



**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 two new children and their families: Cora McPhee (Kākano)
Te Rauhina Jones (Kaikōmako)

We seem to be experiencing a very full programme of extra curricular events and activities at the moment. Every child and class is not involved in every activity and some activities are repeating each week for the term.

These extra activities and upcoming ones are listed below:

- Piki Ake Poitarawhiti Tournament
- Trip to Te Papa (Art focus - Ngaio and Pohutukawa)
- Visit from Taiwanese students
- Discover China Day activities
- Daffodil Day
- Book Fair
- Move'n'prove (junior school)
- Artwork for the Wadestown Horticultural Show
- Two Mathswell competitions
- Conservation group visiting and filming (Kererū and Kākāriki)
- Three children representing Otari at the Botanic Gardens 150th Anniversary Mayoral Launch (Thank you Owen Jones, Lucy Cochrane and Aroha Dalton)
- Bee Awareness Week presenter visiting Kākano
- Orange Day Parade (Friday)
- Performance from the Yarra Hills College band.

All of this while teachers also provide Just Dance, gardening club, code club, librarian training, kapa haka practice, prepare for parent teacher interviews and deliver the national curriculum within their own particular strand context.

Te Reo o Te Wiki Māori - Next week we celebrate Te Reo o Te Wiki Māori, with the Te Reo March on Monday. Before we depart for this event we will be hosting Marama Davidson and other Green Party representatives for the launch of a new member's bill, relevant to their te reo Māori in schools policy.

If you wish to join us for the parade we will be gathering at Parliament at 11.45am, leaving parliament at 12noon and following the parade through town to Civic Centre. We return to school at 1.15pm, for a late lunch.

Mathswell - Well done to the students who participated in the recent competitions.

Parent Interviews (17-19 September) - Progress interviews provide parents with an opportunity to discuss their child's progress in relation to the curriculum/marautanga and in relation to the Key Competencies and the Graduate Profile. Interviews will take place in week 9 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3pm until 6:30pm (final interview starting 6:15pm). Children will be dismissed from school 15 minutes earlier on these days (2:40pm instead of 2:55pm) as this will allow teachers to have a short break before beginning interviews.

If you have any particular concerns or specific issues you want to raise, please make a separate appointment.

Children do not participate in these interviews. The community room will be open for any children who need to wait inside for their parents. We will have activities available for them, or they may like to bring a game or book.

To book an interview go to the following website <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>. The school code is **m3avf**. Let Jillian know if you have any problems; she can book one for you if necessary.

Calendars - It's that time of the year again; children are currently working on artwork for calendars/cards etc. Order forms are being sent home today.

Thank you from Girl Guiding NZ! Thank you to the generous whānau at Te Kura o Otari who raised over \$200 in Guide Biscuit sales on Friday afternoon. These funds go directly to allowing young girls to discover their potential, develop confidence and skills, participate in our quality educational programmes and contribute to their communities now and in the future. Ahumairangi Girl Guides welcome new members, if you want to pop along for a visit, come along one Wednesday afternoon from 5:30 to 7pm, St Luke's Church Hall, Pitt Street, Wadestown. Arohanui! Alex (Kākano) and Flora, Anna (Kākāriki) and Stefanie.

Yummy Stickers - Please keep collecting stickers or cut the label from the plastic bags; we only have until Monday 24 September to get as many as possible. The more we have the more free sports equipment the school gets.

Te Taonga Horomata: Mahi-pono mō Katoa. Virtue: Service

Service is going to others and wanting to make a difference in their lives. It is looking for ways to be helpful instead of waiting to be asked. The needs of others are as important to you as your own.

"Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." Martin Luther King Jr

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Orange Day Parade	School Patrollers	Fri 7 Sept	
Māori Language Week - Parade	Everyone	Mon 10 Sept	
WZ Netball Tournament	Selected students	Tues 11 Sept	
Trip to Zealandia	Kākāriki/Kererū	Wed 12 Sept	TBA
St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival	Immersion strand	Sat 15 Sept	
Parent Interviews	Parents/Caregivers	17, 18, 19 Sept	
Yarra Hills College Band	All classes	Tues 18 Sept, 10am	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui Clifford

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

Zumba Fitness in Northland - Would you like to try out a Zumba Fitness class? Zumba classes are held at the Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Road, Northland. Come along and experience the benefits of Zumba Fitness. Classes are suitable for beginners and all levels of fitness. Options will be given to suit your fitness needs. When: Wednesday 7.30pm – 8.30pm (Lower Hall until 24 October then Main Hall), Friday 6.15pm – 7.15pm (Main Hall) \$8 per class, students \$5. **First Class Free.** 5 and 10 trip tickets are available. **Contact:** Annick 021 462 042 or email zumbawithannick@gmail.com

Join Maranui Surf Life Saving Club - Club Open Day. Sun, Sand & Surf - Maranui Junior Surf season starts on Sunday 4 November. Summer is approaching, so now is the time to register with Maranui Surf Life Saving Club. Junior Surf is a great way for children to make friends, be active and enjoy the beach in a safe environment. Come along to our Registration and Club Open Day on **Sunday 23 September, 11am - 1pm.** See what's happening at the club this season, meet coaches, lifeguards and athletes, have a look around the surf clubhouse, register and become a member, information on junior surf, seniors and becoming a lifeguard. We look forward to seeing you all. Or join Maranui SLSC today at www.maranui.co.nz/how-to-join.html

Two-Week October Holiday Programme – Northland Kidz Club - Every day, we're out-and-about exploring the Wellington area. We'll be ice-skating, swimming, go-karting and playing mini-golf, seeing kids theatre productions, playing laser tag and going on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Basin Reserve not to mention a guitar concert and going back in time with original cartoons and films at Time Cinema in Lyall Bay. \$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) or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), email (nkc.jan@gmail.com).