



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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**Flowers And Leaves** are needed for the junior syndicate to make displays for the Wadestown/Wilton Horticultural Summer Show on Saturday 16 February. Please deliver to junior classes on Friday morning. Please raid your gardens for anything you can spare. Many thanks.

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Otari

We have had a very nice start to 2019. The powhiri makes a real difference to our first day and that important sense of belonging we want our new students and whānau to have. Thank you Toni, Adrian and all whānau who supported this cherished occasion.

**School Picnic** - Unfortunately the Aotea Lagoon playground area is not available on 25 February, therefore we will now have the picnic on Wednesday 6 March.

**Camp Meeting for Parent helpers – Tuesday 19 February, 6pm** - This camp meeting is for parents who are helping on camp and the staff who are going.

If any other parents have concerns or need clarification about anything please contact Sacha ([sacha@otari.school.nz](mailto:sacha@otari.school.nz)) or Clifford ([principal@otari.school.nz](mailto:principal@otari.school.nz)).

**Hats** - It is good to see so many children wearing hats in this hot weather. Hats must have a brim all the way around or be bucket style.

**School Start Time** - There are a few children arriving before 8am some mornings without an adult accompanying them. It is important parents understand that while some teachers arrive before 8am others will be arriving between 8:00 and 8:30am, with most here by 8:15am. Officially, children are under our care from 8:30am until the school day ends and they have gone home.

We will naturally attend to the needs of children if we are here, however please be mindful that if you are dropping your child off before 8:15am there cannot be an expectation they are being looked after.

Teachers are required to be at school by 8:30am, unless there are extenuating circumstances. When a teacher is late they ring the office and usually let their colleagues know.

**Changes To Reporting** - This year we are not having March goal setting interviews. Children have learning goals throughout the year and we are trialling alternative ways of communicating these and of reporting, including using digital means such as the See-Saw programme. There will also be opportunities this term for parents to request a meeting with teachers should they wish to. Teachers will be letting parents know the best days and times for requesting such a meeting.

Written reporting will be earlier this year, with a school report coming home during the first half of term two and a follow up conference a few weeks later. These conferences will be open to parents and children to attend. We see having a discussion about progress at mid year of more value than in the third term. End of year reports will also be out earlier this year, coming home in the first half of term 4.

**Virtue - Taonga Horomata:** Our focus, taonga horomata, for this week is Respect - whakaute. Respect is a good virtue to begin the year. Whakaute encompasses courtesy. We have talked about basic and simple ways of showing respect by using manners, greeting people warmly and listening to others. Respect helps people to work and play together while having different ideas, values and beliefs. Respect also helps us when we discuss things or have disagreements, so that we can express our views without being offensive. Sometimes we have found that just asking the question “Are you showing respect at the moment?” can help shift the way a child is speaking or behaving.

It is only through teaching children what a virtue looks, sounds and feels like that the virtues programme can be effective. Today I am sending home a core virtues list so that we can mutually support each other in using the language of virtues and develop understandings that help us as we work, learn and play together.

**EOTC Week** is on the same week as camp (Week 4). Classes will be going to Harcourt Park in Upper Hutt and to the ASB Centre in Kilbirnie. More details and costs will be advised shortly.

**Technology** dates for Yr 7/8 students noted in the last newsletter were incorrect. Tech for Term 1 is on every Friday except for camp week (22 Feb, 8, 15, 22, 29 March, 5, 12 Apr).

**Swimming** lessons for Yr 1 & 2 students begin on Friday. Please could you ensure that your child **does not** order pizza for the 8 weeks of lessons, but brings a packed lunch.

**Emergency Form** – It’s time to update your contact records. Please could you complete the attached form and return to the school office. If your child recently enrolled and there are no changes, there is no need to complete a new one.

