



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

Ngaio Teacher 2018 - Earlier this year Seetha Ganesan informed me that she would be resigning from her position at Otari School at the end of this year. This weekend the Board of Trustees Appointments Committee is interviewing four shortlisted applicants for the position of teacher in Ngaio Class. We hope to have made an appointment by Tuesday of next week.

We will say farewell to Seetha at the end of the year and celebrate her wonderful contribution to our learning community. Until then, we hope she has a wonderful last term at Otari School!

Congratulations to our Mathswell Competitors. The Yr 5/6 team came 5th out of 33 teams, and the Yr 7/8 team placed 17th.

Lice - We've had reports of the little blighters being out and about again. Please ensure you check your child's head and treat if necessary.

WALA: Spirit of Ghana - The performance is on tomorrow morning, 9.10am. Cost is \$4.50 per student.

Life Education - Harold the Giraffe and Charlotte are here until next Tuesday. Cost is \$3.00 per child. Please remember to avoid using the driveway.

Te Reo o Te Wiki Māori: Māori Language Week-Te Reo Māori Parade, Monday 11 September - Please note changes of meeting spot - If you wish to join us for the parade we will be gathering at Ballance Street at 10.30am (parade starts at 11am) and following the parade through town. We will have lunch at Frank Kitts Park and return to school at 1.45pm.

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

Schools Photos were sent from Auckland yesterday so will hopefully be sent home by the end of the week.

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!

Countdown to the School Fair - Our fair has a well-earned reputation for great atmosphere, entertainment and food. This year we are raising money towards the building of a science, arts and technology teaching space. We need your help to make it a success!

How you can help:

We have a great team working together to get the ball rolling, but we still *need coordinators* for the *Kids Zone*, *Tombola* and *Plant Stall*. If you can help, please email Joanne on jofullelove@gmail.com.

Deli - Whip up some jam, marmalade, chutney or preserves for our deli stall. Maybe you have a relative who's a star preserver who might like to donate a batch too? Alternatively, someone you know may have a glut of seasonal fruit and/or vegetables they could donate for someone else to preserve? We also need sugar and vinegar. If you can contribute in any way to this stall, please contact Louise Norton on lou2earth@paradise.net.nz

Silent Auction/Tombola - We are seeking donations of goods and services for the silent auction. Maybe you know someone with a holiday home who would be willing to donate a weekend's accommodation or someone who could donate a voucher for a service? We're hoping to cater for all budgets so please email Joanne Fullelove (jofullelove@gmail.com) if you have any donations that may be suitable for either the auction or tombola.

What else can you do? The school holidays are a great time to:

- go through your bookshelves and weed out unwanted books to box up in preparation for the book stall.
- clear out all those still wearable bits and pieces that are too big, too small or just too "last season" and put aside for our clothing stall. Sports shoes and boots that the kids have grown out of are always a popular seller. Good quality only, please - no holes or stains.
- make some room in the toy box by putting your pre-loved but still appealing toys aside for the toy stall (while the kids are out of course!)
- hunt out items for the white elephant stall - one person's junk is another person's treasure.
- recycle those unwanted presents! Don't throw out any unwanted wine, toys, chocolates or gifts - save them and donate them as a prize for the tombola.
- thinking about plants - now is the time to plant seeds and pot up cuttings.
- we would love to see some of our talent on show to entertain our crowds.
- we are on the lookout for crafts-homemade with love, for this years fair so if you have a crafty disposition and are keen to contribute to the production of goodies already underway, then please contact Anna and Pearl: foxparse@gmail.com

We'll let you know in a future newsletter when you can start dropping things off at school. Thanks for your support!

Te Taonga Horomata: Pūmau, Ngākau Pōno. Virtue: Loyalty

Loyalty is unwavering commitment to the people and ideals we care about. We are steadfast through good times and bad. Even when others disappoint us, we are resilient and forgiving. We invest in our relationships and do what it takes to keep them whole and strong. We stand by our true friends whatever the cost. We don't allow blind loyalty to lead us into trouble. Above all, we must be true to ourselves and loyal to what we know is right.

"Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses." Ann Landers

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
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)

Our kids only polling booth will be open 3.30 - 5pm Wednesday - Friday and all day Saturday at Vogelmorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Road, Brooklyn, Wellington. Results will be announced at our Election Night Party. Kids can not only vote for whatever they want, they can even run for election! Barbarian Productions are recent winners of the Wellington Community Awards 2017 for Arts and Culture. Kids' Polling Booth is a part of our annual Spring Uprising mini-festival celebrating arts for social change. To see the full programme visit Facebook/SpringUprising or www.barbarian.co.nz.

El Rancho Spring Kids Camp for 8 - 12 year olds...ZOOTOPIA is the theme....join us for an animal adventure like never before! 2-6 October. OSCAR/WINZ subsidies available. Head to www.elrancho.co.nz to register.

Football Morning Holiday Workshop (Yrs 1-6) Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Wilton (all weather indoor surface). Improve technique by working on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling & shooting. Great practice for the up and coming Summer Series Competition! **Week 1** - Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm, **Week 2** - Tues, Weds, Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm. **"Girls Only Football"** - **Week 1** Fri 6th Oct 9.30am-12.30pm.

Kelly Sports Summer Series Football & Netball - Get your friends together and enter a team in our popular 5-a-side Football or Netball Summer Series Leagues. Played on Friday afternoons at Ian Galloway Park (Football) and Samuel Marsden and Vic Uni in Karori (Netball) beginning 20 October 2017 (Netball) and 27th October 2017 (Football). A great way to maintain and improve your skills over the summer months.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit:

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