



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 to a new staff member, Sharyn Green. Sharyn will be working in Kākāriki.

Otari School Charter and Strategic and Annual Plan - Every year the Board of Trustees must submit it's Charter, Strategic Plan and new Annual Plan to the Ministry by 1st March. This year is the third year of our three year Strategic Plan, therefore it is a consultation year for the development of another 3 year Strategic Plan. There are specific Ministry requirements for a Strategic Plan and changes to some education legislation will mean the Board will be updating the plan as well as consulting widely with the community.

The new Annual Plan is attached to this newsletter. The plan reflects the priorities the Board and Staff have identified at the end of last year. Identifying priorities is important as there will always be areas for development in any school. Trying to pursue all of them is not possible.

The Annual Plan does not represent everything a school is focusing on or undertaking. Many things are part of on-going management and governance. For example, managing the roll of all three strands, reviewing our budget and providing teachers with PLD (Professional Learning Development) opportunities are all part of a normal year.

If you think there are areas the school could focus on for development over the next three years, then keep these in mind when the Board undertakes their consultation. The consultation will include the curriculum, school management, board governance and strand specific development.

The updated School Charter and Strategic Plan will be on the School website later this week and available from the School Office.

Union Meeting - On **Thursday 22 March** the New Zealand Education Institute are having paid union meetings to discuss concerns regarding current education issues. Normal classroom instruction will not be continuing during the half-day of the paid union meetings as all NZEI members have an entitlement to attend them. However, most schools also need to technically remain open and will offer a skeleton operation for children who have no other choice than to be at school.

Teachers will be going to the meetings at 1.00pm. We want to know in advance that every child is either going home or having responsible adult supervision following dismissal for lunch. Please ensure you provide this information in the slip at the end of the newsletter. For those children going home please ensure they are picked up between 12.30-1.00pm.

Emergency Form – Please ensure an updated Emergency form is returned to the office as soon as possible.

Te Taonga Horomata: Puaki-tika. Virtue: Assertiveness

We stand on our own holy ground and set boundaries without guilt. We never beg or make demands. We ask for what we need by making simple, positive requests. We treat ourselves with respect and expect respect at all times.

"You won't get people to hold back their opinions just because you hold back yours so you may as well stand up and be counted. Anon

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Swimming	Yr 1/2 students	Fridays 16/3 - 13/4	\$70
Technology	Yr 7/8 students	22, 23 Mar, 5,6,12,13 Apr	\$50
Trip to Botanic Gardens	Original Strand	Wed 28 Feb, 9.30am	\$7.50
Trip to Karori Park	Pōhutukawa, Kākano, Kōwhai Kākāriki, Kaikōmako	Tues 6 Mar	
School Athletics	Everyone	Wed 7 Mar	
Yr 3 Sports Festival	Yr 3s	Tues 13 Mar	
WZ Football	Selected students	Tues 20 Mar	
NZEI Union Meeting	Everyone	Thurs 22 March	
Picnic at Aotea Lagoon	Everyone	Thurs 29 Mar	\$5

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui Clifford

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

New and improved Everyone Out Adventure Game for families. Get out and explore Wellington's beautiful Botanic Garden with your family. Work together searching for secret codes to unlock hidden boxes. March 11th, 2pm - 4.30pm. Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz/tour/2018/everyone-out-autumn-series. For more details check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/everyoneout/. Also check out the second event in the Autumn Series Everyone Out in Otari-Wilton's Bush.

Join Life Flight for their Open Day on the 18th March. It will be a an exciting day bursting with interactive displays, emergency services' demonstrations, entertainment, yummy food, prizes and even Police puppies! The day offers a whole range of activities and makes an awesome family day out.

Karori Junior Football Registration is OPEN. We would love for your child (age 5-17) to play football this winter with Karori FC. You can find out more details at www.karorijuniorfootball.co.nz. **Please register by Friday 2 March.** Trials for children wanting to play more seriously are on Sunday 4 March. Email juniors@wkafc.org.nz if you have any queries. The season kicks off first weekend of April.

Sushi Lunches - delivered every Tuesday. Place your order for Tuesdays via www.ezlunch.co.nz. Orders are accepted up until 9.00am on a Tuesday morning. A full menu, prices and allergy information can be obtained via your ezlunch account.