



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 child and her family: Amanda Shang (Kākano)

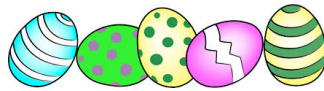
**School Picnic** - Unfortunately, due to the weather forecast the picnic is now cancelled. The staff will discuss options for some kind of alternative shared school event to take place later in the year. If you have already paid we will ensure the money is put aside for this.

**School Hall** - We are hopeful that the hall refurbishments will be finished this week. Once the shelving is completed in the storerooms and the electric wiring installed, the hall will be cleaned and made ready for classes to use while Tōtara and Kererū are refurbished.

**Special Hui** - We will have a special hui once the hall is ready. This will happen before anything is moved back into the hall. I cannot provide a date for this yet, however it will take place at our usual hui time, just after 9am. The teachers and children have missed gathering together for karakia and waiata and are looking forward to being able to do this once more so that as a community we can bless our refurbished building and celebrate our cherished shared space being returned to us.

**Refurbishment of Tōtara and Kererū** - The delay in starting the refurbishments of Kererū and Tōtara has been frustrating. One reason for the delay is the need for the hall to be ready. This has taken longer than expected. Project costs and associated ramifications on refurbishment plans have also presented challenges that the Board are currently working through with the Project Management team. At present we do not know for sure when the refurbishment will start, but hope to have a clear idea before the end of term.

**Container Sale** - Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Container Sale. We managed to sell a lot of items and made a profit of \$700.00. The remaining items have been given to the local Op Shops.



## Celebrations and Festivals: Easter

Here are 7 interesting Easter facts:

1. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Christ; it is the oldest Christian holiday and for Christians, one of the most important days of the year.
2. The Easter egg is said to symbolise and represent joy, celebration and new life.
3. The tallest Easter egg chocolate was made in Italy in 2011. It stood at 10.39 metres and weighed an astounding 7,200 kg.
4. The art of painting eggs is called pysanka, which originated in Ukraine. It involves using wax and dyes to colour the egg.
5. The term Easter gets its name from Eastre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess who symbolises the hare and the egg.
6. The exchange or giving of Easter eggs actually dates back to before Easter and the giving of eggs is considered a symbol of rebirth in many cultures.
7. The idea of the Easter bunny giving lollies and eggs is said to have originated in Germany during the middle ages.

Whether a religious festival, a special long weekend filled with spiced buns and delicious chocolate or an opportunity for some extra time with family and friends we wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable Easter break.

Schools finishes on Thursday at 2.55pm, then no school on Fri 30 Mar, Mon 2 & Tues 3 April.

**Entertainment Books** – We are selling the books again. Check out the following website: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/about/flickbook/wellington>.

### ***Te Taonga Horomata: Waihanga-tanga. Virtue: Creativity***

*Creativity is the power of imagination. We are open to inspiration, which ignites our originality. With creativity, we are resourceful and intuitive. We solve problems in new and surprising ways. We know how to play. We take time for dreaming. Discovering our own special talents is a gift to the world, whether making a meal, playing a sport or creating a craft.*

*'Passion is one great force that unleashes creativity, because if you're passionate about something, then you're more willing to take risks'. Yo-Yo Ma*

### **Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Technology	Yr 7/8 students	22, 23 Mar, 5,6,12,13 Apr	\$50

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui  
Clifford

<b>2018 Term Dates</b>			
Term 1	Thurs 1 Feb	Fri 13 Apr	No School: Fri 30 March, Mon 2 Apr, Tues 3 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)

**1-Day Fun Holidays at Berhampore and Wilton** - On Tuesday 3rd April, Pride Lands Childcare will be operating a 1-Day Fun Holiday Adventures at Berhampore School Hall and Rugby Club in Wilton starting at 7am and closing at 6pm. It is our privilege to serve when we are needed especially for parents who have to work on this day and we hope you and your cubs enjoy the benefits we bring you.

Programme Outline & Theme: Movie Day at Readings (The choice of: Early Man or Peter Rabbit with popcorn and drinks on us). Programme Location: Berhampore School Hall and Rugby Club (Wilton)

Date: 3rd April. Time: 7am – 6pm. Shuttle Service: Please advise in your e-mail to us if you also need a shuttle service from home at a cost of \$5 pick-up and \$5 drop-off. Free shuttle services from Pride Lands Ridgway and Pride Lands Owiro Bay. Please advise your preference.

Fees: \$81 per cub OR \$148 for two or more siblings. 1-on-1 Support Care Available. As part of our service, we provide Breakfast, Lunch & Afternoon Tea (under Kai Cubs Cooking and Life Skills Programme). This way we can help take the burden off parents. No bags will be needed as we provide everything.

How to enrol: Enrol online at [www.pridelands.org.nz](http://www.pridelands.org.nz) to express your interest and select extra school holidays) Fun Holiday Adventures Terms & Conditions apply: Visit our website: [www.pridelands.org.nz](http://www.pridelands.org.nz).

**Does your child love to SING, DANCE and ACT?** Dance, Drama and Singing for students aged 4-16 yrs old. Led by London West End performer Sherene Clarke. Schools in Aotea, Hataitai, Johnsonville, and Lower Hutt. BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW! [www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz](http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz)

**Northland Kidz Club's April Holiday Programme**, 16-27 April. Join us in our adventures each day as we're out-and-about in the Wellington area. We'll be ice-skating, swimming, go-karting and barbecuing, playing laser tag, going to a puppet theatre production, and doing breakdancing & jive – not to mention Time Cinema, where we'll see a selection of original cartoons and films. \$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](http://www.nkc.org.nz)), or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), e-mail ([nkc.jan@gmail.com](mailto:nkc.jan@gmail.com)).

**Little Dog Barking Children's Theatre** presents "Twinkle" - 16 April at Te Papa in Wellington (no bookings required for Te Papa) - 17 April at Little Theatre in Lower Hutt - 19 April at St Peter's Village Hall in Paekakariki - 24-28 April at BATS Theatre in Wellington. Suitable for ages 2 - 8 years old. For ticketing and further information: [info@littledogbarking.co.nz](mailto:info@littledogbarking.co.nz) or [www.littledogbarking.co.nz](http://www.littledogbarking.co.nz).

**Kelly Sports Term 2 2018:** Kelly Sports will be back in Term 2 with their fun and exciting classes.

"Wicked Winter Sports" (Yrs 1-4) – Wednesday lunchtimes - Come and try Football, Basketball, Hockey and Volleyball. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. 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!

**Football Holiday Programme** (Yrs 1–8) Green Room, Wests Rugby Club Rooms, Wilton (all weather indoor surface). Improve technique by working on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling & shooting with head coach Martin.

Week 1 - Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm

Week 2 – Mon, Tues, Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm

Girls Only – Mon 16th April 9.30am-12.30pm

**Netball Holiday Programme** (Yrs 1-8) – Onslow College Gym, Johnsonville, Week 2 – Mon, Tues 1.30pm-4.30pm. Grow your child's confidence with our netball skills programme, focusing on the key skills areas for their level of development. With our experienced coaches, children can work on ball handling, game sense, co-ordination, speed and accuracy. We use fun drills and games to develop and challenge young players while also having fun!

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