



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Kia ora koutou

Welcome to two new children and their families:

Ciara MacGregor-Hinde (Kaikomako)

Awhina Duncan (Kaikomako)

This year each strand's parent group is responsible for organising one whole school event on behalf of the parent committee. At the moment, whānau from the Māori Immersion Strand are organising an evening on 25 June for the celebration of Matariki.

I encourage families from all strands to attend the evening, which will involve performance, learning, food and friendship. Most of all, this will be an opportunity for whanaungatanga, as we celebrate Matariki together (see notice below).

Congratulations to our 16 tamariki from the Māori Immersion strand who have had their writing about the ANZACs selected for a future publication of Manu Korihi. Selectors were very impressed with the poetry and imaginary letters the children wrote.

SNUP - School Network Upgrade - Throughout the country, over the past decade, schools have been having their networks upgraded. Our school's network upgrade begins today and should be completed within the fortnight. This will improve our speed and utilisation of internet throughout the school.

2015 School Production - This year our school musical production is "The Pied Piper." There are a number of roles for senior (Yr 6-8) children to audition for as well as the opportunity to be part of the chorus/townspeople. We have been reinforcing to the children that every role, no matter how small is important for the success of a show. We have told the children that should they choose to audition, they must be prepared to be part of the whole show, whether in a major or minor role. Children also have the opportunity to build the set or be stagehands. The production will be taking place in week 9 of term 3, with performances on three nights (Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th) and a matinee on the Wednesday.

Photos - Photos will be taken on Wednesday 24 June. Every child will have their photo taken. Ordering is done **after** photos are taken unless you wish to have a sibling photo in which case an order envelope can be collected from the office. Sibling envelopes must be returned **before** photo day. Team photo envelopes can also be picked up from the office.

Yummy Sticker Promotion is on again in 2015. Please collect Yummy stickers and send them along to school.

Entertainment Books – Books are now available. Let Jillian know if you would like one or you can order it online: <http://www.entbook.co.nz/10455w7>.

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!

Te Taonga Horomata: Aroha. Our virtue is Charity.

Charity is a giving heart, a generous way of viewing others and caring for their needs. Unless we are charitable, no matter how much excellence we acquire it is without purpose. Charity springs from compassion for the suffering of others, even those we don't know.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
WZ Cross Country	Selected children	Tues 9 June	
School Photos	All children	Wed 24 June	TBA
Matariki Event	Everyone	Thurs 25 June, 5.30pm	
WZ Hockey Tournament	Selected children	Tues 30 June	
Immunisations	Yr 8 Girls	Fri 3 Jul	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service."
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Separate Notice sent home recently: Nil

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

Quiz Evening – Saturday 13 June, 7-9.30pm, St Anne's Church Hall, cnr Northland and Randwick Roads, Northland. BYO. Tickets \$20. Contact Jacqui 976-8122.

Fundraising for Children Family Concert – NZSO's Donald Armstrong with strings and winds, RNZAF Band, opera, Pump Dance, magician and many more young musicians, dancers and singers and featuring Ray Henwood as MC for the show – Sunday 7 June, 4-6pm, Queen Margaret School Hall. Children/Students \$12, Adults \$28, Family \$65. To book tickets email ruth.payne@outlook.com or phone Barnardos 0800 005 437.

'Tippy Toes' on Thursday! Come and try out an introduction dancing for 2-3 year olds from 1:30-1:50pm at St Anne's Church hall, Northland (class trial is free). Contact Hannah Ross ARAD RTS on 021 207 6757 hannah@wellingtonballetstudio.co.nz.