



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Matariki 2015

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!

Kia ora koutou

We are looking forward to the Matariki evening this Thursday evening. I know a lot of preparation has gone into this school-wide event being hosted by the Māori Immersion Strand. Hope to see you there!

Keeping the storehouses full: Matariki Food Donations for the Foodbank - Please could children bring a donation of non perishable food to donate to the foodbank. Food items can be delivered to the foyer (by the office.)

Reports - Mid year progress reports are coming home this week. Please read the accompanying parent information sheet that will be included with your child's school report.

Photo Day is tomorrow. If you wish to have a sibling photo taken you need to collect an envelope from the office and pay up front (\$27.00 cash or cheque only). These envelopes must be returned to the office by 9.00am tomorrow.

Wilton Montessori Education Trust Meeting - The next Trust meeting will be on Thursday 26 June at 3:15pm in Pohutukawa. All Montessori whānau are welcome to join in. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Helen Walter on 022 691 5379.

Chocolate and Soap Fundraisers - Many thanks to those who have returned the money. We would appreciate payment before the end of term.

Rumaki Reo ki Otari - A reminder that **Rumaki Reo ki Otari** is held in the Otari School Hall on Thursday evenings during the school term, 6:00pm-7:30pm. All ages whānau from all strands welcome. Learn conversational Māori, waiata & karakia in a relaxed environment. Please bring a plate to share for supper and koha for kaiako. For additional information please email Ananda Gotty: ananda.gotty@gmail.com or text 02 257 257 02.

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>.

Te Taonga Horomata: Hūmārika. Our virtue is Forbearance.
We extend forgiveness and understanding to others, knowing that we all have flaws and frailties. We are forbearing with ourselves, humbly mindful of the times we fall short, ready to move forward to try again. Forbearance is the mortar that keeps our relationship resilient and strong.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
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	
School Panto - The Pied Piper	Everyone	14,15,16,17 September	

Have a great week everyone. A reminder that the term ends next Friday (3 July) at 2.55pm.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

"Forbearance is the greatest virtue. Cover the blemishes, faults and weaknesses of others. Excuse their feelings, bury their weakness in silence...and forgive." *Karunamayi, 21st Century Guru*

Separate Notice sent home recently: Nil

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

Kids Cross Country Series - next event at Memorial Park/Sladden Park, Petone. Athletics Wellington is again running the **Kids Cross Country Series** over the winter months at various venues around the Wellington region. Our next event is Sunday 26 July at Memorial Park/Sladden Park, Petone. Races for pre schoolers though to year 8s. This event has grown in the past couple of years with close to 600 kids at our last event, so come along and have some fun. For more information or to enter go to www.athleticshub.co.nz or email jo@athleticswellington.org.nz or phone 021 976116. Enter by Sunday 19 July to receive a personalised race bib on the day.

After School Art Class, Term 3 starting 21st July, Tuesdays, Karori Community Centre, 3.30-4.45pm. Class includes a broad range of processes and materials; painting, sculpture, drawing and printmaking. Charged per term, \$15 per class. All materials included. Register by 3rd of July. Contact Rebecca for a programme: 027 303 7113 or becca.hasselman@gmail.com.

Let's Cook! Holiday Programmes, a charity fundraiser for Ni Hao Children's Community: Learn to make yummy steamed BBQ Pork Buns, Mee Goreng, Banana Roti (hosted at the Asiana Cooking School in Wellington City). These hands on cooking classes are open to children and their adults. Classes will be conducted in English, but a Mandarin teacher will be around for those who want to learn. **+ F R E E Mandarin Stories & Rhymes!** Sessions every Thursday 10am, starting in the 1st week of the school holidays, and kindly hosted by Wellington Central Library. Suitable for those families wanting to learn Mandarin as a foreign language, or native speakers looking for a fun language activity to do with their children. Visit www.nihaocc.org.nz for more details on the Let's Cook! Holiday Programmes and free Stories & Rhymes! sessions.

Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics in Thorndon. Enrolments now open for Term 3. Come and try our **FREE** class on the 8th or 9th July 4.0 – 5.00pm. Rhythmic Gymnastics is a mix of dance and gymnastics. Great for developing hand-eye co-ordination and strong brain linkages, and for building fitness, body awareness and self-confidence. We offer Recreation classes Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 4- 5 pm and also Saturday 9–10am. At Anglican Chinese Mission Hall, 30-50 Glenmore St, Thorndon, (entrance opposite the Botanical Gardens up the driveway). <http://www.rhythmicgym.nz> or phone email info@rhythmicgym.nz.

Staglands Mad for Marshmallows - Make sure you visit Staglands these July school holidays as not only will they be running their, ever popular, free off-road tractor-trailer rides throughout the holidays - they will also be giving away **free marshmallows for all their visitors** to toast on the campfire. Enjoy toasted marshmallows on the cosy camp fire down by The Barn whilst enjoying nature in all her glory! www.staglands.co.nz

Skylight Bereavement Group - This is to be run in conjunction with the Mary Potter Hospice, Porirua. This group supports children aged 6 - 12 years old, who are bereaved. The main aims of the group are to help normalize the experience of losing a loved one for children, and to help them to externalize and process feelings related to their experience. The group includes an initial parent pre group interview, followed by three consecutive child group sessions.

Dates and times: Wednesday 8th of July, 9.30am -12pm, Thursday 9th of July, 9.30am – 12.30pm and Friday 10th of July 9.30am – 12.30pm. Venue: Mary Potter Hospice, Porirua office, 1a Prosser Street. Fee: \$90 per child. Morning Tea is provided each day. Please call Sarah on 920 9967 to register your child for the course or email Sarah@skylight-trust.org.nz. A minimum of 6 Children are needed for the group to go ahead.

Family Change Group - This group supports children aged 6-12 years old, who are affected by a family break-up. The main aims of the group are to help normalise the experience of family break-up for children, and to help them externalize and process feelings related to their experience in a safe way. The group includes an initial pre group interview, followed by three consecutive child group sessions.

Dates: Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July, Times: 9.30am – 12.30pm, Venue: L3, HMR Building, 5-7 Vivian Street, Wellington. Fee: \$90 per child. Morning tea will be provided each day and there will be a Pizza graduation lunch on the last day.

Please call Sarah on 920 9967 to register your child for the course or email Sarah@skylight-trust.org.nz

Laserforce Wellington's School Holiday Deal - Laserforce Wellington is not only a great kids' birthday party venue, it's the place for a fun-fuelled school holiday outing! Just \$12 gets you unlimited Laserforce laser tag games and unlimited arcade gaming for 2 ½ hours! That's incredible value for an exciting school holiday activity. There are two sessions each weekday of the school holidays: Monday - Friday 10am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 3.30pm. Kids love it and at only \$12 per person, you will too. To book your session for the school holiday deal just give us a call on 04 384 4622 or visit www.laser-force.co.nz.