

Inspiring a love of learning through an education that values the development of the whole child

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Kia ora koutou

What a wonderful fair we had. Huge gratitude to Jo Fullelove and many thanks to all the parents and whānau who worked together so tirelessly to make the day the success it was, as well as all the Otari tamariki and staff who participated in different ways. We will have made approximately \$14,000 so great effort everyone!



Our community spirit shone as strongly as the sunshine throughout the day making our fair one of the most enjoyable occasions of the year. After 17 years, for me it was as much a school reunion as a fair! It was truly a memorable event and while our aim is to raise money we also fostered our whanaungatanga in the process - something of value we can't put a price on!



We congratulate former Otari Tōtara student, Teuri Hautapu on being awarded Wellington College's Te Matau He Taonga Teina (Junior award) for Excellence in Manaakitanga. The college newsletter contained the following words about Teuri:

"Teuri personifies Manaakitanga, ensuring the mana of all students is upheld in all aspects of school life, and beyond. He is a warm hearted, gentle young man who has a strength in his kindness that endears him to all."

From Jo, fundraising extraordinaire...

Silent Auction closes this Friday 8 November – Thank you for all your support for the Twilight Fair this weekend. If you did not get a chance to look at the silent auction, now is your chance. Jillian has forms at the office to be filled in for you to make your highest bid. She also has the box of prizes if you want to have a closer look.

Car Boot Sale - Cardinal McKeefry School, Saturday 23 November 10am-2pm - We have booked a slot at the car boot sale so please get in contact with me at jofullelove@gmail.com if you would like to help out on the day.

School Disco - Friday 29 November 6-8pm - Next week I will be looking for volunteers to help with the school disco. I will be looking for people to help with making curries, serving hot food, ticket sellers and a clean-up crew. More details to follow.

Otari 2019 Book Week starts this coming Monday. We have a variety of activities throughout the week:
Monday 11th - Y4+ students Lit Quiz Tuesday 12th - Author Bianca Begovich
Wednesday 13th - Author/Illustrator Ned Barraud Thursday 14 Author/storyteller Moira Wairama
Friday 15th Dress up Day (Myths/Legends/FairyTales)

Parents are welcome to attend. Please let your child's teacher know so we can set you a place. Visiting authors are likely to have recent books for sale.

Also in conjunction with Book Week the **Scholastic Book Fair** is here! This is running Thurs 14th 3 - 4.30pm, Fri 15th 3 - 6pm, Mon 18th 3 - 4.30pm and Tues 19th 3 - 4.30pm. Come in at pick-up time and see what's available. 20% of sales goes back to the school.

Parent help is needed to help run this event. Please email johanne@otari.school.nz if you can help for some of these times. Thanks, Johanne

Whānau Hui - Tuesday 14 November, 5pm - A reminder the whānau hui is next week, shared kai from 5pm, hui to start at 5.30pm.

Life Education – Charlotte and Harold from the Life Education Trust will be visiting the school in weeks 6 and 7. All students will attend. The cost per child is \$5.00.



Hats - Children are required to wear hats with a brim throughout the Spring - Summer terms. Available from the office for \$12.00 each.


Te Taonga Horomata: Pa-te-aroha. Virtue: Compassion

Compassion is having kind feelings toward someone who is hurt or troubled. It is caring deeply and wanting to help, even if you don't know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you.

