



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

We are all very proud of the kapa haka performers who achieved 5th placing overall at the Wellington Regional Kapa Haka competition on Friday. The quality of their performance is due to the amount of practice they did and the expert tutoring they received from Matua Wetene and support tutors Joanne, Ngahuia and Stacey. Ngā tamariki were awarded the following:

2nd in Waiata (Choral)

2nd in Whakawātea (Exit)

3rd in Mōteatea (Traditional)

Credit must also go to all the kaiako and the entire strand and whānau for their encouragement and support. *Matua Clifford*

The kapa haka competition was an awesome experience for our tamariki regarding competitive haka. Exposing them to this experience can only be beneficial for the tamariki and their growth within Te Ao Māori" 'Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari he toa takitini'. *Whaea Api*

Chess Tournament - Well done Sky Gobbi, Otis Cloutman, Kohurangi Jones, Sam Elton, Tom Warburton and Thomas Mayne, whom achieved 15th place in the Chess Power Teams National Finals held in Auckland last weekend.

MADE Awards (Movie and Digital Excellence): Congratulations to the following students from Kererū and Tōtara who made it to the semi finals of the MADE Awards. Kererū: Aisha, Eslem, Zoe, Trinity, Nicholas, Rueben and Riyana. Tōtara: Sky, Sam, Thomas, Veronica, Hannah, Theo, and Tom. The Kererū children produced a commercial about Predator Free NZ. For the Storytelling section, students from Tōtara made a movie 'Checkmate' which is about recovery from life's hurts through chess.

Congratulations to Zoe Borshevksy for being selected to dance in the upcoming Royal NZ Ballet production of The Nutcracker.

From Catherine Thompson: BOT Resignation - Last week I advised Clifford and the Board of Trustees that I was standing down from the Board of Trustees. It has been a huge privilege to lead the governance of Otari School and one that I will cherish. The opportunity to work with Clifford and the team was too good to pass up all those years ago when I started on the Board. Otari is a place that I love. Our two big kids are at college and with Edward in Year 6 next year I had already advised the Board I would be standing down at the next election. Due to changes with my work commitments I had got to the point where I couldn't do the BoT role justice. I have made the really difficult decision to stand aside but I have done that knowing that the school has fantastic leadership in Clifford and the Board. This year we went through the ERO review and I was so proud to lead a cohesive group of Trustees who 'get' Otari School and are committed to its future. Please consider standing for the BoT at the next election. It is a huge privilege to be part of our children's education. Thank you to Clifford, the BOT and the whanau for trusting in my leadership.

Nga Mihi

Catherine

Thank you Catherine - Catherine has been an excellent Chairperson. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with her. Along with the school and board I have benefitted from the strong skills she brought to her governance and leadership role and her ability to fulfil this with enthusiasm, warmth and a wonderful sense of humour. We wish Catherine all the best and thank her for the valuable contribution she has made to Te Kura o Otari as a BOT member and chairperson throughout the past 6 years.

New BoT Chairperson - Last night the board elected Maria Borshevsky to the role of Otari School Chairperson. Along with the rest of the board I welcome Maria to this role and look forward to working with her as we complete 2018, begin 2019 and move toward board elections next year.

If you are at all interested in being a Board of Trustee please let Maria or another board member know. All board members would be happy to talk to you further about the role of being a trustee. You would also be most welcome to attend future meetings. I am also very happy to talk to anyone considering this role and to put you in touch with one of our current trustees.

Sunhats - Please ensure your child has a hat at school every day.

Immersion Strand Whānau Hui - Please note date change to **Wednesday 7 November**, 5.30pm shared kai, 6pm start.

Helpers Morning Tea - Wednesday 7 November. Next Wednesday the staff are hosting a morning tea for all our wonderful helpers. If you have helped with transporting, reading to children, fundraising, coaching or many other numerous ways, please join us at 10.30am in the hall.

Western Zone Athletics: The Western Zone Athletics will be held on Friday 9 November with a postponement date of Monday 19 November. Notices will be sent home this week with children involved. If any parents are able to help on the day can they please let Sacha know (sacha@otari.school.nz).

