



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

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News

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FLOWERS AND LEAVES are needed for the junior syndicate to make sand saucers for the Wadestown/Wilton Horticultural Summer show. Please deliver to classes this **Thursday morning**. Please raid your gardens for anything you can spare. Many thanks.

Kia ora koutou

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou! Warm greetings to you all. Welcome back to the school year. The following newsletter is packed with information. It is a good one to keep!

We began the year with a pōwhiri last Wednesday, welcoming all our new tamariki and their whānau.

We welcome the following new families and students to Te Kura o Otari:

Manawa Armstrong	Kaikomako	George Fullelove	Kaikomako
Kahuti Hook	Kaikomako	James Fullelove	Kowhai
Hitomi Komatsu	Kereru	Antonio Luatua	Kereru
Lauren Luatua	Kereru	Elwyn Piccaluga	Pohutukawa
Jack Moyer	Totara		

Welcome also to our new staff member, Deborah Sorensen, teaching in Pohutukawa. We also have two student teachers join our staff for two days per week working in Ngaio and Kakano. Sophie Barton will be working in Kakano and Rosa Dew in Ngaio. We wish them a happy year at Otari School.

Sad News - Our thoughts and heartfelt sympathy are with Shani Leda (Totara Class Teacher) and her family as they grieve the loss of Shani's husband, Martin. The staff and children were very sad to hear at assembly on Monday morning that Martin had passed away after a long illness. Totara class were naturally upset for Shani and have been letting her know, through cards and notes, how much they are thinking of her.

Martin's funeral is at 11.00 am on Friday at Lychgate Funerals (cnr Willis & Aro Street). Some staff will be attending, and no doubt some children with their parents. As this is the first technology day any year 7 and 8 students who are attending Martin's funeral will need to be picked up from, Karori West (if you choose to send them to school before hand).

For the next few weeks, to support Shani through this difficult time, Johanne is teaching in Totara class for four days a week and Katharine Taylor will relieve on a Friday to allow Johanne to fulfill her library responsibility.

Staffing for 2015 -Below is a list of all the staff and their roles:

Clifford Wicks , Principal, Senior Strand Leader terms 2 - 4	Steve Devine , Classroom Release Teacher (CRT), Support Teacher
Susan West , D.P, Teacher (Kereru), SENCO, Original Strand leader, Middle Syndicate Leader	Cilla Noblett , .6 CRT/Support Teacher (Immersion)
Api Nathan , Teacher (Tui), Assistant Principal, Immersion Strand Leader	Sue Corkill , Special Needs Teacher, Curriculum Consultant
Seetha Ganesan , Teacher (Ngaio), Senior Syndicate Leader for term 1, Montessori Strand Leader	Deja Harrison , .5 Teacher, Montessori
Britta Martini , Teacher (Kakano), Junior Syndicate Leader	Jillian Wilson , Office Manager
Lynette Franklin , Teacher (Kowhai)	Kathy Hutchison , Teacher Aide
Shani Leda , Teacher (Totara)	Katrina Murray , Teaching Assistant
Glenise Ward , Teacher (Kaikomako)	Alison Emery , Teacher Aide
Deborah Sorensen , Teacher (Pohutukawa)	Mandy Buckley , Teacher Aide
Johanne Wicks , .8 Teacher (Totara) and Library Management	Sandi McKenzie-Edwards , Teacher Aide
Sacha Fell , .8 Teacher (Kakano)	Tama Powell , Teaching Assistant
Kathy Heath , Reading Recovery Teacher	Hilary Eats , Librarian
Parekohai Wells , Kaiarahi-i te-Reo	Ashleigh Mako , Teacher Aide
Alan Ward , Caretaker	

Below is a table of some key events and dates for 2015. Other events and activities will be added as the dates are confirmed, therefore this table will be updated at the start of every term.

