



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

**Date Change – Athletics** has moved to Monday 18 March (postponement day Monday 25 March). This event is held at Wilton Park and usually runs from 9.30am to 1.30-2.00pm. Parents are welcome to join us. Please ensure your children are dressed for cold/hot weather, wear appropriate shoes, have a sunhat and bring plenty of water and food.

**Paid Union Meetings** - There are two paid union meetings next week, Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st, both at 1:30pm. We have followed union advice and decided to have half the staff go to one meeting and half the staff go to the other one. Therefore, the Board of Trustees will not need to consider closing the school as we will have enough staff on hand during both afternoons to supervise students. We may adjust work and break times, extend the lunch hour and double classes. Normal teaching programmes will not be taking place, however children will be adequately supervised.

**Librarians** - Thank you students who have volunteered to be librarians this year. Our librarians are:

Theo Dawson	Hannah Warburton	Luci Mastreani
Steffan Mason	Zoe Matthews-Borshevsky	Tia Te Awa-Douglas
Ella Clements	Kohurangi Jones	Lauren Luatua
Stephanie Roberts	Vita Lawson	Tui Hemi
Korimako Dale-McLachlan	MacLeod Ashton	Neiva Elliott
Rosa Sutherland	Maeve Sorensen	Judith Eyre
Freya Matthews-Borshevsky	Aroha Dalton	Corrine Martin
Isabelle Mak	Issy Acheson	Luisa Shelton
Mahinaarangi Herbert	Maia Thompson	

**Sports Monitors** - Another leadership opportunity this year is to be a Sports Monitor, assisting Sacha with sports related activities and events. Our sports monitors are:

Lauren Luatua	Ella Clements	Nikau Minarapa
Oscar Coram	Steffan Mason	James Fullelove
Mateo Sharp	Toby Ulusele	Harry Grant
JayKwan Te Paiho	MacLeod Ashton	Theo Dawson
Angus Currie	Pemma de Wit	Johnny Hannah
Tom Warburton	Tia Te Awa-Douglas	

**Student Council** - We are currently in the process of electing student council members. Each strand elects 4 students to the council. These elections will be completed next week and the new student council will be presented at an upcoming assembly and published in the newsletter. The student council work with the Principal to support school related activities. They also pursue initiatives that enhance the school in a variety of ways. Last year this included organising a touch rugby tournament, making a new sign for the garden, assisting with the disco, the helpers morning tea and fundraising activities.

Although year 7 and 8 students can't all be council members we do encourage all our senior students to be leaders, including student led initiatives they can pursue themselves. This was demonstrated last year through the involvement in the film competitions and a school talent show at the end of the year.

This year we will be exploring together other ways our senior students can be further involved in the school community.

**Climate Change March** - If any parents are taking children to the climate change march on Friday, please just let the office know ([office@otari.school.nz](mailto:office@otari.school.nz)).

**School Fair - Save the Date: Saturday 2 November** - We've been given the green light so 2019 is our "Year for the Fair"! If you are interested in joining our planning team or being a stall co-ordinator then please email me: [jofullelove@gmail.com](mailto:jofullelove@gmail.com). Our initial planning meeting is going to be held on Wednesday 20 March, 7.30-9.30pm

**Māori Immersion Strand - Whānau Hui** - Wednesday 20 March. Shared Kai from 5.30pm, hui to start 6pm in Kaikōmako.

**Vision Testing** for Yr 7s and New Entrants will be on Monday 1 April.

## Year 7 Vision Screening – Information for parents

Regional Public Health provides a vision screening programme for all Year 7 students.

- Vision - pupils will be advised of results at the time of screening. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.
- Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require a vision check from our service.

**Non-consent - please notify your school if you do not want your child being screened.**

This screening is not a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please see an optometrist.

**Entertainment Books** – We are selling these books again this year. If you do not want to peruse a book and have not yet informed Jillian, please do so by Friday.