Te Taonga Horomata: Hautoa. Virtue: Courage

Courage transforms fear into determination. It is embracing life fully, without holding back, doing what must be done even when it is difficult or risky. When we are tempted to give up, courage supports us to take the next step. It allows us to face adversity with confidence. Courage opens us to new possibilities and gives us strength to sacrifice for what we love.

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear." **Nelson Mandela**

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Trip to Petone Settlers Museum	Kōwhai	Wed 31 Oct	TBA
Road Patrol Training	Yr 5s	Thurs 1 Nov, 9am	
Helpers Morning Tea	Helpers	Wed 7 Nov, 10.30am	
WZ Athletics	Selected students	Fri 9 Nov	
Immunisations	Yr 8s	Tues 13 Nov	
Immersion Strand Yr 8 Farewell	Immersion strand	Fri 30 Nov	
Pack the Bus	Everyone	Wed 5 Dec	
Yr 8 Dinner	Yr 8s	Thurs 6 Dec	TBA
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7/8s/ Yr 8 whānau	Fri 7 Dec, 6pm	
Yr 8 Outing	Yr 8s	Tues 11 Dec	

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

2019 Term Dates		
Term 1	Thurs 7 Feb	Fri 12 Apr
Term 2	Mon 29 Apr	Fri 5 Jul
Term 3	Mon 22 Jul	Fri 27 Sept
Term 4	Mon 14 Oct	Fri 20 Dec

Queens Birthday: Mon 4 June Labour Weekend: Mon 22 Oct

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

Northland Community Centre Halloween Event - The Northland Community Centre is hosting its annual Halloween Event this Wednesday at [5 Woburn Rd, Northland](#) starting at 5:30pm. The event is free and there will be tons of things for kids of all ages; - Smurfs Halloween short movie at 5:30pm; Costume Contest at 6:00pm; Hotel Transylvania movie at 6:30pm; Haunted House; Food truck; Bake sale and coffee; Face painting; Halloween craft activities. This is a fun, safe and scary way to enjoy your Halloween, so we hope to see you all there! <https://www.facebook.com/events/1851199904996567/>.

Britannia Sea Scouts - Is your child interested in learning about boating and trying new activities? Britannia Sea Scouts are welcoming both boys and girls to be part of our keas (age 5-7), cubs (age 8-10), or scouts (age 11-14) groups. Lots of opportunities for the wider family to be involved. Come try for free. For more details visit www.britanniaseascouts.org.nz/.

St. Anne's Annual Spring Fair - The St. Anne's Annual Spring Fair will be held in the Church/Hall (corner Northland and Randwick Roads) from 9.30am – 1.30pm on Saturday 10 November. There will be lots of children's clothes, books and toys, crafts, plants, lunches, cakes and preserves. Fair contributions will be gratefully accepted – leave in the Church on the back pews in the week leading up to the fair. Please, no adult clothes or household goods this year.

Raise the roof for Wests! The gym at Wests Rugby needs a new roof so we're holding a RockBingo fundraiser on Saturday, November 10. It's eighties music, lots of fun, and no maths ability required. Dress up optional, so feel free to don a mullet wig and pull out your favourite rock concert tee-shirt. There are some great live and silent auctions and spot prizes up for grabs. Tickets are \$30 per person, or book a table for 10. Doors open at 6.30pm at Wests clubrooms, Ian Galloway Park. Contact Gina on 021 446 261 for tickets, or email westsroof@gmail.com

Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures, Summer Holidays at Berhampore School. Dates: 17th Dec 2018 – 1st Feb 2019 from 7.00am-7pm daily. **Fees:** Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session; Weekly: \$239 per cub/week or \$449 for two or more siblings/week.

Discounts/Funding Available: Wild Card (15%) off across all our services MSD approval providing WINZ Subsidies for eligible families. **Social Development:** Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. **Overnight Sleepover:** Some of our cubs will have an overnight sleepover as part of our community challenge. Night entertainment includes spotlight, smoothies and movie nights.

Qualified 1st Aid Trained Activities Coordinators. One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is needed. **Shuttle Services (with booster seats) available. Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online:** www.pridelands.org.nz or Visit our Facebook page:

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