



**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

Impact of having no hall - The lack of a larger indoor space is impacting on our ability to have some of our usual extra programmes this year. The fire in the hall and the long time it has taken for the hall refurbishment to be completed has made planning for other events and activities difficult. When the refurbishment project begins for Tōtara and Kererū those classes will be using the hall. At this stage we are hopeful this will begin next term, however that could mean the hall is not available for another two terms. This year we have already decided we cannot be involved in ArtSplash and DanceSplash. A Matariki event will not be possible in the hall this year either. (However, this doesn't prevent us from celebrating Matariki during school hours, within our strands). There will not be a school production this year either.

I am hopeful the hall will be available by term 4 so that we can use it for performance related events and for the PMP programme. We appreciate a lack of hall also impacts on the Otari After School Care Trust who are operating from the Immersion Strand while the hall is unavailable. We are certainly having to "walk the talk" in terms of our virtues programme as we demonstrate patience, flexibility and also, as we interact with various related parties, some perseverance, determination and assertiveness!

Kiwi Competition - Year 5-8 children have the opportunity to participate in the English, Science and Maths Kiwi Competitions run by Canterbury University. The competitions are skills-based and aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum. Each competition costs \$8.50 per entry although if the fee is an issue we can discuss subsidising this. Further information can be found at <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cem/kiwi-competitions/>. Entry forms went home last week but if you did not get one and are interested in your child entering the competitions please email sacha@otari.school.nz.

Hockey - The Western Zone school hockey tournament is taking place on Tuesday 22 May. We are able to enter two Year 5/6 teams and two Year 7/8 teams but we will only be able to do this if we get enough parent help with umpiring games and supervising the teams. If you are available to help could you please email api@otari.school.nz. Once we know the amount of parent help available, we will organise the teams.

Entertainment Books are available from the school office or a digital version is available. Check the following website: www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/about/flickbook/wellington.

Happy holidays everyone. Term finishes on Friday (13 April) at 2.55pm. See you back here on Monday 30 April.

Kia tau te rangimārie ki runga I a tātou katoa

Clifford

2018 Term Dates			
Term 1	Thurs 1 Feb	Fri 13 Apr	
Term 2	Mon 30 Apr	Fri 6 Jul	No School: Queens Birthday: Mon 4 June
Term 3	Mon 23 Jul	Fri 28 Sept	
Term 4	Mon 15 Oct	Tues 18 Dec	No School: Labour Weekend: Mon 22 Oct

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

Onslow Gymnastic Club - Kids got energy to burn? Gymnastics is the answer! Have Fun – Learn Skills – Build Confidence! Onslow Gymnastics has Recreational, TeamGym and Competitive classes for girls ages 5+ years. Recreational Gym-for-All classes are held at Khandallah School Hall (ages 5-9 years) and Onslow College Rec Centre (ages 7-14+). No previous experience is required to join any of our recreational classes. TeamGym (ages 10+) brings together tumbling, mini-tramp and dance to provide an energetic and creative performance. Register now at www.onslowgymnastics.org.nz or email onslowgym@xtra.co.nz.

Come and join our Hilarious Marrzipan Holiday Workshop! Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day! All workshops run 10am - 4pm. Thorndon School - Tuesday 17th - Thursday 19th April. Evans Bay Cadet Centre - Thursday 26th - Saturday 28th April. Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment. For more information check out our website! Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick! W: marrzipandrama.co.nz E: workshops@marrzipandrama.co.nz T: 027 217 0693