



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

Board of Trustees - A casual vacancy has become available on the Board of Trustees. As a Board of Trustee member you will be making decisions in the best interests of the entire school however the Board recognises that with the special nature of Otari School it is desirable to have parents who are affiliated with each strand. With that in mind the Board are particularly keen to have another parent from the Original Strand fill this vacancy. If you are interested in the role please contact the Board Chair, Catherine Thompson at caft@kitsbury.com. The following advert has been placed in the local newspaper:

**Board of Trustees
Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee**

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative. The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should email office@otari.school.nz or write to Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Otari School, 166 Wilton Road, Wilton.

Movie Fundraiser: We have booked the film 'A Street Cat Named Bob' on Thursday 23 March, 8pm at Cuba Street Lighthouse. This film tells the moving and life-affirming true story of the unlikely friendship between a young homeless busker, James Bowen, and a stray ginger cat named Bob who changed his life. 'Rotten Tomatoes' film review website gives it 4 out of 5 star rating. Tickets are \$20 each available from the school office. Limited seats available so get your tickets quick.

Auction: Plans are currently under way to hold an auction. If you are a small business and would like to donate something please contact Aroha on 021-447-603, aroha.wahanui@gmail.com. All items will be gratefully received. All profit will go directly to the school and will benefit your children.

Home Baking for Camp - We request that all children attending camp bring some home baking. Baking can be dropped at school on Monday or Tuesday morning. Also, please ensure the medical forms are returned urgently.

Camp Meeting - The meeting tonight is only for parents who are attending camp as helpers.

Learning Goal Interviews are in Week 7, 13-15 March. There is significant value in children participating with their parents and their teacher early in the year to identify and set goals. Engaging whānau in the education of their children is a key factor in student success.

Interviews are 15 minutes duration. Interview times are booked online (<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>). The school code is **ntcun**. If you are unable to use the website, call Jillian (475-3018) and she will book a time for you. The library will be open for families to use.

Email - If you would like to get the newsletter emailed rather than a paper version please send an email to office@otari.school.nz with newsletter in the subject line.

Vacuum Cleaner - Does anyone have a working vacuum cleaner they would like to get rid of? We need a spare one for the hall. If you can help, please contact Jillian (office@otari.school.nz).

Activity Account - We have a system available for parents to pay for trips & stationery via an 'Activity Account'. All you need to do is deposit some funds into the school account (060-561 0017355-00) and then a spreadsheet is set up for your child. When there is a trip or event that requires payment, it is deducted from your account rather than you needing to find small amounts of cash. Please let Jillian know if you would like to do this (office@otari.school.nz).

Payments - The following amounts are due for payment:

- Camp (Yr 7/8) - \$250.00. We require at least \$50 to be paid before camp commences on 7 March.
- Technology (Yr 7/8) - \$50.00
- Swimming (Yr 1/2)- \$55.00
- Class Consumables (All Students) - \$10.00
- Maths Buddy (Yr 3-8 Students) - \$12.00 per student
- Photocopying Donation - \$10.00 per student

Charter Goals

At the Board of Trustees meeting last week the Otari School Charter and Strategic Plan were confirmed. The strategic plan contains the annual goals. The revised charter will soon be put on the school website. This year I will also provide information about each of our goals in the school newsletter.

Each goal is related to a specific area of governance responsibility:

- Student Learning
- Curriculum
- Property
- Finance
- Personnel
- Community

At Otari School we sometimes have one or two specific strand related goals.

Student learning goals are supported by specific annual targets. These must be based on National Standards achievement and include Special Needs students.

2017 Student Learning Goals

1. Accelerate the progress of students performing 'below' expectations in Writing and Tuhituhi.
2. Accelerate the progress of students performing below expectation in Mathematics and Pangarau

Action: Implement the 'Key Improvement Strategies' as outlined in the 'Learning Improvement Plans' that support the *Annual Plan* within the *Otari School Charter*.

Writing

Raise achievement in Writing of 31 students, from Years 2 to 8 who achieved 'below' to 'well below' the National Standard so that accelerated progress results in achieving 'at' the Standard by the end of 2017.

Mathematics

Raise achievement in Mathematics of 19 students who achieved 'below to well below' so that accelerated progress results in achieving 'at' the Standard by the end of 2017.

Special Needs

Raise the achievement of 14 students who have been identified as having special needs.