OTARI SCHOOL KEY DATES 2015

TERM 1

12 Feb: Vision Testing for Yr 7s
Fridays (to 27 March) Swimming for Yr 1 & 2s
Fridays: Technology for Yr 7/8s
17 Feb: Montessori Information Evening, 7.30pm
17 Feb: Whānau hui, 5.30pm
19 Feb: School picnic at Scorching Bay
24-26 Feb: Goal Setting Interviews
3-6 Mar: Camp
24 Mar: Athletics Day
Thurs 2 Apr: End of term

<p><u>TERM 2</u> begins Monday 20 April</p> <p>27 Apr: Anzac Day break</p> <p>28 Apr: Whānau Hui</p> <p>1 June: Queen's Birthday break</p> <p>3 July: End of term</p>
<p><u>TERM 3</u> begins Monday 20 July</p> <p>28 Jul: Whānau Hui</p> <p>31 Aug-4 Sept: Life Education van</p> <p>25 Sept: End of term</p>
<p><u>TERM 4</u> begins Monday 12 October</p> <p>20 Oct: Whānau Hui</p> <p>26 Oct: Labour Day break</p> <p>10 Dec: Year 8 Outing & Dinner</p> <p>14 Dec: Reports home</p> <p>15 Dec: Year 8 Farewell</p> <p>16 Dec: Carols in the Hall</p> <p>Year ends: 12noon, Thurs 17 Dec</p>

Extra Stationery Requirements - The following classes require books only available from the school office. Please ensure your child purchases the books as soon as possible.

- Pohutukawa - Goal Setting Diary **\$6.00**
- Kereru - Handwriting Book **\$3.00**
- Ngaio - Handwriting Book **\$3.00**
- Kakano Yr 2 & 3 - Handwriting Book **\$3.00**

Technology for Year 7 and 8s begins this week. Year 7 and 8s are taken by bus, leaving school at **8.40am**, to the Technology Centre at Karori West School. Clifford will be the teacher accompanying them. Children take their morning tea with them, as they don't return to Otari until lunchtime. **The cost for each student for Technology for the year is \$50.00 payable to Otari School.**

Swimming Lessons - Swimming for our Year 1 & 2 students begins on Friday. Information has been sent home regarding this. **Cost is \$40 payable to Otari School.** We need lots of parent help to assist with changing clothes so if you are able to help please meet us at Khandallah School pool at 10.50am. We will require help every week for 7 weeks but even if you can only help one or two weeks, that would be great.

Camp Yr 7/8 - Details regarding camp have been sent home. We require every student to have paid a deposit of **\$55** before the start of camp.

School Picnic, Thursday 19 February - This year we are going to Scorching Bay. We will leave school at 9.30am and return at 2.00pm. All whānau are encouraged to come and enjoy the day. We will require lots of parent help. All children are to travel by bus with parents making their own way there. **The cost for the day is \$5.00 per child.**

Lost Property - Please make sure you name your child's clothing! This is very helpful if items are left around the school.

Classroom Consumables - As shown on the stationery list students are required to pay \$10 to cover classroom consumables for the year. Please ensure that the \$10 per child is paid to the office as soon as possible. A donation of \$10 for photocopying/printing/photography would also be appreciated.

Civil Defence - We require every child to have an 'emergency box' at school. In the event of a major disaster we want each child to have some food available. Please provide your child/ren with a named ice cream container filled with the following:

- 1 can of food (spaghetti / baked beans etc - preferably tear top)
- 1 food bar (eg muesli bar or similar dried fruit bar)
- 1 small carton of juice ('Fresh Up' type with straw attached)
- Some barley sugars/boiled sweets
- Optional - a very small comfort toy

Library Panui - We welcome visits to our library. A reminder to our summer borrowers that books are now due back.

Library routine reminders:

Overdue Books

Books are borrowed for two weeks. Years 0-4 can borrow up to three books, years 5-8 up to 5 books. We do not charge for overdue books, but we do invoice for lost or damaged books. If your child has an overdue book, we still encourage them to borrow up to their limit.

