



**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

EOTC Week and Camp - EOTC week was very successful. The children enjoyed a range of “out of the classroom” experiences. School camp was thoroughly enjoyable. We thank all our parents who supported these events, providing practical help, extra supervision and care throughout the week. Thank you for your support from home as well, such as the (most appreciated) baking supplied to camp.

Thank you teachers for your efforts and thank you lead teachers for excellent organisation. I know there were a lot of extra-tired teachers (and some parents) by the end of last week, however all would say the week was well worth it!

Aotea Lagoon Picnic - We are looking forward to the picnic at Aotea Lagoon tomorrow. This is a school community event and we hope as many whānau as possible are able to join us. (Buses will be very full so parents will need to make their own way to the park.) We leave school at 9.20am and leave Aotea Lagoon at 2.00pm. Please ensure your tamaiti/tamariki have the following:

- Sunhat
- Water
- Morning tea/lunch (understand parents may bring this)
- Adequate footwear
- Attire that can get wet (for the splash pad)
- Towel

Message from Dental Providers - The school received information from Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service about Otari School’s overall dental health picture. I have copied the relevant information and advice they provided:

Last year, Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service carried out annual dental examinations on children enrolled in our service that attend Otari School. Here is a summary of those dental examinations:

<i>Number of children examined</i>	<i>Number of children with tooth decay</i>	<i>Percentage of children examined with tooth decay</i>
180	74	41%

How tooth decay affects children:

Pain

Infection

Learning & School performance

Days off school

Speech

Eating and nutrition

Overall health & wellbeing

Self esteem

Orthodontic problems

Research has shown that children with oral health problems are more likely to have lower academic achievement and school attendance. One of the simplest and effective ways to reduce rates of tooth decay is to replace sugary drinks such as fizzy drinks, energy drinks, sports drinks, fruit drinks and juices, flavoured milks and waters, powdered drinks and cordial with **water or plain milk**.

CodeClub has started back for 2019. It is held on Mondays after school from 3.10-4.10pm in the hall. Children Yr 4 and above are welcome to come along. It is free, although a gold coin koha is welcome so we can save up for new equipment. If you would like your child to join CodeClub in 2019 can you please email sacha@otari.school.nz. Even if your child attended last year it would still be appreciated if you emailed again so we have an up to date roll for this year.

Entertainment Books – We are selling these books again this year. More details to follow.

Pizza - Pizza prices have risen to \$6.00 each.

Payments Required –

Camp	\$260.00	Yr 7/8 students
Technology	\$50.00	Yr 7/8 students
Maths Buddy	\$14.00	Yr 3 – 8 students
Swimming	\$45.00	Yr 1/2 students
Picnic	\$5.00	All students (If you have an activity account, payment has been made)
Class Consumables	\$10.00	All students
EOTC Week	\$10.00	Yr 1-6 students
Te Matatini	\$5.00	Selected students from Immersion strand
Voluntary: \$250.00 Parent Donation (per family)		
Voluntary: \$10.00 Photocopying Donation		

Te Taonga Horomata: Manaaki, Tiaki-pai. Virtue: Caring

Caring is giving tender attention to the people and things that matter to us. It is being a compassionate witness, listening to another wholeheartedly and without judgement. We show that we care with thoughtful acts and kind words. When we do a careful job, we give it our best effort. We are not indifferent to things that matter.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around". Leo Buscaglia

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
School Picnic – Aotea Lagoon	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	

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

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

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

Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures, Autumn Holidays At Brooklyn, 2 Bell Road. 15 – 26 April 2019 from 7.00am-7pm daily. Fees: Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session; Weekly: \$240 per cub/week or \$450 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 www.pridelands.org.nz or visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare.

Wadestown Village Fair - Saturday 9 March, 11am to 2pm, Philip Myers Park, next to the Wadestown Library. Food, music, stalls and good ol' conversation, don't forget your togs for the waterslide! This year we have the special addition of the Wellington Mountain Bike Club - 'Bike Fix' stall where you can get bike advice and basic bike repairs (subject to parts being available or supplied).

Wellington Hockey Pre-Season Year 5 & 6 Development & Festival Day – All Welcome, Beginners to more experienced players. Sunday 31 March, National Hockey Stadium, Mount Albert Road, Newtown, 12-4pm. Quality Coaching, Fun Hockey Games, Competitions & Prizes. Register www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz and click "HAVE A GO" under the "DEVELOPMENT" tab. Contact: Jenni Cronin, Development Manager, Capital Hockey, jenni@capitalhockey.org.nz, 0212098483

Karori Junior Hockey - Register for winter now. Registrations to play hockey this season are open and close soon on Wednesday 13 March. Information about the season and the link to register can be found at www.kjhc.org.nz. Any queries please feel free to contact Louise on 021 0555 953.

A Marsden education for your daughter in Year 9, 2020. Open Morning, Scholarships and enrolment information. You are invited to the Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Karori Open Morning on Wednesday 20 March, any time between 8.48am and 12pm. The Principal's address is 9am-9.15am. 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 Visible WellbeingTM approach and future-focused learning programmes. There will be staff and students to talk to and the girls look forward to showing you around. For more information and to register visit marsden.school.nz/experience.

Scholarships - Marsden Academic, Cultural and Sporting Excellence Scholarships for entry into Year 9 in 2020 are now open, applications close on 16 May. Information and applications are online.

Enrolments - Marsden applications for enrolment for 2020 are now open. If you have any questions or would like a personal tour please call Sonia Stinson on 04 476 8707.