



**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

St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival - Wellington Schools congregated at Cashmere Avenue School on Saturday to perform Kapa haka to the delight of their whānau and friends. It was a very well organised and enjoyable event. We congratulate Te Kura o Otari Maori Immersion Strand tamariki on their outstanding performance. They projected sheer enjoyment as well as discipline and unity. Our thanks to their tutor, Matua Wetene on a polished and entertaining bracket of waiata and haka and to all our kaiako for their dedication and expertise. Our appreciation also for the heartfelt support of whānau on the day. It was great to meet up with so many former students too.

ArtSplash Festival - Last night our choir performed songs with many other schools at the Michael Fowler Centre. Thank you Shani and Catherine for the teaching you have done to get the children to such a high performance level. Seeing Otari School students take centre stage with their poi was an extra treat! Thank you for your lovely singing and your contribution to a very enjoyable evening of music.

We also have selected artwork displayed throughout the week at the Michal Fowler Centre as part of the visual arts feature of ArtSplash. Thank you, Sally for coordinating this. There are some very original and high quality pieces on display.

ArtSplash dance is on Thursday night. This the first year we have participated in this. I am sure it will also be a most enjoyable event. Well done to the senior girls who have worked together creating a superb dance to perform.

Thank you parents for the many ways you have supported the ArtSplash events.

Debates - On Wednesday 27 September selected senior students are taking part in debates. The debates are part of our English and Te Reo Pakeha programmes. The debate teams are made up of a student from each strand that have worked together to present their arguments around a particular topic. There are two debates. The debates will begin at 11am. Parents are welcome to attend.

BOT meeting - The next meeting is on Monday 25 September, 7pm in the staffroom.

Twilight Fair Update: (Saturday 25 November 3-7pm) - Below are just a few names of sponsors who have donated to our fair so far:

Ray White Real Estate-Jane Edmonds
Staglands
Absolute Bliss-Karori
Number Works 'nWords

Zealandia
Brendan Motors-Karori
Hellers
Ashley Wicks

We would love to hear from a couple more people who could help source donations for either our Silent Auction or Tombola. Please text or email Joanne Fullelove - 0212063614 or jofullelove@gmail.com if you are able to help in anyway.

Scholastic Book orders need to be to the office by tomorrow morning. Orders can be placed online at www.scholastic.co.nz/LOOP.

Calendars - Please ensure you have your orders to the office by Thursday 28 September at the very latest. Payment can be made direct into the school account (060561-0017355-00), EFT-POS or cash. Remember to use a separate order form for each child.

Netball Uniforms - Please return kit bags and uniforms urgently. We need to use the uniforms next week.

Yummy Fruit Stickers - Last day for stickers is this (Friday 22 September).

Te Taonga Horomata: Tangata. Virtue: Humanity

Humanity is an attitude to caring and mercy toward all people. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. We all suffer and rejoice. Although in the eternal scheme of life, each of us is small, we are one of a kind, irreplaceable. We lose our humanity whenever we generalise about a group of people and separate ourselves from them because of external characteristics such as race or sex. We tap into our humanity when we put ourselves in others' shoes and are genuinely concerned for their welfare.

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." Martin Luther King Jr

Upcoming Events Calendar:

| Activity | Who's Involved | Date & Time | Cost |
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| ArtSplash - Dance | | Thurs 21 Sept, 7.45pm | |
| Debates | Selected Students | Wed 27 Sept, 11.00am | |

Have a good week everyone. A reminder that term three finishes on Friday 29 September at 2.55pm.