Our procedure for following up overdue books is:

Step 1 - Talk to the child and remind them about their overdues

Step 2 - Send home an overdue slip

Step 3 - Ring parent/caregiver

Step 4 - Letter with invoice

Your child will visit the library every week with their class, as well as fortnightly library focused lessons. The library is also open every lunchtime.

If you have any concerns regarding the library, please contact Johanne (library@otari.school.nz).

Thank you for your continued support, Johanne

Here are a few reminders, especially for our new parents:

Issues and Concerns - We know there will be times when parents have a concern. We also know that there will be times when something that has occurred at school might be confusing, annoying or upsetting. Please seek clarification from your child's teacher first,

if class related, or from the principal if school related. It is always better to talk about a concern with the teacher than to worry. Often this enables things to be cleared up very quickly. When teaching and managing children there are occasions when the teacher 'gets things wrong.' When we do, we want to know and make amends. At the same time, sometimes only half a tale is told, so it is important to seek clarification first before making a judgement. We are in 'loco parentis', which means 'in the place of a parent.' Just like parents, we are fallible, but also like parents, we ultimately want the best for your children and their futures.

We also try hard to communicate information effectively. In this school there are many groups to communicate with and sometimes we do find this challenging. We know we need to continually do our best to get information out there. Please help us by reading your newsletters and class notices thoroughly.

School begins at 8.55am. We finish at 2.55pm.

Hats are compulsory in terms one and four. If children do not have a hat they must stay in the shade. The hats must have a brim that covers ears and neck. Caps are not suitable.

Absent Children - If your child is going to be absent from school please ensure you ring (475-3018) or send an email (office@otari.school.nz) before 8.55am stating why your child is away.

Lunches - Sushi is available on Tuesdays and Pizza (\$5) on Friday. Sushi is ordered online at www.wrapitsushi.co.nz. Pizza order slips can be found at the office.

Driveway - Parents are asked to refrain from parking at the bottom of the driveway between 8.15 - 9.30am and 2.45 - 3.30pm. Parents are to 'drop and go' only. Please do not park up or down the drive and leave your car. The Otari Bush Reserve (around the corner) is available for temporary parking, or park on Wilton Road.

Cookies are sold from the office at morning tea. Cookies are 80 cents.

School Closure - Should the school need to be closed due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. bad weather) the following will occur:

- A closure notice will go on The Breeze and Newstalk ZB radio stations.
- A closure notice will go on our facebook page.
- A closure notice will go on the school web page. (Make sure you use the refresh button to get up-to-date information.)

VIRTUE: Our virtue is Respect

Respect is an attitude of honouring ourselves and others as people of value. We care for each person's dignity. Everyone has the right to expect respect. We show respect in the courtesy of our words and in our tone of voice. We are all exquisitely sensitive to respect.

"There is longing among all people and creatures to have a sense of purpose and worth. To satisfy that common longing in all of us we must respect each other."
Chief Dan George

Term Dates 2015

Wed 4 Feb – Thurs 2 Apr
Mon 20 May – Fri 3 Jul
Mon 20 Jul – Fri 25 Sept
Mon 12 Oct – Thurs 17 Dec

Have a great week everyone.

Regards
Clifford

Extra-curricular lessons at Otari:

Kelly Sports at is back for Term 1 at Otari. Wednesday lunchtimes - **Summer Sports** for years 1-3 - come and have a go at **Athletics**, **T-Ball** and **Ball Sports**. We're fun, we're active and we're all about giving it a go and being your best. Come and learn to be a Kelly Sports Star. Call/email the office on 972 7201/ adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz to enrol.

Chess Classes at Otari School. Thursday's 12:30-1:30pm. Fun, games and expert tuition from a former NZ champion. Students can earn badges & certificates from NZCF level tests. \$85 per school term. Enrolments ph:4617079 or email: kiwichess@xtra.co.nz.

