



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

On Friday the Education Review Office report will be available on the ERO website. The school will also have the report available on our website.

As part of the review process the Board read the draft report and provided feedback to ERO. The review team considered this feedback and a follow up discussion resulted in a final draft report, which has now been approved for publication.

The review provided the Board with important evaluative information from an external source. They welcomed this opportunity that contributes to their own self review and understanding of school effectiveness in a number of areas.

The review findings have established some important next steps, identifying development areas we are pursuing in order to ensure continuous improvement. The review has also affirmed school strengths and the many positive attributes, initiatives and outcomes that make Otari School a place that children and whānau are happy to be part of.

I will be expanding on the review findings over the next few weeks. This will provide further information, including more context and also clarify the steps we are taking to address development areas and to shed further light on our aims and our successes.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss any aspect of the review.

Short Film - Congratulations to Sky Gobbi and his "Otari Productions" team of actors and film crew on being chosen as one of the finalists for the Roxy 5 Short Film competition! From the Roxy 5 Producers: "39 films were entered. It was a very close competition this year and the judges had a tough job in selecting the top 10 finalists. Congratulations to your team, your film "Bouncing Back" has been selected as a finalist!"

Now Sky and the Otari Production team will attend the red carpet event at the Roxy Cinema on 30 May with the other 9 finalists.

<https://www.facebook.com/Roxy5ShortFilm/>

Chess Competition - Congratulations to Otis Cloutman, Thomas Mayne, Sky Gobbi and Kohurangi Jones on winning the Wellington Central Regional Chess Power Tournament, held yesterday. Well done!

Immersion Strand Whānau Hui is on tomorrow in Kaikomako. Shared Kai from 5.30pm, Hui at 6.00pm.

School Cross Country: This event will be run next Wednesday (30 May) starting with the Yr 5-8 classes cross country at 1pm from Curtis Street, followed by the fun run and Yr 4 cross country starting at school. All races finish through the Waharoa at school.

Old Envelopes - We require a constant supply of small envelopes (letter size) to use with the Reading Recovery students. Please send any you have to the office and in future rather than putting them in your recycling bin send them to school on a regular basis. Many thanks.

Queen's Birthday Weekend - A reminder that there is no school on Monday 4 June.

Onslow College staff will be visiting our Yr 8 students on Wednesday 7 June.

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.

Te Taonga Horomata: Whakaaro Nui. Virtue: Thoughtfulness

We carefully consider how our actions will affect others. Thoughtfulness helps to move beyond self-centredness to become true companions. Little gifts of thoughtfulness can brighten someone's day. Lifelong thoughtfulness illumines our relationships with abiding joy and trust.

'May no gift be too small to give, nor too simple to receive, which is wrapped in thoughtfulness and tied with love.' L.O. Baird

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
School Cross Country	All students	Wed 30 May	
Onslow College Visit	Yr 8 students	Thurs 7 June, 11am	
WZ Cross Country	Selected students	Tues 12 June	
School Photos	All Students	Wed 27 June	
School Disco	Everyone	Fri 29 June	TBA
NZ Playhouse	All students	Tues 24 Jul	\$5.00

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

2018 Term Dates			
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	Mon 17 Dec	No School: Labour Weekend: Mon 22 Oct

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

St Mary's College Open Day, Thursday 14 June 2018, 9am or 11.30am. We'd love to see you there!

Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup warmly invite interested families to our next Open Day on Saturday 26 May, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool ([166 Wilton Road](#)). For more information phone 475 9688 or email wcmp@xtra.co.nz. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Karori Toy Library is bursting at the seams - so we need to sell some toys to make way for new toys! Come along, grab a bargain and some homemade baking and support your local Toy Library. Toys from \$1 each, great competitions and a fun festival atmosphere! We look forward to seeing you there. Saturday 26 May, from 10am till 2pm at the Karori Recreation Centre.