Ngā mihi nui

Clifford

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| T4, 2017: Mon 16 Oct-Tues 19 Dec, 12 noon | | |
| 2018 Term Dates | | |
| Term 1 | Thurs 1 Feb | Fri 13 Apr |
| Term 2 | Mon 30 Apr | Fri 6 Jul |
| Term 3 | Mon 23 Jul | Fri 28 Sept |
| Term 4 | Mon 15 Oct | Tues 18 Dec |

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

Movie Fundraiser - Rosa Pillay, a former student of Otari, is holding a fundraising movie night at the Penthouse Cinema in Brooklyn to help her get to Vietnam and Cambodia on a school trip next year. The film is Victoria and Abdul starring Judi Dench and tells the true story of the unlikely friendship between Queen Victoria and a Muslim servant. It's on 24 September at 5.45pm. Tickets cost \$20. There will be a complimentary gelato with each ticket and raffle tickets for sale with the chance to win some great prizes. Contact Rosa on 022 327 4025 for tickets or email pillayro@wgc.school.nz.

Drama Holiday Programme – Drama Remedy holiday programmes are a great opportunity to expose your child to the art of drama & speech with our exciting and enjoyable workshops. October holiday programme will be 3 days (2nd, 3rd & 4th Oct) of activities based on Play Production. To enrol or for more details contact (04) 478 5962 or 022 027 3316, dramaremedy@gmail.com or visit our website www.dramaremedy.co.nz

Book now for Wilderkids school holiday programme. Run by Sustainability Trust, this programme gets kids aged 5 to 12 outside into Wellington Town Belt, connecting with nature and learning about birds, bugs, bees, trees! \$56 a day, or if you have a Community Services Card apply for a \$10 place. Runs Oct 2 to 13. More at www.sustaintrust.org.nz/wilderkids. If you have a Facebook page or group, here is the event for sharing: <https://www.facebook.com/events/670809813113119/>

Shut Up and Dance - Want to learn routines inspired by films and music videos? We run classes in Crofton Downs Primary School at 9.30am on Tuesday mornings. Book through our app (Shut Up & Dance) or via the website www.shutupanddance.co. New customers can take advantage of 2 sessions for \$25). PS: Before you say you're super uncoordinated, we are too. That's why we have no mirrors, take no photos or videos and make every class accessible to everyone - no matter their fitness or experience. Smiling and sweating is our goal, body rolls not burpees our motto. See you soon!

Do You Want To Play Junior Softball? It's not too late to register your child to play T-Ball, Mini-Pitch or Softball this season!!! We need more players. It's a great way to spend a Saturday morning. Come along and be part of the fun family-friendly Johnsonville Softball Club. Enquiries to Lee-ann.coutts@vodafone.co.nz (0272221668) or visit our website www.jvillesc.org.nz.

Newlands Junior Softball club are taking registrations for the upcoming 2017/2018 summer season. Fun for all ages, no previous playing experience necessary. We have mixed grades for T-Ball or Mini-Pitch for the Under 7s and Under 9s. The gender grades range from U11, U13, U15 and U17. Online registrations at www.sportsground.co.nz/newlandssoftball. For more information please visit our website, Facebook or contact our Junior Club Convenor: Corina Adamson 0211 729 586

KidzStuff Theatre for Children are presenting Defrosted, written by Fingal Pollock and directed by Craig Geenty. When: 3rd - 14th October 2017. Where: Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington. Times: Weekdays 10am & 11:30am, Saturdays 10am, no show Sundays. Tickets \$10pp, Groups of 6 deal for \$50, Children under 2 Free. \$7 Special Opening Preview, Saturday 30th September 2017. Bookings: www.eventfinda.co.nz / 027 567 5664/ www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz

The Pantaloons present "Jack in the Beanstalk" a marvellous, magical musical at BATS Theatre, 10 – 13 Oct at 10am & 11.30am. Bookings - www.bats.co.nz or 048024175. Tickets \$12, Family \$40.

Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures - October Holidays At Otari School And Berhampore School. Dates: 2nd – 13th Oct 2017 from 7.00am-7pm daily. Fees: Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session; Weekly: \$238 per cub/week or \$448 for two or more siblings/week. Discounts Available: Wild Card (15%). Interactive Activities and Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea provided. One-on-One Care provided for cub(s) if needed for extra support. Shuttle services available. Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.pridelands.org.nz.