



**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

Many thanks for all the lovely flowers and greenery provided last week. The children produced some spectacular displays for the horticultural show.

**ERO** - Yesterday we welcomed Carol Shand, Rod Webster and Ross Hanna from the Education Review Office. They are here until Wednesday when they will provide feedback from their review to the Board and senior management. We welcome this opportunity for evaluation and growth.

**Swimming** begins on Friday. Please could you ensure that your child does not order pizza for the 8 weeks of lessons, but brings a packed lunch.

**Scholastic Books** - Orders are due to the office by Friday.

**Emergency Form** - It's time to update your contact records. Please could you complete the attached form and return to the school office. If your child recently enrolled and there are no changes, there is no need to complete a new one.

***Te Taonga Horomata: Whataute. Virtue: Respect***

*When we are respectful we treat other's as we want to be treated. Respect includes honouring the rules of our family or school, which make life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.*

#### **Upcoming Events Calendar:**

| Activity                       | Who's Involved    | Date & Time               | Cost |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------|
| Swimming                       | Yr 1/2 students   | Fridays 16/3 - 13/4       | \$70 |
| Technology                     | Yr 7/8 students   | 22, 23 Mar, 5,6,12,13 Apr | \$50 |
| Montessori Strand BBQ          |                   | Sun 18 Feb, 4pm           |      |
| School Picnic at Scorching Bay | Everyone          | Wed 21 Feb pp 28 Feb      | \$5  |
| Vision Testing                 |                   | Thurs 22 Feb              |      |
| Board Meeting                  |                   | Mon 26 Feb                |      |
| WZ Cricket                     | Selected students | Tues 27 Feb pp 1/4        |      |
| School Athletics               | Everyone          | Wed 7 Mar                 |      |
| Yr 3 Sports Festival           | Yr 3s             | Tues 13 Mar               |      |
| WZ Football                    | Selected students | Tues 20 Mar               |      |

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui  
Clifford

**Term Dates 2018**

Term 1: Thurs 1 Feb – Fri 13 Apr (school closed Easter: Fri 30 Mar, Mon 2 & Tues 3 Apr)

Term 2: Mon 30 Apr – Fri 6 July (school closed Queens Birthday: Mon 5 June)

Term 3: Mon 23 July – Fri 28 Sept

Term 4: Mon 15 Oct – Mon 17 Dec (school closed: Labour weekend: 22 Oct)

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

**Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool** - Wellington Diving Club runs diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up (plus separate Adult training sessions). Try something new - visit our website and come along for a 30min Trial Lesson! After-school sessions available on Tues/Wed/Thursdays and we cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. For more information, please visit our website [www.wellingtondiving.org.nz](http://www.wellingtondiving.org.nz) or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888.

**Victoria University Hunters Rugby League Club – Juniors Registration Day.** Sunday 25 February, 2018, 10am-12noon, Boyd Wilson Arena (indoor facility), Waiteata Road, Kelburn. Calling all Junior players and whanau to come along and register for the 2018 Juniors Hunters Season. We are gathering at the Boyd Wilson Arena (indoor facility which is located at Waiteata Road (off Salamanca Road, Kelburn below Victoria University Campus - turn left just past the dairy on Salamanca Road). It will be a fun day with friends, fitness and pizza. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with team mates, or meet some new team mates, and enjoy some league drills with some of our premier players. New players are most welcome to join too! Seeking players for u6s, u7s, u8s, u9s, u10s, u11s, u12s, u13s, u14s. Any queries, please call Leesa Phillips on 021 221 8831.

**Raroa Music Centre Enrolments For 2018** - Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost. Although many of our classes are full, we still have some places available for trumpet, clarinet and choir. To enrol enquire or please visit our website at [www.raroamusic.org.nz](http://www.raroamusic.org.nz).

**The 2018 Wellington schools orienteering series** is about to start and this Sunday 18th February, the Wellington Orienteering Club is holding our annual have a go event at Mt Albert (near the athletics track). Orienteering is a sport which teaches map reading skills and allows you to explore new areas in Wellington. This event is open to families with children of all ages and is a great way to get outdoors. Orienteering tends to be an individual sport, but we often have families going out together. This event is \$7 for juniors, and parents can have a go for free! If you have any questions please contact Ellie on [csworienteering@gmail.com](mailto:csworienteering@gmail.com) or visit [wellingtonorienteering.org.nz](http://wellingtonorienteering.org.nz).

