



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Kia ora koutou

Finally, after weeks of preparation, the Pied Piper performances begin tonight. We still have a few seats available for tonight and Wednesday, but NO tickets available for Thursday, it's a sell-out. Contact Jillian 475-3018 if you want a ticket.

School Fair - The school fair is happening next term. The success of this fair depends on parents being willing to volunteer their help on stalls. It is very important that we get this help. When we get lots of parents signing up everyone is able to provide a bit of help and enjoy the fair at the same time. The more people rostered on to a stall the less time each individual has to spend on it. Please fill in the online form that will be sent later this week that will be asking you to roster yourself onto a stall. The money raised at the fair will benefit ALL children therefore let's all get involved!



Enrolment - The school will be advertising places within the Māori Immersion Strand for any students wishing to enrol between term 4 2015 and term 3 2016. Please get any families who you think may be interested, to contact the school office and request an application form, which will be sent next week. (Application forms will not be sent until the official advertisement has appeared in the Dominion Post.)

Resignation - Recently I received a letter of resignation from Lisa Dei Gratia. Lisa has been on maternity leave from her position as teacher in Pohutukawa class. During her time at Otari School Lisa demonstrated in depth knowledge, sound teaching skills and a strong commitment to her students. She continually delivered a programme of Montessori learning that challenged and stimulated the young minds she taught. Her leadership of the Montessori strand helped produce significant developments, including a document that aligned Montessori education at Otari School with the New Zealand Curriculum and our own Otari School Curriculum. Lisa will be pursuing her dedication to Montessori education through other avenues and we wish her, Nate and Manaaki all the very best in their future endeavours.

The Board of Trustees will now be advertising the vacant position for a permanent teacher. Once the Board of Trustees has received applications the Board's Teacher Appointment Committee will meet to make decisions about shortlisting, interviewing and ultimately, appointing a successful applicant. The appointment committee consists of the Principal, the Chairperson, Montessori parent Board of Trustees member and Montessori teacher. The Montessori Trust Chairperson will also be invited to be on this committee.

Parents will be informed of the outcome before the end of term 4.

St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival is being held on Saturday at Newlands College. Performances begin early in the morning with the Otari Immersion strand children performing at 3.00pm.

Help Needed - We require someone with a people mover or a station wagon to pick up some PMP equipment from Cardinal McKeefry School next week (preferably Wednesday) and bring it to Otari. Please could you email Britta (britta@otari.school.nz) if you can help. Thank you.

Kākano Plays - Kākano parents are invited to attend Kākano class plays on Tuesday 22 September at 1.45pm to 2.45pm in the school hall.

Calendars - Coming home today are order forms for calendars featuring artwork your child has produced. Orders to be returned by the end of the term.

Parent Donation via the IRD - Below is the link to the IRD website for Payroll Giving. For each dollar donated via Payroll Giving 33.33 cents is deducted from the tax paid, ie for each \$20 you donate, you get a return of \$6.66 directly back into your pay.
<http://www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax-individual/tax-credits/payroll-giving/>

Supporting Otari School is easy with Vodafone and Intelligent Rewards. Vodafone home line customers can support **Otari School** easily by nominating our school to earn Intelligent Rewards™ points. Our school will earn 1.5 points for every \$1 spent on your Vodafone home line account each month. It costs you nothing and we can use the points to get fantastic rewards such as computers, sports gear, musical instruments, school trips and more! Simply go to
http://www.intelligentrewards.co.nz/index.php?act=support_your_school&layout=community to nominate our school and complete a few details. It's that easy!

Yummy Apple Stickers - There is only 10 days left to collect these stickers. Please bring them to the school office asap.

Te Taonga Horomata: Whaka-ae-tika. Our virtue is Trust

Trust is having faith, hope and a positive outlook. Trust is believing in someone or something. We have confidence that the right thing will come about without trying to control it or make it happen. We trust others to do what they say they will do, and give them the space to be trustworthy.

Have a great week everyone. A reminder that the term ends next Friday 25 September at 2.55pm.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

"Trust is the glue of life. It's the most essential ingredient in effective communication. It's the foundational principle that holds all relationships."

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

Khandallah Tennis And Squash Club - Active Kids, with their Mums and Dads. 2015 Tennis Season Open Day – come and play some tennis. Hit a tennis ball and if you like it, come and learn to play tennis and maybe join our club. Sat 19th September from 10am-12.00noon Khandallah Tennis and Squash Club, 55 Delhi Cres, Khandallah.

Periwinkles- Swim/sports/ballet -bags for sale with adjustable straps, fully lined with a zipped pocket. See web for designs www.facebook.com/PeriwinklesNZ or www.periwinklesnz.wix.com/periwinkles. Email: periwinklesnz@gmail.com. Phone: Kim 976 0768.

After school art class, Term 4 starting 13th October, 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 25th September. Contact Rebecca for a programme: 027 303 7113 or becca.hasselman@gmail.com.

Kelly Club runs all sorts of programmes including Holiday Programmes (28 Sept-9 Oct) – For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit:
www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

Story Time At Vic Books On Saturdays - We're pleased to invite you to our inaugural weekly Story Time event. Come along for a coffee or brunch, and your little one can be entertained while you relax and peruse the shop!

Newlands Junior Softball Club - We are now taking registrations for the upcoming 2015/16 summer season. Fun for all ages, no previous playing experience necessary. Mixed grades of T Ball or Mini Pitch: Under 7s and Under 9s. Softball grades: Under 11s, Under 13s, Under 15s and Under 17s. You can register online at www.sportsground.co.nz/newlandssoftball. For more information please visit our website or email njsclub@gmail.com

Be a champion and raise funds for your school - with Wellington Sevens

Until **Friday 25 September 2015**, for each adult ticket purchased to Wellington Sevens 2016 using our school's unique password (OTARISCHOOL), New Zealand Rugby will donate \$7 directly back to our school.

Tell your friends, tell your family, tell your neighbour and get fundraising. Then sit back, relax and come January you can enjoy a massive day or two out with some dress-ups, Olympic sevens stars and music at the stadium.

For the first time ever there's a whole range of ticket options and there is something for everyone. Adult tickets start at just \$37 and all kids eat free. With limited tickets available, be quick to secure yours - this fundraising offer ends on 25 September 2015.

New to the 2016 tournament is The Family Zone that Wellington has never seen before. Located at the southern end of Westpac Stadium, the Family Zone experience includes a close to the action on-field seating area where kids can interact with players, entertainment such as face painting, a safe, themed concourse space with Family Zone dedicated bathrooms, a gaming space, and the pre-set food pack for all kids. We are motivated to deliver a family zone experience second to none.

To secure your tickets, visit sevens.co.nz/schools, find your password and simply click "grab your tickets".

For any questions please email WellingtonSevenstickets@nzrugby.co.nz. Let the fundraising begin!