



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Kia ora koutou

Welcome to a new student and his family: Ailbe Dyer (Kakano)

After Easter we will be saying farewell to Tama Powell, our Montessori Teaching Assistant. Tama has been with us for $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. During this time the children have benefitted from her considerable teaching expertise, friendly, caring nature and dedication to their wellbeing. They have also thoroughly enjoyed her wonderful sense of fun.

Tama has been a valued staff member whose warmth and humour will be missed. Her commitment to our school has been most appreciated. We all wish Tama the very best for the future. Tama's last day is April 1st.

School Athletics is on tomorrow, at Wilton Park. Please ensure you send your child to school wearing appropriate footwear and clothing. Children also need to bring plenty of food, water, sunhat, sunblock and a warm jacket. Parents are most welcome to join us.

Board of Trustees - This year we will be selecting a new Board of Trustees. If you would like an idea of what it involves the NZ School Trustees Association has produced a booklet for parents. Please let Jillian in the office know if you would like one.

Guitar Lessons - No guitar lessons this week. Lessons will be credited to next term.

Netball - Urgent reminder to return the slips by tomorrow, if you want your child to play this season.

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:

- The annual school maintenance clean and paint has been completed
- Western Zone Football tournament is on today at Ian Galloway Park
- Athletic Sports tomorrow - Wilton Park
- Next BoT meeting 4 April
- There is unlikely to be a newsletter next week.

Te Taonga Horomata: Manaaki. Our virtue is Honesty

As we recognise illusions and self-deceptions, we gently let them go. We admit mistakes even when we know someone may be disappointed or angry. We heal old messages that tell us we are less than worthy. We stand strong, knowing that we have true value in being who we are.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Easter Break - No school	Everyone	25,26,27,28,29	
Kia Toa Show	All Children	Wed 6 Apr	\$4.50

A reminder that there will be no school on Friday 25, Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 March.

"Being honest never hurts anyone.
Being a liar hurts only you."

Best wishes for a happy and peaceful Easter break.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford



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

Do you or a loved one have any stories from conflict or war years you'd like to share? If so, we'd love to hear them. In honour of Anzac Day, we shall be setting up a recording caravan from 4-10 April at the Great War Exhibition and we need your help to spread the word. We are inviting Wellingtonians to share their stories concerning conflict or war, with the community. We are seeking personal accounts as well as stories passed down through the family; either combat recollections or family home-front experiences. Anyone can book a space to interview friends and family or alternatively we have staff on hand capable to conduct interviews. The stories collected shall be shared with the public on our #wellynextdoor website: <http://www.wellynextdoor.co.nz/interviews/>. This project has been inspired both by the US Storycorps project and the UK Listening project: <http://storycorps.org/> and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/features/the-listening-project>.

To book a free 30-minute session, you can fill in the "book your slot" form on <http://wellington.govt.nz/services/community-and-culture/community-resources/wellynextdoor> or you can email: wellynextdoor@wcc.govt.nz, and let us know which day and time you'd like to come. Our recording caravan will be conducting interviews from 10 am to 4 pm, starting 4 April and ending 10 April. Stories are the glue that binds a community together. Help us share those stories.

Queen Margaret College Scholarships - Parents can find out further information regarding our Scholarships at: www.qmc.school.nz/admissions/scholarships. Year 8 parents may also be interested in the Ministry of Education Aspire Scholarship. The Aspire Scholarship provides assistance for low income families towards the costs of private secondary schooling. It will contribute up to \$15,000 per year towards the tuition fees of a private school for the duration of a student's attendance at this school. It will also include a yearly allowance of up to \$1,500 for course related costs. Please visit the Ministry of Education website for more information. Parents can also find out further information at our up-coming Open Day on Sunday 20 March (1 - 3pm).

Hobson Street Homes Tour takes place on Sunday 3 April 10am-4pm. This wonderful tour is a unique opportunity to explore beautiful and historic homes in Thorndon. Tickets are \$45 including refreshments. To purchase on line please visit: <http://www.katherinemansfield.com/visit-katherine-mansfield-house-and-garden/whats-on.cfm/event/hobson-street-homes-house-tour>. Thank you for supporting the Katherine Mansfield House and Garden.