**Rhythmic Gymnastics** - Is your daughter looking for something a little different? We still have spaces available in our recreational classes this term. We have classes available from Mon to Sat, min. numbers apply. Our classes are in Thorndon, just opposite the Botanical Gardens. Rhythmic Gymnastics is a mix of dance and gymnastics. It develops hand-eye co-ordination through the use of apparatus – rope, hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon. Email [info@rhythmicgym.nz](mailto:info@rhythmicgym.nz) to arrange a FREE trial. For more information about Elements and our classes, visit [www.rhythmicgym.nz](http://www.rhythmicgym.nz)

**Irish Dancing at Crofton Downs School** – Free Have A Go Saturday 17 Feb. Reeljig Irish Dancers have weekly classes for children wishing to learn Irish Dancing. Beginners class on Saturday from 3.30-4.00pm. Phone Laura 022-396-0238, [reeljigoffice@gmail.com](mailto:reeljigoffice@gmail.com).

**Drama Classes** - Our international curriculum will: help explore performance skills, creativity, overcome shyness, develop positive self esteem, grow their imagination, interact with adults, make new friends and have lots of fun. Fun after-school classes: 5 – 17 years held in Khandallah, Tawa, Lower Hutt, Whitby. To enrol please call or see our website. 0800 161 131, [www.helenogradynz.co.nz](http://www.helenogradynz.co.nz).

**Manawa Ora Children Community Choir**, Tuesday afternoons 4:15pm-5:30pm at St John's in the city Presbyterian Church. All children aged 7-11 welcome. Starting February 20th. Contact Lala Simpson at [manawaora3c@gmail.com](mailto:manawaora3c@gmail.com) for more info.

**Play Rugby this Year** - Wests Junior Rugby Club invites you to play rugby this season. The club is open to girls and boys from 3-13, starting out at Nursery and Rippa before moving to tackle for the Under 8s onwards, which are weight and age graded. Register online and check our FAQ at <http://www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz>. Games start in Term 2, but the club welcome and weigh-in (and a chance to ask any questions in person) will be at our club rooms at Ian Galloway Park on the 8th (5:30 – 7:30pm) and 10th of March (1:00 – 3:00pm). Wests is also running Give Rugby a Go introductory sessions for girls in March (more info to follow).

**Learn A New Language The Fun Way?** Fun French language classes 5 - 12 years olds. Lots of fun activities, drama, music & games taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere! Language resources available to support parents at home. Free trial lesson available. After-school, lunchtime and pre-school French classes available throughout Wellington. Spanish classes planned in 2018. Contact: Annick on 021 462 042 or email [annick@lcfclubs.co.nz](mailto:annick@lcfclubs.co.nz) or visit [www.lcfclubs.co.nz](http://www.lcfclubs.co.nz) for more information.

**Karori Lions Karnival and Fair** is on again – Sunday 18 February at Ben Burn Park, Karori. Quality stalls selling superb merchandise, adventure rides, children's activities, raffles, lots of food and a full day of stage entertainment for the family. From 10.00 until 3.30pm. Come along and have some fun.

**Easyswim Swim School Term One Lessons** - Term one lessons have started, however it's not too late to book. Early Childhood from 3 months – 3 years, preschool and school age lessons are all go. We have waiting lists on some levels, times and days but also the odd space here and there. Easyswim's Splash Attack - a fun, non-contact water polo programme which involves learning and developing game sense plus passing & catching skills. Splash Attack is starting soon at the Plimmerton School pool on 14th February and Johnsonville School pool on 9th February. To book call on 2347946 email [book@easyswim.co.nz](mailto:book@easyswim.co.nz) or visit [www.easyswim.co.nz](http://www.easyswim.co.nz) for more information.

**Fencing classes for children with Wellington Swords Club** - Children 6–11yrs: Tuesdays 6–7pm, Tanera Park, Brooklyn (Old Bowling Club); Wednesday 6–7pm Tanera Park, Brooklyn. Children 11+, Saturdays 9–10.15am Wellington High School gym, Taranaki Street. Other classes and individual lessons, college, adults, social, beginners to international. Contact Head Coach: Vicci Lamb (T) 970 7496 or [bishop.lamb@pistingaround.com](mailto:bishop.lamb@pistingaround.com).

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### **School Picnic**

- ☐ Enclosed is \$5 for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the picnic.
- ☐ Deduct \$5 from my activity account for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend.
- ☐ Yes, I can parent help: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_