

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

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Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Otari

Disco: Friday 11 November. Food will be available to purchase from 5.00pm with the disco starting at 6pm. Tickets are \$5 per child or \$10 for a family. Tickets available from the office. The theme is 'Dress to Impress'. This is a family event and parents must supervise their children.

Hats - Please ensure that your child has a sunhat. It can be a bit boring for children who do not bring a sunhat to school and are confined to playing in a shady spot.

Working Bee - Recently Montessori Strand parents held a working bee. They made resources, cleaned and spruced the environment up with some internal painting. Thank you to all those who gave up their time during the weekend, to support the strand in this way. It has made a real difference!

Olympic Ambassador - On Friday we are having a visit from Rowing Olympian Peter Taylor. The NZ Olympic Ambassador programme supports the goal of the Olympic Movement to build a better and more peaceful world by educating youth through sport. The programme aims to inspire as many young New Zealanders as possible through engagement with Olympian role models. Peter will be talking to the senior classes.

Electronic Equipment - Many of our older students enjoy taking electrical/electronic equipment apart for extension activities. Therefore, we need an ongoing supply of suitable devices - the older the better as they have more working parts. Items such as old cassette players, car stereos, video/dvd players and record players are perfect. Printers and hard drives/laptops are also fine. Please chop off the power cable and drop off at school. Any queries, contact Steve steve@otari.school.nz 027 364 5234.

Preschool Open Day – The Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup is having an Open Day on Saturday 5 November, 10am-12noon, at the Preschool. The Preschool and Playgroup offers quality early childhood education for children between the ages of 0 and 6 years, based on the Montessori Philosophy. Please invite family and friends to come along and discover our environment, meet the teachers and find out more about our programme. For more information phone 475 9688 or wcmp@xtra.co.nz.

Virtues – This week we are practising two virtues, Justice and Courtesy.

Te Taonga Horomata: Ū-ki-te-tika. Our virtue is Justice

When we commit a wrong, we are honest in correcting it and making amends. If someone is hurting us, it is just to stop them. It is never just for strong people to hurt weaker people. With justice, we protect everyone's rights. Sometimes when we stand for justice, we stand alone.

Whakaaro-atawhai. Courtesy: *Courtesy is treating others with kindness and tact. We take the time to speak and act graciously, showing people that we value and respect them. We make requests, not demands. We remember our manners, greet others warmly and listen closely when they speak. Courtesy is a way to honour others, showing them how much they matter to us by how we treat them. Those closest to us need our courtesy most of all. Courtesy is the mirror of their value.*

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Whanau Hui	Immersion families	Tues 1 Nov	
Coastal Cleanup	Ngaio, Tui & Totara	Wed 2 Nov	\$4.00
Trip to National Library	Kaikomako & Kowhai	Fri 4 Nov	\$3.00
School Disco	All families	Fri 11 Nov	\$5/\$10
Wgtn City Mission 'Pack The Bus'	All families	Thurs 24 Nov	
Yr 8s Outing/Dinner	Yr 8 students	Thurs 8 Dec	TBC
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7/8 families/students	Tues 13 Dec	
Carol Singing	Everyone	Thurs 15 Dec	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui Clifford

Community Notices:

Zumba Fitness in Wilton - Would you like to try out a Zumba Fitness class? Zumba classes are held at the Otari School Hall, 166 Wilton Road, Wilton. Come along and experience the benefits of Zumba Fitness. Classes are suitable for beginners and all levels of fitness. Options will be given to suit your fitness needs. Wednesday's and Friday's, \$8 per class, students \$5.5 and 10 trip tickets are available. Zumba Kids will be starting in Term 1 2017. Contact: Annick 021 462 042 or email zumbawithannick@gmail.com.



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