



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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## **Last few days to bid on our Auction.** NEW item added is:

- ✧ **Family Bike Ride (4 people) from the Bikeshed - Value \$90**
- ✧ Body Massage - Value \$40
- ✧ Raglan & Roast Coffee Beans (8 bags) & T-Shirt - Value \$80
- ✧ Babysitting - Value \$45
- ✧ Double pass to Cuba St Lighthouse Theatre - Value \$36
- ✧ Beginner Yoga x5 sessions - Value \$75
- ✧ Flow Yoga private one on one class or group class - Value \$75
- ✧ Ti Kouka Cafe voucher - Value \$30
- ✧ Bottles of wine:
  - 2 x organic white wine - Value \$28 each
  - Esk Valley Chardonnay - Value \$20
  - Mission Estate Merlot - Value \$16
- ✧ Little India Food voucher - Value \$50
- ✧ Gipps St Butchery Meat voucher - Value \$50
- ✧ Dry Cleaning voucher (get that winter jacket cleaned!) - Value \$20
- ✧ Cafe Breton food voucher (gorgeous French food) - Value \$40
- ✧ Zealandia family pass - Value \$46
- ✧ New juicer (Kingston brand) \$80

If you would like to place a bid on anything email Jillian ([office@otari.school.nz](mailto:office@otari.school.nz)) or check the noticeboard by the office. Auction will run until **Monday 10 April**.

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Otari

**Welcome** to a new student and her family: Mia Simpson (Pounamu)

**New Board of Trustees Member** - Following due process the Board of Trustees has filled the previously advertised Board vacancy by appointment. We therefore welcome Maria Borshevsky on to the Board of Trustees. Maria is a parent in the Original Strand and the mother of Arien, Zoe and Freya. We look forward to working with Maria next term, when our first Board meeting is on Monday 22 May.

**Teacher Only Day: Thursday 13 April** - On Thursday 13 April teachers will be involved in professional development and planning. They are attending a course at The Mind Lab in Lower Hutt focussed on coding and electronics. Following this session they will be planning programmes for term 2.

The next Teacher Only Day is the Friday before Queen's Birthday Weekend (5th June). As we are having two Teacher Only Days in term time we are required to make these days up at the end of the year, which is why we finish on Tuesday 19 December and not Friday 16<sup>th</sup> like some other schools in the area.

**Out of Zone Enrolment** - The advertisement below will be in this week's issue of the Independent Herald:

**OTARI SCHOOL ENROLMENT JULY 2017 – DECEMBER 2017**

Otari School Board of Trustees is limited in the number of places it is able to offer students as a consequence of operating an enrolment scheme, details of which are available at the school office.

The Board has determined that there are limited spaces available in the **Montessori Strand** for **Year 1** and **Year 3** out of zone students starting school in **terms 3 and 4 of 2017**.

For out of zone students seeking enrolment at Otari School the deadline for receipt of applications is **Friday 28 April 2017**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of applications on or before **Friday 5 May 2017**.

If the number of out of zone applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot following the Ministry of Education defined priority order. If a ballot for out of zone places is required it will be held on **Monday 1 May**. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within five days of it being held.

Closing date for enrolment application: **Friday 28 April** Ballot date: **Monday 1 May**  
Applicants notified: **On or before Friday 5 May**.

Application forms are available from Otari School Office. Please email [office@otari.school.nz](mailto:office@otari.school.nz).

Clifford Wicks Principal

**Lunch on Thursdays** - From term 2 we will have a new lunch supplier on Thursdays, **Pita Pit** (Subway will no longer be available.) You will still need to go online to [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) to place your Pita Pit order, before 9am on Thursday mornings. Sushi on Tuesdays and Pizza on Fridays remain.

**Lost Property** - We still have absolutely masses of lost property. There is a bag full (from last term) in the medical room by the office and also a huge pile in the box outside the PE shed. Please make some time to go through it. Unclaimed items will be donated to the Op Shop at the end of the term.

### ***Te Taonga Horomata - Hūmārika. Virtue: Gentleness***

Being gentle with ourselves helps us to be more forgiving and kind to others as well. Gentleness trades control for an embrace. Gentleness is moving wisely, touching softly, speaking quietly and thinking kindly. Taking time for gentle activities nurtures our souls.

*"The spiritual warrior's discipline is gentleness. Asserting gentleness in all sphere of life, non-violence and peace are achieved."* Rada Sahar

Kia pai o koutou wiki - have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi, Clifford

#### **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:** (Please note: Notices are sent to us. They are not an endorsement)

**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. Book your place now! [www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz](http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz)

**How about some fun for the holidays or for a treat for your little girls for a birthday party** - Try Tuesdays Child Hair and Beauty in Johnsonville. \$12 for child's nail polish - lots of fun colours and nail art decorations to choose from. (Child is under 13). How about a pretty hair up-do (\$35 for child's). Mums: how about treating yourselves while your daughters do? Contact us for bookings and pricings. Open on Tuesdays through to Sundays (Sundays good for kids appointments) and we are also open some late nights. Find us on Johnsonville Road. Contact us for bookings on 04 477 4881 or like us on Facebook!

**Term 2 After School Creative Classes** in Newtown, Aro Valley and Hataitai. DIY: Choreography (Make Your Own Dances). This is a class for kids about the basics of making dances and discovering their own style of movement. DIY: Comedy Sketches - A combination of physical comedy (a la Charlie Chaplin/ Mr Bean) and theatre, this class allows kids to play and learn how to mould this into something fun and watchable. Classes held in two age brackets 5-7, 8-12yrs. Enquiries taken about over 12 yrs groups and about classes in other locations. Contact Jen McArthur through the website <http://jenmcarthur.com/>.

**Kids Have FUN at Craft House** – School Holiday Craft Classes and Birthday Parties. Join us at Craft House for some April school holiday FUN! Paint some rocks and join the #WellingtonRocks trend. Create a crazy canvas, a framed picture of yourself, some pop-up cards or a charming chandelier to hang in your room. We have a huge variety of crafty projects to choose from. Check out all the options at [www.crafthouse.co.nz/kids](http://www.crafthouse.co.nz/kids) and book now at [www.enrolmy.com](http://www.enrolmy.com). Prices start at just \$25 for a 2hr class and before/after class care is also offered for a small surcharge. Open to all children 7 years and above. Join us for a two hour session, a whole day, a week ... it's up to you!

**Kelly Sports & Kelly Club April Holiday** – go online to see all sorts of options available for the school holidays. Visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.