



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

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have all had a great break.

Welcome to seven new students and their families:

India Boyle	Kaikōmako	Lucy Lensen	Kākano
Maeve Waaka-Karl	Kaikōmako	Zara Anstey	Kākano
Steele Wiki	Kaikōmako	Isabel Dods	Kākano
Parikshith Perla	Pōhutukawa		

The hall refurbishment is completed. We will be having our first hui in the hall since the fire, on Monday at 9.10am. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Kiwi Competition** – Yr 5-8 children have the opportunity to participate in the English, Science and Maths Kiwi Competitions run by Canterbury University. The competitions are skills-based and aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum. Each competition costs \$8.50 per entry although if the fee is an issue we can discuss subsidising this. Further information can be found at <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cem/kiwi-competitions/>. Entry forms should have gone home but if you did not get one and are interested in your child entering the competitions please email [sacha@otari.school.nz](mailto:sacha@otari.school.nz). Entries need to be in by this Friday.

**Codeclub** is running again this term after school on a Monday 3.10-4.10pm. If your child is interested in joining you can enrol at [codeclub.nz](http://codeclub.nz) or email [sacha@otari.school.nz](mailto:sacha@otari.school.nz). It is open to all children Yr 4 and above and caters for a wide range of abilities, including beginners. Thank you very much to our parent volunteers Morgan Jones and Alex Lee, without whom we could not offer a Codeclub at Otari School.

**Chocolate** – We are fundraising with Whittaker's Chocolate again this year. This is a very successful way to raise funds and we really appreciate families participating. A box of chocolates will be sent home in week 3. If you can sell more, even better. If however, you do not wish to participate please let Jillian know ([office@otari.school.nz](mailto:office@otari.school.nz)) by the end of next week.

**Entertainment Books** are available from the school office or a digital version is available. Check the following website: [www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/about/flickbook/wellington](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/about/flickbook/wellington).

**Lunch** - Next Thursday (10 May), Pita Pit are offering \$3.00 lunches. See end of newsletter for ordering details.

***Te Taonga Horomata: Puku-mahi. Virtue: Trustworthiness***

*Trustworthiness is being worthy of the trust others place in us. When we give our word, we stand by it. Others can rely on us with confidence. We demonstrate by our actions that we keep our promises and commitments. There is constancy in the way we love and loyalty in the bonds of our friendships.*

*"To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved". George MacDonald*

**Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Technology	Yr 7/8 students	4/5 - 29/6	\$50
Immunisation Talk	Yr 7/8	Wed 2 May, 1.30pm	
Immunisations	Yr 8s	Tues 15 May	
Board Meeting		Mon 21 May	
WZ Hockey	Selected students	Tues 22 May	
WZ Cross Country	Selected students	Tues 12 June	

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui  
Clifford

**2018 Term Dates**

Term 2	Mon 30 Apr	Fri 6 Jul	No School: Queens Birthday: Mon 4 June
Term 3	Mon 23 Jul	Fri 28 Sept	
Term 4	Mon 15 Oct	Tues 18 Dec	No School: Labour Weekend: Mon 22 Oct

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

**Your Parenting ACT** - Parenting can be both a joy and very hard work, and things get in the way of us being the parents we want to be. Sometimes they are things outside us, but more often they are our own thoughts and feelings. They might be thoughts about ourselves, about our children, about our parenting, or about what others think about our parenting. Your Parenting ACT is a 5 week course that helps you parent in line with your own values. It uses principles from ACT — Acceptance and Commitment Therapy — to help you make room for all your thoughts and feelings, so you can respond flexibly as a parent. ACT uses acceptance, mindfulness and behavioural strategies to help people pursue what matters most to them, including being the parent they want to be.

St Luke's Centre, 34 Pitt St, Wadestown, Wellington. Mondays, from the 14th of May between 7:00pm and 9:00pm.

Skylight, 3 Vivian St, Te Aro, Wellington. Fridays, from the 18th of May between 10:00am and 12:00pm.

For more information and registrations:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/your-parenting-act-evening-may-2018-registration-44533722563>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/your-parenting-act-daytime-may-2018-registration-43496345741>

Giselle is a clinical psychologist in Wellington. She works in private practice with children, teenagers and their families. Before that she spent 15 years working in Wellington's public health system and teaching in a university clinical training programme.

**Drama Club** - Exciting beginner Year 0/1 class starting this term. The Year 0/1 class is held on a Wednesday 3.20pm - 4.00pm. I have small classes of approximately 6-8 pupils. Please check the online class times for the other age groups/classes. Enrol your child at [www.dramaclub.co.nz](http://www.dramaclub.co.nz), or email Bridie at [admin@dramaclub.co.nz](mailto:admin@dramaclub.co.nz). Alternatively you can contact Bridie on 021 054 2593.

**Scouting** - Does your child love the outdoors and learning new things? Northland Scout Group are welcoming both boys and girls to be new keas (age 5-7), cubs (age 8-10.5), or scouts (age 10.5-14). Also, have you considered becoming a Scout leader? This is a rewarding way to learn new skills, pass on your own skills, go on exciting adventures and get involved with your local community. Please contact [Rob@Wallace.gen.nz](mailto:Rob@Wallace.gen.nz) or see [www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts](http://www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts) for more information.

**Is your child shy?** Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome classes at schools, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz) (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

**Kelly Sports Term 2 2018** - Kelly Sports will be back in Term 2 with their fun and exciting classes. "Wicked Winter Sports" (Yrs 1-4) – Wednesday lunchtimes - Come and try Football, Basketball, Hockey and Volleyball. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play.

It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time! For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201

**Singing** - Register your children now for term two of the Manawa Ora Children Community Choir! The choir's aim is to empower children through music and to build inter-generational and cross-cultural connections in the community by singing at rest homes and community events. 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 May 1st. Contact Lala Simpson at [manawaora3c@gmail.com](mailto:manawaora3c@gmail.com) for more info or to register!

**Come learn music** with lessons tailored to your learning styles and goals. Briar Remnant teaches piano/keyboard, ukulele, and music theory in her studio in Wilton. Trial lessons available, get in touch on 027 659 99992 or [briar.remnant@gmail.com](mailto:briar.remnant@gmail.com) and find out more at [www.nzmusicteachers.co.nz/briar-remnant/](http://www.nzmusicteachers.co.nz/briar-remnant/).

# **\$3 Pita Pit Day!!!**

**Thursday 10th May**

**\$3 Pita Pit lunch delivered to school**

**(Normal Thursday delivery and prices resume 17th May)**

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