



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 three new students and their families:

Violet Titheridge

Kākano

Matt Anstey

Kākāriki

Heremaia Moka

Kaikōmako

**School Athletics** have been postponed to Wednesday 21 March.

**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.

## Fun fundraising stuff for 2018!!

Now that the year is in full swing we are thinking about fun things we can do to raise funds for our school to help it do the best for our tamariki. We want to involve our whole school whānau and the wider community.

First up we are planning a **CONTAINER SALE** on **SUNDAY 25 MARCH, 9:00am – 12:00noon in the SCHOOL CAPPARK**. Yes, the big blue container is going at the end of term and it needs to be empty! It's full of neat stuff that we want you, your friends and your neighbours to come and pick up for a bargain – TOYS, BOOKS, CLOTHING – come and grab it, lots of things are going for just a gold coin. There will also be BAKING, AN EASTER RAFFLE AND COFFEE. YAY!!

If you are able to help behind the scenes (on the day, by baking for the bake sale, or donating for the raffle) please drop Jo Fullelove an email or catch her around school [jofullelove@gmail.com](mailto:jofullelove@gmail.com).

As we make plans for other things during the year we'll let you know, but please email Jo if you'd like to be involved.

**Emergency Form** - Emergency forms were sent home recently. Please ensure a completed one is returned to the office as soon as possible. Let Jillian know if you need another form.

***Te Taonga Horomata: Whaka-hoahoa. Virtue: Friendliness***

*Friendliness is reaching out to others with warmth and caring. It is the willingness to be an intimate companion. Friendship is essential to our souls. We value ourselves enough to know that we deserve true companionship. We attract others by what we are willing to contribute. What we give we get. The presence of a friend can soothe us, unleash our laughter, amplify our joy and diminish our sorrow.*

*'When you smile and project an aura of warmth, kindness and friendliness, you will attract warmth, kindness and friendliness. Happy people will be drawn to you. Joel Osteen*

**Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Technology	Yr 7/8 students	22, 23 Mar, 5,6,12,13 Apr	\$50
Yr 3 Sports Festival	Yr 3s	Tues 13 Mar	
School Athletics	Everyone	Wed 21 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)

**A Marsden education for your daughter in Year 9, 2019** - You are invited to the Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Karori Open Morning on Friday 23 March, between 8.45am and 12pm. This is a great opportunity to see the Marsden campus, to explore the benefits of an all-girls Marsden education and to find out about Marsden's 21<sup>st</sup> century learning and well-being programmes. There will be staff and students to talk to and the girls look forward to showing around. For more information and to register visit [marsden.school.nz/experience](http://marsden.school.nz/experience). Marsden school applications for enrolment are now open to reserve a place for 2019.

**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 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! It's not too late to join Marrzipan!** We are looking for some awesome students to fill some parts in our play, which we will be performing for parents and their peers at the end of term. Come along to a Trial Lesson and see whether you like it! You can sign up for one directly via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz)

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**Union meeting – Thurs 22 March**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I have put in place plans for my child/ren to be supervised:  
(please circle one)

At home    Afterschool Care    Alternative place \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ My children will need to stay at school until home time (2.55pm)

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