



**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

**Orange Day Parade** - On Friday, the Yr 6 patrollers will be attending the Orange Day parade, leaving school at 9.15am returning at 1.30pm. Please ensure your child has plenty of food and water. Yr 7/8 students are not attending as they are at technology.

**Te Reo o Te Wiki Māori: Māori Language Week-Te Reo Māori Parade, Monday 11 September** - If you wish to join us for the parade we will be gathering at the Cenotaph near Parliament at 10.50am and following the parade through town. We will have lunch at Te Papa and return to school at 1.30pm.

**Parent Interviews (4-6 September)** - Please ensure you have gone online and chosen an interview time on one of the three days offered. The teachers willingly give up three evenings to talk about your child's progress. Take advantage of this unless there are really extenuating circumstances, in which case you should contact your child's teacher this week and they can negotiate another time with you in the future.

Interviews are for 15 minutes starting at 3pm and finishing at 6:30pm. The interviews are for parents/caregivers only. Should you need to bring your children with you the library will be open and supervised. Because interviews are starting at 3pm we will be finishing school 10 minutes early, at 2:45pm, over those three days.

To book an interview go to the following website <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>. The school code is 3xbua. Let Jillian know if you have any problems; she can book one for you if necessary.

**Netball: Save the Courts Rally** - Wellington West Netball is holding a Save the Courts Rally at the VUW courts this Saturday at **9.30am**. The rally is a response to Victoria University's plans to sell the campus which includes the netball courts. The courts are used each winter netball season by more than 500 players who are part of Wellington West Netball. This is after the first round of games which finish at 9.20am. Please come and support the club's efforts to save the VUW courts. Games will start again at 10.10am.

**School Fair: Calling for a crafty crafter!** We are on the lookout for crafts, home made with love, for this year's fair. If you have a crafty disposition and are keen to contribute to the production of goodies already underway, then please contact Anna and Pearl at [foxparse@gmail.com](mailto:foxparse@gmail.com).

**WALA: Spirit of Ghana** - The performance is on Wednesday 6 September. Cost is \$4.50 per student.

**Life Education** - Harold the Giraffe and Charlotte will be here next week. Cost is \$3.00 per child. Please remember to avoid using the driveway.

**Artsplash** tickets are available for families with children participating from the school office, \$5.00 each. Tickets are restricted to 2 per family as this stage.

**Yummy Fruit Stickers** - Please keep collecting the stickers or cut the labels from the plastic bags and send to school asap. The more we collect the more free sports gear the school earns. We only have until Friday 22 September, so get eating all those apples!

***Te Taonga Horomata: Mauri Tau. Virtue: Contentment***

*Contentment is an awareness of sufficiency, a sense that we have enough and we are enough. It is appreciating the simple gifts of life - friendship, books, a good laugh, a moment of beauty or a cool drink on a hot day. Being contented, we are free from the pull of greed and longing. We trust that life provides what we need when we need it.*

*'When you are discontent, you always want more, more, more. But when you practice contentment, you can say to yourself, 'Oh yes - I already have everything that I really need.'* Dalai Lama

*"To be content doesn't mean you don't desire more, it means you're thankful for what you have and patient for what's to come."* Tony Gaskins

**Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Mathswell Comp Yr 5/6	Selected Students	Tues 29 Aug, 6.30pm	
Trip to Te Papa	Pohutukawa	Wed 30 Aug	\$8.00
Orange Day Parade	Yr 6 School Patrollers	Fri 1 Sept	
Parent Interviews	Parents/Caregivers	3, 4, 5 Sept	
Life Education	All Students	5-12 Sept	\$3.00
'Spirit of Ghana' Show	All Students	Wed 6 Sept	\$4.50
Māori Language Parade	All Students	Mon 11 Sept	
St Brigid's Kapa Haka	Immersion strand	Sat 16 Sept	
ArtSplash - Choir	School Choir	Mon 18 Sept, 7.45pm	
ArtSplash - Dance	Selected Students	Thurs 21 Sept, 7.45pm	

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui Clifford

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

**Accommodation** - We have family members coming to Wellington for Xmas and are looking for accommodation in Wilton. If you are heading away between 24th and 28th Dec and would like someone to house-sit for you, please text Andrea 021532425. Thanks!"

**Private Occupational Therapy Services** - If you have any concerns about your child's development such as fine motor and gross motor coordination, handwriting, sensory processing, self-regulation or attention skills, please visit [www.kidsconnect.co.nz](http://www.kidsconnect.co.nz) or contact [kim@kidsconnect.co.nz](mailto:kim@kidsconnect.co.nz).

**Little Dog Barking Children's Theatre** presents "Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge" based on the book by Mem Fox - **4 October** at Expressions in Upper Hutt - **5 October** at Kapiti Playhouse in Paraparaumu - **10 October** at The Little Theatre in Lower Hutt, and **12 October** at St Peter's Hall in Paekakariki. Our delightful production of "Guji Guji" is showing at Te Papa, Soundings Theatre on **7 October** (no bookings required for Te Papa). Both shows suitable for ages 2 - 10 years old. For ticketing & info [info@littledogbarking.co.nz](mailto:info@littledogbarking.co.nz) or 021 042 1851. [www.littledogbarking.co.nz](http://www.littledogbarking.co.nz)

**Two-Week October Holiday Programme - Northland Kidz Club** - Join us in our adventures each day as we're out-and-about in the Wellington region. We'll be swimming, ice-skating, go-karting and playing mini-golf. Going to kids theatre productions, playing laser tag, doing a hip hop dance workshop and watching more old-style movies at our favourite Time Cinema. In between, we'll be playing at parks and beaches. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards: \$20), 8.30am to 6pm each day. For details, check out our website ([www.nkc.org.nz](http://www.nkc.org.nz)) , or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), email ([nkc.jan@gmail.com](mailto:nkc.jan@gmail.com)).

**Demi Pair / Nanny Students** - ETC is seeking families to place Demi Pair students with. Students will study advanced English in the mornings and at other times assist with childcare and other duties in your home - up to 15 hours per week. In return, you will provide a NZ family experience, some training and full board. Demi Pair students arrive September 2017. Duration: 3-6 months. For more information please contact our Demi Pair Coordinator: Charlotte (04) 3850066, [studentservices@etc.ac.nz](mailto:studentservices@etc.ac.nz).

**The Kapiti Coast based 'Bright Lights Music Competition' is Back!!** Bright Lights is a three stage event starting with heats on 7 October at the Kapiti Community Centre, moving to Semi's and workshops with some of New Zealand's most famous and hard working musicians on the 21st of October at Southward Auditorium. All acts will then have a chance to be chosen to play the Grand Finale Gala Concert at night and win some epic prizes which include, performing at Coastella Music Festival 2018, half a days recording, over \$1000 of musical equipment and heaps of spot prizes all to be given away!! To find out how much this event costs and how to enter, visit: [www.brightlightsmusiccompetition.co.nz](http://www.brightlightsmusiccompetition.co.nz)

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**Spirit of Ghana Performance \$4.50**

**Life Education Visit \$3.00**

☐ Enclosed is \$7.50 for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend.

☐ Deduct \$7.50 from my activity account for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend

Signed \_\_\_\_\_