**Payments Required –**

Camp	<b>\$260.00</b>	Yr 7/8 students
Technology	<b>\$50.00</b>	Yr 7/8 students
Maths Buddy	<b>\$14.00</b>	Yr 3 – 8 students
Swimming	<b>\$45.00</b>	Yr 1/2 students
Picnic	<b>\$5.00</b>	All students
Class Consumables	<b>\$10.00</b>	All students

***Te Taonga Horomata: Whakaute. Virtue: Respect***

*When we treat others as we would like to be treated, we raise the level of trust and peace in our relationships. Respect is having reverence for the earth and all living things. When we live respectfully, we are a source of grace in the world.*

*"There is a longing among all people and creatures to have a sense of purpose and worth. To satisfy that common longing in all of us we must respect each other." Chief Dan George*

### Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Immunisation Talk	Yr 7/8	Thurs 14 Feb	
EOTC Week	Everyone	25 Feb – 1 Mar	
School Picnic	Everyone	Wed 6 Mar	\$5.00
School Athletics	Everyone	Tues 19 Mar	
WZ Football	Selected Students	Tues 26 Mar	
Yr 3 Sports Festival	Yr 3s	Tues 9 Apr	

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)

**Makara Model School Twilight Fair** – Friday 22 February, 4pm – 8pm. Food, drink, pony rides, toys, games, crafts, locally made products, clothing, household stuff and lots more.

**Play Rugby this Year** - Wests Junior Rugby Club invites **you** to play rugby this season. The club is open to girls and boys from 3-13, starting out at Nursery and Rippa before moving to tackle for the Under 8s onwards which are weight and age graded. Register online, ask a question or check our FAQ at <http://www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz>. Games start in Term 2, but the club welcome and weigh-in (and a chance to ask any questions in person) will be at our club rooms at Ian Galloway Park on the 7<sup>th</sup> (5:30 – 7:30pm) and 9<sup>th</sup> of March (1:00 – 3:00pm).

**STOTT Pilates in Crofton Downs** - Individualised exercises with a focus on personal goals in a circuit style semi private class. Great for toning, strengthening, sports specific or injury rehabilitation. Or join a class: **Fridays 1:3 semi private** equipment circuit sessions. Fridays 10.30am and 1.30pm. \$30 per class. 1:1 Private sessions available daily on arrangement. **STOTT PILATES Group Mat Classes. Starting next week 13<sup>th</sup> February – April 10<sup>th</sup>.** Wednesdays 9am in the Crofton Downs Primary School Hall (Street parking available). Term bookings with Peakshape Pilates \$15 per class. Casual bookings available please enquire \$18 per class.. **Additional Classes:** Evening Mat Class Wednesdays 7.35pm-8.30pm. Khandallah Bowling Club. Further information and bookings: Contact Rachel at **Peakshape Pilates 0226878601**. Or visit Facebook: Peakshape Pilates.

**Karori Lions Karnival and Fair** is on again – Sunday 17 February at Ben Burn Park, Karori. Quality stalls selling superb merchandise, adventure rides, children's activities, raffles, lots of food and a full day of stage entertainment for the family. From 10.00 until 3.30pm. Come along and have some fun.

**Learn a new language the FUN way! French language classes Term 1 2019.** Fun Languages Wellington runs pre-school, lunchtime and after-school French classes at various Wellington locations. Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with the emphasis being on FUN! Language resources available to support parents at home. **Free trial class is offered.** Other local after-school french classes available:

**Northland Community Centre** Wednesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm All levels, Thursday 3.30pm – 4.30pm All levels.

**St Ninians, Karori** Monday 3.15pm – 4.15pm - Beginners French. Monday 4.15pm – 5.15pm – Advanced French

**Khandallah School** Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm

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**Scouting** - Does your child love the outdoors and learning new things? Northland Scout Group are welcoming both boys and girls to be new Keas (age 5-7), Cubs (age 8-10.5), or Scouts (age 10.5-14). Also have you considered becoming a leader? This is a rewarding way to learn new skills, pass on your own skills, go on exciting adventures and get involved with your local community. See [www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts](http://www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts) or contact Mike Williams, 021 044 7645 or [Northland.Scouts@gmail.com](mailto:Northland.Scouts@gmail.com) for more information.