Keyboard Lessons – Mondays. Contact Wgtn Music Academy 977-9102.

French Lessons – Mondays. Contact Annick: annick.withinshaw@lcfclubs.co.nz.

Guitar Lessons – Mondays. Contact Charles: newcombe.l@xtra.co.nz.

See below, a notice from Regional Public Health:

Year 7 Vision Screening – Regional Public Health provides a vision screening programme at your child's school during year 7.

***Vision** – pupils will be advised of results at the time of testing. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.

***Colour – Vision** – This screening identifies boys with an inherited colour defect. If there is any difficulty with the colour-vision test you will be notified by mail.

***Children** who wear glasses and/or are under professional care and have regular checks, will not require a vision check by our service.

NON CONSENT – Please notify your school if you DO NOT agree to your child being screened.

This screening is NOT a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please consult an optometrist.

Scorching Bay Picnic

_____ will travel by bus to scorching Bay on Thurs 19 February 2015.

___ Enclosed is \$5.00.

___ Deduct \$5 from my Activity Account.

Signed _____

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

There are a pile of Community Notices on our website: www.otari.school.nz, under Notices

Child under 5? Interested in maximising their neurological development through targetted activities? GymbaROO Wellington is for six week old to five year old children and is still taking enrolments for Term 1. GymbaROO children play on specialised, purpose-built equipment and dance, sing, play with a parachute and, along with their parents/carers, participate in all sorts of other fun, neurologically specific activities for 45 minutes to an hour each week. For more information, phone Malcolm on 04 389 6030 or 027 62 52 835. Or just email info@gymbaroowellington.co.nz.

The book "No Kidding" by Yvette Adams is being launched at Wellington City Library on March 6th. But it will be more than just a simple book launch. The title looks at the technology gap between parents and children these days and what adults can do to upskill and bridge the gap. At the launch, the topic will be explored through discussion and fun interactive activities. The book is aimed at helping parents & teachers get started with technology and to understand how it can actually help, and not hinder your life through many practical applications. The event is sure to be popular. It's free to attend, but registrations are required for catering purposes. Info and registrations here: <http://nokidding.com.au/wellington/>

Violin Lessons - Hi! I am an ex-Otari, first year university student with 12 years of violin playing experience. I am offering violin tutoring for beginning students. Please contact Maïke on 027 693 3396 or maikemartini@gmail.com for further information if you are interested, thank you!

Waterside Karori Football Club - Registrations for the 2015 football season are now open at Waterside Karori Football Club. The club looks forward to welcoming back junior members who have played before as well as meeting new members who want to register for the first time this year. The clubs junior teams – for kids aged from 5 to 17 – participate in Capital Football coordinated programmes. The season commences in mid April but registration should be completed by 28th February. Register: <http://www.watersidekaroriafc.org.nz/waterside-karori-afc/juniors/registration-info/>

Come along to Vivo Gymnastics' "Have A Go" Day! Join us from 6 - 7pm on Friday 20th February at the Johnsonville Library to see some of our rhythmic gymnasts in action and try your skills with some of the equipment. For more information about our classes email vivogym@gmail.com.

Private Piano and Harp lessons (Madeleine Crump) - Bachelor of Performance Music in Harp with Honours, Suzuki trained Piano teacher. Offering local piano lessons and harp lessons starting February 2015. For more information: Email: harp_maddy@hotmail.com, Phone: 027 458 328

Looking for a new challenge in 2015? The Cadet Corps might be just what you're looking for! Camping, tramping, target shooting and first aid are just some of the activities you get to try as part of our voluntary organisation. All this is done following the structures and traditions of the Army. Sound interesting? Wellington City Cadet Unit will have an intake of boys and girls in year 9 in late February 2015, come along on a Monday night at 6:30pm at 393 Evans Bay Parade. For more information and to register your interest go to www.welccu.org.nz or call the Unit Commander Anthony on 027-241-0406. Accept the challenge.

