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Kia ora koutou

Nau mai, hoki mai - welcome back everyone! It has been a lovely start this year, with sunshine and energetic children contributing to a very happy playground. We are pleased to welcome the following new children and their families to Otari School:

Renee Hargreaves	Ngaio	Jack Flaherty	Ngaio
Awatea Wallace	Kaikomako	Holly Curtis	Kakano
Te Kohu Wallace	Kaikomako	Rhiannon Williams	Pohutukawa
Maxwell Sheppard-Morison	Pohutukawa	Stephen Garcia	Totara
Marlon Moala-Knox	Ngaio	Jasper Fierlinger	Pohutukawa

Our staff this year are as follows:

Clifford Wicks, Principal	Lesleigh Salinger (Teacher Release)
Susan West, D.P, Teacher (Kereru)	Jillian Wilson, Office Manager
Seetha Ganesan, Teacher (Totara)	Katrina Murray, Kaiawhina (Kaikomako)
Tania Burt, Teacher (Tui)	Kathy Heath, Reading Recovery Teacher
Lynette Franklin, Teacher (Kaikomako)	Kevin Campbell, Caretaker
Deanne Grigsby, Teacher (Ngaio)	Anna Engleback, ICT Support
Britta Martini, Teacher (Kakano)	Kathy Hutchison, Teacher Aide
Lisa Rawlings, Teacher (Pohutukawa)	Kylie McArthur, Teacher Aide
Johanne Wicks, Teacher Release (Kereru)/Librarian	Robbie Lowe, Teaching Assistant
Parekohai Wells, Kaiarahi i te reo (Tui)	Hilary Colegrove, Teacher (choir, Sr singing)
Sue Corkill, Teacher, Educational Consultant	Margaret Manual, Library Support
Robina Broughton, Kaiako (Tui/Kaikomako)	

**National Standards** - I will be sending home an information newsletter about these later this week. There will be follow ups in subsequent newsletters.

**Information Evening** - You are invited to an information evening on Thursday 18 February, 6.30pm in the hall to meet the teachers, hear about our areas of focus for the year and view the refurbished hall and extensions. I will introduce staff members and explain their role within the school and spend a bit of time talking about the things we are prioritising this year. This will also be an opportunity to meet board members and hear about board priorities, and to welcome new parents to our school community. We will have time at the end for a cup of tea and socialising, and for viewing some relevant information such as National Standards and our developing school curriculum.

**FLOWERS AND LEAVES** are needed for the junior syndicate to make sand saucers for the Wadestown/Wilton Horticultural Summer show. Please deliver to classes this **Friday morning**. Please raid your gardens for anything you can spare. Many thanks.

**Over-Archiving Theme, Annual Theme and Topics** - Each strand has an overarching theme. For the Original strand this is *The Environment*, for Immersion it is *Ngā Atua* and for the Montessori strand it is *The Great Lessons*. All strands are able to base their annual theme on the environment theme as an alternative if they wish. This year the environment theme is Te tangata - people. Science, social science and health topics will be related to this theme, however the Montessori classes may also follow *The Great Lessons* with links to the people theme, and for the Immersion classes topics are related to *Hine Ahuone*. This term the topics for each class are as follows:

Kakano - All about me

Pohutukawa - Astronomy and Space (Great Lesson 1: The Story of the beginning of the universe and earth's origins) - with an emphasis on how **people** have viewed creation in different cultures.

Kereru - The Human Body

Kaikomako - Te Tinana (The Body)

Tui - Te Tinana

Ngaio - Body Systems

Totara - Body Systems

**Donation - advance notice:** The school donation is \$150.00. Later in the term we will send envelopes home requesting the donation, with the payment option of spreading it throughout the year.

**Lost Property** - Please make sure you name your child's clothing! This is very helpful if items are left around the school.

**Facebook** - Check us out on Facebook! Add us to receive regular updates about school dates and other information. This is not a forum for discussion, but rather another way to receive information. We would like to put photos of school events on Facebook. Please email Deanne if you do not want your child's photo online ([deanne@otari.school.nz](mailto:deanne@otari.school.nz)).

**Library** - The school library allows all children to borrow 2 books at a time. These books are on loan for two weeks. We have lots of missing and overdue books. We would appreciate it if you have a big hunt around home and return any overdue books.

**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 is paid to the office. \$10 for photocopying/printing/photography is a donation but payment would be appreciated.

**Technology** for Year 7 and 8s begins on Friday 12 February. Year 7 and 8s are taken by bus, leaving school at **8.40am**, to the Technology Centre at Karori West School. They take their morning tea with them, as they don't return to Otari until lunchtime. The cost for each student for Technology for the year is **\$48.00** payable to Otari School.

