



**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 ki te Kura o Otari

Last week the children participated in a range of EOTC activities at school. We are all most appreciative of the help provided by parents who supported these valuable experiences. Many thanks to the teachers as well for the time and energy they provided. The week was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children.

The camp at Forest Lakes was also very successful. As well as learning skills through challenging themselves physically the children made new friends, developed confidence and had loads of fun. Thanks go to Seetha for her organisation of this and to all the staff for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the week. A huge thanks also to our caring, talented and very energetic camp parents who provided such valuable support in so many ways. Finally, thank you to our bunch of wonderful year 7 and 8 students. Their joyful engagement in the camp experiences was a pleasure to witness.

**2017 Charter Goals** - Each week the newsletter will contain information about the Annual Plan. This week we focus on the Charter goals related to Curriculum Implementation and Student Engagement.

### **Curriculum Implementation and Student Engagement Goals:**

#### **1 Review and develop a revised English plan and a revised Te Reo Matatini plan**

Using staff feedback, and incorporating identified teaching priorities, the Principal will work with Sue Corkill (curriculum consultant, editor and publisher) to review current plans and draft new documents that reflect Otari School practice. Following further feedback, a final plan will be edited and published.

#### **2 Teachers will develop in-depth understanding of the writing and mathematics aspects of *The Pact Tool***

Teachers will further explore the Writing aspects in Term 1 and 2 and the mathematics aspects in Terms 3 and 4. They will inquire into the aspects to identify programme gaps and teaching priorities. Plans will be made to address these gaps. A Teacher Only Day that focuses on Mathematics PLD will contribute to this. Internal staff and syndicate PLD will be a feature of this work.

### **3 Teachers will strengthen their skills for using and integrating digital technology effectively within their teaching programmes.**

A term 1 Teacher Only Day is planned at Mind Lab focussed on Coding and Electronics and their use across the curriculum. Resources will be purchased to support this development and teachers will use these within the classroom and share how they are being effectively used.

### **4 Successfully implement Otari School te reo Māori curriculum plan**

The Montessori and Original Strand classes will effectively deliver Level 1 of Arataki Marau mō te Ako i Te Reo.

### **5 Continue to develop the teaching skill and expertise to more effectively lift achievement in pangarau**

Effective PLD will be provided based on individual teachers PLD needs. The Māori Immersion Strand will be involved in the mid year teacher only day focused on mathematics, run by Charlotte Wilkinson.

**Student Achievement** - This week we focus on the Pānui (reading) achievement of students in the Māori Immersion Strand in relation to Ngā Whanaketanga - The National Standards for Māori Medium Education.

#### **2016 Māori Immersion Ngā Whanaketanga Pānui Results**

##### **Pānui**

Pānui achievement shows that 34/47 ākonga (learners) in the Māori Immersion Strand met or exceeded expectation at the end of 2016. This means 72% of ākonga achieved 'manawa ora' (at) or 'manawa toa' (above) the Ngā Whanaketanga expectation. 13% of these tamariki achieved 'manawa toa'.

Results show a variance between the achievement of ngā kotiro (girls) and ngā tama (boys) achievement with 65% of ngā kotiro achieving 'at' or 'above' the expectation compared to 78% of ngā tama.

There is considerable variance in te reo Maori language acquisition of new entrants in the Māori Immersion strand. All children are learning to read in a second language, therefore this understanding needs to be brought to mind when looking at Māori Immersion te reo matatini (literacy) achievement data. We celebrate the fact that most children in the Māori Immersion strand are learning to read well in Te Reo Māori.

Kaiako will continue to address the learning needs of all ākonga throughout the strand and will implement a range of strategies to lift the achievement of the 13 ākonga (28%) who are still working towards the whanaketanga expectation.

These results vary slightly from the official results that are provided for the Ministry of Education as I have not included data of students who have special needs.

**Technology** - A reminder that Technology for Yr 7/8s is on **tomorrow** as well as Thursday. Please be on time for the bus, which leaves at 8.45am sharp. If your child misses the bus, please transport them yourself.

**Athletics Day** - Our school wide Athletics day is next Tuesday (21<sup>st</sup>) at Wilton Park. All whānau are welcome to attend. Postponement day is Thursday 23 March.

**Te Hui ā-Whānau, Ā te Rātu, (5-7 karaka i te pō), Te 28 o Poutū-te-Rangi 2017.**

Nau mai, haere mai e ngā whānau katoa ki te whiriwhiri kaupapa mā ā tātau tamariki! He hui mā ngā whānau o ngā tamariki kei ngā akoranga o Tūī, Kaikōmako me Kōwhai. Mauria mai he kai. Ka kai tahi tātau ā te 5 karaka. Ka tīmata te hui ki roto i te horo ā te 5.30 karaka i te ahipō.

**Whānau Hui** - All families of Tui, Kaikomako and Kowhai are encouraged to attend the hui on Tuesday 28 March, 5-7pm in the School hall. Shared kai from 5pm and the meeting will start at 5.30pm.

