



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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Camp Meeting – The parent meeting for the 2019 campers (Yr 7/8) is on tonight, 6pm in the hall.

Wellington City Mission ‘Pack the Bus’ is coming tomorrow morning. Please send along any items with your child/ren to put on the bus.

Christmas Items:	Essential Items:	New Toys & Gifts:
Christmas cakes Fancy biscuits/crackers Fancy relishes/sauces Salted nuts/dry roasted nuts Chippies Retail vouchers	Spreads & muesli bars Sugar & milk powder Pasta sauce Tinned soup Tinned fish/meat Biscuits & crackers Baby food & nappies Laundry powder & dishwashing liquid	Vouchers (e.g. movies/zoo /pool) Construction toys (e.g. Lego/Meccano) Gifts for 10-14 year olds Educational toys Books Puzzles & Board games Baby toys for 0–2yr olds (e.g. rattles/shape sorters) Diaries/calendars Sports equipment (e.g. rugby balls/ netballs)

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Otari

Welcome to two new children and their families: Ātea Reedy and Lucas Penno (Kaikōmako)

Library message from Johanne - Many thanks for your support of the library. Please note that the reminders for overdue books are automated. I am responsible for approximately 7000 books and as a full time teacher need an effective system that sends out reminders. It is imperfect and sometimes books are not at home, have been left in bags, classrooms or returned to the wrong place. A short note keeping me in the picture helps a lot. All books need to be returned by Monday 10 December.

This year there is no summer borrowing from our library, however your local libraries are running excellent programmes over the summer.

Code Club has finished for 2018 and we would like to say a big thank you to Morgan Jones and Alex Lee who have volunteered their time this year. We would not be able to run a Code Club at Otari School without their help.

We have been very impressed by the enthusiasm and skill shown by all the children taking part in Code Club. Keep an eye on the school newsletter to find out when we start back next year.

Nit Alert – Please would you check your children's heads for nits and treat if necessary.

After School Care will be held in Tūi this Friday.

Girl Guide Biscuit Sale - Friday 7 December, 3pm outside Kākāriki and Kākano. Packets are available for \$3.50 each (please bring cash only).

Stationery for 2019 – Stationery requirements for 2019 can be found via the front page of our website (www.otari.school.nz) or direct at <https://www.myschool.co.nz/>. You can either purchase the items through OfficeMax or print off the lists and purchase elsewhere. If you opt to purchase items elsewhere please ensure the items are of good quality – cheap pencils to do not last! Ensure books are exactly what the teacher has requested.

Upcoming 2019 Activities – All Year 1 and 2 students will be participating in swimming lessons and MoveMprove activities in term 1. A separate notice will go home regarding this. All year 7/8 students will be attending camp (26 Feb -1 March).

Te Taonga Horomata: Hurō, Hihiko, Manahau. Virtue: Cheerfulness

Even when life is challenging, we make the best of it. We trust that all will be well. We nurture happiness. A cheerful smile can light up everyone's day.

'Cheerfulness is among the most laudable virtues. It gains you the good will and friendship of others. It blesses those who practice it and those upon whom it is bestowed. BC Forbes

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Yr 8 Dinner	Yr 8s	Thurs 6 Dec	TBA
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7/8 students & Yr 8 whānau	Fri 7 Dec, 6pm	
Yr 8 Outing	Yr 8s	Tues 11 Dec	
End of Year	Everyone	Mon 17 Dec, 12 noon	

Have a good week everyone. A reminder that the term finishes on Monday 17 December at 12noon. We start again on Thursday 7 February.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

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

Wellington Young Voices is a regional children's choir which caters for 8-14 year old singers from throughout the Wellington area. In the past 6 years they have sung with a number of overseas and local choirs and orchestras, including visiting children's choirs from Australia and the Philippines. Rehearsals are held during term time on a Monday from 4-6pm at St Andrews on the Terrace. Entry is by audition. For more information and registration see www.wellingtonyoungvoices.org.nz or contact the administrator at wyyvchoir@gmail.com.

Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures, Summer Holidays at Berhampore School (doing a pickup of children from Otari 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.

Artrageous Kids Creative Christmas: Mon 17 – Fri 21 Dec 2018. Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook. 8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15. Come and join our magical pre-xmas Artrageous Holiday programme. We will be exploring many exciting Christmas crafts including baking, decoration making, ornaments, and creating love filled handmade gifts. Our trusty favourites will also be on hand like paint, paper, clay, stone, collage, construction and of course the "glue gun table" will all be available.

Artrageous Kids Programme: Mon 7 Jan – Fri 1 Feb 2019. Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook. 8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15. Aimed at children aged 5-12 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; chaotic or careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in! Bookings essential.

Big Kids (Olderageous) Programme: Mon 7 Jan – Fri 1 Feb 2019. Venue: Pavillion at Wellington High School, Taranaki St, Mt Cook. 8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15. Our BIG KIDS programme is aimed at children aged 10-14 years. Providing them with a space, focused adult attention and loads of resources. This programme is tailored to draw out older children's interest in creating and using their imagination and creativity in a hilariously fun atmosphere. Bookings essential.