



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 back! My term 4 office calendar is full up with the events, activities and all the usual end of year "jobs". It is a term in which we will fit in a disco, a fair, outings, farewells, end of year get-togethers, reports and strategic planning. The sun is shining, the roll is healthy, we are meeting our 2017 goals and the children seem happy to be back - therefore we have much to be thankful for as we begin this busy term together.

Nau mai haere mai ki ngā tamariki hou me o ratou whānau - Welcome to our new children and their families. Our new students are Anahera James-Pohe, Izuba Byamana, Te Paea Hathaway, Kieran Sorensen and Rohan Hubbard. Anahera, Te Paea and Izuba are in Pounamu, Kieran is in Pohutukawa and Rohan in Kaikomako. We hope they all have a very happy first week of school.

We also welcome Natasha Evans, teacher aide in Totara and Michelle Finn, our new specialist teacher working in Totara.

**Sunhats** - Please ensure your child has a sunhat. All children are required to wear sunhats with full brims or bucket style hats. NO Caps.



**Container** - This week we are putting a container in the car-park bay closest to the office. It will be at the school until next year. We are hoping it will take up only one bay. Preschool parents with babies or toddlers are welcome to park in the disabled car park space in front of the double green gates. We need the container to store goods donated for our fair.

**Totara and Kereru refurbishment** - After the fair we will need the container for Totara and Kereru to store their furniture over the holidays, as their classroom refurbishment will be starting during this time. The refurbishment will continue through term 1. Kereru and Totara classes will be using the hall during this time. Refurbishment plans are not finalised, however they will likely include an extra teaching/withdrawal space, improved access between classes and a sheltered deck that runs the length of the two classrooms.

**Ngaio and Pohutukawa** - Over the holidays Ngaio and Pohutukawa classes were re-carpeted and new gas heaters installed.

**Otago Maths Challenge** – Congratulations to the following children who were awarded either the standard of Merit or Excellence in this year's Challenge.

**Merit:**

Toby Millar  
Eddie Wallace

Theo Dawson  
Conrad Sharp

Samuel Elton  
Regina Fernandes

**Excellence:**

Beth Forgan  
Molly Elton  
Hinewairua Duncan

Greer Sorensen  
Sky Gobbi  
James Fullelove

Otis Cloutman  
Amy Booth

A special mention to Amy Booth who performed particularly well and qualified for the final Challenge, to be held later this month.

**Accommodation Required** – We have a Danish student starting an internship at our school on 1 December until May 2018. We are hoping someone in our community could provide her with accommodation. She is able to offer help with housework and childcare as part payment towards her board. If you would like more information or can help please contact Susan at [susan@otari.school.nz](mailto:susan@otari.school.nz).

**Newsletter via Email** – If you would prefer to receive the weekly newsletter via email rather than a paper copy please email Jillian ([office@otari.school.nz](mailto:office@otari.school.nz)) requesting this.

***Te Taonga Horomata: Kawenga. Virtue: Accountability***

*Accountability is the willingness to stand in responsibility for every choice. It is acting with integrity, doing what we say we will do. When we make a mistake we do not seek to hide it or avoid it. We have courage to face it willingly. We are open to the lessons it can bring, and ready to make amends.*

*"If I could give one tip for people - it's not an exercise or nutrition regimen. It's to walk your talk and believe in yourself, because at the end of the day, the dumbbell and diet don't get you in shape. It's your accountability to your word." Brett Hoebel*

**Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Kapa Haka Festival	Yr 6-8 Students	Thurs 26 Oct	
School Disco	Everyone	Fri 3 Nov	TBC
Trip to Wgtn Museum	Ker/Kai/Kow/Pou	Wed 8 Nov	TBC
Immunisations	Yr 8s	Tues 14 Nov	
Helpers Morning Tea	Helpers	Thurs 16 Nov	
NZ Playhouse 'Puss in Boots'	All students	Wed 22 Nov	\$4.50
School Fair	Everyone	Sat 25 Nov	
Yr 8 Outing & Dinner	Yr 8s	Thurs 7 Dec	TBC
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7/8s & Parents	Thurs 14 Dec	
Carol Singing	Everyone	Fri 15 Dec, 11am	
End of term		Tues 19 Dec, 12noon	

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui  
Clifford

2018 Term Dates		
Term 1	Thurs 1 Feb	Fri 13 Apr
Term 2	Mon 30 Apr	Fri 6 Jul
Term 3	Mon 23 Jul	Fri 28 Sept
Term 4	Mon 15 Oct	Tues 18 Dec

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

**Sushi Lunches** starts the first week of term. Place your order for Tuesdays via [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz).

**Family House Available For Rent During Christmas & New Year In Crofton Downs** - We have a large family home available for rent from approximately 16 Dec-18 January 2018 (dates negotiable). Amenities include; spacious kitchen and living area, separate lounge with table tennis table. Two bathrooms and three toilets, heat pump and BBQ. Backs onto Otari Bush featuring prolific birdlife and tranquil environment. Off street parking in a quiet cul-de-sac. Price negotiable. Please contact Sandi for further details: 022 075 9549.

**Wellington Collegians Junior Cricket Club** - Online enrolments are still open for Nursery grade (school years 0 and 1) and the Girls Only Sunday grade (school years 5-8). The girls only league starts on 12 Nov. Check out <https://wellingtoncollegians.org/pages/juniors> for further info and how to register. Registrations for other grades have now closed for 2017/18.

**Yoga** - After School Yoga For Children with Bibi will continue every Thursday from 3:10pm to 4:00pm. Suitable for ages 6 to 12. Term \$100 (sibling discount \$95) - free trial class. For details please contact Bibi at [BibiBibiworld@gmail.com](mailto:BibiBibiworld@gmail.com) or text 021 101 3756.

**Is your child shy?** Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be crazy?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - **Marrzipan!** We run awesome classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and hilarious. You can sign your child up for a **Trial Lesson** via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz) (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

**Drum Lessons** - I am looking for new additions to my drum school. Beginners very welcome! I teach a wide range of drumming grooves, rudimental techniques and music theory so students can learn to play by reading music. Contact Ajit at 021-929604.

**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) – Wednesday lunchtimes 12.30pm-1.30pm. Come and try **Football, Tball, Athletics and Basketball**. 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!  
[www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.

**St. Benedict's School Fair - Sunday 29 October 11am–2pm.** Come along and enjoy an afternoon where there is something for everyone: toys, clothing, a variety of food including an ethnic food stall, sweets, cakes, a café, craft, tombola, silent auctions, books and a kids zone including a chocolate trailer, sumo wrestling, a box maze, a bouncy castle and so much more. Raffles and a silent auction with fantastic prizes up for grabs.