



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 to a new child and his family: Peehi Keelan Goldsmith (Kaikomako)

Te Reo o Te Wiki Maori - Māori Language Week - Yesterday we all participated in a very uplifting march celebrating Te Reo Māori. The kaupapa (theme) of Te Reo o Te Wiki Māori is "Kia kaha Te Reo Māori!" - "Let's make Māori language strong!" At our Monday morning hui I talked to the children about this kaupapa and how no matter how many kupu (words) we know, phrases or our ability to converse, we can help make Te Reo Māori strong by adding to our reo every day, week, month or year - whatever they are able to achieve. I used the analogy of the March - regardless of where we were on the march, up the front, in the middle, or at the end, we were all moving forward. If we keep moving forward with our te reo we will achieve the kaupapa - kia haka te reo Maori!

There are some wonderful rauemi (resources) provided for Māori Language Week. You can find these here: <http://tewikiotereomaori.nz/resource/>

Pronunciation is an important aspect of learning te reo Māori. We believe it is particularly important to pronounce the names of our tamariki, the name of our kura and the names of our classrooms correctly. With this in mind, one of the common mis-pronunciations involves the o vowel:

A short o sound is like the o in *ordinary*

A long ō sound is like the o in *pork*.

Try these words:

Otari, Kākano, Pōhutukawa, Tōtara

Karapiro, Rotorua, Mangakino, Owhiro Bay, Petone, Taupō, Karori.

Kōrero (speaking), mōhio pai (understanding)

To further your mōhio pai of vowel sounds and pronunciation of Maori words please visit this site:

<https://www.victoria.ac.nz/maori-at-victoria/ako/te-reo-at-victoria/te-reo-pronunciation-guide>

Date change of Year 8 farewell - Please note that Year 8 activities at the end of the year are on the following dates:

Māori Immersion leavers Poroporoaki and strand celebration: Friday 30 November

Year 8 Dinner: Thursday 6 December

Year 8 Farewell: Friday 7 December 7 (Not Thursday 13th)

Year 8 outing: Tuesday 11 December

The farewell is earlier than planned due to the possibility that Kererū and Tōtara will be moving their classrooms for the planned building project. Confirmation will be provided about this next term, however the dates will remain regardless.

E-Learning - Today your child will be bringing home an E-Learning agreement. Please ensure you read this fully and after completing it, send it back to school. The agreement will replace all former agreements and will take effect from the beginning of next term. Agreements must be returned by then for a child to access and use digital technology at Otari School. Teachers are spending time with the children talking about the agreement and identifying what the rules mean and "look like" in real, every day situations. In the past a few agreements have been returned with words added or crossed out. Please don't do this as it will make the agreement invalid.

Kapa Haka - The Immersion Strand is participating in the St Brigid's Kapa Haka festival on Saturday. Times of performances and relevant information will be emailed to parents soon.

Code Club - Due to parent interviews being on next week, there will be no Code Club.

Clean Up Week - As part of the G.J. Gardner Homes Clean Up Week the Original Strand classes will be cleaning up around the community from 11am-12pm on Thursday (13 September). You are very welcome to come and join us.

Parent Interviews (17-19 September) - Please book your parent interviews asap at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>. The school code is **m3avf**.

Calendars - Order forms were sent home last week. Orders must be to the office by Thurs 27 September.

Scholastic Books - Just in case you missed the Scholastic Book Fair last week, we are sending home the latest brochure today.

Yummy Stickers - Please keep collecting stickers or cut the label from the plastic bags; we only have until Monday 24 September to get as many as possible. The more we have the more free sports equipment the school gets.

Te Taonga Horomata: Mahi-pono mō Katoa. Virtue: Service

When you work with a spirit of service, you give any job your best effort. You make a real contribution. People who want to be of service can change the world.

