

*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 available at the door. The theme is 'Dress to Impress'.

Kai available for purchase includes: sausages, burgers, curry, fried bread, juice, coffee and sweet treats. We will not be selling any glowsticks this year but instead we are setting up a photo booth for the children.

If you are able to help on the evening please email: [jofullelove@gmail.com](mailto:jofullelove@gmail.com). This is a family event and parents must supervise their children.

**Book Day: Thursday 1 December** - Children are invited to dress up as a book character for Book Day, to celebrate the joy of literacy. Throughout the day there will be many activities. Many books have originated from stories that were told, therefore we are hosting a story-teller. Other activities include a 'lit quiz' and staff members reading to other classes.

**Annual Planning** - The Board of Trustees prepare the annual plan at this time of year. As part of this, the staff met last week to discuss their priorities for professional development next year and to plan in their strands around the 2017 theme 'Te Tangata - The people'.

The Original and Montessori strands are focusing on implementing the Te Reo Māori curriculum. The Māori Immersion strand will focus on further development for the delivery of the Kōrero learning area. All strands will be developing further skill for integrating digital technology and in the teaching of mathematics. This development will

include a teacher only day for each of these areas. These foci will be included within the 2017 Annual Plan, along with student achievement and curriculum review goals. The Board will also be indentifying priorities related to other key areas of governance and management in line with their strategic plan goals.

**Helpers Morning Tea** - The staff would like to invite our wonderful helpers to morning tea next Thursday (17 Nov) at 10.30am. If you have helped in any way with fundraising, transporting, coaching, reading to children, mending resources, sorting, assisting in the classroom or numerous other ways, please come and join us.

**Camp Meeting - Tuesday 22 November, 6pm in Ngaio.** Parents of current Yr 6 and 7 students are asked to attend a camp meeting to discuss the upcoming senior camp on 7-10 March 2017. A notice with more details will be sent home shortly.

**End of Year Celebration:** The Junior School's end of year celebration is on Tuesday 6 December at 2.00pm.

***Te Taonga Horomata: Puaki-tika. Our virtue is Assertiveness***

*Assertiveness is speaking one's truth with peaceful confidence. It is discerning the song we were given to sing and using our talents as a gift to the world. We have the courage to speak up for what we believe is right. We tell the truth about what is just.*

**Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Coastal Cleanup	Junior/Middle School	Wed 9 Nov	\$4.00
School Disco	All families	Fri 11 Nov	\$5/\$10
2017 Camp Meeting	Parents of Yr 6 & 7s	Tues 22 Nov, 6.00pm	
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](mailto:zumbawithannick@gmail.com).

**Johnsonville Softball Club** is looking for a few extra players in the younger grades. If you have a child aged 5-11 who might like to play T-ball, Mini-pitch, or Softball, please get in touch with Lee-Ann Coutts - 0272221668, [lee-ann.coutts@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:lee-ann.coutts@vodafone.co.nz).

**Karori Recreation Centre** offers both Junior and Senior Karate classes for 7-18 year olds. Classes help to improve strength, flexibility and self-discipline. 476 8090 or [karori.rec@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:karori.rec@wcc.govt.nz).

**Pantomime: Roger Halls, Jack and the Beanstalk** - It's Panto time again at Circa with this all-time family favourite. There's terrific script by Roger Hall, a top-notch cast and lots of opportunity to boo the baddies and cheer the goodies. Outstanding Entertainment for all the family! 19 Nov- 20 Dec & 4-14 Jan. Book now 801 7992.

**Summer Camp January 2017** - KHAAT NZ takes children aged 8-12 years around New Zealand. Children explore new areas, make new friends, learn about different environments, build self-confidence and give back along the way by volunteering. This summer we visit Taupo, Hawke's Bay, and Wairarapa. The fully inclusive camp starts Monday 16th January to Friday 20th January for \$125 per day. Find out more at [www.kiwikhaat.co.nz/khaat-nz](http://www.kiwikhaat.co.nz/khaat-nz)

**Fun Holiday Adventures: Summer Holidays, Otari School.** Dates: 19th December 2016 – 27th January 2017 ((Closed between 26 December and 6 January, 7.00am-7pm daily. Fees: Daily: \$80/cub per session or \$147 for two or more siblings per session Weekly: \$237 per cub/week or \$447 for two or more siblings/week. Discounts Available: Wild Card (15%). Interactive Activities and Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea provided. Shuttle services available.

**Summer Camps At El Rancho! Horse Camp**, 8yrs +, 19 & 20 December.....**Beach Party Kids Camp**, 8-13 yrs, 9-13 January.....**Summer Carnival Kids Camp**, 8-13 yrs, 17-21 January. Ph 902 6287 or visit [www.elrancho.co.nz](http://www.elrancho.co.nz).

**Wellington Collegians Junior Cricket Club** - Our youngest cricketers are 5 years old and take part in our fun Nursery Grade on a Sunday mornings between 9.30 to 10.30am at the picturesque Anderson Park in the Botanic Gardens (next to the Rose Gardens). Each session includes a cricket skill session in small groups, which builds up to short games between groups. It is a great way to practice ball skills in a fun environment as well as introduce your son or daughter to cricket. For all enquiries, please contact Brian Steele 021 688 785 [brian.steele@shorelinepartners.co.nz](mailto:brian.steele@shorelinepartners.co.nz) or check out our website [www.collegians.org](http://www.collegians.org).

**Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics** -We still have a few spaces available this term. We run classes Mon, Tue, Wed, and Sat in Thorndon and Mon 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](mailto:info@rhythmicgym.nz) to arrange a FREE trial. For more information about Elements and our classes, visit [www.rhythmicgym.nz](http://www.rhythmicgym.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 also run fun casual sessions on Sundays. For more information, please visit our website [www.wellingtondiving.org.nz](http://www.wellingtondiving.org.nz) or call/text Barbara on 027-485-8888.

**At the Karori Recreation Centre** we offer a wide range of programmes for school-aged children including Gymnastics, Karate, Squash, Parkour, Basketball clinics, Miniball and Basketball leagues and a School Holiday Programme. For more information or to book please check out the Karori Recreation Centre's [website](#), or contact our friendly staff on (04) 476 8090 or [karori.rec@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:karori.rec@wcc.govt.nz). Bookings for Term 1 open 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact your school if you are interested in joining the leagues in Term 1.



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