



Te Kura o Otari  
Otari School

News

*Inspiring a love of learning through an education that values the development of the whole child.*

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## **Nau mai haere mai ke te Kura of Otari**

**Waharoa Unveiling** - Several years ago the Board put aside money from a land sale for the replacement of the Waharoa panels that had deteriorated. Last year the school engaged carver, Nathan Rei, for this project. Nathan has liaised with the school to ensure the carvings represent the three strands of Te Kura o Otari and the values we cherish. We will be unveiling the Waharoa on Monday, September 12 at 9:00am. All Te Kura o Otari Whānau are invited to this special occasion. The completion of the waharoa is truly something to celebrate!

**He Huatau Auaha Tuhinga - Creative Writing Competition winner** - Recently students from Tui class (Whaea Api's class) entered a national te reo Māori writing competition, run through Auckland University. Maarie Apanui-Barr has been announced as the winner for her age group. We are thrilled for Maarie and congratulate her on this achievement. Maarie will be going to Auckland with Whaea Api and her parents to receive her award on August 26<sup>th</sup>. He Mihi i runga i te mahi pai, Maarie!

**Care on the Pedestrian Crossing** - We had a incident today on the crossing (after patrols had finished). It's a timely reminder for all children to wait for both sides of the traffic to stop before crossing. For those of us driving please be extra careful around schools; remember the speed limit is only 40km/h around schools.

**Scholastic Book** orders are due in tomorrow.

**Term Dates 2017** - Below are the term dates for next year. We are adding on two Teacher Only Days to long weekends: Thurs 13 April and Friday 2 June.

### **Term Dates 2017**

Term 1: Wed 1 Feb – Wed 12 Apr (school closed: TOD Thurs 13 April)

Term 2: Mon 1 May – Fri 7 July (school closed: Fri 2 June TOD & 5 June Queens Birthday)

Term 3: Mon 24 July – Fri 29 Sept

Term 4: Mon 16 Oct – Tues 19 Dec (school closed: Labour weekend: 23 Oct)

**Artsplash** - Tickets for Artsplash on Tuesday 30 August are available for purchase for families of choir members. \$5 each. Tickets are limited to 3 per family at this stage but more may come available later.

**Author Visit** – Brian Falkner is visiting the senior school this Thursday. He will have some of his books for sale (\$15-20) and will happily sign them.

**Otari Te Reo Māori** lessons are cancelled for this term. We apologise for any inconvenience. Please contact [waahuu@xtra.co.nz](mailto:waahuu@xtra.co.nz) if you have registered. Nga mihi Waahuu

**Casual Work** – The Montessori Preschool is looking for casual relievers. If you are interested please send your CV to Florence at [florence@otaripreschool.school.nz](mailto:florence@otaripreschool.school.nz).

**Yummy Stickers** – Please collect as many stickers as you can. We only have until the end of the term to collect them.

***Te Taonga Horomata: Mahi-pono mō Katoa. Our virtue is Service***  
*Using our gifts to be of service is the fullest expression of our lives. Each day, we find a multitude of ways to be useful. Whatever we may achieve, the quality of our own life comes from the quality of our contribution. First and foremost we serve our loved ones.*

**Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Trip to Space Place	Pohutukawa & Ngaio	Wed 17 Aug, 9.15am	\$10.00
Artsplash Concert	Otari Choir	Tues 30 Aug, 5.15pm	\$5.00
Parent Interviews	Parents/Caregivers	5-7 Sept	
St Brigid's Kapa Kaka	Immersion strand	Sat 17 Sept	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui  
Clifford

To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity.  
*Douglas Adams*

**Community Notices:**

**Need a night out?** Book an experienced and fully checked babysitter with KiwiOz Nannies. \$16.00 per hour. Babysitting memberships available. Visit [www.kiwioznannies.co.nz](http://www.kiwioznannies.co.nz) or call Helene on 04 9748303.

**The Great Karori Toy Sale** is back! It's our annual fundraiser for the Karori Community Toy Library (registered charity CC30865). We'd love to see as many people there as possible picking up some new and exciting toys.

**Pride Lands** is hosting an Open Day at the After School Care at Western Suburbs Rugby Club on Tuesday 16 August for new parents. As part of this open day, we will be offering a free session for interested parents to come and have fun with us on this day and ask questions about our service. [info@pridelands.org.nz](mailto:info@pridelands.org.nz).

**Yoga for kids aged 5 to 12 and 10 to 15 at Beginner Yogi** (Marsden Village Karori). For interest please email us at: [bibibibiworld@gmail.com](mailto:bibibibiworld@gmail.com) (include your child's age) or go to [BeginnerYogi.com](http://BeginnerYogi.com).



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