"The need for devotion to something outside ourselves is even more profound than the need for companionship... we all must have some purpose in life; for no man can live for himself alone." Ross Parmenter

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Trip to Zealandia	Kākāriki/Kererū	Wed 12 Sept	\$5.00
Community Clean Up	Original strand	Thurs 13 Sept, 11-12noon	
St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival	Immersion strand	Sat 15 Sept	
Parent Interviews	Parents/Caregivers	17, 18, 19 Sept	
Yarra Hills College Band	All classes	Tues 18 Sept, 10am	
Futsal Tournament	Selected students	Wed 19 Sept	
MultiSport Day, ASB Centre	Senior classes	Wed 26 Sept	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui Clifford

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

Kāpiti Island for Kids school holiday programme for ages 9-12 from 3rd - 5th October 2018. 3 days/2 nights - Includes: nighttime kiwi spotting, nature adventures, fishing, swimming, games, wildlife discovery, cabin accommodation (quad share), delicious food, ferry and DOC permits. \$395pp. Limited to 14 spaces. Email: bookings@kapitiisland.com

Bookings are open for the October Wilderkids school holiday programme - Wilderkids, run by Sustainability Trust, is a school holiday programme for kids who really want an adventure. Based in Wellington's Town Belt, Wilderkids gets kids exploring the nature on our city's fringes. The focus is on care, connection and curiosity. You can book at <https://sustaintrust.org.nz/pages/school-holiday-programmes>.

Wellington Collegians Junior Cricket Club - Online enrolments for the 2018-2019 season have now opened, please go to <https://wellingtoncollegians.org/pages/juniors>. We have teams from Nursery Grade (Year 0-1) to Year 8 – catering for primary school boys and girls of all ages and abilities. Dual pitch cricket is a great, fast format for Years 2 & 3 played with a soft cricket ball. All players get a good bat and bowl, participating in the game the entire time. Finished in about an hour. You may prefer to come along in person to our Enrolment Day **Saturday 15 September, 10am – 12pm** at our Anderson Park Clubrooms at the Botanic Gardens (next to the Rose Gardens). Committee members will be on hand to answer any questions

Kelly Club October Holiday Programmes - Kelly Club offers full time holiday programmes during the October school holidays at **West's Rugby Clubrooms, Ian Galloway Park, Wilton** from 1st Oct – 12th Oct 2018. Kelly Club Holiday programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes:

visit www.getyourgameon.co.nz/kellysports email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

Kelly Sports Holiday Programme! – Wellington Indoor Sports Centre, Newtown – 1st Oct – 12th Oct 2018 - Let the kids come and try some of their favourite sports; **Rippa Rugby, Football, Basketball, Netball, Tennis, Cricket plus 2 trip days and much more!!** Learn new skills, gain self-confidence and make new friends! Have fun at Junglerama or Jumparama – Jump, Play, Enjoy! or try Ten Pin Bowling! To book <http://www.kellysports.co.nz/events/3245-Wellington-Indoor-Sports>. For full details and to enrol into our programmes

Football Morning Holiday Programme (Yrs 1–6) Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Wilton (all weather indoor surface). Improve technique by working on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling & shooting. Great practice for the up and coming Summer Series Competition! **Week 1** - Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm, **Week 2** – Tues, Weds, Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm

Netball Holiday Programme – Onslow College Gym, Johnsonville. Come and join the Wellington Pulse member **Mila Reuelu Buchanan** for a fun filled Holiday Programme of netball! Grow your child's confidence with our netball skills programme, focusing on the key skills areas for their level of development. Children aged 5-12 can work on the ball handling, game sense, co-ordination, speed and accuracy with our experienced coaches. Using fun drills and games to develop and challenge young players while also having fun! **Week 2** – Mon, Tues, Weds 1.30pm-4.30pm

Kelly Sports Term 4 - Kelly Sports will be back in Term 4 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

Summer Fun in the Sun! (Yrs 1-4) – Wednesdays Lunchtimes. Come and try **Athletics, Touch Rugby, Tball and Ultimate Frisbee**. 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!

Kelly Sports Summer Series Football & Netball - Get your friends together and enter a team in our popular 5-a-side Football or Netball Summer Series Leagues. Played on Friday afternoons at Ian Galloway Park (Football) and Samuel Marsden and Vic Uni in Karori (Netball) beginning 26 October 2018. A great way to maintain and improve your skills over the summer months.

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