



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**

Nau mai haere mai ki Paige Nuku. Paige is a student teacher who will be teaching in Kaikomako class for the next 6 weeks.

**Progress Interviews** - Progress interviews are occurring in week 7 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (except for Ngaio which will be on 31 Aug, 1 & 5 Sept). They are 15 minutes in duration. These interviews are for parents/caregivers. If you need to bring your child/children, the library will be open and supervised. Online booking information will be provided next week.

The progress interviews are an opportunity for parents to hear how well their child is progressing in relation to the expectations of the New Zealand Curriculum, the National Standards and the Key Competencies (Relationships, Self Management, Participation and Contribution to the Community.)

As part of the interviews, your own observations are important to us and we welcome feedback or helpful information. However, if any parents have particular concerns then please make an appointment to discuss these with your child's teacher before the interviews. Progress interviews are not the forum for raising concerns or issues that often need more than 15 minutes to resolve.

**Whānau Hui - Māori Immersion Strand, Wednesday 17 August (tomorrow evening) in Tui (5-7pm).** All whānau from Tui, Kaikomako and Kowhai are encouraged to attend.

5:00pm: kapu tī, kai tahi (particularly for tamariki), 5:30pm: hui starts.

**Driving down Shropshire Ave** - PLEASE reduce your speed when driving down Shropshire Ave. There are lots of children about and recently a cat was run over by a speeding driver.

**Artsplash** - Tickets for Artsplash on Tuesday 30 August (5.15pm) 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.

**Regional Science Fair** is on Thursday 1 Sept. A separate notice will go home shortly.

**For Sale** - Our network was upgraded last year and consequently we no longer require the following items. If you would like to purchase them please let Jillian know.

- Airport Extreme Base Station (model A1408) x 6 (retails at \$150.00, we would like \$50 each)
- 2 Wire Gateway router x 1 (\$50)

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

**Guitar Lessons** - Tuition will resume next week. Existing students are offered 5 consecutive weekly lessons, with their lesson times remaining the same as in Term 3, as far as possible. Tuition fees and conditions are also unchanged, and all students will receive one 'credit' towards the cost, owing from last term. First lessons take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> [9.30-12.30] and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> [9.30-2.15] of August. Because of other commitments, and the short length of tuition this term, I am sorry to say that I am not taking on any new students. 'Get practising, I'm looking forward to catching up with all you gatmeisters next week.' *Charles*

***Te Taonga Horomata: Mahi-pono mō Katoa. Our virtue is Service***  
*We notice what others need, discover their wishes and respond helpfully. We don't wait to be asked. A spirit of service invests whatever we do with excellence. We give our very best effort. People who want to be of service can change the world.*

**Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Trip to Space Place	Pohutukawa & Ngaio	Wed 17 Aug, 9.15am	\$10.00
Trip to Space Place	Totara	Mon 22 Aug, 11.45am	\$10.00
Artsplash Concert	Otari Choir	Tues 30 Aug, 5.15pm	\$5.00
Parent Interviews	Parents/Caregivers	5,7,8 Sept Ngaio: 31/8, 1,5 Sept	
Waharoa Unveiling	Everyone	Mon 12 Sept, 9.00am	
St Brigid's Kapa Haka	Immersion strand	Sat 17 Sept	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui  
Clifford

'Service to others is the rent you  
pay for your room here on earth'  
*Muhammad Ali*

**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)

## **Community Notices:**

**Kelburn Playcentre 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – For details contact [info.kelburn@gmail.com](mailto:info.kelburn@gmail.com).

**Do You Want To Play Junior Softball?** Johnsonville Junior Softball is looking for players for T-Ball, Mini-Pitch and Softball, ages 5 – 16. Come along to our registration events: Sunday 28th August: 11.30am – 1pm. Thursday 1st September: 6.30pm – 7.30pm, at Phillips Street Clubrooms (corner of Phillip Street and Moorefield Road, Johnsonville). Registration Fee – includes uniform and team photo: \$70 for 1 child, \$130 for 2 children, \$160 for 3 children, \$180 for 4 children. [www.jvillesc.org.nz](http://www.jvillesc.org.nz)

**Wellington Collegians Junior Cricket Club** - Online Enrolments are now open for the 2016-2017 season at, [www.collegians.org](http://www.collegians.org).

**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.maranuiswimming.co.nz](http://www.maranuiswimming.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.

**A support group for parents and carers of children and young people who are struggling at school** - A facilitated support group for parents and carers meets at Wadestown Presbyterian Church, cnr Wadestown Road and Hanover Street, on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is **Monday 5 September**. 7.15pm-9.30pm. The group offers the chance to share feelings, learn from other's experience and work together to develop support strategies for our children. Everyone welcome. To register or find out more, contact Anne Lord, email [a.e.lord@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.e.lord@xtra.co.nz). This group is by families for families. The support group has been developed by Family Works, part of Presbyterian Support Central in partnership with Wadestown Presbyterian Church.



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**WELCOMING NEW PATIENTS**

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