



**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

The theme *Kia ora te reo Māori* was chosen to celebrate New Zealand's indigenous greeting and also as the words 'Kia Ora' are an exact description of the intent of the new partnerships for te reo Māori revitalisation between the Crown and Māori under the new Māori Language Act 2016.



11-17 September

**TE WIKI O TE
REO MĀORI**
Māori Language Week

Yesterday Te Kura o Otari showed its support for "*Kia ora te reo Māori*" with the entire school participating in the parade in Wellington. We appreciated the support of whānau who joined us along the way. We have much to celebrate at Otari School. This year the Original and Montessori strands have been implementing our new *Te Reo Māori in the Original and Montessori Strands Curriculum Plan*. This school plan identifies the priorities for teaching te reo Māori in the English medium setting. It provides teachers with guidance on how to use our key Ministry of Education Resources. We use "*Te Aho Arataki mō te Ako i Te Reo Māori-kura Auraki* (Curriculum Guidelines for Teaching and Learning Te Reo Māori in English Medium Schools Years 1-13) and a supporting document "*He Reo Tupu, He Reo Ora*". Another cause for celebration is the verification of the Māori Immersion Level 1 status confirming that Te Maruatanga o Aotearoa is being delivered at a level that warrants the strand being termed as "Full Immersion."

We know we all need to have an ongoing commitment to furthering our reo and that we can all keep moving forward in our learning, regardless of our own proficiency. Yesterday was about acknowledging this commitment. At Otari School it was also about expressing our appreciation for our unique structure and the whanangatanga that was so visible yesterday as our diverse tamariki walked together and held up their hand made signs and banners. Ka mau te wehi!

Ngaio Teacher - The Board of Trustee's Appointment Committee met on Saturday to interview applicants for the Ngaio Class position being vacated by Seetha at the end of this year. After careful consideration of three quality applicants the committee unanimously agreed to offer the position to Sally Barraud. Sally is known to Montessori families as she currently teaches in Pohutukawa and Ngaio. Sally has undertaken Montessori training this year. Sally has joyfully accepted this position. We therefore look forward to working further with Sally and to the children benefitting from her expertise and application of the Montessori philosophy within this new, permanent role.

St Brigid's Kapa Haka - Cashmere Avenue School, Saturday 16 September. You are all invited to come along and support our Māori Immersion tamariki when they perform at the St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival this Saturday. Our group is scheduled to perform at 1.40pm.

Class Trips - Next Tuesday, Ngaio will be visiting Pataka. Totara and Kereru will be visiting Parliament and Te Papa. Separate notices will be going home today.

Artsplash - Final reminder to parents with children participating in ArtSplash and DanceSplash. If you have not yet purchased your tickets (two per family) you have until Wednesday afternoon to do so. After that any remaining tickets will be offered to parents who want extras. \$5.00 each.

Calendars - Order forms have been sent home. Please ensure you have your orders to the office by Thursday 28 September at the very latest. Payment can be made direct into the school account (060561-0017355-00), EFT-POS or cash. Remember to use a separate order form for each child.

Netball Uniforms - Please return kit bags and uniforms urgently. We need to use the uniforms at the upcoming Western Zone competition.

Yummy Fruit Stickers - Please keep collecting the stickers or cut the labels from the plastic bags and send to school asap. The more we collect the more free sports gear the school earns. We only have until Friday 22 September, so get eating all those apples!

Te Taonga Horomata: Whaka-ae-tika. Virtue: Trust

Trust is having faith, hope and a positive outlook. Trust is believing in someone or something. We have confidence that the right thing will come about without trying to control it or make it happen. We trust others to do what they say they will do and give them the space to be trustworthy. Sometimes it is difficult to trust when life brings painful experiences. Trust is being sure, in the depths of our being, that there is some gift or learning in everything that happens.

"Trust is the glue of life. It's the most essential ingredient in effective communication. It's the foundational principle that holds all relationships". Stephen Covey

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
St Brigid's Kapa Haka	Immersion strand	Sat 16 Sept	
ArtSplash - Choir	School Choir	Mon 18 Sept, 7.45pm	
Pataka Visit	Ngaio	Tues 19 Sept	\$5.00
Parliament Visit	Totara/Kereru	Tues 19 Sept	\$5.00
ArtSplash - Dance	Selected Students	Thurs 21 Sept, 7.45pm	

Have a good week everyone. A reminder that term three finishes on Friday 29 September at 2.55pm.

Ngā mihi nui

Clifford

2018 Term Dates		
Term 1	Thurs 1 Feb	Fri 13 Apr
Term 2	Mon 30 Apr	Fri 6 Jul
Term 3	Mon 23 Jul	Fri 28 Sept
Term 4	Mon 15 Oct	Tues 18 Dec

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

Rental Available - An Otari family is travelling overseas, so a furnished house very near to the school is available for sublet for 2 months: 14 September – 14 November. 3+1 bedrooms; 2 bathrooms; very private with bush views, all day sun, and outdoor play space. Easy walking distance to school (on Wilton road directly across from Otari-Wilton Bush). If interested, please contact ben.sharp@mpi.govt.nz.

Onslow College Rowing Book Fair, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th October. Hui Room, (beside the Karaka Café), Taranaki Street Wharf. Fiction, Non-Fiction, Children's books, CDs, DVDs, Electronic Games. If you have any of the above items that you would like to donate please let us know. We can collect them from you! Text Tracey - 0274 885 199