



**Te Kura o Otari
Otari School**

News

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Kia ora koutou

Athletic Sports Postponement - We have decided it would be wise, given the weather forecast for tomorrow, to postpone the athletic sports until Wednesday of next week (23 March). If it is raining next week we will not be having athletic sports this term and will most likely hold the event in the fourth term. This is when the Western Zone and Wellington Zone events are held.

Student Council - The Student Council help organise events throughout the year. They also come up with ideas for fundraising, enhancing the school playground experience and supporting inter-strand activities. This year the Otari Student Council members are:

Alice Thompson Max Coram Emma Pillay William Thompson	Te Okanga Huata-Wagner Maarie Apanui-Barr Ariana Te Awa-Douglas Kereama Hape	Jack Moyer Nuku Phillips Xavier Hemopo-Tarawhiti Benjamin Martin
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Thank you to all the children who stood for Student Council.

"Keeping You in the Loop"

A weekly update of news, events and activities:

- Ngaio, Totara and Tui classes listened to a very informative and interesting talk from Adrian Wagner about the Treaty of Waitangi. Adrian provided context through recounting historical events that led to the treaty. Adrian is a parent in Tui class and BoT member.
- Yesterday the children from all classes enjoyed an entertaining presentation from author and illustrator, Bruce Potter.
- Today Enviro-school students are visiting Otari-Wilton bush with Britta to learn more about sustainable practice.
- The year 3 Sports Festival is happening today at Marsden College.
- This Thursday is the last day of technology until term 3.
- Today three teacher aides, Sandi, Alison and Paula, and two of our learning support/special needs teachers, Kathy and Sue, are at a "Storymaker" course. Storymaker is a programme used at Otari School to assist with literacy learning. It has recently been updated.

Scholastic Books - Scholastic have advised that they are having unexpected technical issues and have a big back-log of orders. Books will hopefully be delivered shortly. Due to this hold-up they are not sending out the next booklets until term 2.

Learning Goal Interviews begin next week. 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.

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 start this Thursday 17 March, 6:30-7:30pm (arrival by 6:15pm) in the school hall. Lessons will continue every Thursday night until 14th April 2016 for a 5 week total duration to the end of Term 1. Some spaces are still available for those interested in learning or increasing their Māori language knowledge and usage. For registration please email: waahuu@xtra.co.nz or text/call 021 639 790 ASAP! See you all on Thursday!

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.

Te Taonga Horomata: Manaaki. Our virtue is Honesty
Honesty is being truthful, sincere, open and genuine. We are content and confident to be ourselves. We see ourselves and others with unclouded eyes. We do not exaggerate to impress others. We refuse of lie, cheat or take what is not ours. We strive to keep our promises.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
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

A reminder that the Easter break is next week. There will be no school on Friday 25, Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 March.

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

"Life comes down to honesty and doing what's right. That's what's most important."
Bob Feller

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

School Holiday Computer Classes - For ages 5 – 15 in Minecraft, Create 3D Games, Coding, Web Design, Animation, Video Editing, and Building a PC and if young the Discovery Computer Class. For further information call 488 0787 or e-mail www.grandtraining.co.nz.

The Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshop is back! It runs from 10am-4pm Tuesday 26 - Thurs 28th April. Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day! Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment. For more information check out our website! Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick! : marrzipandrama.co.nz E: workshop@marrzipandrama.co.nz T: 021 02645487.

Northland Neighbours Day at NMCC this Sunday - Free sausages and edible plant seeds for your garden! The Northland Memorial Community Centre is running a Neighbours Day event this Sunday 20th March between 10am and 2pm. Bring along games to share and play with your neighbours, or do some planting in our garden; its all about old fashioned fun - neighbour mingling, free BBQ sausages for lunch with tea and coffee, and an opportunity to learn a new game (the non technology variety). We would love to see the older people in our community come along and enjoy the day spending time with local families - do you have an elderly neighbour who may want to come along? Excellent opportunity to invite them and get to know them better. ALL WELCOME

Community volunteers needed for Northland. The Northland Memorial Community Centre is managed by a group of volunteers who meet monthly at 7.30pm on the second Thursday, February to November. Great group of people to work with and only a few hours a month of your time - flexible in terms of what you are able to offer. Please contact Angelina on 475-8511 or email angelina@northlandcommunitycentre.org.nz.

Weta Workshop School Holiday Programme – 18-22 April (tailored to children aged 7-12 years). <http://wetaworkshop.com/visit-us/workshop-tours/tour/school-holiday-programme>

Looking for things to do with the kids over the April School Holidays? See www.citywrigglers.co.nz for everything for Wellington parents, and all one place. Try a new playground, find a school holiday programme or class, take the kids to some fantastic children's theatre or see the great free events on for Wellington children and parents. Check out Citywrigglers Facebook page for regular updates too.

Northern United Junior Hockey Club - Based in Newlands, we are your local hockey club for children in school years 3 to 8. Players of all skill levels welcome! LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR 2016! 11-a-side: first trial completed, but you can still register if you act now! 6-a-side (school yrs 3-6): registrations close 20th March. Pre-season training Wednesdays till end of March – see website. Years 7 & 8 (11-a-side) 2nd trial: 12th March, 2-5 pm. www.nujhc.org.nz, nujhc@gmail.com.

Do you know a boy who needs a good role model? - Since 1997, Big Buddy has successfully matched hundreds of fatherless boys with well-screened mentors. This world-leading programme is committed to carefully matching boys (aged 7-14) with mentors, so they have the best possible chance of establishing long-term relationships. The aim is for fatherless boys to know there is a man they can rely on to show up, listen and have fun with. The results are outstanding! For more information check out our website www.bigbuddy.org.nz. To talk to Wellington Coordinator Dave Burcher, phone (04) 384 4888 or 027 573 4888.

Bookings Now Open for Northland Kidz Club's Two-Week April Holiday Programme – (Monday 18 – Friday 29 April). \$45 per child per day (third child onwards, \$20), 8.30am to 6pm each day. For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz) or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), email (nkc.jan@gmail.com).

Come and join fencing during the school term, to learn this fun and great sport - Fencing is the sport competition of physical strength and stamina; of the brain; of courage; of patience. Through fencing training, can development of self-control, self-confidence, coordination and agility. ASB Sports Centre, 72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, When: Mondays: 2/5 - 4/7. Fee: \$150/per term. Age requirement: over 6 years old. For further information and to book a place contact PING YUAN at nz_wfc@outlook.com or 021 059 2558.