**Movie Fundraiser: 'A Street Cat Named Bob'** on Thursday 23 March, 8pm at Cuba Street Lighthouse. **We are struggling to sell the tickets. We really need your support, even if you can't make it yourself, maybe your friends or neighbours would like to attend.** Please let Jillian know if you want tickets (475-3018, [office@otari.school.nz](mailto:office@otari.school.nz)).

**Auction:** So far, we have the following items to auction, with more to come:

- ✪ Little India Food voucher - Value \$50
- ✪ Gipps St Butchery Meat voucher - Value \$50
- ✪ Dry Cleaning voucher (get that winter jacket cleaned!) - Value \$20
- ✪ Cafe Brenton 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](mailto:office@otari.school)) or check the noticeboard by the office.

***Te Taonga Horomata - Pono. Virtue: Sincerity***

Sincerity is being open and genuine. Our words and actions reflect a truthful heart. People can trust that we mean what we say and we say what we mean. When we are sincere, our actions come from a pure intent.

*"Never regret anything you have done with a sincere affection; nothing is lost that is born of the heart."* Basil Rathbone

### Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Junior Swimming	Yr 1-2	Fridays 17 Feb - 7 Apr	
School Athletics	All Children	Tues 21 March	
End of Term	Everyone	Wed 12 April, 2.55pm	

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

Ngā mihi, Clifford

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The year has got off to a busy start for the Board. At our first meeting of the year we dealt with a number of things:

**Governance:** The legislation that governs school Board of Trustees requires the Board to re-elect the Chair at the first meeting every year. I was re-elected for 2017 and look forward to leading the Board through what will be another busy and challenging year. Aroha Wahanui announced a move from the Board to a fund raising role at the school. Whilst we are disappointed to see any Board member leave for the reasons mentioned below fundraising is of increasing importance so we are really grateful to Aroha for this commitment. The Board has resolved to fill the vacancy by selection and as you will have all seen we have advertised in both the newsletter, and as required by the legislation in the local newspaper (clearly the legislation needs to catch up with new technologies!). If you would like to know more about becoming a Board member please contact me. The Board will discuss next steps at our meeting on 20 March.

**Annual Plan:** We are required to submit our Annual Plan to the Ministry by the end of March every year. We held planning sessions late last year. Over the Christmas break Clifford pulled our thoughts together into the Annual Plan, which we approved. More details on it can be found in the newsletter of 28 February which you can access on the website.

**Financial:** You will have all seen the decision that the Board made to increase the level of the annual donation. It won't be news to regular readers to know that donations remain an important source of funding. This was not a decision taken lightly and was part of a package of measures to work within our allocated Ministry funding. We really want all families to contribute. Of course there are people with genuine hardship who cannot pay but for others we would really ask you to consider contributing. There are lots of different payment options so please talk to Jillian in the office if you would like to explore this.

**2017:** This year we have ERO coming to undertake their inspection. This does mean extra work for the staff and the Board. We relish the opportunity to talk about our school, it's special character and basically to show off. However we always want to improve so if there is anything you think the Board should be doing differently please do get in contact the Board members. I can be contacted at [caft@kitsbury.com](mailto:caft@kitsbury.com).

Thanks to all the teachers, children and families that contributed to a fabulous EOTC week last week: camp, sleepovers and trips to the Aquatic Centre and the ASB centre don't come without a few interesting challenges so thanks to everyone for their contribution.

**Catherine**  
**Chair of BoT**

**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)

**Holiday Programme - Drama, Dance & Music** - Drama Remedy holiday programmes are a great opportunity to expose your child to the art of drama & speech with our exciting and enjoyable workshops. April holiday programme will be 3 days of activities based on Drama, Dance and Music. To enrol or for more details contact (04) 478 5962 or 022 027 3316 [dramaremedy@gmail.com](mailto:dramaremedy@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.dramaremedy.co.nz](http://www.dramaremedy.co.nz)

**For Rent:** Northland house available from 8th April - Large sunny 4 bedroom house opposite Northland School, with expansive views from upper storey. Two spacious living areas, with good indoor/outdoor flow onto sunny decks front and back. Large flat lawn with raised veggie beds. Call Sarah on 04 297 9152 or 021 0232 9772 for further details and to arrange viewing.

**Karori Junior Hockey** - Registrations close Wednesday 15 March at midnight. Karori Junior Hockey provides kids from school year 1-8 with the opportunity to play hockey with other kids from the local community. A special note to kids in school year 7&8; if you are interested in taking up hockey for the first time, our Club has a team that plays in this grade. Please check out our website [www.kjhc.org.nz](http://www.kjhc.org.nz) to register.

**One Day Herbal Workshop** with Catherine Falconer. Naturopath and Medical Herbalist. Learn how to prepare, make and preserve herbs to use for health and wellbeing. Saturday 18 March 9.30-3.30pm. Places limited. <http://www.cecwellington.ac.nz/course-catalogue/explore/180-health>

**1 x entry ticket**



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## **A STREET CAT NAMED BOB**

Light House Cuba

29 Wigan Street

**Thursday 23 March - 8.00pm**

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All proceeds of this  
fundraiser go towards  
**Otari School**

**Tickets \$20 each**