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Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Otari

Welcome to a new student: Effie-Rose Midwinter (Kaikomako)

All whānau of Year 7 and 8 students are invited to attend the Year 8 Farewell on Thursday 14 December at Cardinal McKeefry School, in the school hall. Parking is available on the asphalt court. Every year 8 child will be giving a farewell speech and the children will be performing waiata and farewell songs. All year 7 and 8 students are expected to attend.



Seetha - This Friday afternoon the staff will be having a farewell for Seetha Ganesan. Seetha's Montessori and mainstream teaching expertise has benefitted the students of Otari School for many years. Children thrive in Seetha's class. Her appreciation and care for each one of them and her delight in their learning has endeared her to students and their whānau. Seetha's enthusiastic and joyful presence on staff will be missed by us all. We wish Seetha and Nigel all the very best for their future life at Lake Ferry.

We also farewell our two Masters students, Rachel Field and Sophie Strawbridge and teacher aide, Isabella Wicks. We wish them well with their future endeavours and thank them for their wonderful work with our students.

Reports - This Friday reports are coming home. We have still reported in relation to the National Standards/Ngā Whanaketanga for Reading/Pānui, Writing/Tuhutuhi, Mathematics/Pangarau and for Kōrero, as we are required to. Next year we will most likely be reporting in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum levels and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa levels, which is what we are doing for all the other subjects. We also report in relation to Key Competencies and the Immersion Strand Graduate profile. This information describes the skills and attitudes needed for ongoing success in education and life in the future. Being able to interact well with others and participate and contribute meaningfully to communities are essential competencies for a happy future.



Accommodation Required - Next year Otari will be participating with some other local schools in hosting a Mandarin Language Assistant, Liu Fei from Xiamen University. Liu requires accommodation. If you can help please contact principal@stteresas.ac.nz.

Woohoo! – Our sincere thanks to Raylyn Christensen (one of lovely parents) for entering Otari into the Colour Your Community Project. We were one of 12 outstanding projects that were selected to receive **\$1000** of paint and accessories from Resene Paints. The staff will spend time next year, discussing what is the best use of the paint.

Stationery for 2018 – Stationery requirements for 2018 can be found via the front page of our website (www.otari.school.nz) or direct at <https://www.myschool.co.nz/>. You can either purchase the items through OfficeMax or print off the lists and purchase elsewhere. If you choose to purchase items elsewhere please ensure the items are of good quality – cheap pencils do not last! Ensure books are exactly what the teacher has requested.

Swimming 2018 – All year 1 & 2 students will be participating in swimming lessons and MoveMprove activities in term 1 next year. A separate notice will come home today. We require parent help; please could you go to the following doodle poll and indicate your availability. Thank you. <https://doodle.com/poll/bwpnsqmfebmqpxcb>

Powhiri – There will be a Powhiri on the first day of school (Thurs 1 Feb) to welcome all new families. This will begin at 9.15am.

Te Taonga Horomata: Kotahi-tanga. Virtue: Unity

Unity is a powerful virtue and it brings great strength. Unity is inclusiveness. It brings people together. We see our commonality without devaluing our differences. We experience our connectedness with all people and all life. Unity frees us from the divisiveness of prejudice and heals our fears. We refuse to engage in conflict, seeking peace in all circumstances.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time
Farewell to Seetha	Montessori Strand	Tues 12 Dec 4-6pm
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7 & 8 Families	Thurs 14 Dec, 6pm Cardinal McKeefry School

Kia tau te rangimārie ki runga i a koutou katoa (Peace be on your household all of you)

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

Term finishes next Tuesday (19th) at 12noon.

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

