



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

St Brigid's Kapa Haka - On Saturday Ngaio School hosted the St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival at Onslow College. The kapa haka performers representing Otari School provided an outstanding performance. Our thanks to Matua Wetini, our kapa haka tutor, for his expertise that has benefitted our performers, lifted their confidence and developed their skills. Thanks also to all the kaiako involved and to whānau for their wonderful support. Congratulations tamariki mā on your superb performance.

Kapa Haka Competition - The kapa haka group that performed on Saturday was made up of the entire Māori Immersion Strand plus one student from the Original Strand. From these children a competition kapa haka group has been formed to participate in the Wellington Regional Kapa Haka Competition being held on 26 October at the Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua. This is the first time that Otari School has ever participated in a kapa haka competition. More details to follow. We are happy for children from other strands to attend this event with their parents.

Kapa Haka at Otari School - Yesterday I received our first notification of a kapa haka festival, involving local schools, that we have been involved in previously. This is taking place during the second week of term 4, therefore rather late notice. This, and the timing of the Wellington Regional Kapa Haka competition means that the school will not be taking part in the local school's festival.

We usually participate in this, as it is an opportunity for children from the Original and Montessori strands to perform for a kapa haka festival. In previous years the expertise of kaiako and tamariki from the Māori Immersion Strand has benefitted our whole school performance. This has been most appreciated, however, this year we understand that the upcoming kapa haka competition will take all their time and energy.

As well as having enough time to practice for this kind of event, we also need the tutoring expertise required for it. We need to fund and access kapa haka teaching for Original and Montessori Strand students, whilst separately maintaining the excellent tutoring the Immersion Strand has received this year. This is a challenge I hope to successfully address when planning for 2019.

Cricket - Last week our staff meeting was focused on cricket skills. We participated in professional development delivered by Andrew Lamb who has also been delivering cricket lessons to the children over the past few weeks. Following this excellent cricket skills learning the school will be provided with teaching resources and will also purchase the necessary equipment for the cricket related games and activities to continue, as well as the game itself.

Music - Today the children were entertained by the Yarra Hills Secondary School Brass Band. They learnt about the musical instruments and enjoyed listening to a selection of music. Quite a few had a turn at conducting as well!

BOT Review - This Saturday Otari School Board of Trustees will be meeting with a review facilitator, Kathe Tawhiwhirangi, to participate in a board self-review. The board will be reflecting on their performance in a range of areas related to their governance role.

E-Learning - Please ensure the E-Learning Agreements are returned to school by Friday.

Calendars - Order forms were sent home last week. Orders must be to the office by Thurs 27 September.

Yummy Stickers - Many thanks to everyone who has been collecting stickers. We need to send them away on Tuesday so please send any more you have to school by Monday.

Te Taonga Horomata: Pūmau, Ngākau Pōno. Virtue: Loyalty

Loyalty is unwavering commitment to the people and ideals we care about. We are steadfast through good times and bad. Even when others disappoint us, we are resilient and forgiving. We invest in our relationships and do what it takes to keep them whole and strong.

'A friend is someone who helps you up when you're down and if they can't they lay down beside you and listen'. Winnie the Pooh

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Futsal Tournament	Selected students	Wed 19 Sept	
MultiSport Day, ASB Centre	Senior classes	Wed 26 Sept	
Tōtara Sleepover	Tōtara	Thurs 27 Sept	

Have a great week everyone. A reminder that the term ends next Friday (28 Sept) at 2.55pm

Ngā mihi nui Clifford

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

Feeling creative? Bookings are now open for our Crafty Kids October school holiday classes at Craft House. For more information go to www.enrolmy.com/craft-house or call us on ph 499 4499.

Small Foot Movie Fundraiser for Karori Community Toy Library - On Wednesday 3 October, we will be screening the movie "Small Foot" at the Penthouse Cinema in Brooklyn, at 11am. The movie is being released in New Zealand at the end of September, so join us and be one of the first to view it! Tickets are \$15 each for children and adult alike - the kids will receive a fun goodie bag, and there will be some great spot prizes up for grabs! Tickets available from Karori Toy Library during opening hours or contact karoritoyleftlibraryfundraising@gmail.com.

