



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Kia ora koutou

Welcome to two new students and their families:

Lilah Hawke (Kakano)

William Fullelove (Kōwhai)

Thank you parents for attending the goal setting interviews over the past few weeks. Parents send a powerful message to children about how much they value their child's learning when they engage with their teachers together to discuss learning goals, progress and achievement.

Enrolment – The advertisement below has been placed in tomorrow's Dominion Post. Please circulate to any whānau who may be interested in the Māori Immersion strand.

OTARI SCHOOL SPECIAL PROGRAMME MĀORI IMMERSION ENROLMENT TERMS 3 and 4 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 for terms 3 and 4, 2016.

For students seeking enrolment within this period the deadline for receipt of applications is **Friday 20 May 2016**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of applications by Friday 27 May 2016.

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 24 May. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within four days of it being held.

Closing date for enrolment application: Friday 20 May 2016

Ballot date: Tuesday 24 May 2016

Applicants notified: By Friday 27 May 2016

Application forms are available by emailing office@otari.school.nz.

Clifford Wicks, Principal

Performance – Tomorrow all the children will be attending a show performed by Bernard Mangakahia. The cost is \$4.50 each.

COME ON A JOURNEY WITH BERNARD MANGAKAHIA...

Travelling through Polynesian cultures including Native American Indian, New Zealand Maori, Hawaiian and Samoan, Bernard discovers with each the idea of family, challenges and pride. Mana The Spirit of Polynesia embodies dance, music, multicultural themes, history, geography, the importance of learning about heritage and the power of self-belief and respect.

MANA is the inner strength and confidence that comes from a sense of identity. Bernard Mangakahia inspires everyone to discover their own MANA.

Board of Trustees – The election for the Board of Trustees will be on Friday 3 June. If you would like an idea of what it involves, the NZ School Trustees Association has produced a booklet for parents. Please let Jillian know if you would like one.

Te Kura o Otari Parents Committee – Currently the Parents' Committee is not active. If there is anyone willing to help organise fundraising events, including the school disco, please email Jillian (office@otari.school.nz) to register your interest.

Entertainment Books – We are 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.

Yummy Stickers – Please continue to collect stickers from Yummy apples (and cut the tokens from Yummy bags) all year long. Sticker sheets can be downloaded from this website http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/pdf/Sticker_Collection_Sheet.pdf.

“Keeping you in the Loop”

A weekly update of news, events and activities:

- Johanne has plans to take 2 teams to the Wellington Regional 'Lit Quiz'. There will be a mixed senior team and a year 6 team.
- Claudette Wicks has been appointed as the new teaching assistant in the Montessori strand. Katherine Saviana is currently relieving in this position until the end of the term.
- From term 2 onwards Shani Leda (Totara class) will not be working on Fridays. The children will be taught by Steve Devine (Matua Steve) instead.

Te Taonga Horomata: Manaaki. Our virtue is Cheerfulness

Even when life is challenging, we make the best of it. We trust that all will be well. We nurture happiness. A cheerful smile can light up everyone's day.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Bernard Mangakahia Show	All Children	Wed 6 Apr	\$4.50

Have a great week everyone. Term one ends next Friday, 15 April at 2.55pm.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

Community Notices: *Please check our website for masses of community notices (under Newsletters 2016)*