Chinese Art lessons for kids. Brush painting, calligraphy and more. Please visit the website below. www.chineseartlessons.com or contact Judy Huo on 9763933 , 0211475988.

PUSLE PRE-SEASON GAMES - Tickets for the pre-season games at Te Rauparaha Arena, ASB Sports Centre and Te Wananga o Raukawa are just \$10 for both adults and children and are available on the door before the game. Supporters are urged to get to the venues early to ensure they get a ticket.

Pre-season

Friday 13 February	Pulse v Vixens	Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua	7.30pm
Saturday 14 February	Pulse v Vixens	ASB Sports Centre, Kilbernie	4..00pm
Saturday 21 February	Pulse v Steel	Te Wananga o Raukawa, Otaki	5.30pm
Sunday 22 February	Pulse v Tactix	Te Wananga o Raukawa, Otaki	1.30pm

To keep up to date with the Mojo Pulse check out Facebook/NetballPulse or follow live scores on twitter @PulseNetball

NETBALL INFORMATION

We are calling out to all coaches who want to take the next step in their coaching by enhancing their current skills or simply learning how to be a netball coach.

Sign up for some/or all of these coaching modules to learn some fantastic strategies and skills that you can use with your teams. Along the way you meet other coaches you can share ideas with and the added bonus is - you [can](#) get yourself accredited.

Netball Central Zone are now managing the delivery of the Netball New Zealand coaching modules and are pleased to advise the following dates and modules will be Held throughout the Wellington region as part of the formal Netball NZ Coach Development Framework. The Community Coach Award is the second level of Achievement on the Netball New Zealand Coach Accreditation Pathway. It requires The completion of five compulsory modules – Player Centred Coaching, Communicating & Managing Others, Planning, Skill Analysis and Team Building.

PRE-REQUISITE MODULE: PLAYER CENTRED COACHING (Netball Wellington Centre)

Date: Monday 16th February, 6.00pm–9.00pm Venue: Hataitai Courts, 43 Ruahine Street, Hataitai.

PLAYER CENTRED COACHING (Netball Wairarapa)

Date: Saturday 28th February, 9.00am–12.00pm Venue: Netball Wairarapa, Colombo Road, Masterton

DEVELOPING MODULES: FIT FOR THE SEASON (Netball Wellington Centre)

Date: Monday 9th February, 6.30pm–9.00pm Venue: Hataitai Courts, 43 Ruahine Street, Hataitai

SELECTING (Netball Hutt Valley Centre)

Date: Tuesday 24th February, 6.30pm–9.00pm Venue: Taita Netball Courts, Taine Street

TEAM BUILDING (Netball Kapiti)

Date: Saturday 21st February, 9.30am–12.00pm Venue: Netball Kapiti Pavilion, Percival Road, Paraparaumu

SKILL ANALYSIS (Netball Kapiti)

Date: Saturday 21st February, 12.30pm–3.00pm Venue: Netball Kapiti Pavilion, Percival Road, Paraparaumu

COMMUNICATION & MANAGING OTHERS (Netball Kapiti) Date: Sunday 22nd February, 9.30am–12.00pm Venue: Netball Kapiti Pavilion, Percival Road, Paraparaumu

PLANNING (Netball Wellington Centre) Date: Monday 23rd February, 6.30pm–9.00pm Venue: Hataitai Courts, 43 Ruahine Street, Hataitai

COMMUNICATION & MANAGING OTHERS (Netball Wairarapa)

Date: Saturday 28th February, 12.30pm–3.00pm Venue: Netball Wairarapa, Colombo Road, Masterton

COST: \$25.00 per module REGISTER PROMPTLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT. Modules require a minimum of 6 and maximum of 16 coaches attending. All Registrations must be received before 48 hours prior to the module taking place.

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