



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 a new child and his family: Hamish Crump (Pohutukawa)

Teacher Strike Action - Unless there is a settlement, primary school teachers and principals throughout New Zealand will be participating in rolling strikes all week with Wellington striking on **Friday**. All teachers at Otari School and the principal, will be striking, **so the school will be closed**. There will be no Otari After School Care available.

What are teachers campaigning for?

- Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention
- More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs - this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.

We appreciate support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/>.

E-Learning Agreements - Some children have not returned their E-Learning agreements. Please return the agreement by the end of the week. These must come back to school in order for children to use ICT at school.

School Network - Children are only allowed to use the school network to access the internet. This is active from 8.30am until 3:30pm. Only Jillian knows the password to access the school network. Filtering of websites is managed by Network For Learning (N4L). It has important filters to limit children's ability to access inappropriate websites.

Children are using school devices for research and information gathering, or working on internet educational sites, such as maths buddy. Otari School also allows children to bring their own devices. There are rules around the usage of these. Again, children must only be accessing the internet through the school network and can only use them with the permission of their teacher.

I have reminded children that they are under no obligation to bring their cellphones to school, therefore if they do not agree with our rules around the usage of cellphones, they have the option of not bringing them to school.

EPro8 Competition - Otari School had six teams who recently competed in EPro8, an interschool science and technology competition. Each team was made up of four students who worked together to complete various engineering challenges. All teams worked together really well to achieve the challenges that were set. Congratulations to Carmel Fernandes, Edward Thompson, Johnny Hannah and Tui Hemi for coming first place in their round and to Finn Sutherland, Harry Grant, Maia Thompson and Pemma de Wit for coming second place. These two teams will go on to the semi finals on Wednesday 21 November. Tino pai!

Camp 2019 - Camp will run from Tuesday 26 Feb to Friday 1 March 2019 at Forest Lakes in Otaki for Yr 7/8 students. We will be having a parent meeting on Thursday 29 November, 6pm, which all parents of Yr 7/8 students are asked to attend. More details to follow.

Sunhats - Please ensure your child has a hat at school every day. Caps are not suitable.

Missing Scooter - Has anyone seen a black and grey scooter, last seen in the scooter parking bay on Thursday 1 November. Let know Jillian know if you can help.

Te Taonga Horomata: Hautoa. Virtue: Trust

Trust is having faith, hope and a positive outlook. Trust is believing in someone or something. We have confidence that the right thing will come about without trying to control it or make it happen. We trust others to do what they say they will do and give them the space to be trustworthy.

'Whether its friendship or relationships, all bonds are built on trust. Without it you have nothing.'

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
WZ Athletics	Selected students	Mon 19 Nov	
Camp meeting	Yr 7/8 parents	Thurs 29 Nov, 6pm, hall	
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)*

Looking for Childcare Over the School Holidays? Ellen Houliston (027) 208-5751 is an experienced babysitter and current nursing student who is looking for childcare work over the holidays. She is recommended by Leslie Titheridge (021) 134-1997, Violet's mum (Kakano). Feel free to call or text Leslie for a reference, or just contact Ellen directly for more information.

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome classes at schools, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)