**Civil Defence** - We require every child to have an 'emergency box' at school. In the event of a major disaster we want each child to have some food available. Please provide your child/ren with a named ice cream container filled with the following:

- 1 can of food (spaghetti / baked beans etc - preferably tear top)
- 1 food bar (eg muesli bar or similar dried fruit bar)
- 1 small carton of juice ('Fresh Up' type with straw attached)
- Some barley sugars/boiled sweets

**School Picnic** – Our annual picnic at Khandallah pool and park will be on Thursday 25 February. More details to come later.

**Here are a few reminders, especially for our new parents:**

**School** begins at 8.55am. We finish at 2.55pm.

**Hats** are compulsory in terms one and four. If children do not have a hat they must stay in the shade. The hats must have a brim that covers ears and neck. Caps are not suitable.

**Absent Children** – If your child is going to be absent from school please ensure you ring (475-3018) or send an email ([office@otari.school.nz](mailto:office@otari.school.nz)) before 8.55am stating why your child is away.

**Lunches** – Lunches are available from Subway on Fridays only. Order envelopes are in each class or from the office.

**Driveway** – Parents are asked to refrain from parking at the bottom of the driveway between 8.15 – 9.30am and 2.45 – 3.30pm. Parents are to 'drop and go' only. Please do not park up or down the drive and leave your car. The Otari Bush Reserve (around the corner) is available for temporary parking.

**Cookies** are sold from the office at morning tea. They are CookieTime cookies and have the Heart Foundations 'tick of approval'. Cookies are 70cents.

***VIRTUE: We begin the year with the virtue of Respect***

*Respect is an attitude of honouring ourselves and others as people of value. We care for each person's dignity. Everyone has the right to expect respect. We show respect in the courtesy of our words, and in our tone of voice. We are exquisitely sensitive to respect. When we treat others as we would like to be treated, we raise the level of trust and peace in our relationships. Respect is having reverence for the earth and all living things. When we live respectfully, we are a source of grace in the world.*

**Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Parent Information Evening	Parents/Caregivers	Thurs 18 Feb, 6.30pm	
School picnic	Everyone	Thurs 25 Feb, 10.00am	TBA
Otari Athletics	Everyone	Tues 2 March	-

"There is a longing among all people and creatures to have a sense of purpose and worth. To satisfy that common longing in all of us we must respect each other."  
*Chief Dan George*

**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

Have a great week everyone.

Regards  
Clifford

# OTARI SCHOOL BOT NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2010

Kia ora katou

Greetings and welcome

Welcome back to our returning students and their families, welcome to new students and a special welcome to families new to Otari School. We hope your association with our school will be a long and happy one!

We have a busy year ahead, as always, and there are a couple of things that we'll be asking you to get involved with:

## National Standards

There has been a lot of media coverage of this issue and some of you may have heard or seen Clifford commenting on them in the national media. We are keen to ensure our community is as well informed as possible and information will be provided throughout this term. There will also be information provided at the school information evening on the **18<sup>th</sup> of February at 6:30 pm**. At a later date we will be exploring the option of having a presenter from the Ministry come and talk, however we will gauge interest in this first.

## BOT Elections

The triennial Board of Trustees elections have rolled around again, you will be electing a new BOT in May this year. More details of the timetable will be available shortly. Jillian will be our returning Officer again and if you're interested in putting your name forward, please get in touch with me or talk to Jillian.

Also:

## New buildings

The hall refurbishment is nearly complete and we are about to commence our next major project – building new classrooms to cope with our expanding roll. The BOT expects to supply our Project Manager with a brief for this project shortly and we hope to commence building this term. We will keep you informed.

## Board meetings

Our BOT meetings are public affairs and anyone may attend. We generally hold them on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7pm in the staffroom. Please let Jillian know if you'd like to attend so she can make sure there are enough copies of the documents.

## Board members

Our Board of Trustees members, until the elections, are:

Jane Harding – Chair

Kim Skelton – Finance

Kristen Stokes – Property Officer

Carrie Wainwright

Jason Lubransky

Tony Booth

Tania Laughlin

Susan West –Staff rep

Clifford Wicks – Principal

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Jane Harding

BOT Chairperson

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

**Big Dig** – Saturday 13 Feb, 11–12.30pm. Oriental Bay. Supporting Child Cancer Foundation.

**Kelly Sports** is running its summer selection of sports at school on Wednesdays at lunchtime. This is for year 1-3 children. \$70 (early bird of \$65). More details at [www.ksports.co.nz](http://www.ksports.co.nz) or see the flyer on the noticeboard by the office.

**Are you looking for childcare?** **Barnardos KidStart provides** - a friendly, safe home environment, an excellent ratio of an educator to a maximum of four children, affordable fees, optional fee for 20hours ECE for over three year olds. Contact Shamshad on 8023539 or email [shamshad.sen@barnardos.org.nz](mailto:shamshad.sen@barnardos.org.nz).

