



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Kia ora koutou

Strategic Plan - Our 2016 School Charter is now on our website. Click on School/Kura and you will see School Charter 2016. Ngā Whanaketanga and National Standards results and reports have also been uploaded to the website. Click on Learning/Akoranga and then scroll down to National Standards 2016 or Ngā Whanaketanga 2016.

School Band - The school band has got off to a great start with plenty of interest and enthusiasm. To keep our costs down in the initial stages we would like to borrow the following gear:

- Small guitar amp
- Small singing amp
- Guitar leads
- Microphones
- Music stands

If anyone can help with any of these items please contact Steve at: steve@otari.school.nz or 027-3645-234.

Technology - A reminder that technology for yr 7/8s is on **tomorrow** as well as Thursday. Bus leaves school at 8.45am.

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. If you are unable to use the website call Jillian (475-3018) and she will book a time for you.

School Bus Review - We have received a letter from Greater Wellington Regional Council regarding the proposed bus changes, stating the following:

Changes to school bus services will no longer occur from 2 May 2016 (term 2) as originally indicated. Currently we do not have a set timeline regarding any service changes and we will keep you updated as we progress through the review.

We will keep you informed on any news as it comes.

Tuesday Book Bonanza - Last year we culled books from our collection that we felt were no longer appropriate for our current library use. These books will now be available for parents and students of our school to have for koha, every Tuesday after school this term, weather permitting. Please come along and browse. *Hilary and Johanne.*

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 5-week course in the school hall in term one, 6:30-7:30pm on Thursday's starting 17 March 17 to 14 April 2016. Numbers are limited and this course will be offered if at full capacity. For registration 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 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).

Entertainment Books - We will be selling these books again this year. To pre-order, go to the following link: <http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10455w7>. Books will be available in April.

"Keeping You in the Loop"

A weekly update of news, events and activities:

- Today Ngaio and Pohutukawa are visiting the Makara Windfarm as part of their topic studies related to our 'Sky' theme.
- Tomorrow Pohutukawa, Kaikomako, Kowhai, Kakano and Kereru are having an activities based EOTC experience at Karori Park.
- The Māori Immersion Strand Whānau Hui is tomorrow at 5.30pm.
- Student Council hopefuls are presenting their speeches to their classes this Friday.
- Next Monday book illustrator Bruce Potter is visiting the school. (\$2 per child)
- School Athletics is next week, at Wilton Park on Wednesday 16 March, starting at 9:15am. Parents are welcome to join us for this event.

Te Taonga Horomata: Manaaki. Our virtue is Mindfulness

Living mindfully lightens our lives by helping us to detach from our emotions. We transform anger to justice. We seek joy instead of mere desire. We cultivate our inner vision, aware of life's lessons as they unfold. Mindfulness brings us serenity.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Trip to Wind Farm	Ngaio & Pohutukawa	Tues 8 Mar, 9.30am	
Trip to Karori Park	Junior classes & Kereru	Wed 9 Mar, 9.30am	\$3.00
Whānau Hui	Immersion Strand	Wed 9 Mar, 5.30pm	
Bruce Potter, Illustrator	All Children	Mon 14 Mar	\$2.00
Yr 3 Sports Festival	Yr 3 Children	Tues 15 Mar, 9.30am	
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

"Mindfulness is about love and loving life. When you cultivate this love, it gives you clarity and compassion for life, and your actions happen in accordance with that. Jon Kabat-Zinn

Term Dates 2016

Term 1: Wed 3 Feb – Fri 15 Apr
Term 3: Mon 25 July – Fri 23 Sept

Term 2: Mon 2 May – Fri 8 July
Term 4: Mon 10 Oct – Fri 16 Dec

Other Holidays:

Easter break: 25, 28, 29 Mar
Queens Birthday: Mon 5 Jun

Anzac Day: Mon 25 Apr
Labour Day: Mon 24 Oct

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

House to Rent - Sunny, compact, 3-bedroom house available to rent from mid-April (school holidays). Close to school, park, bus-stop and Otari Bush. Warwick St, Wilton (in zone). \$395/wk.
Ph: 0221826993 - email: ablackduck@hotmail.com

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

Zumba Fitness at the Otari School Hall - Zumba with Annick is back again this year at the Otari School Hall. Come along and experience the benefits of Zumba Fitness. Classes are suitable for beginners and all levels of fitness. Options will be given to suit your fitness needs. WHEN: Wednesday 7.15pm – 8.15pm NEW! First class starts Wednesday 23 March. Free Launch Class. Friday 6.15pm – 7.15pm Class is held every Friday. \$8 per class, students \$5. **FIRST CLASS FREE.** 5 and 10 class concession cards available. Contact: Annick 021 462 042 or email zumbawithannick@gmail.com

Calling all kids (and parents!) Easter Crafts on Palm Sunday (20th March). St Lukes Wadestown (Pitt St) and Wadestown Presbyterian Church have combined together to run an Easter Crafts afternoon for children and their big people. Think Easter Gardens, pretzel making, flax crosses and more. Venue: St Luke's, cnr Pitt Street and Wadestown Rd, Wadestown, Time: 2-4pm.

Drama Club - After School Drama & Musical Theatre classes for children. I have small classes of approximately 6-8 pupils specialising in all aspects of speech and drama. Solo/group examinations are available for all children. Register to trial the classes at www.dramaclub.co.nz, or email Bridie at admin@dramaclub.co.nz. Alternatively you can contact Bridie on 021 054 2593.

Karori Junior Hockey Club - Would you like to give hockey a go in a fun and supportive club team? Karori Junior Hockey Club has spaces available in their 1-4 year teams. Visit kjhc.org.nz for more information. Registration closes 11 March.

The Aro Valley Fair is on this Saturday 12th March in Aro Park from 10am - 5pm - Come along and enjoy the annual Arolympics, tonnes of stalls and bands on two stages at the best little fair at the waggy-tail end of the Wellington summer. Bands include Cotton Daisy Backstep, Kubatana and the Moringa dancers, Phantasticus and Supertonic - a 60 strong choir. Stage 2 will kick off with a free Tai Chi class and there will be a presentation by the WCC Leafy Dreams group for local food week, as well as local talent. Brought to you by the Aro Valley Community Centre and Creative Communities. Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/events/1034901809873537/?active_tab=posts

Child's Name _____

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.