



**Te Kura o Otari
Otari School**

News

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Kia ora koutou

Strategic Plan - Our new strategic plan is attached to this newsletter. This outlines the Board's priorities over the next three years and includes the Annual Plan. The Strategic Plan is part of the School's Charter. This will be uploaded to the school website within the next week.

School Picnic at Scorching Bay - Our picnic is on tomorrow, leaving school at 9.30am. Please remember to send your child to school with swimming togs, towel, warm jersey/jacket, sunblock, hat and lots of food and water.

MARCIE PROJECT - The MARCIE Project is a Victoria University of Wellington - School of Psychology research project being hosted by Otari School over the coming weeks. Information and consent forms will be sent home with the children today and the researchers kindly ask that a form is returned for every child showing whether or not their child is able to participate. Research will begin end of March. The MARCIE project team look forward to working with Otari School over the coming weeks.

Scholastic Book orders need to be to the school office by Friday.

Learning Goal Interviews - This year our learning goal interviews are going to be held over 3 weeks. Each strand has chosen the days their teachers are available for interviews. Interviews will be 15 minutes duration and the last interview each night will be 5.45pm.

Interview times are booked online (www.schoolinterviews.co.nz). The school code is qcm3g. The website will be open for parents to use later this afternoon. If you are unable to use the website call Jillian (475-3018) and she will book a time for you.

Te Reo Māori lessons: Are you interested in learning or increasing your Māori language knowledge or usage in the home, with your children, family or community? We are taking registrations for those interested in a 6-week course in the school hall in term one, 6:30-7:30pm on Thursday nights. Numbers are limited and this course will be offered if at full capacity. For dates, registration and further details please email: waahuu@extra.co.nz or text/call 021 639 790 asap.

Emergency Form - An Emergency Form was sent home recently. Please return to the office as soon asap. We need an updated form from every family. (If you have recently enrolled & filled in the form, it's not necessary to re-do it).

"Keeping You in the Loop"

A weekly update of news, events and activities:

- Michelline, our Enviro School facilitator will be taking a staff meeting with the teachers this afternoon to look at ways of incorporating an environmental focus into our topic studies
- Otari School student council elections and appointments will be made next week. Year 7 and Year 8 students who want to be student council members will be talking to their classes about the reasons they want to be on the Student Council. There will be 4 members from each strand. Two members are elected by their peers and two are appointed by the teachers.
- The tarmac and concrete line markings are to be re-painted soon.
- The Literacy Quiz is coming up in April. This involves years 6 to 8.
- Three teachers, Steve Devine, Deborah Sorensen and Deja Harrison are involved in 'The Incredible Years' professional development programme this year. This programme focuses on behavior management and strategies. (There is also an Incredible Years programme for parents). Six of our teachers have undertaken this professional learning in the past.

Te Taonga Horomata: Manaaki. Our virtue is Mindfulness

Mindfulness is living reflectively, with conscious awareness of our actions, words and thoughts. Awake to the world around us, we fully experience our senses. We are attentive to others' needs. We refuse to ruse/

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
School Picnic	Everyone	Wed 2 Mar	\$5.00
Whānau Hui	Immersion Strand	Wed 9 Mar, 5.00pm	
Bruce Potter, Illustrator	All Children	Mon 14 March	\$2.00
School Athletics	All Children	Wed 16 Mar	
WZ Football	Selected Children	Tues 22 Mar	
Easter Break - No school	Everyone	25,26,27,28,29	
Kia Toa Show	All Children	Wed 6 Apr	\$4.50

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

"Can you cleanse your inner vision until you see nothing but the light?...Can you step back from your own mind and thus understand all things?."

Tao Te Ching

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

Onslow Junior Football Club - First Kicks - It is not too late to register your child for 'First Kicks'. First Kicks is a very popular introduction to football for boys and girls, turning 5 or 6 this calendar year. Our objectives are participation, fun and skill development. Registrations close Sunday March 6. Please see www.onslow.org.nz for more information and registration.

How to maximize your child's academic achievement?? A considerable body of international research proves that those who learn piano in the pre-school years will become outstanding academic achievers during the teen years. Wieck Piano Academy of Newlands was founded in 2014 by international artist-teacher Eugene Gienger to enable the youngest "can do" Kiwis (ages 2.75 to 4.25) to reach their full musical and academic potential! Read more at www.DakotaPianist.com, Phone 021 356 589, Email: egienger@hotmail.com. Free interview/evaluations.

Dance classes for all ages available: Pre-school – adults. Special classes for 'late starters'. Fully Qualified Tutors. Class sizes limited. Enquiries: Carolyn on 389-4944 or cajon@paradise.net.nz

Wadestown Village Fair is on Saturday 12 March from 11am at Myers park beside Wadestown library.

Child's Name _____

School Picnic: ☐ Enclosed is \$5.00 ☐ Deduct \$5.00 from my Activity Account.

Bruce Potter (Illustrator): ☐ Enclosed is \$2.00 ☐ Deduct \$2.00 from my Activity Account.

Kia Toa Show: ☐ Enclosed is \$4.50 ☐ Deduct \$4.50 from my Activity Account.