



**Te Kura o Otari
Otari School**

News

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BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS: By now you should have received a nomination form (via mail). We have six positions to be filled. Please get forms to Jillian by noon on 20 May. There are brochures available from the office if you want more information.

Kia ora koutou

I had a wonderful time in the UK catching up with family members I hadn't seen in years and enjoying time in England, Scotland and Wales. It is, however, very nice to be back where I belong. I look forward, with the staff and Board, to the busy term ahead.

Welcome to a new child and his family: Malakai Cadell-McKay (Kowhai)

The driveway is not a car park! - There have been some recent incidents of Otari School and Montessori PreSchool parents causing frustration by parking their cars in the school driveway. This needs to stop. If you are going to drop your child or children off, drive down, drop them off and drive back out. When picking up, ensure children are waiting for you so they can move directly to you and you can drive away promptly.

"Keeping you in the Loop" - A weekly update of news, events and activities:

- The teachers are learning about a newer version of an effective writing assessment tool as part of their professional development for 2016
- Year 5 to 8 teachers are focusing on individual inquiries and investigations that will form the basis for science fair presentations in the third term
- The school band is going well and hope to perform at the end of the term
- The kaiako from the Māori Immersion Strand are attending a course focusing on an oral language assessment tool called 'Hopukina'.

Fundraising - The Whittaker's chocolate fundraiser for this year is set for delivery on Monday 23 May. "In conjunction with the chocolates we are also offering the choice of selling 'Good Soap' again from the Ecostore. These are carry packs with either Lemongrass or Grapefruit & Mint soap (\$2.50 each).

Please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to school as soon as possible. Please note, if no slip is received we will assume you are happy to sell chocolate and it will be sent home with your child.

Library Book Sale – There will be a library sale next Tuesday, weather permitting.

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 Two &/or Three 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 and before 5pm May 10th 2016.

Entertainment Books are available from the office (\$60 each). Alternately you can order online: <http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10455w7>.

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.

Te Taonga Horomata: Ngākau Tapatahi. Our virtue is Kindness
Kindness is caring that springs from compassion. We have genuine concern for the welfare of others. We are warm, friendly and ready to help. We listen for the needs beneath the words. We give tender attention in simple ways that bring others happiness. Kindness is the daily bread of love.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Trip to Space Place	Kereru/Kakano	Tues 7 June	TBC
Trip to Trelissick Park	Kereru/Kakano	Fri 10 June	
Trip to Space Place	Tui, Kowhai, Kaikomako	Fri 17 June	TBC
School Photos	All Otari Children	Wed 22 June	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

Community Notices:

Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics - We still have a few spaces available this term. We run classes Mon, Tue, Wed, and Sat in Thorndon and Mon & Thur in Northland. Rhythmic Gymnastics is a mix of dance and gymnastics. It develops hand-eye co-ordination through the use of apparatus – rope, hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon. If your daughter loves to dance and is looking for something a little different, then come along to a class and give it a try! Email info@rhythmicgym.nz to arrange a trial. For more information about Elements and our classes, visit www.rhythmicgym.nz

Karori Junior Hockey Club still has some spots for anyone who wants to give hockey a try. Contact us at convenor@kjhc.org.nz.

Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool - Wellington Diving Club has a range of diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up. Why not try something new this year? Visit our website and come along for a free trial! We have many after-school sessions on most days and cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. We are also running our fun casual sessions on Sundays. For more information, please visit our website www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/text Barbara on 027-485-8888.

Kids Cross Country Series - come along and have some fun - Athletics Wellington is again running the **Kids Cross Country Series** in partnership with Les Mills and the Shoe Clinic over the winter months at various venues around the Wellington region. First up is Karori Park on Sunday 15 May. Other venues are Upper Hutt, Petone, Tawa and Mt Victoria. Races for pre schoolers though to year 8s. This event has grown in the past few years with up to 600 kids taking part, so come along and have some fun. For more information or to enter go to <https://www.athleticshub.co.nz/our-programmes#kidsxcountry>

Chocolate / Soap Fundraiser

Name _____

Room _____

___ Happy to support the sale of Whittaker's Chocolate

___ Happy to support the sale of 'Good Soap'. I would prefer Grapefruit or Lemongrass (circle one)

___ Do not wish to support either

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If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Elton - sarahelton1@hotmail.com
