



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

Today I visited Ngaio and Pohutukawa classes to view their Ancient Civilisations displays. They contain a lot of very interesting information. I was very impressed with the knowledge the children had and the effective way this was communicated. Well done Ngaio and Pohutukawa.

We wish Totara class a most enjoyable visit at Pataka Museum today where there are attending a Sustainable Art workshop.

**Mid Year Reports** - At the end of this week the children will be bringing home mid year reports. These will focus on literacy/te reo matatini, mathematics/pāngarau and progress in relation to the key competencies/Immersion graduate profile values. For most children reports will also contain a progress update in relation to The National Standards/Ngā Whanaketanga. Report envelopes will also contain information that clarifies the National Standards and Ngā Whanaketanga.

If you have any concerns about your child's report then please make an appointment to see the class teacher after the holidays.

**Matariki Lunch** - The Māori Immersion strand was responsible for providing the wonderful Matariki evening, which we all enjoyed. To conclude our Matariki celebrations the Original and Montessori Strands are providing a Matariki lunch for the whole school on Wednesday. Classes will have received notices about this.

**Matariki Food Donations** - The City Mission is most appreciative of the generosity of Otari whānau. At our Matariki feast on Wednesday we will be giving these donations to City Missioner, Tric Malcolm. Thank you for helping "keep the storehouses full" over the winter months.

**Photos** - Order envelopes are being sent home today with your child. Orders need to be completed by 28 July. Instructions for payment are written on the envelope - please do not make any payment for photos into the school account. Payment must be made direct to School Memories.

**Library** - If you have any overdue books then this is the time to return them and get some more books out for the holidays. Please check books before returning them to local libraries as we have a number of our books that get returned to them by mistake. Do not be offended if you get more than one overdue library notice. These are automated. Johanne manages the library whilst teaching fulltime, with 5 hours teacher aide support, therefore this is a helpful feature of *Access It* - our library management programme. It might be a bit annoying getting repeat notices, however please understand the Te Whare Maire belongs to us all and we would much rather continue to build our stock than spend money replacing lost books.

**Taki Rua Productions: 'Hinepau'** - Taki Rua will be putting on a performance of 'Hinepau' on Friday 28 July, 1.30pm. The cost is \$3.00 per child.

**Technolgy** for Year 7 & 8 students resumes on Friday 28 July for seven weeks.

***Te Taonga Horomata - Wana. Virtue: Zeal***

*We need tolerance as the ballast for our zeal when others' beliefs differ from our own. Zeal is being for something, not against anything. Zeal is the fire in our belly. It illumines even the smallest task with joy.*

*'Experience shows that success is due less to ability than to zeal. The winner is he who gives himself to his work body and soul.'* Charles Buxton

**Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Taki Rua Production	Everyone	Fri 28 July	\$3.00
Yr 7/8 Mathswell Competition	Selected Students	Wed 23 August	
Yr 5/6 Mathswell Competition	Selected Students	Tues 29 August	
'Spirit of Ghana' Show	Everyone	Wed 6 Sept	\$4.50

Term ends on Friday at 2.55pm. We start back on Monday 24 July. Ngā manakitanga mo ngā harerei! (Best wishes for the holidays!).

Clifford

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

**Celebrating Matariki** - A family night of Korero, Shared Kai, Kapa Haka and night walk adventure. On Saturday 15 July celebrate Matariki at Pukaha from 6.00pm. Enjoy a shared hangi for kai then take a hosted night walk starting with an introduction to Matariki followed by a night time eel feed. We'll listen to hear the wild kiwi in the bush and visit the glow worms. Return to the visitor centre for dessert and a hot drink to warm up while you enjoy a range of Matariki activities from Kapa Haka, flax weaving and moko's. Price: \$50 per adult, \$20 per child. Family pass for 2 adults & 2 children \$130. Bookings are essential. Book at the visitor centre on 06 375 8004 or email [info@pukaha.org.nz](mailto:info@pukaha.org.nz).

**Wadestown Community Creche** - New longer hours for term 3. Wadestown Community Creche (46 Pitt Street) currently has some spaces available for preschool children. The Creche offers both short and long sessions. [Mon – Fri 8.20am-12.30pm; and Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 8.20am-2.30pm (for children 2 years and over). This ECE centre has 100% qualified teachers who provide structured sessions with high educator to children ratios, so the creche particularly suits toddlers and younger children aged from 12 months. For more information, please see our website <http://www.wadestowncreche.org.nz> and Facebook page, and feel free to contact Sandra on 499 1574 to arrange a visit or email: [enrol.wadestowncreche@xtra.co.nz](mailto:enrol.wadestowncreche@xtra.co.nz).

**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).

**Learn Mandarin Chinese** as a foreign conversational language, online, anytime! This is a free learning resource, including stories, cartoons, songs for kids of all ages. If you're keen to learn more Mandarin in a fun & interactive class, enrol or register for trial classes at our website [www.nihaocc.org.nz](http://www.nihaocc.org.nz). Ni Hao Children's Community charitable trust provides foreign Language "Learning by Doing" immersion classes for Years 1 to 8, toddler/preschool parent and child immersion classes and free stories & rhymes mat times at various Wellington locations. Announcing SAY IT AGAIN: Ni Hao Children's Community TV! View it online at: [tinyurl.com/nihaocctv](http://tinyurl.com/nihaocctv).

**Drama Holiday Programme – Drama Remedy - Drama Remedy** holiday programmes are a great opportunity to expose your child to the art of drama & speech with our exciting and enjoyable workshops. July holiday programme will be 3 days (17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July) of activities based on Drama Games, Mime and Improvisation. 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).