for all, you will practice different kind of concentration practices to discover what works best for you and when. Because you know yourself best! This is a down to earth "non spacey" training which can help to integrate mindfulness into your daily life. All meditations are downloadable as mp3 to make it even easier! Suitable for seniors, for couples and even your teens. You can also benefit from this training if you have done a short training before; it's a proper follow up and extension of your knowledge and practice.

**The Wadestown Wilton Horticultural Society Annual Rose Show** will be held in the Saint Luke's Centre on the corner of Pitt Street and Wadestown Road, Wadestown on Saturday 14 November. Entries are welcome from 11.00am, For more information please contact Rosanne Robertson, Phone 472 4580 or Graeme Schofield Ph 499 3936. All welcome!

**Is your child shy?** Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Are they about to head off to High School or into a new classroom next year? Do they just need 60 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness? Come and join Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes, which focus on key life skills afterschool on Fridays! We play fun, engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. All children receive an end of term progress report too, along with a certificate to remind them they are awesome! Give me a call to come along for a free trial, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development. Contact Kayla on 02102645487 or email [kayla@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:kayla@marrzipandrama.co.nz).

**Montessori at Otari Playgroup and Preschool** is holding its Open Day on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, between 10am to 12noon, at the Preschool. This is an opportunity to come and discover our Montessori environment, meet our teachers and learn more about our programme for children ages 0 to 6 years. We look forward to seeing you – no need to book.

**Karori Athletics - 2015/16 register now.** Winter sports are over for another year, and a new Karori Athletics season is just getting underway. What better way to keep the kids active, honing their sporting skills and having fun over summer than a season of athletics? Maybe we'll uncover the next Olympic Gold medalist. The Karori Athletics Club provides a fun environment for children from 5-15 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. Come along and have fun keeping active. For more information including details on online registration, visit the website: [www.karoriathletics.org.nz](http://www.karoriathletics.org.nz).

**Rhythmic Gymnastics NEW Northland Classes**, Northland Community Centre. Term 4 classes for children 5 years and up. Beginners classes Monday 4.30-5.30pm and Friday 4.30-5.30pm. For more information contact us at [www.rhythmicgym.nz](http://www.rhythmicgym.nz) or phone 022 0140207

**Term Dates 2016**

Term 1: Wed 3 Feb – Fri 15 Apr      Term 2: Mon 2 May – Fri 8 July  
Term 3: Mon 25 July – Fri 23 Sept      Term 4: Mon 10 Oct – Fri 16 Dec

**Other Holidays:**

Waitangi Day: Mon 8 Feb      Easter break: 25, 28, 29 Mar  
Anzac Day: Mon 25 Apr      Queens Birthday: Mon 5 Jun  
Labour Day: Mon 24 Oct

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**Jack Flash & the Jumping Beanstalk**      Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I enclose \$4.00

\_\_\_ Deduct \$4 from my Activity Account

Signed \_\_\_\_\_