**Skylight** is offering a six week programme for children aged 6-11 years and their parent/caregiver who have had a family separation or divorce. Visit [www.skylight.org.nz](http://www.skylight.org.nz) or call 920-9967, 0800-299-100.

**Bridging the Gap; a two day workshop for 8-12 year olds.** Bridging the Gap gives children skills and strategies around spelling, maths, teamwork, communication and mind mapping. They play games and activities that increase the children's self esteem and confidence and have a lot of FUN! Bridging the Gap is being run February 26<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup> in Wellington (Friday evening is for parents only). For further information please phone Discovery Foundation on 0800 493968 or email [info@discoveryforteens.co.nz](mailto:info@discoveryforteens.co.nz).

**Fun After School Art Class in Wadestown.** Kids n' Art offers educational and fun after school art classes for children aged 6-10 years on Tuesdays 3.30-5pm. The 8-week course starts in term 1 from 9/2-30/3 2010 at Wadestown Plunket Rooms, at 117 Wadestown Road. The cost is \$150 dollars incl. materials. For more info check [www.kidsnart.org](http://www.kidsnart.org) or contact Kids n' Art teacher Karen Carey on 380 1929 or mobile: 021 215 3760. Email: [kidsnart@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kidsnart@xtra.co.nz)

**Raroa Music Centre Enrolments For 2010** - Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at reasonable cost. There are still classes available for choir, recorder, violin, cello, clarinet, saxophone, flute and trumpet. Enrolments close on 12 February. To enrol for 2010 visit our website at [www.raroamusic.org.nz](http://www.raroamusic.org.nz).

**Chess for children** at the Wadestown Community Centre on Mondays 5-6pm. Lessons by a former NZ chess champion. Enquiries to: Scott Wastney 4617079 or [kiwichess@clear.net.nz](mailto:kiwichess@clear.net.nz)

**Penguins Inline Hockey Open Day** (ice hockey on roller blades)– Sunday February 14 from 2 – 5pm Kilbirnie Rec Centre to find out more Phone Claire 934 1344 or visit our website [www.penguinshockey.co.nz](http://www.penguinshockey.co.nz).

**The Music Learning Centre** in Tawa is now accepting enrolments for individual and group tuition in violin, viola, cello, flute, guitar, drums, music theory and composition. Also sign up now for orchestra, choir and chamber music. Email [info@musiclearning.co.nz](mailto:info@musiclearning.co.nz) for more information or call 232-1231.

**Artsight Term One Art Classes** - Artsight offers a range of inspiring and education art classes for kids and teens and adults. Classes are held in a large studio at Toi Poneke, Abel Smith St, Wellington and taught by accomplished tutors. For more info: [www.artsight.co.nz](http://www.artsight.co.nz) or contact Fiona: 021 786629,3862908 or [fiona@artsight.co.nz](mailto:fiona@artsight.co.nz)

**Play football in 2010 with Onslow Junior Football Club** - Online enrolment is open from 27 January to 17 February 2010. To enrol visit [www.onslow.org.nz](http://www.onslow.org.nz). For more information email [registration@onslow.org.nz](mailto:registration@onslow.org.nz) or phone the Registration Secretary on 479 4339.

Karori Junior hockey Club Registration Day Monday 22 February 2009 from 5 to 7pm in the Karori Normal School hall foyer, Donald Street, Karori. Great game for boys and girls, from Year 1 to 8. All queries to Leigh Perry ph 027 476 0040 or email [perryclan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:perryclan@xtra.co.nz).

**Registration for 2010 Karori Junior Football Club is now open.** Online registration at [www.wkafc.org.nz](http://www.wkafc.org.nz) by 28 February or in person at the club rooms (Karori Road) 6-7pm 15 February. Queries welcome to [registration@wkafc.org.nz](mailto:registration@wkafc.org.nz). Get ready for the upcoming winter season - enrol now also for the summer football programmes. Girls only programme on Fridays. See web-site for details.

**Jennifer Evans Dance Academy** – Classes available in classical ballet, jazz ballet, hip hop and tap. For boys and for girls of all ages, from beginners to advanced. Studios in Karori and Khandallah. Phone 476-2821 or 027-635-0191.

**Pancakes in the Park** – Tuesday 16 February from 5.30 – 7.30 pm, Wadestown Plunket Park – Wadestown Rd. A chance to celebrate summer. Bring your picnic tea, enjoy music in the park and have fun with the pancake races. There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks & pancakes on sale as well. Hosted by the Wadestown churches. Wet weather venue St Luke's Centre cnr of Wadestown Rd & Pitt St.