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Book Day: This Thursday - This is a day to celebrate books and the enjoyment of reading. Children are invited to dress up as a character from a book.

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Otari

Welcome to a new child and her family: Elise Rae (Kakano)

Woohoo! - We congratulate our two EPro8 teams who excelled in their competitions last week. Our Yr 5/6 team came 4th out of 110 teams and the Yr 7/8 teams **won** the competition beating 150 teams. We are very proud of them all. Many of the schools involved have access to equipment and resources that are more challenging for a small school like ours to provide. However innovation and creativity are key in this kind of competition and it seems our kids have this in abundance! Well done to them all!

We are most appreciative of all the work that Steve Devine has put into the teams, coaching and encouraging them. Thank you also to all the parents who supported this experience throughout the whole EPro8 Challenge. In particular we'd like to thank Jeff Warburton who transported and managed the junior team at the semis and finals.

Participants were: Norbert de Wit, Jack Moyer, William Thompson, Kereama Hape, Otis Cloutman, Sky Gobbi, Anton Luatua and Thomas Warburton.

Yr 8 Farewell Celebration - Families of Yr 7 and 8 students are invited to farewell the Year 8 students on Tuesday 13 December, 6pm. This is a special occasion, one in which we celebrate our Yr 8 students and where they have an opportunity to share about their time at Otari School. The evening will also include performances.

Junior School (Kakano, Kaikomako, Kowhai, Pohutukawa, Kereru): The Junior School's end of year celebration is on Tuesday 6 December at 2.00pm in the school hall.

Te Whenu Arareo Māori – Poroporoaki ki ngā tamariki Tau 8. Māori Immersion Strand – Poroporoaki for the Year 8 tamariki. Nau mai e ngā whānau ki te whakanui i ngā paetae o ā tātou tamariki Tau 8 ka tīmata i tā rātou kuraina i ngā kura teitei hei te tau 2017. All whānau are welcome and encouraged to join us, in celebrating the success of our Year 8 tamariki, who will be starting their high school journeys in 2017.

Rā | Date: Rāpare 1 Hakihea | Thursday 1st December
Wā | Time: 6.00 i te ahiahi pō | 6pm
Kei whea | Where: Te Kura o Otari | School Hall
Kai | Food: Mauria mai he pereti kai | Please bring a plate

Haere mai, tahuti mai. He pai te kite anō tātou i a tātou ā taua wā. Nau mai, haere mai, we look forward to seeing you all there.

Te Taonga Horomata: Matatau. Our virtue is Perceptiveness

We strive to see what is truly going on. We are thoughtful and considerate. Above all, we offer others the gift of feeling heard and understood. We are mirrors to their souls.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Book Day	All Children	Thurs 1 Dec	
Immersion Strand Yr 8 Farewell	Everyone	Thurs 1 Dec, 6pm	
Junior/Middle School Celebration	Ker, Kak, Poh, Kow, Kai	Tues 2 Dec, 2pm	
Yr 8s Outing/Dinner	Yr 8 students	Thurs 8 Dec	TBA
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7/8 families/students	Tues 13 Dec, 6pm	
Carol Singing	Everyone	Thurs 15 Dec, 11am	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

Community Notices:

Wanted to rent: 3-4 bedroom house for family of four from mid-late December. Close to Otari School preferable. Please contact Meredith on 027 3831272 or email meredithdyernz@gmail.com.

Wadestown Community Carols in the Park – Tues 6 December, 5.30pm. Plunket Park. Live band, BBQ (koha), bring a picnic.

At the Karori Recreation Centre we offer a wide range of programmes for school-aged children including Gymnastics, Karate, Squash, Parkour, Basketball clinics, Miniball and Basketball leagues and a School Holiday Programme. For more information or to book please check out the Karori Recreation Centre's website, or contact our friendly staff on (04) 476 8090 or karori.rec@wcc.govt.nz. Bookings for Term 1 open 29th November.

Artrageous kids is running holiday programmes in 3 venues around Wellington. Artrageous kids focus on drawing out creativity and providing a space for children to play explore and expand.

Artrageous Kids @ the Poneke Dojo in Mt Cook, Olderageous Kids (kids 10-14 years) in Newtown and Artrageous Kids@ Pataka Gallery in Porirua. www.artrageouskids.co.nz

Kids Have FUN at Craft House – School Holiday Craft Classes and Birthday Parties. Join us at Craft House for a full week of crafting FUN before Christmas and once school has finished. Offering the usual Christmassy classes such as Christmas crackers, cards and tags, tree decorations, a holiday wreath and a repeat of the popular 'gingerbread' house of last year made from biscuits and lollies. We will also make a gift box filled with handmade chocolates, a tiny paper gingerbread house inside a snow globe and a star shaped version of our popular 'light it up' class. Then in January we will have lots of summer FUN with classes planned for two weeks from 16 - 27th of January. Keep your eye on our website for more details coming soon! Prices start at just \$25 for a 2hr class and before/after class care is also offered for a small surcharge. Open to all children 7 years and above. Join us for a two hour session, a whole day, a week ... it's up to you! See all the details at www.CraftHouse.co.nz. For more information or to book, call us on 499 4499 or email info@CraftHouse.co.nz

Online Holiday Program | Four weeks of fun! Become your own music producer with Activate Music Academy's Online Holiday Program! We'll workshop your songs, make new friends in the community forum, and get creative to win awesome prizes. Complete beginner? Been making beats for a while? We're going to have a great time making music together! Register and find out more at: <https://activatemusic.academy/online-holiday-program/>



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