



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

The Foundation New Zealand Youth Pipe Band are visiting us and playing a short programme of pipe band music on the last day of term (7 July). This will replace our usual end of term assemsbly and will begin at 2:15pm.

School reports will be sent home on the last day of term. If you need your child's report before this, because you know in advance they won't be here, then please let us know.

Football - The Student Council is holding a football tournament this Friday at Wilton Park, between 10:30am and 12:30pm. They have organised children into multi strand teams to play against each other. This is a fun event and an opportunity for children to enjoy some physical activity and friendly competition. Parents are welcome to attend. Thank you Alexis and Conrad for your great organisation!

Matariki Food Collection - We will continue collecting items of food until the end of next week. Please donate what you can; there is a box in the Community Room (next to the office) where you can put items.

Chocolate Fundraiser - If you haven't yet made payment for the chocolate please do so as soon as possible; either cash, cheque or EFT-POS at the office or online banking to 060561-0017355-00. A box is \$72.00. We would like this all finalised and paid for by the end of the term.

Sushi Lunches is moving to a new website, ezlunch! From term 3 all orders will need to be placed via www.ezlunch.co.nz. It's the same sushi, same varieties and the same price, just a new website for orders.

Montessori At Otari Preschool is looking for a teacher! - Exciting opportunity for a permanent Montessori and ECE trained teacher, to join our small but well-established team. Our community-based Montessori Preschool is looking for an enthusiastic, passionate life long learner who is a supportive team player, able to work in a shared leadership environment and to establish strong relationships with our families/whanau. NZ residency and work visa required. Applications close 14 July . For all enquiries, please ring (04 475-9688) or email Nicola at wcmp@extra.co.nz. Visit our website for more information about our preschool: www.otaripreschool.school.nz.

Te Taonga Horomata - Wana. Virtue: Zeal

Zeal is passion for a purpose we deeply value. We follow a vision of what is possible with enthusiasm and ardour. When we are zealous, we give our all. Zeal is fueled by our belief and faith. We do all that we can to serve a cause we believe to be real and true.

*'Zeal without Knowledge is fire without light'. Thomas Fuller, English Author
1608 - 1661*

*'Experience shows that succes is due less to ability than zeal'. Charles Buxton
English Public Servant*

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Trip to Pataka	Totara	Tues 4 July	TBC

Have a good week everyone. A reminder that term ends next Friday, 7 July at 2.55pm.

Ngā mihi nui Clifford

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Last night we had our final Board of Trustees' meeting for Term 2. I want to report on the Board's progress since I last wrote:

Membership: This term we welcomed Maria Borshevsky to the Board. Maria's family have 3 children in the Original Strand. This nicely balances the Board with equal number of representatives on each strand being joined by Clifford, and Shani as the staff representative. As Board members, we are accountable for the entire school's performance but, like everything at Otari School, balance is important so having representatives from across the strands is fantastic.

Financial: The Board is focused on the sustainability of Otari School. One of the key issues we are responsible for is the financial sustainability. You will have seen enough correspondence from Clifford and the BoT to understand that the Ministry does not give us sufficient funding to give the children at Otari all the support and experiences we want to give them. That is why the donations and fundraising are so important to us. I am really happy to report that the number of families paying their donation is trending up. Thanks to all those families who are contributing and please continue to do so! Talk to Jillian about all the options we have for funding, drip feeding a little every week right up to large one off donations are all appreciated. The BoT also appreciate the support all the parents give through the various fundraising initiatives: selling chocolate, the movie and silent auction fundraiser and buying biscuits, sushi or pizza. It all helps. One initiative the BoT is pursuing this year is applying for grant funding. We are keen to get funding to build a combined science/arts/general purpose space. We will keep you posted on how we get on.

Policy Matters: In addition to being responsible for the strategic leadership and setting the vision for the school the BoT is required to ensure that it complies with legal and policy requirements. Policies are at a governance level and outline clear delegations to the principal. Led by Natasha Kuka, the Board, together with Clifford has overhauled the policies and procedures for Otari.

At the meeting last night we approved the new suite of policies and procedures. This has been a huge undertaking and puts the school in a great position for the future.

Curriculum: This term Clifford has reported to the BoT on Writing and Maths performance. We receive aggregated information that allows the Board to understand how the children are performing when assessed against various tests. These 'deep dives' give insights into the approach Clifford and the teachers are taking to tackle any challenges, particularly around our priority learners.

Property: The work to implement the 5YA property projects is advancing. Over the year a number of classrooms will be upgraded with some receiving new carpets and heaters and with the larger classroom refurbishment for Block B (the Original Strand classrooms) in the planning phase.

Next meeting of the BoT: Monday 31, July at 7pm in the staff room.

Catherine
Chair of BoT

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

Massey University: Child Asthma Study – Massey University is conducting important research looking at different types of asthma in children aged 8-18. The study involves a lung function test and a short questionnaire. If your child has asthma please consider being part of this study. Contact Jean Feary McKenzie 0800-080-078 or asthma@massey.ac.nz.

Everyone Out Winter Series - An adventure treasure hunt for families in Otari-Wilton's Bush. You'll probably get wet, will definitely get dirty, are likely to learn something new and you'll absolutely have fun. 1st July, 12.30-3.30pm, \$20-\$30 per team of up to 6 people. Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz. For more details check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/everyoneout/. Also check out the second event in the Winter Series Everyone out in the Botanic Gardens.

Drama Club is running a drama holiday programme Monday 10 - Friday 14 July. The classes are held each morning from 9.00am (drop off from 8.30am) till 12.30pm. We have a different topic each day so students can pick and choose which days they would like to attend. Enrol on the Drama Club website - www.dramaclub.co.nz or contact Bridie on admin@dramaclub.co.nz

Hot Tips on Growing Great Families, Wednesday 26 July 2017, 7pm to 8:30pm, Karori West Normal School hall, 19 Allington Rd, Karori West, Wgtn. For parents who invest in their family, the rewards are huge. You can build your family the same way as you build a house, with good foundations of love and values, strong walls of boundaries and discipline and a roof of parental 'mana' to keep it all together. Learn to make this happen with the least effort. Come and meet John Cowan from The Parenting Place as he shares tips that really work. Light refreshments from 6:30pm. Free event, sponsored by Karori Baptist Church: families@kbc.org.nz. Book your place: <https://tinyurl.com/hottipsparentingcourse>

Kids Have FUN at Craft House –Explore the magical world with fairy (or elf/hobbit) doors, dream catchers, bottled creatures, unicorn slime and shadow puppet theatres. Master paper craft skills in origami, spinning cards, mini albums and tissue box covers - will yours be a Rubik's cube, a Minecraft block or something else? Check out all the options at <https://enrolmy.com/craft-house> and BOOK NOW!

Does your child like to take centre stage with a hairbrush? Come along to Sunshine Drama for a free trial class to learn more about our creative programme for preschoolers to year 8. Contact Jenae Ryan 0274 380 533 or visit www.sunshinedrama.co.nz.

The Pantaloons present "Little Red Riding Hood", July 11 to 14 at the Irish Society Hall, 10 Fifeshire Ave, Te Aro. Tickets only \$10 from 0276260472 or thepantaloons@gmail.com.