



Te Kura o Otari  
Otari School

# News

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Kia ora koutou

**Fair Volunteers Needed** - It is imperative there are enough people to run all the stalls at the forthcoming school fair. It would be very unfortunate if stalls were not able to be included because of a lack of people willing to give up an hour of their time. Please register your willingness to help so that everyone is able to participate and enjoy the fair. At previous fairs some volunteers have stayed at a stall during the entire fair without a break. Everyone always says what a great fair we have, however its future viability is in doubt if we cannot secure the support needed for this one. Please contact Louise Hannagan at [louhannagan@paradise.net.nz](mailto:louhannagan@paradise.net.nz) or complete the online help list that was emailed last week.

**Study Abroad Participant - Mary Friedman** - Next term the school will welcome Mary Friedman, a US Study Abroad participant who one of our parents, Charles Dawson, has arranged for us to host. Study abroad students are on a one-year semester programme organised by Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs and come from universities throughout the US mid-west. A dedication to social justice and promoting academic - community partnerships for social change are key features of the programme. Mary will be involved in the school for three days a week from 20 October until December, helping with a range of classroom and outdoor/environmental education activities.

**Wild Spaces Playground Working Bee** - One of the projects Mary will be involved in is helping to create a wild spaces playground behind the back iron fence of the field. To begin this project a working bee is planned for **Saturday 17 October** between 10am and 2pm. We need people to turn up ready to do some clearing, with thick gardening gloves! Any grubbers and spades would be most welcome too!

**Kapa Haka Festival** - Thank you tamariki who represented Te Kura o Otari at the St Brigid's Kapa Haka festival on Saturday. I have heard some very positive feedback about their outstanding performance. All credit to the kaiako for their teaching and encouragement. Thank you whānau for all your support.

**Library** - Weather has prevented us from having a sale of culled non fiction books. Johanne is hoping for a fine afternoon this week to put these out. Most will be 50c each.

**Technology resuming** - Technology resumes next term. Please ensure year 7 and 8 children are at school by 8:40am on Fridays.

**Term 4** - Note the following dates of school events and activities:

- Mon 12 Oct: Term begins
- Sat 17 Nov: Working Bee, 10-2pm
- Tues 20 Oct: Whānau hui, 5.30pm
- Wed 4 Nov: Jack Flash & Jumping Beanstalk Show, 11am
- Sat 7 Nov: School Fair, 3-7pm
- Thurs 12 Nov: WZ Athletics
- Fri 19 Nov: Volunteers morning tea, 10.30am
- Fri 27 Nov: Disco
- Tues 1 Dec: Wgtn City Mission 'Pack the Bus'
- Mon 7 Dec: Reports home
- Thurs 10 Dec: Year 8 outing and Year 8 dinner
- Tues 15 Dec: Year 8 farewell
- Wed 16 Dec: Carols in the hall
- Thurs 17 Dec: Final assembly at 11:15am - Children sent home at 12noon.

**Immersion Strand Out of Zone Enrolment** - The following advert was placed in Saturday's Dominion Post:

**OTARI SCHOOL SPECIAL PROGRAMME MĀORI IMMERSION ENROLMENT TERM 4 2015 and TERMS 1 and 2, 2016**

Otari School Board of Trustees is limited in the number of places it is able to offer students as a consequence of operating an enrolment scheme, details of which are available at the school office.

The Board has determined that there are spaces available within the special programme (Māori Immersion) for out of zone students in term 4, 2015 & terms 1 and 2, 2016.

For students seeking enrolment within this period the deadline for receipt of applications is **Monday 5 October 2015**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of applications by Friday 9 October 2015.

If the number of out of zone applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot following the Ministry of Education defined priority order. If a ballot for out of zone places is required it will be held on Tuesday 6 October. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within four days of it being held.

**Closing date for enrolment application: Monday 5 October 2015**

**Ballot date: Tuesday 6 October 2015**

**Applicants notified: By 9 October 2015**

Application forms are available by emailing [principal@otari.school.nz](mailto:principal@otari.school.nz).

**PMP** - Next we will be setting up a special PE programme for Kaikomako and selected children in Kakano and Pohutukawa called the Perceptual Motor Programme, or PMP. The programme runs as a series of activity circuits to help children practice and develop their skills in locomotion, balance, fitness, hand-eye coordination, memory and language.

We are very keen to start the programme but require your help to run it. We will need parents who can be involved. The programme consists of two 1 hour sessions each week for approximately 8 weeks (starting in week 2 of term 4 and going to the second to last week), plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour setting up and putting away of equipment.

Each session is set up in 5 activity stations and each station requires an adult to supervise it. It would be preferable if you were able to commit to a block of time. We will advise you about the time slots in week 1 of next term.

If you think you might be interested in helping us with this programme, please indicate on the slip below, even if your child is not in a junior class. A training session will be provided for helpers before they start working with the children. If you require any more information before making a commitment, please talk to Britta.

**Netball uniforms** – Please return clean netball uniforms as soon as possible.

**Calendars** – A reminder that calendar orders are due at the end of the week. Every child needs an individual order form. A scanned copy will be emailed to families for those who have not got an original one.

**Yummy Apple Stickers** – Last chance for any Yummy stickers. Please send them to school tomorrow. Thank you.

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

*Sometimes it is difficult to trust when life brings painful experiences. Trust is being sure, in the depths of our being, that there is some gift or learning in everything that happens. We move confidently with the flow of life, gathering strength from adversity. We know we are never alone.*

Enjoy the holidays everyone. A reminder that the term ends on Friday at 2.55pm.

Ngā mihi nui  
Clifford

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

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

*Stephen Covey*

**Garage Sale - 26 September, 8 - 10am at 33 Warwick Street, Wilton.** We are heading off to Germany for a year or two, so we need to get rid of things like children's clothes, toys, games, books, CD's, DVD's and furniture. We also have a Baby car seat, adult clothes and a lot of kitchen stuff to get rid of. Come along - everything must go!

**Check out our website ([www.otari.school.nz](http://www.otari.school.nz)), under Notices/Newsletters for masses of Community Notices including Parenting Courses & holiday programmes.**

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## **PMP Help**

Name: .....

Times you are able to help with (please **circle** what are good times for you, e.g. Monday set up and session times)

Monday		Friday	
1.10pm	set up	8.40am	set up
1.30 to 2.45pm	session and tidy up	9.00 to 10.15am	session and tidy up

Please return to the school office as soon as possible or email [britta@otari.school.nz](mailto:britta@otari.school.nz).