



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

**Hall update** - Yesterday our BoT Chair, Catherine Thompson and I met with Ministry officials to have initial talks about the hall fire and the process going forward. This involves evaluating the extent of damage and then starting a re-building project. We have established that the entire roof will need to be replaced.

Until there is a hall to move into, Totara and Kereru will stay in their current rooms. All going well, we hope they can move at the start of next year and the refurbishing of their rooms can begin. The Ministry did discuss with us the possibility of re-locatable classrooms but locating them on our site would be a challenge. Therefore the first option is to get a project up and running to fix the hall as soon as we can.

We have let all groups who use the hall know that it is not available. After School Care is operating from the Māori Immersion Strand for the rest of the year. I am liaising with the Trust and will let them know when the hall is able to be entered to retrieve any items they need. The sudden re-location of this important community organisation creates challenges and I know the support of parents and caregivers with children at After School Care is appreciated by the Trust and supervisors during this time.

**Great support** - We have received great support from the community. Your messages and offers of help are most appreciated. I talked with Jo Fullelove yesterday and the fair will definitely still be going ahead, however your involvement in this will be even more gratefully received. If you have not done so already please let Jo know if you are able to contribute in some way. Encourage as many people as you can to come to the fair.

We have also received wonderful support from our Western Zone cluster schools. Cardinal McKeefry School principal, Tania Savage, is happy for us to use their school hall for our year 8 leavers' evening. Therefore, this will still go ahead on 14 December at 6pm, but at Cardinal McKeefry School. I also had offers of space from Wadestown School and St Theresa's. Wadestown School are shouting our staff morning tea. We are touched by this kindness.

**ERO** - I received notification from the Education Review Office yesterday that they will be visiting us on 12-16 February, week 3 of 2018.

**Some good news!** - We received news that Britta Martini will be able to train as a Reading Recovery teacher next year. This means we will retain the excellent tutoring provided by Kathy Heath as well as be able to train another teacher, thus significantly increasing the number of children who can benefit from the programme.

Britta will still be teaching a class, however another teacher will need to share this responsibility with her to enable the training and tutoring of students to take place. I will update parents once an appointment has been made.

Nau mai, haere mai to a new child and her family: Manaia Duncan (Pounamu)

**Congratulations** to the following students who qualified for the Interzone Athletics competition:

George Fullelove - Yr 4 Vortex  
Anton Luatua - Yr 7 High Jump  
Hapo Agi Morizono - Yr 8 Vortex

JayKwan Te Paiho - Yr 6 Vortex and Quoits  
Sky Gobbi - Yr 7 Long Sprints

**Helpers' Morning Tea** - Thursday, 10.30am in the staffroom.

**Wellington City Mission 'Pack The Bus'** will be visiting the school on Thursday 23 November, 10.30am. It would be great if every family could donate something - they are collecting non-perishable items including Christmas items.

***Te Taonga Horomata: Whaka whētai nga. Virtue: Appreciation***

*Appreciation is seeing the good in life. It is recognising the gifts that come our way and showing gratitude for them. When we express appreciation to others, we mirror the virtues we see in them. We perceive their positive intentions and honour them with our gratitude.*

*"Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realise they were the big things." Author Unknown*

*"If we all take care of another and go the extra mile to appreciate and play together, we all gain - each one of us is lifted up." Pam Grout, E-Squared*

**Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Helpers Morning Tea	Helpers	Thurs 16 Nov, 10.30am	
Wgtn City Mission	Pack the Bus	Thurs 23 Nov, 10.30am	
School Fair	Everyone	Sat 25 Nov, 3-7pm	
Yr 8 Outing	Yr 8s	Tues 5 Dec	TBC
Yr 8 Dinner	Yr 8s	Thurs 7 Dec	TBC
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7 & 8 & Parents	Thurs 14 Dec, 6pm	
Carol Singing	Everyone	Fri 15 Dec, 11am	
End of term		Tues 19 Dec, 12noon	

Have a good week everyone. Ngā mihi nui Clifford



# Countdown to the Fair

Only 12 days to go!

The Twilight Fair is still on! Please find us on facebook and share.

‘Te Kura o Ōtari Twilight Fair’

Flyers will also be available at the office to be displayed in your car, office or local noticeboard to help spread the word.

Donation Drop-Offs available every week day 8.30am until 3pm leading up until the fair and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov @7pm

- Could very large items for the White Elephant please **NOT** be dropped off until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November due the unavailability of the hall.
- Thank you for all the lovely toy donations, but we still need more toys - baby toys, and good quality children toys. This is a great opportunity for a clear out.

**Stall Helpers:** A big thank you to those who have signed up through the website but like the donations we still need more in all areas but in particular:

- Hot food-Preparation and Serving
- Children’s Activities
- Toys
- Set-up in any areas on Saturday morning
- Clean-up on Sunday 10-11.30am

Please go to: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz), and enter the event code **3q9mq** to choose the time slots that best suit you. A lot of children have come up to me at school and are really keen to be on a stall as well. Ideally it would help if you were able to support them in the area they would like to be on and if you have graduates of Ōtari in the family who would like to help, then please sign them up through this system too.

Just a reminder that a **Cake Box** will be sent home with all family members in the next week.

This year we will have our **Kids Zone Entertainment** passes priced at:

- \$10 - 1 child
- \$15 - 2 children
- \$20 - 3 or more children

Pre-sales will be available prior to the fair (dates and time to be confirmed)

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

**Northern United Junior Hockey Club** - The Northern Suburbs' home of hockey for school years 3-8 Yrs 3-6: 6-a-side; Yrs 7-8: 11-a-side. **2018 Registrations (online) open 1 Feb.** **Pre-season training:** starting week commencing 19 Feb. **11-a-side trials:** 3x 1.5-hour trials between 2-5 pm, Sat 10 March, Sun 18 March and Sun 25 March (tbc). **Have a Go Hockey:** 3x weekly no-obligation sessions for beginners all ages, starting week commencing 19 Feb. Official 2018 season runs from start of term 2.

**Info:** [www.nujhc.org.nz](http://www.nujhc.org.nz)

**Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures, Summer Holidays At Otari School And Berhampore School.** **Dates:** Dec 18th 2017 – Jan 26th 2018 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:** Provide 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](http://www.pridelands.org.nz)

**Tupperware:** Hi! Come and see what's new from Tupperware at the Otari School Fair on **25/11/2017 from 04:3pm**. Click on the link below so you can browse through Tupperware's range and monthly offers and you can also start your own shopping list in preparation. Hope you can make it.

\* Register and shop in advance from

today at <https://empower.tupperware.com.au/OrderSystem/partyregistration/registrationEntry.htm?token=gM7qX2QkvF>

\* I make a donation to the school of \$10 for every \$100 in sales and \$20 for every party booked and held

\* Anyone wanting to book a party please contact Jules on 021 216 9642 to arrange

\* Payment can be made by credit card or internet banking. Contact Jules on 021 216 9642 for internet banking details

\* Payment on the day can also be made by Eftpos.