A Marsden education for your daughter in Year 9, 2019 and beyond: Open Morning and enrolment information - You are invited to the Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Karori Open Morning, Friday 19 October, any time between 8.45am and 12pm. This is a great opportunity to see the Marsden campus, to explore the benefits of an all-girls education and to find out about Marsden's future-focused learning and wellbeing programmes. For more information and to register visitmarsden.school.nz/experience.

I'm a piano and keyboards teacher in Wilton/Northland and love to share my enthusiasm for music. Highly experienced and affordable, I teach from my own home or can travel to yours. I prefer to take on eight years old and upward, of any level. Latest methods used and the music will enhance all aspects of learning for your child...or for yourself as an adult student. Take a peek at my website www.themusicstudio.nz or call me on 0221 300368. Looking forward to hearing from keen families with their own instrument at home. Julia Walls LRSM BMus FTCL AIRMTNZ.

Kids Theatre Production - Wednesday 3 October, 2pm at St Anne's Hall (behind the brick church by the Northland Shops, on the corner of Northland & Randwick Rds). Suitable for all ages, "GoldiSNOWerellaHOOD" (by Dramatic Giraffe) is very interactive – you, the audience, help to tell the real story. \$5 per person (a gold coin donation for under-3's). Limited space available. Book with Jan on cell (022-140-2612) or e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com). See you there!

School holiday craft workshop Make it fly! Join us at the Ngaio Town Hall, Thursday 4 July, 10am-12pm to build a hoop glider, monocopter and dragon flyer, and decorate a paper lantern hot air balloon. For children 5-12 years old, \$24.50 per child (\$22 for siblings), all materials supplied. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/makeitactivities> and bookings to jann.freitas@jinglebugs.co.nz.

Aro Valley School Holiday Programme Monday 1 – Friday 12 October - Haere mai and come enjoy the Aro Valley School Holiday Programme at the Aro Valley Community Centre these holidays. We offer a quality, affordable, fun, community-run programme, connecting kids with local community projects and neighbourhood curiosities. The cost of the programme is \$30 per day or \$35 on a trip day and OSCAR subsidies are available. Visit our website for enrolment info or call Lexi 384 8499 <http://www.arovalley.org.nz/school-holiday-programme.html>.

Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshops - developing self confidence and public speaking ability in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. 1-5 day courses available running 8.30am-5.00pm for \$60 per day or \$270 for the whole week. For more information check out our website. Spaces limited to 16 per group so your child gets the special attention they deserve!

W: www.marrzipandrama.co.nz E: workshops@marrzipandrama.co.nz T: 0272170693

KidzStuff Theatre for Children are presenting Robyn Hood and Her Merry Gals, 1st - 12th October 2018, Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria. Times: Weekdays 10am & 11:30am, Saturdays 10am, no show Sundays. Tickets \$10.50pp, Children under 2 Free. Special \$7 preview on Saturday the 29th of September 2018! Bookings: www.eventspronto.co.nz/KidzStuff

St Teresa's Karori eco-friendly Fair is coming up on Saturday 22 September - 11am to 2pm. The Spring Fair is a great family focused event - All the old favourite stalls are back: Books, Toys, White Elephant, Craft, Deli, Second Hand clothing, Ethnic Food & much much more.

As well as being eco-friendly, this fair has a great line up of entertainment and activities, including a celebrity race between Mayor Justin Lester and Minister Grant Robertson. It will be a great day out with a strong emphasis for being eco-friendly – the kids & school community are right behind it. Whether it's the WCC donated reusable cutlery and crockery at the food stalls, the ideal cups being used for hot drinks, or the recycling stations, we are making it easy for fair goers to do the right thing and at the same time enjoy a fun day out.