



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

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News

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Kia ora koutou

Welcome to two new students and their family:

Urukahinga Rei Yr 4, Tui

Kiriwaitangi Rei Yr 6, Tui

Tui Class Capped - Tui class has now been capped as there are 35 children on the roll. While this is a large class there are rarely 35 children on their own with one teacher. Whaea Tania is well supported by Whaea Parekohai, and every morning there are up to 10 children being withdrawn for teaching in the community room or library space. On Fridays the year 7 and 8 children are at technology and Whaea Sue and Whaea Parekohai run a literacy and mathematics programme for the year 4 -6 children. Whaea Tania is released each Friday to enable her to work on tasks related to her leadership of school wide mathematics and literacy achievement in year 4 - 8 Immersion strand. This is also a time she can work with individual students. If Whaea Tania needs more teaching support then this can easily be provided.

Thank you to the twelve parents who attended the information evening. I have left some of the information up on a wall in the hall if parents wish to view it.

Ray, our cleaner for the past three years, left last Friday. We farewelled him at a morning tea on Thursday. We're sorry to lose Ray, who often went above and beyond the call of duty. We wish him all the best for the future.

School Picnic - Our school picnic at Khandallah Park is on Thursday. We will leave school by bus at 9.45am and return at 2.00pm. We hope you can join us. Children will need to bring plenty of food, sunhat, sunblock and swimming togs/towel. Please return the slip at the end of the newsletter. The cost is \$5.00 each.

The year 5 to 8 children will be climbing Mount Kaukau. I will need to have 7 other adults accompany us. Please could you indicate below if you are able to climb up Mount Kaukau with us.

At this stage the weather forecast is not looking good for Thursday. If there is any sign of rain we will not be going. If you are unsure please check our website www.otari.school.nz on Thursday morning.

Montessori Trust Meeting - Friday 26 February at 3.30pm in Ngaio class. All Montessori strand parents welcome.

School Athletics Day is on Tuesday 2 March at Wilton Park. This is a full day event with all children participating. Children will be put into colour groups and we ask that they wear that colour on the day. Parents are most welcome to come along. Children need to bring plenty of water, food, sunhat, sunblock and a warm jersey/jacket. Please ensure they wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Whanau Hui/Shared Kai - 11 March. An agenda will be sent home on 8 March. All welcome.

Fundraising - We are establishing a Fundraising Committee and really need your help. Do you have any great fundraising ideas? Can you lend a bit of time to help out with our fundraising causes? We intend to meet once per term to share ideas and make plans. If we can all get together we can make a huge difference for a little effort each. Please contact Vicki at vicki.rowe@eeca.govt.nz

Emergency Form - Please return the emergency form sent home last week. We require one from every family. If you have enrolled this year, you don't need to re-do this.

Photocopying Fee - As shown on the stationery list sent home via your child, students are required to pay \$10 to cover classroom consumables for the year. If you have bought stationery from other suppliers, please ensure that this paid to the office. \$10 for photocopying/printing/photography is a donation but would be appreciated.

VIRTUE: Our virtue is Integrity

Integrity is standing up for what we believe is right. We keep faith with our ideas and live by our deepest values. We keep our agreements reliably. Our actions match our words. We strive to balance impeccable integrity and unfailing tenderness for others and ourselves. We cherish the challenge of doing the right thing in all circumstances. We give excellence to whatever we undertake. We live by our personal covenant.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
School picnic	Everyone	Thurs 25 Feb, 10.00am	\$5.00
Otari Athletics	Everyone	Tues 2 March	-
Parent Interviews	Parents & children	23,24,25 March	

"To put the world right... we must first cultivate our personal life; we must first set our hearts right."

Have a great week everyone.

Regards
Clifford

Term Dates 2010

Wed 3 Feb – Thurs 1 Apr
Mon 19 Apr – Fri 2 Jul
Mon 19 Jul – Fri 24 Sept
Mon 11 Oct – Fri 17 Dec

Extra notices sent home recently: Pohutukawa newsletter, Totara newsletter & Tui newsletter.

Sent this week:

- Ngaio newsletter
- Montessori strand parent handbook
- Montessori strand parent database

Community Notices: *(Please note these notices are passed on to us and are not necessarily an endorsement)*

Western Suburbs Junior Rugby Club – registration dates are: Thurs 25 Feb 5-7pm. Sat 27 Feb 1-3pm, Mon 1 Mar 5-7pm. Ian Galloway Park, Wilton. www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz for more info.

Birthday Party + Rides + bouncy castle + sun = FUN!! Tram 159 celebrates her 85th Birthday on Sunday 28 February at the Tramway, Queen Elizabeth Park (McKay's Crossing, 3 km N of Paekakariki). 159 invites all her friends around for the party and to enjoy the many activities - including pony rides, tram rides, lolly scrambles @ 11.30 & 2.30, plus balloons and of course - a birthday cake! Be intrigued by the Tram Barn display and Museum Food and refreshments on site. Be there! Great family fun: 11am 'til 4pm. Octogenarians and former Wellington Tramway employees get a free tram ride, cake and afternoon tea too! Display and museum open daily from 10am. Trams run school and public holidays 11am - 4.00pm. Weekday, school visits and other special events by arrangement. Birthdays and Christmas & other parties a speciality www.wellingtontrams.org.nz.

I can help supervise the walk up Mt Kaukau

Name: _____

Khandallah Picnic

_____ will attend the school picnic. Signed _____

\$5.00 enclosed

Please deduct \$5 from my activity account