



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Kia ora koutou

Ko te reo te tuakiri
Ko te reo tōku ahurei
Ko te reo te ora

(Language is my identity, language is my uniqueness, language is my life).

Ko te wiki o te reo Māori me te wiki o ngā pukapuka. This week we are celebrating the Māori language as well as celebrating books. We are encouraging tamariki to read more and to korero Māori.

Here are some phrases that combine our duo celebrations:

Homai te pukapuka - Give me the book.

He pai ki a koe te pānui i ngā pukapuka? - Do you like to read books?

Whakahokia ngā pukapuka - Put the books away.

If you are interested in developing your ability to speak te reo Māori but are pressed for time after work, then you might be interested in looking at the Tōku Reo website. Tōku Reo is a language learning show based on the comprehensive Te Whanake language course created by Professor John Moorfield. As this half hour Māori television show is online you can learn te reo in your own time. I have just started to use them and can assure you they are entertaining, easy to follow and very well put together.

You may also like to attend the weekly te reo sessions at Otari School on Thursday night (Contact Ananda Gotty: ananda.gotty@gmail.com).

Most of all I encourage you to "Keep calm and Kōrero Māori".

Taonga Horomata - Virtue: Cheerfulness - Harikoa
Kei te tino harikoa ahau - I am very happy

Wiki Pukapuka/Book Week: A reminder that we are celebrating Book Week. Upcoming events: Wednesday: Lit Quiz 12.45pm; Thursday: Library Book Sale 2.55-3.55pm; Friday: Book Character dress up day, Parade at 2pm (weather permitting).

Wilton Montessori Education Trust Presents: Unravelling the Mystery of the Adolescent Brain. Adolescence is an important 15 year period starting about 10 years of age through to the mid 20's. The Brainwave Trust presentation explores the brain changes that help adults understand many of the adolescent behaviours. The presentation will cover:

- The emotional and impulsive behaviour of the teenage years
- Understand risk taking behaviour from a different perspective
- Understand how decisions are made differently when peers are involved
- Explore some of the implications these changes have on the everyday life of a teenager

Date: Tuesday 18 August 7.00pm - 9.00pm. **Where:** Northland Community Hall, Northland
Price: \$15 a ticket. **To Book tickets email** brainwavetrust.tickets@gmail.com.

Otari After School Care has vacancies. Contact Katrina (021-330-099).

Hui Whānau - Nei rā ngā mihi o Matariki ki ngā whānau o Kaikōmako, o Kōwhai, o Tui hoki. The next Hui Whānau will be held on Tuesday, 4 August, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, in Tui (third week of Term 3). If you have any agenda items, please email Rachelle Hautapu on hautapu@hotmail.com

Chocolate and Soap Fundraisers - Please return the money urgently (or bank it direct into our bank account). If you can sell more, we have some available.

Entertainment Books - Books are available. Let Jillian know if you would like one or you can order it online: <http://www.entbook.co.nz/10455w7>.

*Te Taonga Horomata: Harikoa. Our virtue is Cheerfulness
 Even when life is challenging, we make the best of it. We trust that all will be well. We nurture happiness. A cheerful smile can light up everyone's day.*

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Whānau Hui	Immersion strand	Tues 4 August, 5.30pm	
Parent Interviews	Parents/Caregivers	25-27 August	
School Panto - The Pied Piper	Everyone	15,16,17 September	
St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival	Everyone	Sat 19 Sept	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui,
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"Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness, and its power of endurance - the cheerful man will do more in the same time, will do it; better, will preserve it longer, than the sad or sullen." *Thomas Carlyle*

Notices sent home recently:

- Otari School Funding Needs

Community Notices: (Please note these notices are passed on to us and are not necessarily an endorsement)

The Great Karori Toy and Book Sale is being held on Saturday 12th September, 11am-1pm at Old St John's Church, corner of Karori Road and Campbell Street, Karori. Hire a table to sell your old toys, children's books, games, and puzzles and keep the profits. Tables cost \$25. For table bookings or more information contact Andrea Kenworthy at karoritoysale@gmail.com.

Parenting of Teens Course - Improve the relationships with your teen. Understand your teenager and learn new ways to support your child. Starts 4 August at Johnsonville Community Centre, 3 Frankmoore Ave, Johnsonville, Wellington 6037, for 8 weeks, Tuesdays 10-12 noon. Call Parent Help 04 802 5767 or email parenthelp@xtra.co.nz

A support group for parents and carers of children and young people who are struggling at school - A facilitated support group for parents and carers will meet at Wadestown Presbyterian Church Hall on the first Monday of the month from Monday 3 August. 7.30-9.00pm. The group offers the chance to share feelings, learn from other's experience and work together to develop support strategies for our children. Everyone welcome. To register or find out more, contact Anne Lord, 021 288 5017, 479 428204 or email a.e.lord@xtra.co.nz.

Kelly Sports Term 3 - Kelly Sports is back in Term 3 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 children a place to channel their energy.

Winter Winners (Yrs 1-4) – Wednesday lunchtimes 12:30-1:30pm - Come and try Football, Netball, Rippa Rugby and Handball, learn the fundamental skills of all sports; throwing, running, jumping, striking and many more, all while having FUN! For full details and to enrol into our programmes & workshops visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 720.

Ngā Tukemata Mō Te Wiki o te Reo Maori - A celebration of Māori Music from Ngāti Kahungunu artists and kapahaka for Māori Language Week 2015. Tuesday 28 July 2015, 5:30-7:30pm. Karaka Cafe, Wharewaka Function Centre, Wellington Waterfront. Performers are:

6:00pm - Te Kura o Ōtari

6:15pm - Toni Huata

6:30pm - Matiu Te Huki

6:45pm - Kirsten Te Rito

7:00pm - Brannigan Kaa

7:15pm - Whānau Sing along. Whakakapi!

RSVP essential: waahuu@xtra.co.nz/021-639 790

Entry by koha (donation)

Kai and drinks available for purchase

Music available for sale. Iwi registration.

Master of Ceremonies: Petera Hakiwai