'The individual is capable of both great compassion and great indifference. He has it within his means to nourish the former and outgrow the latter.' Norman Cousins



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|  | Activity | Who's Involved | Date & Time | Cost |
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| | Book Week & Scholastic Book Fair | Everyone | 11-15 Nov | |
| | Book Week Costume Day – Theme: Myths & Legends | All classes | Fri 15 Nov | |
| | Immunisations | Selected students | Tues 19 Nov | |
| | Life Education visit | All classes | 20-29 Nov | \$5.00 |
| | School Disco | Everyone | Fri 29 Nov | |
| | Yr 8 Outing | Yr 8s | Wed 11 Dec | |
| | Yr 8 Farewell | Yr 7/8s & whānau | Fri 13 Dec | |
| | Yr 8 dinner | Yr 8s | Tues 17 Dec | TBC |
| | Carol Singing | All classes / whānau | Wed 18 Dec 11-12am | |
| | End of term | | Fri 20 Dec | |

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

2020 Term Dates

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| Term 1 | Mon 3 Feb | Thurs 9 Apr |
| Term 2 | Mon 28 Apr | Fri 3 Jul |
| Term 3 | Mon 20 Jul | Fri 25 Sept |
| Term 4 | Mon 12 Oct | Tues 15 Dec |

Easter is in Term 1 Holidays: Fri 10, Mon 13, Tues 14 Apr

Anzac Day: Mon 27 Apr

Queen's Birthday: Mon 1 June (**Teacher Only day on Friday 29 May**)

Labour Weekend: Mon 26 Oct (**Teacher only day on Friday 23 Oct**)



Babysitting - I'm Molly Elton, a former student at Otari. I'm 15 and I adore kids. I have a flexible schedule and am available for babysitting in the Wilton, Wadestown and Northland area. References are available. Please contact me for more information. Mobile 022 4729916, Home phone 04 973321.

Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup warmly invite interested families to our Open Day on Saturday 9th November, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). If you know of anybody else who is interested in our Playgroup and/or Preschool and may find the Open Day of interest, please let them know about this opportunity. For more information phone 475 9688 or email wcmp@xtra.co.nz.

Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures, Summer Holidays at Brooklyn (2 Bell Road). 16th – 20th Dec 2019 and 6th - 31st Jan 2020 from 7.00am-6pm daily from 7.00am-6pm daily. Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking and Life Skills programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session; Weekly: \$240 per cub/week or \$450 for two or more siblings/week. WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families. Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.pridelands.org.nz or Visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare.

St. Anne's Annual Spring Fair - The St. Anne's Annual Spring Fair will be held in the Church/Hall (corner Northland and Randwick Roads) on Saturday 16 November from 9.30am – 1.30pm. Meet your friends at the pop-up cafe, stock up your garden and your pantry or buy your Christmas presents. There will be lots of children's clothes, books and toys, crafts, plants, cakes and preserves, Martha's famous dumplings and gourmet burgers. Fair contributions will be gratefully accepted – leave in the Church on the back pews in the week leading up to the fair. Please, no adult clothes or household goods this year.

Karori Junior Cricket Club - Have-a-go Cricket (Years 0-2) Karori junior cricket club runs a weekly Have-a-Go session for 5-7 year old new players (school years 0-2). These family-friendly sessions focus on fun for younger players, whilst teaching basic cricket skills through a variety of drills and games. Have-a-go sessions run throughout the summer season* from 9.30 to 10.30am each Sunday morning at Karori Park. Registrations will remain open throughout the season – or feel free to come along on any Sunday morning to try it out. For more information on how to register, please visit our website at www.kjcc.org.nz
*N.B. This year's junior cricket season runs from Nov 3rd 2019 to Mar 28th 2020, with a 6 week break over the Christmas holidays.

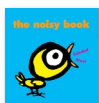
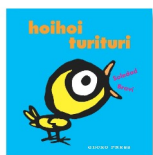
Hoihoi Turituri Noisy Party!



Verb Wellington and Gecko Press invite you to celebrate the release of *Hoihoi Turituri*, the te reo Māori edition of *The Noisy Book* by Soledad Bravi, translated by Ruia Aperahama.

Come and join us for a noisy read-aloud and more. Small readers, bring your big readers!

Saturday 9 November
1.30pm to 2.30pm
Capital E
4 Queens Wharf
Wellington 6011



This is a free event.
RSVP for numbers to office@geckopress.com or on Facebook; everyone welcome, bring your friends!

