



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Kia ora koutou

Nau mai haere mai May! - This week we welcome May Friedman to our school. May is a student teacher from the United States of America who is participating in voluntary work as part of her studies. She will be at Otari School three days a week until the end of the year, assisting within each strand and working with our Enviro Schools.

We also welcome two new students: Aroha Gill (Pohutukawa) & Luisa Shelton (Kakano).

School Fair - The parent committee are working hard to ensure we have a successful fair. Much of this success depends on willing helpers. They are most appreciative of those who have indicated a willingness to help out on the day, which is currently about half of our families, with a number having both parents involved. This means there are around 75 families who might still be deciding how best to help. Please contact Lou Hannagan at louhannagan@gmail.com.

Working Bee - The working bee on Saturday produced a great result. What was an overgrown, bramble covered space filled with green waste has been significantly cleared and the potential for a 'wild spaces' playground can be easily seen. Thank you to the mums, dads, kids and staff who gave up some of their time and energy to help.

Library - We are hoping to have the library up and running at the end of this week.

Hats - Otari School is a "Sun Safe School". Please ensure your child's sun hat is bucket style or has a full brim. Remember, children do a lot of curriculum based activities which involve them being outside in the sun, during the hottest part of the day. Sun hats must be either bucket style or have a full brim. Caps are not acceptable. Children will be asked to play in the shade at lunchtime and morning tea if they are not wearing a sun hat.

Parent Donations - Donations enable us to fund extra activities and help us resource our education priorities within budget. The budget includes funding to support class trips, camp, end of year activities, swimming lessons for junior children and a few extra teacher and teacher assistant hours. Please pay your donation this term if you have not already done so (our bank account is 060561-0017355-00).

Classes 2016 - Parents will be informed of how classes are comprised, including class teachers, class levels and teaching support, by the end of November. Between now and then I will be meeting with each strand to finalise details.

Silent Auction donation available only for term four 2015, on offer now

Charles Newcombe is supporting the school with donating guitar lessons

ITEM ON OFFER:

Introduction to guitar, 5 one on one lessons with Guitar@Otari tutor, Charles Newcombe.

VALID FOR 5 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS TERM 4, 2015 ONLY.

He is available at Otari on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9.40 and 1.15. Guitar will be provided.

PLEASE CHECK WITH CHARLES' AVAILABILITY BEFORE PURCHASING.

Each lesson is normally \$25,00 for half an hour. **VALUE \$125, Starting bid: \$65.00**
This auction item will close 5pm, Tuesday 27 October.

Please contact Philippa Clements on 021 890-248 or email philipphil@xtra.co.nz

Kakano Plays - Last term there were lots of children unwell so unfortunately we had to postpone the play performance. The performance will now be this Thursday, 22 October at 1.45pm in the school hall.

Jack Flash & The Jumping Beanstalk - This production by NZ Playhouse will be performed to the school next Wednesday (28 October) at 11.05am. The cost per child is \$4.00. Please return the slip at the end of the newsletter.

Scholastic books orders need to be to the office by this Friday.

Te Taonga Horomata: Aroha, Ngariri. Our virtue is Love

Love is cherishing others, treating them with tenderness. Love thrives on acceptance and appreciation. It has the power to heal. It calls us to continually hone ourselves, while releasing the need to control or make someone in our image. Nurtured by commitment and season by kindness, love is our greatest gift.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Jack Flash Show	All children	Wed 28 Oct, 11am	\$4.00
School Fair	Everyone	Sat 7 Nov, 3-7pm	
Volunteers Morning Tea	Volunteers/staff	Thurs 19 Nov, 10.30am	
School Disco	Everyone	Fri 27 Nov, 5.30pm	

Wgtn City Mission 'Pack the Bus'	Everyone	Tues 1 Dec, 10.15am	
Year 8 outing and dinner	Yr 8s	Thurs 10 Dec	TBA
Year 8 farewell	Yr 7/8s & families	Tues 15 Dec	
Carols in the hall	Everyone	Wed 16 Dec	
End of term		Thurs 17 Dec, 12noon	

A reminder that Monday is a public holiday so no school. See you back here on Tuesday 27 October. Have a great break!

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

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

"Love is a force more formidable than any other. It is invisible - it cannot be seen or measured, yet it is powerful enough to transform you in a moment, and offer you more joy than any material possession could."
Barbara de Angelis

Language Lessons - Join us on Facebook and Twitter for regular updates and hot tips on language learning. Email me if you would like to subscribe to our Quarterly Parent Newsletter. You can opt out at any time. w +64 4 476 3098, m +64 21 462 042, e annick@lcfclubs.co.nz.
www.lcfclubs.co.nz, www.lcfclubs.com.au, www.teachinglanguages.com.au. Fun Languages for Children - Helping the World Communicate! For a FREE trial of the best French and Spanish activities for IWBs and Computers, go <http://www.lcfclubs.com/babelzoneNEW/NEW!> English phonics/grammar/stories/games @ www.lcfclubs.com/englishzoneNEW! LCF Maths - www.lcfclubs.com/maths - FREE until 2011

Kelly Sports Term 4 - Kelly Sports is 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 children a place to channel their energy.

Spring Superstars (Yrs 1-4) - Wednesday Lunchtimes 12.30-1.30pm - In term 4 come and try **Football, Athletics, Basketball and Volleyball**. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking and many more. It's a great way to try new sports but most of all to have fun!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit: www.kellysports.co.nz, email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

Term Dates 2016

Term 1: Wed 3 Feb – Fri 15 Apr Term 2: Mon 2 May – Fri 8 July
Term 3: Mon 25 July – Fri 23 Sept Term 4: Mon 10 Oct – Fri 16 Dec

Other Holidays:

Waitangi Day: Mon 8 Feb Easter break: 25, 28, 29 Mar
Anzac Day: Mon 25 Apr Queens Birthday: Mon 5 Jun
Labour Day: Mon 24 Oct

Jack Flash & the Jumping Beanstalk

Child's Name: _____

___ I enclose \$4.00

___ Deduct \$4 from my Activity Account

Signed _____