



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Kia ora koutou

Science week at Otari School - This week is PRIMARY SCIENCE WEEK and we are joining in to celebrate science at Otari School. There will be a lot of science related activities happening at school, for example Clifford and the teachers will put on a science show for the children on Thursday at lunch time. Also your child/ren will do lots of science experiments at school. We were aiming to use readily accessible household items so you can easily follow up at home and have fun exploring. Here is a list of experiments the children will be exploring in class:

[Static electricity](#)

[Balloon jousting](#)

[Square bubbles](#)

[Red cabbage lab](#)

[Dancing raisins](#)

We are also very lucky to have Jacqui Horswell from The Institute of Environmental Science and Research visiting next week. We will find out about chemicals in household cleaning products and cosmetics and alternative products we can easily make ourselves.

Sexuality Education Year 5 to Year 8 - A separate notice will be sent home regarding this.

moveMprove - This term the children in the junior classes (Pohutukawa, Kaikomako and Kākano) are participating in a sports programme called moveMprove. moveMprove is a quality movement learning programme that builds foundation skills for life in a fun and engaging way. It is essential in developing the necessary movement patterns required for competent and confident participation in any sport or recreational activity.

moveMprove at Otari School is run on Fridays and two instructors set up the activities and run 45 min sessions for each junior class. Children will have a nine sessions in total. This programme is part of the KiwiSport Fundamental Movement Skills Project, which is led and administered by Hutt City Council and subsidised by Sport Wellington. This year children will only need to pay **\$5.00** (usual price is \$16) for all of the sessions. Here is a link if you would like to find out more about the programme - <http://www.kiwisportfundamentals.co.nz/>. Please return the slip at the end of the newsletter.

Enrolment July 2015-July 2016 - A reminder that we are currently accepting enrolment applications for out of zone students starting school in terms 3 and 4 of 2015, or during 2016. Priority will be given to those children turning 5 between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016. Application forms can be obtained from the school office. All forms must be returned to the school office by Friday 15 May 2015.

Matariki 2015

Matariki is a time to acknowledge, commemorate and celebrate the year that has gone and the New Year to come. Matariki is a time to learn about your whānau and a time to remember those who have passed on from this world to the next. Matariki is a time for new beginnings, our Pacific New Year and a time for harvesting kai.....so to celebrate!

We invite you all to an evening concert celebration with kai, entertainment and whakawhanaungatanga on:

Thursday 25 June 2015, 5.30-7.30pm

Ōtari School Hall

Sausage Sizzle (gold coin donation)

Please bring a plate to share - kia kaitahi tātau!

Rumaki Reo ki Ōtari - An exciting new initiative to be launched soon, offering reo Māori classes at Te Kura o Ōtari, Thursday evenings, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, for all members of the whānau. The emphasis will likely be conversational reo Māori, karakia, waiata, and anything else whānau are keen to learn. Interested? Contact Ananda Gotty on ananda.gotty@gmail.com or (022) 572 5702.

Entertainment Books - Books will be available shortly. Pre-orders are being taken at the moment; go to <http://www.entbook.co.nz/10455w7> or send the form (which was sent home earlier) back to the school office.

The Chocolate fundraiser for this year is set for delivery on Monday 25 May. We are also looking at another fundraiser in conjunction with the Chocolate as an alternative option. These are carry packs of 'Good Soap' from the EcoStore, made in NZ and chemical free. Each carry pack contains ONE of the following scent options to choose from:- Lemongrass OR Grapefruit & Mint. Each carry case contains 24 soaps with a sale price of \$2.50 each. The school makes a decent profit on both of these fundraising options, but we would like to have an indication of what product you would prefer so that we can place orders. Please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to school as soon as possible. Please note, if no slip is received we will assume you are happy to sell Whittaker's and chocolate will be sent home with your child.

Te Taonga Horomata: Mauri Tau. Our virtue is Contentment.

Contentment is an awareness of sufficiency, a sense that we have enough and we are enough. It is appreciating the simple gifts of life - friendship, books, a good laugh, a moment of beauty, a cool drink or a hot day. Being contented, we are free from the pull of greed and longing. We trust that life provides what we need when we need it.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Island Bay Marine Centre visit	Ngaio & Pohutukawa	Tues 19 May, 9.00am	TBA
Yr 3 Sports Festival	Yr 3s	Fri 22 May, 9.00am	TBA
School Cross Country	Everyone	Wed 27 May, 1.00pm	
WZ Cross Country	Selected children	Tues 9 June	
School Photos		Wed 24 June	TBA

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

"Good humour is a tonic for mind and body. It is the best antidote for anxiety and depression. It is a business asset. It attracts and keeps friends. It lights human burdens. It is the direct route to serenity and contentment. *Grenville Kleiser*

Sore Throats Still Matter Rheumatic fever is preventable

Sore throats matter, and if your child has a sore throat then it is important that they get it checked by their doctor or attend a sore throat clinic in your area.

- Sore throats can be caused by a certain type of germ. (Group A streptococcal bacteria, commonly known as a 'Strep throat'). If this germ is not treated, it may cause rheumatic fever and permanent damage to the heart.
- Rheumatic fever is preventable.** Treatment can be as simple as making sure your child is treated for strep throat with antibiotics taken once a day for 10 days.

To prevent other people in the family getting strep throat, you should make sure that everyone in the house with a sore throat gets checked by a doctor, as the germ can be transferred from person to person through 'saliva' e.g. sharing drinks or food. To prevent 'strep throat' spreading, people should cover their mouth when they cough or sneeze.

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

Race to Explore Greater Wellington, with the Metlink City Safari, May 17 - This awesome family adventure sees teams race to visit checkpoints located all over Wellington. We will tell you exactly where they are - your challenge is to find the quickest and smartest way to visit the most of these - both by foot and by all forms of public transport. You may be racing to catch the ferry to Day's Bay, the Cable Car to Kelburn, a train to Tawa, or a bus to Queensgate. It is all about strategy with the event designed so that the smartest family team can beat the most athletic teams. 3 and 6 hour events are available. Details and registration is at www.citysafari.org.nz. Registration closes 10 May.

The Northland Memorial Community Centre Annual General Meeting will be held upstairs at the centre in the Memorial Room on Thursday 28th May at 7pm. Refreshments will be provided followed by the election of officers. The AGM will conclude at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Keith Spry Pool E-Petition - Would you like your children to be able to use the new teaching pool at Keith Spry pool in Johnsonville (during times when only a few lanes are in use for swimming lessons)? If you would like to support this petition please go to <http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/epetitions/petitions/current/2015-03-keith-spry-teaching-pool-to-be-open-to-the-general-public-when-not-in-use-for-swimming-lessons>

Your name, address and an email contact is all that is required. The process takes less than 5 minutes.

Karori Lions Garage Sale – 9 May, 9-2pm, St Johns Hall, Cnr Campbell St & Karori Rd.

Chocolate / Soap Fundraiser

Name _____

Room _____

☐ Happy to support the sale of Whittaker's Chocolates

☐ Happy to support the sale of 'Good Soap'

☐ Do not wish to support either

Please note: If the notice is not returned to school, we will assume you are happy to sell Whittaker's.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Elton - sarahelton1@hotmail.com

moveMprove (Pohutukawa, Kakano, Kaikomako) Childs's Name _____

☐ \$ 5.00 cash enclosed

☐ Deduct \$5.00 from my activity account