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

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

*We care deeply about the principles we believe in. Caring is a sign of love. When we care for others, we notice how they feel and what they need. When we care for ourselves, we have more to give to others. Caring is a gift from the heart.*

*'Happiness is only real when shared. Never forget Sharing is Caring.'*

### **Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
School Athletics	Everyone	Mon 18 Mar, pp 25 Mar	
WZ Football	Selected Students	Tues 26 Mar	
Futsal Tournament	Selected Yr 5-8 Students	Tues 2 Apr	\$5
Futsal Tournament	Yr 4 Students	Thurs 4 Apr	\$5
Yr 3 Sports Festival	Yr 3s	Tues 9 Apr, pp 11 Apr	\$3

**Enrolment In the Immersion Strand** - The following advert will appear in this week's local newspaper:

### **Te Kura o Otari Māori Immersion Strand**

**The Māori Immersion Strand at Otari School is a Special Programme. It consists of three classes, educating children in te reo Māori.**

The Board of Trustees is currently seeking enrolments in the Maori Immersion Strand. The Board has determined that there are limited spaces available for out of zone students for terms 3 and 4 2019 and for terms 1 and 2, 2020. Students who will be starting school for the first time after 1 June 2019 will be given priority, (i.e a year 0 in 2019 or a year 1 in 2020.)

Applications must be received by Friday 5 April. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by Friday 12 April.

In the event that there are more applicants than spaces available, then a ballot will be held to select students on Monday 8 April. The ballot will follow the Ministry of Education defined priority. Parents will be informed of the outcome within four days.

Closing date for application: Friday 5 April 2019

Ballot date: (if needed) Monday 8 April

Applicants notified: by Friday 12 April

Application forms are available by emailing [office@otari.school.nz](mailto:office@otari.school.nz)

Clifford Wicks, Principal

### **Te Kāwai Rumaki Reo Māori o Te Kura o Otari**

**He Hōtaka Motuhake te Kāwai Rumaki Reo Māori kei Te Kura o Otari. E toru ngā akomanga e whakaako tamariki ana ki te reo Māori.**

E rapu Rēhitatanga ana te Poari Kaitiaki mō te Kāwai Rūmaki Reo Māori. Kua whakatau te Poari e wātea ana he tūranga mō ngā ākonga e noho ana i waho i te rohe o te kura mō ngā wāhanga 3 me te 4 2019, me ngā wāhanga 1 me te 2 2020. Ka whai tikanga ngā ākonga ka timata i te kura i muri o 1 pīpiri 2019. (Arā, he tau 0 i te tau 2019, he tau 1 i te tau 2020).

Me whiwhi mātou i ngā tono ā mua i te paunga o te Rāmere te 5 o Paenga whā-whā. Ā te Rāmere te 12 o Paenga whā-whā ka whakamōhiotia ngā kaitono ki ngā hua.

Mehemea ka tūpono te nui ake o ngā kaitono i ngā tūranga e wātea ana, ka māperetia ngā ākonga ā te Rāhina te 8 o Paenga whā-whā. Ka whakahaeretia te māperetanga i runga anō i ngā tikanga i tatūtia e Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga. Ka whakamōhiotia ngā mātua ki ngā hua ā roto i te whā rā.

Rā kati mō ngā tono: Rāmere 5 o Paenga whā-whā 2019

Rā māperetanga: (mēnā ka hiahiatia) Rāhina 8 o Paenga whā-whā

Ka whakamōhiotia ngā kaitono: ā te Rāmere 12 o Pāenga whā-whā, i mua rānei

Ka whiwhi koe i ngā puka tono mā te īmēra ki [office@otari.school.nz](mailto:office@otari.school.nz)

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui Clifford

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

**Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup** warmly invite interested families to our next Open Day on Saturday 16 March, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). For more information phone 475 9688 or email [wcmp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wcmp@xtra.co.nz). We look forward to seeing you there.

**Wadestown Community Crèche Open Day - Thur 21 March, 9am-12pm** - Come and check us out at our open day! We'd love to see you and feel free to bring your little one for a play. If the timing doesn't work for you please give us a call on 04 499 1574 and we can plan a visit to suit. Wadestown Crèche is a high quality Early Childhood Education Centre offering part-time sessions (8.20am - 12.30/2.30pm) for pre-school children aged 12 months - 4 years. It's owned and managed by parents, on a not-for-profit basis. Our team of experienced fully qualified teachers supports each child's development and learning through play, rich and varied experiences and stable routines.