Achievement Targets for Māori Immersion Strand in 2017

Tuhituhi (Writing)

Raise achievement in Tuhituhi (Writing) of 17 students, from Years 3 to 7 who achieved 'manawa aki' ('below') to 'manawa taki' ('well below') the National Standard so that accelerated progress results in achieving 'manawa ora' ('at') the Standard by the end of 2017.

Pāngarau (Mathematics)

Raise achievement in Pāngarau of 10 students who achieved 'manawai aki' (below) to 'manawa taki' ('well below') so that accelerated progress results in achieving 'manawa ora' ('at') the Standard by the end of 2017.

Special Needs

Accelerate the progress of 2 students who are identified as having special needs.

Further detail explaining these goals is written in the Charter. This outlines the specific strategies the school will be implementing to achieve the goal outcomes.

2016 National Standards and Ngā Whanaketanga Results

The National Standards and Ngā Whanaketanga results will be put on the school website once they are received by the Ministry of Education. Over the next few weeks I will provide further information about these results. This week I will focus on Reading achievement in the Original and Montessori strands.

Reading

Reading achievement is particularly high in relation to National Standards with 44.9% of students achieving 'above' the National Standard expectation. Overall, 86.4% of students achieved 'at' or 'above' the National Standard expectation. Results showed every year level had 80% or more students achieving 'at' or 'above' the National Standard. Years 7 and 8 had over 90% of students achieving 'at' or 'above' the standard. Also of note is the fact that 100% of children who had been at school for three years were achieving 'at' or 'above' the standard. Four cohorts (year levels) had significant numbers of students reading 'above' the standard:

- Year 5 - 57.9%
- Year 6 - 58.8%
- Year 7 - 50%
- Year 8 - 60.9%

Results show only a small variance between boys and girls achievement. 82.4% of boys achieved 'at' or 'above' the standard and 90.4% of girls. Of those students, 43.2% of boys and 46.6% of girls achieved 'above' the standard.

Next weeks achievement report will be on Panui results in relation to Ngā Whanaketanga.

Te Taonga Horomata – Motuhaketanga. Virtue: Independence

Independence is confident self-reliance. We have the courage to see reality with our own eyes and not through the eyes of others. We dare to be our true selves. We make decisions without undue influence from others. We responsibly care of ourselves.

Independence isn't about doing your own thing - it's about doing the right thing on your own. Kim John Payne

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Junior Swimming	Yr 1-2	Fridays 17 Feb - 7 Apr	
Trip to Karori Park	Yr 1-6	Tues 7 Mar	TBC
Trip to ASB Centre	Yr 1-6	Thurs 9 March	TBC
Goal Setting Interviews	Parents and Children	Mon 13 - Wed 15 March	
Yr 3 Sport Festival	Yr 3s	Tues 14 Mar	
School Athletics	All Children	Tues 21 March	

Kia pai o koutou wiki - have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

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

Jennifer Evans Dance Academy – New classes starting: Hip Hop – Thursdays at St Ninians Church, boys and girls from 8 to 13years. Contemporary classes - Fridays at Marsden studio. Call now to enrol 476-2821, 027-635-0191.

Onslow Junior Football Club - First Kicks 2017 season. It is not too late to register for the 2017 season of First Kicks. This popular and fun introduction to football for 5 and 6 year olds begins in April. Register now at <http://onslow.org.nz/registrations/>.

Rugby Registration - 2nd March 6-7.30pm @ clubrooms, Hataitai Park. Join Wellingtons Oldest rugby club to develop your passion and skills for rugby. Nursery –U13 grades. Learn in a safe, supportive atmosphere with enough competition to increase the fun. **All our coaches are Small Blacks affiliated** Axemenjuniors@gmail.com Phone: 0212432469 www.wellingtonfootballclub.org.nz

Victoria University Hunters Junior Rugby League – Rego & Gala Day – Sunday 12 March at Macalister Park (Adelaide Road) from 11am-1pm. Do you want your kids to have fun this winter? Come and play rugby league with the Victoria University Hunters Juniors. We are a city club and pride ourselves on our sense of whanau and community. New and existing players welcome – boys & girls! U6s to U17s. There will be a fun skills session at 11am followed by a sausage sizzle at 12noon. See you there! All enquiries to Leesa Phillips – leesamphillips@gmail.com

1 x entry ticket



FUNDRAISER SCREENING OF



A STREET CAT NAMED BOB

Light House Cuba

29 Wigan Street

Thursday 23 March - 8.00pm

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*All proceeds of this
fundraiser go towards*

Otari School

Tickets \$20 each