



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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Matariki Disco - Friday 29 June, 5.30 - 8.00pm

Thank you to those who offered to help with this year's disco. We particularly need help with food preparation, anytime from 4.30pm, selling food and drinks from 5.30pm and clean-up from 8pm. Contact Jo if you can help (jofullelove@gmail.com).

- * Ticket prices are \$5 single /\$10 for 2 or more children
- * Tickets and food will be on sale from 5.30pm
- * Please bring a plate to share for the dessert table
- * Parents' hub - Pohutukawa classroom will be set up as a hub for parents - a warm spot to enjoy your food and catch up with other parents.

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Otari

Welcome to a new child and her family: Charlotte-Jane Paurini

We also welcome two new staff members, Helen Stonestreet and Andrea Farquarson, working in Totara.



Well done to our Western Zone Cross Country runners who can all be proud of their efforts last Thursday. Congratulations to the following students who qualified in the top ten place-getters in their year group and will represent Otari School at the Inter Zone Cross Country: Y4 Luisa Shelton (8th), Y6 Edward Thompson (8th), Y8 Sky Gobbi (6th), Y8 Anton Luatua (8th), Y8 Hannah Waite (9th)

School Survey - In recognition of the busy lives we know our school community leads, there are many ways for you to make sure your voice is heard. These are:

- Survey monkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GMCSQCF>
- Filling out a form in the office (Jillian has the forms)
- In your child's classrooms (teachers have forms and there are survey boxes for you to post your forms in the classrooms). There will also be space in each classroom for you/the children to write your thoughts on a sticky note and stick it on the forms that will be pinned to the wall of all classrooms.

- At the school disco on 29 June (forms will be available - look for your Board members!). We will have some space set aside in the school for you to fill out the form and post in a survey box.

The methods above are all designed so that you can answer anonymously. If you would prefer to speak to someone to go over your answers or thoughts, you are welcome to call your strand's Board members. A whānau hui will be held for the Immersion Strand - date to be confirmed shortly.

Education Review Report - The final instalment of the 2018 ERO report is concerned with the summary of key strengths and next steps. These are provided below:

4 Going Forward

Key Strengths of the School

For sustained improvement and future learner success, the school can draw on existing strengths in:

- inclusive and caring school community that effectively promotes wellbeing and a sense of belonging
- a strong culture of collaboration amongst leaders and teachers that promotes high expectations for learning and wellbeing
- a broad curriculum that reflects students' identity, culture and language needs.

Next steps: For sustained improvement and future learner success, development priorities are in:

- strengthening the leadership focus on the school's strategic direction
- reviewing procedures and processes aligned with current best practice to enhance teaching effectiveness
- targeted planning to accelerate learning [ERO will monitor and discuss progress with the school]
- school wide internal evaluation, inquiry and knowledge building to evaluate the impact of initiatives and inform ongoing improvement. [ERO will provide and internal evaluation workshop.]

Parking - We have received complaints again from the residents regarding parking in Shropshire Avenue. PLEASE be more considerate; don't park over driveways, don't park the wrong way and don't block people in, even if you are only going to be a few minutes.

Head Lice Alert - There has recently been cases of head lice identified again. While head lice are nothing more than a nuisance it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread to far. We suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible and treat if required. Please also ensure that you continue to check every few days as no single treatment is 100% effective and follow-up treatment and checking is essential to break the cycle.

Fundraising - As part of our school fundraising efforts we are selling some donated items through this website, <https://www.charlieandflos.co.nz/>. They stock second-hand, good quality items:

Chocolate - Please send in the money or deposit into the school account (060561-0017355-00) as soon as possible. \$72 per box. There are a few boxes remaining, so if you can sell more, please let Jillian know.

Yummy Fruit Stickers - Please keep collecting stickers or cut out the label on the plastic bags. Sheets can be downloaded from: <http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schoolstickerpromo>
We have until the end of September to collect as many as possible.

Te Taonga Horomata: Ohaoha-nga. Virtue: Generosity

Generosity springs from a sense of abundance and gratitude for the limitless richness of life. We give cheerfully without expecting anything in return. We are receptive to blessings. Generosity encourages us to share the bounty.

"Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving kindness". Dalai Lama

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Interzone Cross Country	Selected students	Thurs 20 June	
Rippa Rugby	Selected students	Thurs 20 June	
School Photos	All Students	Wed 27 June	
School Disco	Everyone	Fri 29 June	\$5 / \$10
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	
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)

Rata Studios has 3 awesome courses this July holidays for kids aged 9 years and over. A week of Musical Theatre and Film; 3 days Making Miniatures; a One Day Wands Workshop. For details and enrolment click here <http://ratastudios.co.nz/holiday-block-courses/>

Girl Guiding for girls 5-9 years - Do you want your daughter to have fun trying new things, making new friends, learning leadership skills and much more? We have spaces available in our local group for Pippins and Brownies. We meet on Wednesdays in Wadestown from 5:30 until 7pm. Email Inge at wadestownbrownie@gmail.com for more information.

Kelly Sports Holiday Programme! – Wellington Indoor Sports Centre, Newtown - 9th July – 13 July 2018. Let the kids come and try some of their favourite sports; **Rugby, Netball, Football, Hockey and much more!!** <http://www.kellysports.co.nz/events/3245-Wellington-Indoor-Sports>

Football Holiday Programme (Yrs 1–8) Week 1 - Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm. Week 2 – Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm. **Netball Holiday Programme (Yrs 1-8)** – Onslow College Gym, Johnsonville. Week 2 – Tues, Weds, Thurs - 1.30pm-4.30pm.

Kelly Sports Term 3 2018: Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 with their fun and exciting classes. visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.