



**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

Last week was a very long week. It was nice to be at home during the weekend, enjoying the sunny weather and time with my family, away from the intensity of the previous week.

**Hall Update** - The hall has been thoroughly cleaned and all damage itemised. Damaged items have been removed. Most of the good hall chairs are fine and these have been stored in the basement. Other property, such as our drum kit, electric keyboard, carpets and staging will need to be replaced. We are already in the process of replacing the damaged sunshade. The school will now be undertaking a project to fix the structural damage, including replacing all the roofing. This will be done through Ashby Property Services, who are also our project managers for the Tōtara and Kererū refurbishment next year.

**Library** - The library is about to be re-located, therefore, the library is closed and all books must now be returned to school. Please have a really good look for books around your home, as there are about 300 that are due back.

**Improving our Waste Management** - Next year the school is implementing a new waste management programme. Britta and Clifford are working with The Sustainability Trust and EnviroSchools to help introduce this. It will ensure that as much of our waste as possible is recycled. This will involve classes committing to having bins for food scraps, paper and plastics and metal, as well as landfill. All of these will be collected from the school once a week.

**Contributing to the Wider Community and World** - Earlier in the year many children participated in the World Vision 40 hour famine. The school received a silver award for raising \$3037.60.

We have also received a "Thank You" from the Wellington Free Ambulance for raising \$94.20 during "Onsie Day."

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

<b>Christmas Items:</b>	<b>Toys: (new toys only please – and unwrapped)</b>	<b>Essential Items</b>
Small Christmas Cakes Fancy biscuits/crackers Fancy relishes/sauces Saltes/roasted nuts Chippies Toiletries for the whole family Retail vouchers	Construction Toys - Lego/Meccano Art equipment Educational toys and books Puzzles Baby toys for 0-2yr olds Diaries/Calendars Board games	Spreads and muesli bars Weetbix, Oats and Muesli Sugar and Milk Powder Pasta Sauce Tinned soup/fish/meat Biscuits and Crackers Body Wash and Deodorant Baby Food, Wipes and Nappies Laundry Powder and Dishwash

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

*Love thrives on appreciation. Intimacy grows deeper when we know we are seen and valued. As we do the spiritual work life call us to do, it is important to appreciate our own efforts and to acknowledge our progress. We don't dwell on the unpleasant things of life. We value the learning even in the painful times. Drinking deeply of the beauty and pleasures life offers, we don't waste a single day.*

*"There has never been another you. With no effort on your part you were born to be something very special and set apart. What you are going to do in appreciation of that gift is a decision only you can make". Dan Zadra*

**Upcoming Events Calendar:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who's Involved</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Wgtn City Mission	Pack the Bus	Thurs 23 Nov, 10.30am	
School Fair	Everyone	Sat 25 Nov, 3-7pm	
Trop to Pataka & Porirua Pools	Kākano & Kererū	Tues 28 Nov	\$6.50
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. See you all at the fair on Saturday.

Ngā mihi nui  
Clifford



# Countdown to the Fair

## Only 5 days to go!

- Donation drop-offs can continue to be made every weekday 8.30am until 3pm leading up to the fair.
- Thank you so much for all your amazing toy donations. Please keep them coming.

**Help Needed:** I need someone to pick-up the Bouncy Castle from Crofton Downs Mitre10 on Saturday morning. It will require a car with a tow-bar. Contact Jo ([jofullelove@gmail.com](mailto:jofullelove@gmail.com)) if you can help.

### **Toy stall help needed**

- We would love some help on the toy stall on Saturday. Even if you can just spare an hour or two, that would be great.
- We will have lots of fabulous toys for sale. Selling toys is easy and lots fun!

**There are still a selection of slots available to help on the day. 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.**

### **Kids Zone Entertainment** passes:

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

Bands can be purchased on **Friday 24th between 3pm and 4pm** from the office.

**Tupperware:** Hi! Come and see what's new from Tupperware at the Otari School Fair on **25/11/2017 from 04:30pm**. 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.

\* 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.



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

**WPC Christmas Pageant** – Wadestown Presbyterian Church is holding a children's pageant on Sunday 3 December, 2.30–3.30pm, so if you have grandchildren, friends or small friends who would like an opportunity to participate we would love them to join us! There will be a practice on Sat 2 December 2.30pm at the church and it would be great to have everyone who is participating at this so they know what to expect on the day. Any questions to Sue at [gsmyhill@gmail.com](mailto:gsmyhill@gmail.com).

**Girls, discover your potential at Brownies!** Being a Brownie with GirlGuiding NZ is a popular choice for girls aged 7 to 9 ½ and it is great to be able to offer the opportunity for more girls to join our unit in Kelburn to start in 2018. Guiding is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and, of course, having lots of fun outside school! Our programme is provided in a safe environment and Brownies get together each week with girls their own age to do lots of cool stuff including outdoor adventures, conservation, cooking, crafts, games and community action projects – all challenging the girls to achieve and grow. Kelburn Brownies meet on a Tuesday from 4.30pm – 6pm at the Kelburn Scout Hall in the Wellington Botanic Gardens. Contact Kelburn Brownies at [kelburnbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:kelburnbrownies@gmail.com) or call Katrina on 0220 963 973.