



Te Kura o Otari  
Otari School

# News

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Kia ora koutou

**Thank you for a fabulous fair!** I have received very positive feedback about the fair. People have commented on how well organised and enjoyable it was. This would not have been possible without the hard work of the organising committee, therefore our huge thanks and appreciation to all of them. Our thanks also go to all those who put in the hours on the day, running events, providing equipment and doing such an excellent job of compering, providing and coordinating entertainment. We will let you know how much has been raised next week, once all money has been received and expenses paid.

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

**Library** - We are happy to be back up and running! We are looking forward to *Summer Borrowing*, which is happening soon.

**Sad news** - We extend our sympathy and aroha to Deanne, Ray and Ripley on the loss of their dear little son and brother, Archer, who passed away last week, aged 4 months. (Deanne used to teach the senior Montessori class and is employed at Otari School as our IT teacher.)

**Strategic Plan** - Please 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. There are 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**

**Helpers Morning Tea** - The staff would like to invite our wonderful helpers to morning tea next Thursday (19 Nov) at 10.30am. If you have helped in any way: music, fundraising, transporting, coaching, reading to children, mending resources, sorting, assisting in the classroom or numerous other ways, please come and join us.

***Te Taonga Horomata: Mahi Tohu. Our virtue is Mercy***  
*Mercy is blessing others with our compassion and forgiveness. We are touched by their suffering and want to help. Justice is giving people what they deserve. Mercy is giving them more. We are merciful when we give ourselves and others a fresh chance after an offense or mistake.*

#### Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Trip to Whitireia Performing Arts	Tui, Kowhai, Kaikomako Totara & Ngaio	Wed 11 Nov	\$6.00
WZ Athletics	Selected children	Wed 12 Nov	
Trip to Marine Centre	Kereru & Kakano	Tues 17 Nov	\$6.00
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

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.  
 Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that".  
 Martin Luther King Jr*

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

**Pride Lands Summer Fun Holidays at Parliament (17th Dec 2015 - 29th Jan 2016)** - Operating from 7am – 7pm with healthy morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided. Pride Lands run an adventurous fun holiday programme and NO TV or video games permitted. Early-Bird bookings are essential. SCAR Approved & WINZ Subsidies available and transport available for those that require it. Programmes for children aged 5-15 years. Before and after care options available at Wilton, Mornington, Owhiro Bay, Behampore, Kilbirnie, Mt. Cook, Porirua and Lower Hutt. Subsidies available and transport available for those that require it. Transport available: Pick-up and drop-off service available across Wellington Region. For more details call 0800 PRIDE 4 U or check out the website: [www.pridelands.org.nz](http://www.pridelands.org.nz)

**Cigna Kids Waterfront Fun Run** - Come and be a part of the Cigna Kids Waterfront Fun Run on Wednesday 16 December at Frank Kitts Park. Personalised race bibs, certificates, spot prizes and a Cigna Carnival including a BBQ, face painting and much more. Races for pre schoolers through to year 8s. First race starts at 4.30pm. Only \$7 to enter at [www.athleticshub.co.nz](http://www.athleticshub.co.nz) or contact Jo Murray for more info at [jo@athleticswellington.org.nz](mailto:jo@athleticswellington.org.nz). Enter before 8 December for your personalised bib and certificate and the chance to win spot prizes.

**The Wadestown-Wilton Horticultural Society** is holding its annual rose show at the St Luke's Centre, Pitt Street, Wadestown this Saturday, 14 November from 11.30am until 2pm. Anyone who has some special roses at home and would like to have them judged by an expert (Bill Wieben) is welcome to bring them along from 11 am. A committee member will help with the different categories and there are cups to be won! Please come and support a horticultural society, which was started in Wadestown in 1918. We would love some new members!!

# Otari Twilight Fair Silent Auction 2015

We had a successful auction and there are only a few services left and some art still available. There are two lots of Tupperware on Trademe: Thata's bowls and EZ prep items, plus a roll of Orla Kiely wallpaper if you want to bid.

## Ian Preece's photography workshops

I am happy to answer any questions. If you are considering your child, who is slightly younger than 13 (age limit applied), please ring to discuss as this could be possible.

**A:** 2x vouchers available for **50% (\$375)** off a two day on location photography workshop for 13yr olds & above. Courses available in Wellington and the Coromandel. Typical courses run from early morning to early evening. A maximum of up to 4 people are on a course at any time. All course travel provided. Pick up offered, to be discussed. Equipment camera and laptop can be provided if required or bring your own. This voucher cannot be combined with any other vouchers. Needs to be booked by the end of November. Valid: 14 December 2015 to 28 February 2016.

Note: (Full course is valued at \$750). The voucher will offset \$375 towards the \$750 cost.

**B:** 2x voucher for **50% (\$200)** off a one day on location photography workshop for 13yr olds & above. See above information.

Note: (Full course is valued at \$400). The voucher will offset \$200 towards the \$400 cost.

## Animal Harmony

Do you ever wish you could talk to your pet or help your pet? Tina Budd is an animal communicator and healer. She can tell you what they feel like, what they like, don't like and also indicate any illnesses or injuries whilst offering healing (vets advice should always be sought in serious cases). She has worked with cats, dogs, donkeys and even sheep. Value \$60.

## Jo Frances Photography: NZ 2015 Classic Portrait Photographer of the Year

1 x Photography Voucher towards Portrait sitting & photos with Jo Frances Photography. NB: Minimum photo price (6 x 8inch) \$165 printed on fine art French paper. The minimum spend with Jo if you purchase this voucher would be \$650. This voucher will offset \$350 of that cost. Sitting to be booked by 31 December 2015. Actual sitting can take place up to end of February. 2016. This is not redeemable for cash, non transferable, and cannot be combined with other offers.

## Art Work

Auctions Number:

135, 137, 138, 145, 149, 151, 152, 154, 155, 156, 159, 160, 161, 167, 168, 171

Please refer silent auction promotional document for art.

If you would like to find out about any items and discuss sale price please contact Philippa: **021 890 248** by end of Sunday