



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

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Kia ora koutou

We welcome two more staff members who have joined us this year: Ashleigh Mako and Hilary Eats. Ashleigh is a teacher aide working in Tui and Hilary will be working in the library.

Congratulations to Lisa (Pohutukawa teacher) and Nate on the birth of Manaaki Te Ariki Dei Gratia, born on Friday weighing 3.65 kilos.

Picnic at Scorching Bay - Buses are leaving the school at 9:30am. All children are to travel to Scorching Bay by bus (sorry, no room for parents). Thank you for all the offers of parent help. Strands are going to manage themselves throughout the day. Parent helpers will be attached to the strand their child/children are in and will help teachers supervise activities. These are:

- Swimming and playing in or near the water
- Exploring the rock pools
- Playing on the playground

The strands will rotate through these activities until they have lunch. In the afternoon strands can choose an activity, and the organisation will be less structured, however we will need adults willing to supervise up and down the beach. During the day we will need adults who will take turns being in the water for a time.

Please ensure your child has a **sunhat**, sunblock, good food, water bottle, swimming togs and towel. Cost is \$5 per child.

Goal Setting Interviews are next week (24, 25, 26 February). Goal Setting interviews are an opportunity for parents, the child and the teacher to meet together and discuss key learning goals. The teachers and the children identify these key goals together. You may also have one to two goals you would like to be considered. Goals may also be related to work habits, behaviour and social interaction.

Interview times are booked online using the following website: <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>. The school code is M8AL9. If you are unable to use the website, call Jillian (475-3018) and she will book it for you. Please note that parents may be contacted to re-arrange times if there is a large gap between appointments.

The library will be open for any children who are not part of the interview. The interview is only for the child concerned and their parents/caregivers. We have allowed 20 minutes per interview. Teachers will begin to wind up the interview after 15 minutes. It is very important that teachers ensure their interviews are completed within 20 minutes as failing to do so can affect other parents' interview schedules

Library - The library is now officially open. Many thanks to Sacha and Sally Eyre for managing the huge job of returning all the summer borrowing.

Whānau Hui - TONIGHT, 5.30pm in Tui.

Montessori Trust Meeting TODAY - All Montessori families are invited to attend the first Trust meeting of the year, today at 3.15pm, in Pohutukawa.

Montessori General Information Evening TONIGHT - The Montessori strand warmly welcomes all Montessori parents to their first information evening, tonight, **at 7.30pm**. This will be a great opportunity to meet parents, to find out more about a typical day in a Montessori primary environment, to understand some characteristics of the 6-12 child, to ask questions or to meet some Trust members and find out about their roles. We look forward to seeing you.

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

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

Fees Payable:

Camp - Yr 7/8s - **\$220**. All students **must** pay a deposit of **\$55** before 2 March.

Technology for Yr 7/8s - **\$50.00**

Swimming for Yr 1/2s - **\$40.00**

School Picnic - **\$5.00**

Class Consumables - **\$10.00** per child

Photocopying - A donation of **\$10** per child for photocopying & printing would also be appreciated.

Scholastic Books - Please have orders to the office by next Friday (27th).

VIRTUE: Our virtue is Courtesy

Courtesy is treating others with kindness and tact. We take the time to speak and act graciously, showing people that we value and respect them. We make requests, not demands. We remember our manners, greet others warmly, and listen closely when they speak.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

| Activity | Who's Involved | Date & Time | Cost |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------|
| School Picnic | Everyone | Thurs 19 Feb, 9.30am | \$5.00 |
| Goal Setting Interviews | | 24/25/26 Feb | |
| Camp | Yr 7/8s | 3,4,5,6 Mar | \$220 |
| Athletics Day | Everyone | Tues 24 Mar - TBC | |

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

"We must be courteous to a man as we
are to a picture, which we are willing to
give the advantage of a good light."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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

Help!! Struggling students looked for cheap second-hand furniture. These include: lounge suites/couches, dining table & chairs and fridge/freezer. Please contact Ashleigh Mako on 027-274-2771 or at ashlightmako@gmail.com.

Onslow Junior Football Club registrations are now open from 1 Feb 2015 through to the 15th Feb 2015. Anyone interested in registering should visit www.onslow.org.nz website to register or contact registrations@onslow.org.nz.

Northland Community Autumn Fair - Saturday, 28 March, 10am – 2pm. Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Road. Come and celebrate Neighbours Day 2014 with us at the Northland Community Fair. Stalls cost \$20 (tables and chairs will be provided). Email Angelina at northlandmemorialcc@paradise.net.nz to secure your stall.

Northern United Junior Hockey Club is now offering "Have a Go" Hockey: three 1-hour coached hockey sessions for beginners from years 3-8 for an all-up cost of \$15. 3 weeks: Wed afternoon sessions of 1 hour consisting of coaching followed by a game Dates: 18th February to 4th March inclusive Times: Years 3 to 6 - 3.30 pm till 4.30 pm and Years 7 & 8 - 4.30 pm till 5.30 pm Where: Raroa Intermediate turf (Haumia Street, Johnsonville). Email: nujhockey@gmail.com to book or contact Sandy on 027 677 4955 if you have any questions. Hockey 2015 Registration - To register your child for this year you can access the online registration form via our club website. <http://www.nujhc.org.nz/>. Our Website has recently been updated and as well as information for the season you will see the registration link in the left sidebar. (NB this is a google form) or alternatively come and see us at our "Registration Information" afternoon on Sunday 1st March at McDonalds Johnsonville, Times: 3 - 5 pm

West's Junior Rugby Club would like to invite you to play rugby this season. Rugby is open to ages 3-4 Nursery grade, 5-7 rippa rugby and Ages 8-13 tackle rugby. Registrations are at the clubrooms at Ian Galloway Park – Thursday 26th Feb 5:30-7:30pm, Sat 28th Feb 1pm-3pm, Mon 2nd Mar 5:30-7:30pm or you can find out more at www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz or call Paul Smith on 021 155 7501.

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 _____