



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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We welcome everyone back for term 2. Term 2 is 10 weeks long, finishing on 7 July.

Teacher Only Day - On 2 June we have another Teacher Only Day. This is the Friday before Queen's Birthday weekend. The Teacher Only Day is focused on Mathematics and is being facilitated by Charlotte Wilkinson, an accredited mathematics professional development leader. She is also the author of one of our main mathematics resources, *Pearson Mathematics*. Wadestown School are joining us for this day, which is being held at Otari School. All strands are participating in this. Planning for it started last year in line with our *Annual Plan strategic goal* in this area.

Cross Country and Fun Run - Friday 26 May, 1pm (Early lunch 12:00pm). Over the next few weeks children will be running for fitness with a view to our cross country. This year we are having two events - a cross-country competition for students who wish to compete for a place in the Western Zone cross country, and a 'fun run' that involves all other children. The fun run will involve children running in year bands of 2 years, e.g: years 1 & 2, years 3 & 4 etc. Children may also race this too, however the emphasis will be on completing the run. Both events will start and finish at school.

We want to train our competitors so that the Western Zone race is not a shock for them, therefore the Cross Country route is going to involve a hill challenge.

Please take note of any other important dates this term, in the calendar at the end of the newsletter.

Chocolate Fundraiser - Chocolate will be sent home at the end of the week for families to sell for \$2 per bar. If you do not wish your child to bring home a box to sell please send an email to Jillian at office@otari.school.nz by Thursday. If you can take more than one box, please also let us know.

Lost Property - A reminder that this is the very last chance to check out the masses of lost property, before it is donated at the end of the week. You will find it in the medical room, near the office.

Netball begins this Saturday. The draw will be forwarded to families involved.

School Lunches - The following options are available:

- Tuesdays: **Sushi**. Order from www.wrapitup.co.nz.
- Thursdays: **Pita Pit**. Order from www.lunchonline.co.nz.
- Fridays: **Pizza** - \$5 (cash only), ordered at the school office.

Scholastic Books - Please have orders to the office by Thursday 11 May.

Te Taonga Horomata - Mana. Virtue: Dignity

Dignity is a sense of worthiness and respect. It comes from remembering who we truly are and our purpose for being. When we are mindful of our own dignity, we hold ourselves with self-esteem, respect and simple confidence. We move and speak in a graceful manner.

Freedom is the open window through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit and human dignity. Herbert Hoover

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Whānau Hui	Immersion Families	Tues 9 May	
Trip to Te Papa	Ngaio/Kereru	Fri 12 May	\$5.00
Immunisations	Yr 7/8s	Tues 16 May, 9.00am	
Cross Country/Fun Run	All students	Fri 26 May, 1.00pm	
No School	Everyone	Fri 2 June & Mon 5 June	
WZ Cross Country	Selected Students	Tues 13 June	
School Photos	All students	Wed 21 June	
WZ Hockey	Selected Students	Tues 27 June	

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

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

Climate Change, tilting at Windmills? Hear from experts Yvonne Curtis (NZ Futures Trust), George Preddey (Atmospheric Physicist) and Dr Russell Tregonning (Orthopaedic Surgeon); ask questions; identify opportunities for local action. Wed 10 May, 7.30-9pm, St Luke's Atrium, Wadestown. www.slw.org.nz

Northland Memorial Community Centre main hall will be open for **FREE** play every Saturday morning for term 2. The perfect space for children to burn off some energy, especially on rainy days. Please note, children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. BYO balls and toys to play with. Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Road, Northland.

Zumba Fitness at the Otari School Hall - Would you like to try out a Zumba Fitness class? Come along and experience the benefits of Zumba Fitness. Zumba classes are held at the Otari School Hall. Classes are suitable for beginners and all levels of fitness. Options will be given to suit your fitness needs. Wednesdays 7.15pm – 8.15pm, Friday 6.15pm – 7.15pm. \$8 per class, students \$5. **FIRST CLASS FREE**. 5 and 10 class concession cards available. Contact: Annick 021 462 042 or email zumbawithannick@gmail.com.

GirlGuiding for girls 5-9 years. Do you want your daughter to have fun trying new things, making new friends, learning leadership skills and much more? We have spaces available in our local group for Pippins and Brownies. We meet on Wednesdays in Wadestown from 5:30 until 7pm. Email Inge at wadestownbrownie@gmail.com for more information.

Learn A New Language The Fun Way? FUN French & Spanish language classes for 3 - 12 years olds. Lots of fun activities, drama, music & games taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere! Language resources available to support parents at home. Free Trial Lesson Available. After-school, lunchtime and pre-school French classes available throughout Wellington. Spanish classes are waiting to start depending on class numbers. New: Easy online registration. Contact: Annick on 021 462 042 or email annick@lcfclubs.co.nz or visit www.lcfclubs.co.nz for more information.

The Wellington Marathon is on 18 June 2017 and includes a Kids Magic Mile with major spot prizes from Mizuno and Thermatech, girls and boys mountain bikes, plus family travel on Bluebridge. For those running the full/half marathon/10k/5k then join Team Heart Racer and help raise vital funds for the Heart Foundation. Every Heart Racer receives a Heart Racer dry-fit running tshirt, regular newsletter with training /nutrition /fundraising advice, an online fundraising page, plus a FitBit Surge for those who raise over \$750! everydayhero.co.nz/event/wellington-marathon-2017

Book Fair - Ngaio Town Hall - Saturday 20 May - 9am to 4pm. Please join us. Come and buy books, DVDs and CDs. Children's books are \$1, adult books \$3 (\$2 each, after you first five) and 'coffee table books' \$5. All proceeds will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. They do this by rescuing children who have been trafficked to sweatshops or the sex trade, helping families in three rural areas to keep their children at school, and helping street kids in Hanoi to build a better life through shelter, nutrition, counselling and education. Or, do you have books, DVDs, CDs to donate? Contact Dinah Dobson, trustee, 475 7371/027 686 4554

Irish Dancing is for everyone! ReelJig Irish Dancers are now taking registrations for Term 2 beginner classes on: Mondays 3.30pm at St Marks Church School, Wednesdays 3.30pm St Ninians, Karori, Saturdays 10am & 2pm, Crofton Downs Primary School Hall. Irish dancing is for everyone - it's all about fun, friendship and fitness but it also teaches presentation skills, stage presence, confidence, resilience, team work, and the power of hard work and determination. Email reeljigirishdancers@gmail.com for more information or to register.

Kelly Sports Term 2 - Starts Week 2! Kelly Sports will be back in Term 2 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

Winter Sports Warm Up (Yrs 1-4) – Wednesday lunchtimes 12.30 - 1.30pm. Come and try **Football, Dodgeball, Hockey & Basketball**. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time! For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit:

www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

Marsden School Year 9 Information Evening, Scholarships and Open Day - Marsden School in Karori is holding a Year 9 Information Evening, for Year 8 girls and their parents, on Wednesday 10 May at 7pm, Marsden School, Marsden Ave, Karori. If you'd like to tour Marsden School their next Open Day is on Sunday 7 May, between 2pm and 4pm.

Kids Cross Country Series starts mid May - The Brendan Foot Supersite Kids Cross Country Series is back this winter. Each event has 500+ kids, aged 3 to 13. There are five events through the Wellington region from May to August with the first one in Upper Hutt on Sunday 14 May. Your choice if do you one, two, or all five. Come along, join the fun. Complete them all and receive a commemorative medal and Drink Bottle. Only \$8 to enter. More info or to enter go to athleticshub.co.nz



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