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Matariki 2016 - Matariki is a time to acknowledge, commemorate and celebrate the year that has gone and the New Year to come. Matariki is a time to learn about your whānau and a time to remember those who have passed on from this world to the next. Matariki is a time for new beginnings, our Pacific New Year and a time for harvesting kai.....so to celebrate, we invite you all to an evening concert celebration with kai, entertainment and whakawhanaungatanga on **Thursday 9 June, 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Otari School Hall:**

- 5.30-5.45pm Welcome / Karakia / Mihi
- 5.45-6.00pm Kapahaka
- 6.00-6.15pm Matariki Korero / Entertainment
- 6.15-6.45pm Kai (Sausage Sizzle, shared kai, glow products)
- 6.30-7.30pm MC / Band and individuals entertainment
- 7.15-7.30pm Activities / Closing Karakia

We would like each family to please bring a plate of kai/food to share.

There will also be a star hunt so please ensure your whānau bring their own torches.

Kia ora koutou

I hope you all enjoyed the sunny long weekend.

Cross Country - We managed to run the year 4 to 8 cross country on Friday. We prioritised this so that finalists for the Western Zone event could be selected. There will be 37 children participating in the WZ event tomorrow. The first three place-getters in each event were:

Yr 4 Boys Edward Thompson Oscar Coram Angus Currie	Year 4 Girls Hannah Warburton Luciana Mastreani Zoe Matthews-Borshevsky	Year 5 Boys Thomas Warburton Nikora Waterman James Fullelove	Year 5 Girls Lauren Luatua Karis Ayling Ella Clements
Year 6 Boys Sam Mastreani Anton Luatua Sky Gobbi	Year 6 Girls Hannah Waite Tessa Thomson Hazel Ford	Year 7 Boys Alexis Clatin Dan Gorrie Ziggy Redding	Year 7 Girls Regina Fernandes Alice Thompson Emma Pillay

Year 8 Boys William Thompson Ira Griffen Heta Mako	Year 8 Girls Claudia Shaker
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Fundraised money from 2015 - The Board of Trustees has asked me to prepare a proposal for spending the 2015 fund raised money. This money is already financing the renting of classroom laptops and airbooks. The school would still like to have a space that can be used for art and science projects as well as some storage. The Board will explore some options and how the remaining \$15,000 can be spent.

Library - My apologies if you have been receiving multiple overdue emails from the library! Please do not be concerned. The automated programme will now only send emails once a week. There have been glitches with the system of returning books and some books have been returned that were not processed correctly. I am working with the student librarians to rectify this. There are, however still too many books that have not been returned and are well over-due. The school will charge for lost books. *Johanne*

“Keeping you in the Loop” - A weekly update of news, events and activities:

- The school enjoyed the school band's first performance this morning. They will be performing again at the Matariki celebration on Thursday evening.
- Kereru and Kakano went on a visit to Space Place this morning.
- Children are busy preparing for next term's science fair.
- Teachers are busy writing mid year reports.
- The classes have done some lovely Matariki art-work, which will be decorating the hall.
- Kereru and Kakano are doing some planting at Trelissick Park on Friday afternoon.

Te Taonga Horomata: Tika. Our virtue is Openness.

We hold no hidden agenda. We are more interested in connecting than controlling. We listen to others' feelings with compassionate curiosity. When we are open, we are receptive to the blessings and surprises of life.

Entertainment Books are available from the office (\$60 each). Alternately you can order online: <http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10455w7>.

Yummy Stickers - Please continue to collect stickers from Yummy apples (and cut the tokens from Yummy bags) all year long. Sticker sheets can be downloaded from this website http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/pdf/Sticker_Collection_Sheet.pdf.

Wgtn Girls' College - School in Action Morning -Tues 21 June. In an attempt to reduce congestion there will be three sessions (9.00am, 10.30am and 11.30am). This morning is for any Yr 8 girl interested in attending Wgtn Girls' college in 2017.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Matariki Event	Everyone	Thurs 9 June	
Trip to Trelissick Park	Kereru/Kakano	Fri 10 June	
Trip to Space Place	Tui, Kowhai, Kaikomako	Fri 17 June	\$10.00
School Photos	All Otari Children	Wed 22 Jun	TBA

Have a great week everyone.

Clifford

Openness reflects one's inner beauty
of kindness and respect for all.
Anil Sinba

Community Notices:

Queen Margaret College: Experience Year 9, Date: Friday 17 June, 8.30am – 3pm. Experience Year 9 is an opportunity for your daughter to spend a day at Queen Margaret College. Your daughter will join current Year 8 students, who will be stepping into Year 9 with your daughter. Together they will participate in a range of activities including language taster classes. As a parent or caregiver, you will be able to join the Principal, Carol Craymer and the Head of Middle School, Rena Day, for a presentation about what to expect at Queen Margaret College. For more information or to register, visit www.qmc.school.nz.

Two-Week July School Holiday Programme with Northland Kidz Club (Mon. 11/7 – Fri. 22/7). Everyday, we will be out and about visiting Premier House, ice-skating, go-karting, swimming, going to movies, visiting Space Place at Carter Observatory, seeing kids theatre productions and much more. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards, \$20), 8.30am to 6pm each day. For details check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz), or contact Jan on cell (022-140- 2612), e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).