



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Kia ora koutou

Welcome to a new child and her family: Keddie Steffens (Kakano)

Walk for Te Reo Māori! New Zealand's first ever parade to celebrate the Māori language is happening on Monday 4 July and Te Kura o Otari is going to participate. The parade organisers want to involve all New Zealanders in the biggest celebration of Te Reo Māori our country has ever put on.

They are calling on all people in the public and private sectors as well as kōhanga reo, early childhood centres, kura, schools, wānanga, tertiary institutions, kapa haka, sports teams, marae and hapū throughout Wellington region and beyond to join the parade.

As well as celebrating Māori Language Week we will be celebrating our Māori Immersion Strand, and the fact that our unique school has a significant role in fostering te reo Māori through the dedicated Kaiako and wonderful young people within it. We will also celebrate the journey we are all on at Te Kura o Otari as we seek to expand our knowledge, usage and appreciation of Te Reo Māori.

The entire school will be taking buses to the parade and meeting with other participants at Parliament, at 11am. We will be returning to school from Te Papa at 1.30pm. Please feel free to join us for this celebratory occasion!

Matariki Food Donations - Every year we collect food for The City Mission to help "keep the storehouses full" through the winter months. We would appreciate every child bringing an item of non perishable food to contribute to this. We will be collecting for this over the next couple of weeks. Please send items to the school office foyer where a container will be available.

School Photos - Photos are tomorrow. All students will have an individual photo taken as well as a class photo. If you want to have a sibling photo taken, the form sent home recently must be returned to the office by 9am. There are spares in the office if needed.

Road Patrol – Only one parent has offered to help us out with our road patrol. At least another 4 would be appreciated.

Driveway – Please do not drive in to the top of the driveway and then back out. It is way too dangerous; a Preschool child was nearly run over recently.

Wadestown Medical Centre – We are fortunate to have Wadestown Medical Centre sponsoring our newsletter.

Chocolate/Soap – Thank you to chocolate and soap sellers. A reminder to have the money to the office by the end of this week, if possible. If you are happy to continue selling chocolate, we have a few boxes remaining.

“Keeping you in the Loop” – A weekly update of news, events and activities:

- Matua Steve is teaching in Totara between 9:00 and 10:30am and 1:30 to 3pm on Thursdays now, supporting the teaching programme in Totara. He continues teaching Te Reo Pakeha to senior Immersion students during the middle block.
- Whaea Ewa is now releasing Whaea Api for leadership release every Thursday.
- The next Board of Trustees meeting is Monday 27 June.
- The Māori Immersion strand enjoyed a very interesting session at Space Place last week.
- Children are still busy preparing for next term's Science Fair.

Te Taonga Horomata: Ataahua. Our virtue is Beauty.

*Our creativity brings forth beauty in music, art, dance and language.
We practice beauty by creating a space of grace and order around us.
We can reflect beauty in the way we dress, move and speak. Living beautifully is a unique expression of our divine nature.*

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.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
School Photos	All Otari Children	Wed 22 Jun	TBA
Montessori Parent Info Evening	Montessori Parents	Wed 22 Jun, 7pm	
WZ Hockey Tournament	Selected Children	Tues 28 Jun	
Walk for Te Reo parade	Everyone	Mon 4 Jul, 11am	

Term Dates 2016

Term 2: Ends Fri 8 July

Term 3: Mon 25 July – Fri 23 Sept

Term 4: Mon 10 Oct – Fri 16 Dec

Other Holidays: Labour Day: Mon 24 Oct

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

"Life is full of beauty. Notice it. Notice the bumble bee, the small child and the smiling faces. Smell the rain and feel the wind. Live your life to the fullest potential and fight for your dreams. *Ashley Smith*

Community Notices:

Maranui Swimming Club - Maranui Swimming Club is a fun and very affordable option for families wishing to enrol their child/ren into a swimming club. The club provides swimming tuition and coaching in a non-competitive and fun environment for children between the ages of four and 18. Club nights are from 7pm until 8pm at the Freyberg Pool on a Friday night. \$85 for one child for the whole year! You are required to pay normal pool entry. Check out the website www.maranuisswimming.co.nz for further information. You are also welcome take your child/ren along to attend a club night and discuss membership with one of the Committee or Coaches.

Fencing Holiday Programme Or Fencing Classes During School Term in Kilbirnie and Lower Hutt - Baptist Church, 24 Donald McLean Street, Newtown, Wednesday 13/7 and Thursday 14/7 (9am – 3pm for both day). Fee: \$130/two days/per person. For further information re holiday programme or classes during school term and want to book a place contact PING YUAN at nz_wfc@outlook.com or 021 059 2558.

Aro Valley School Holiday Programme Monday 11 – Friday 22 July 2016. Haere mai and come to enjoy the Aro Valley School Holiday Programme at the Aro Valley Community Centre these holidays. We offer a quality, affordable, fun, community-run programme for kids to enjoy. The cost of the programme is \$30 per day (\$28 with an earlybird/sibling discount) and OSCAR subsidies are available. For enrolment information contact Lexi 04 384 8499 or developer@arovalley.org.nz.

Aro Valley Open Yoga Class - Enjoy the benefits of yoga at Aro Valley Community Centre. An open yoga class for all. Every Wednesday (term time): 10-11am. Entry by: koha donation. Enquiries to: community@arovalley.org.nz.

Drama Remedy Holiday Programme - Learn about world famous puppets and puppeteers. Make several types of puppets; learn to operate them and finally presenting a puppet theatre show. This exciting July holiday programme is not to be missed!! To enrol or for more details contact (04) 478 5962 or 022 027 3316, dramaremedy@gmail.com or visit www.dramaremedy.co.nz.

Spotlight Performing Arts - Singing, dance and drama for students aged 4-16 yrs old. Led by London West End performer Sherene Clarke. Every Saturday during term time in Johnsonville and Lower Hutt. www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz.



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Bereavement Group - The Bereavement Group supports children aged 6-12 years old who have lost a loved one (recently or in the past). The aims of the group are to help normalise the experience of losing a loved one for children; help children externalise and process feelings related to their experience of losing a loved one. Learn strategies to cope with strong feelings (for example, anger and worry). Dates: Wednesday 20th of July- 9.30am- 12.30pm, Thursday 21st of July- 9.30am- 12.30pm, Friday 22nd of July- 9.30am- 12.30pm.

A parent/caregiver pre-group interview is held prior to the group running to assess the suitability of the programme for the child/children. This will be held at the Skylight Wellington office before the children participate in the group. Please note that six children are needed for this group to go ahead.

Cost and Registration: Free- morning tea will be provided and Pizza Graduation lunch on the Friday. To register email sarah@skylight.org.nz, or call 0800 299 100 for further information.

Road Patrol

Name: _____ I can help out with Road Patrol on:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Any day
AM PM	AM PM	AM PM	AM PM	AM PM	AM PM