



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 student and her whānau: Arahia Turia-Fox (Kōwhai)

On Thursday and Friday I am attending the Wellington Principals' Conference. This year I am also taking two of our management team, Sacha Fell and Deborah Sorensen. The theme of the conference is "The Snakes and Ladders of Leadership" and it promises us two days of quality speakers and professional learning. The conference is being held at Te Papa.

Nathan Wallis Presentations - Nathan Wallis is host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret life of Girls". He is a renowned neuroscience educator and has been captivating audiences throughout New Zealand with his presentations about children and brain development. Teachers from Otari School have benefited from his knowledge and insights throughout the last few years. Nathan held a teacher only day a few years ago that the staff attended. Recently some of us also attended a presentation about anxiety. Britta, Shani and Cilla went to the seminar focused on young children and Johanne and I went to the one focused on the developing teenage brain. I believe the information Nathan has provided is some of the most important professional learning I have ever received, (and also parental learning!) Nathan is presenting a number of talks in Wellington. The eventfinder page states the following about him:

"With a profound reputation as a lively and engaging speaker, Nathan uses humour and plain language to condense twenty-five years of neuroscience research into his unique 'tell you how it is' style. You'll be absolutely captivated and walk away jam-packed with more than a few "ah-ha" moments".

Nathan will be presenting the following talks:

Engage Your Brain: Monday 27 May, Adventure School, Whitby

The Teen Brain: Thursday 30 May, 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Raroa Normal Intermediate School

Understand Your Brain: Friday 31 May, Raroa Normal Intermediate School

Tickets at eventfinder.co.nz.

Netball Registration - If your child is playing in an Otari netball team this year, please go to the following website and register them on the form provided - sporty.co.nz/otari.

Year 1/2 Netball - The first coaching session for these players is on Thursday 4 April, this week, at 12.40pm on the school court, with coaches Natasha Kuka and Paula Mato.

Year 4 Futsal Tournament – If any whānau are able to help supervise a team at the Year 4 Futsal Tournament on Thursday, it would be appreciated. If you can help, please contact either Sacha (sacha@otari.school.nz) or Christine (christine@otari.school.nz). Thank you.

Te Taonga Horomata: Āwhina, Manaaki. Virtue: Helpfulness

Helpfulness is doing useful things for others – things that make a difference to them, no matter how small. It is taking the time to be thoughtful, reflecting on what people truly need and assisting them respectfully. We help others by doing things they cannot do for themselves.

‘It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.’ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Vision Testing	Yr 7s & New Entrants	Thurs 4 April postponed from 1 April	
Futsal Tournament	Yr 4 Students	Thurs 4 Apr	\$5
Yr 3 Sports Festival	Yr 3s	Tues 9 Apr, pp 11 Apr	\$3

Have a good week everyone. A reminder that the term ends next Friday (12 April) at 2.55pm. We start back on Monday 29 April.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

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

The Pantaloons present Peter Pan. A magical musical pantomime at the Hannah Playhouse, April 24-26, Tickets \$12. www.iticket.co.nz.

A Marsden education for your daughter in Year 9, 2020. Open Day, Scholarships, Information Evening and Enrolment information. You are invited to the Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Karori Open Day, Sunday 5 May, 2pm-4pm. The Principal's address is at 2.10pm. This is a great opportunity to hear about Marsden's direction, see the Marsden campus, explore the benefits of an all-girls education and find out about Marsden's Visible WellbeingTM approach. 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 - Academic, Cultural and Sporting Excellence Scholarships for entry into Year 9 in 2020 are now open, applications close 16 May. Information and applications are online.

Year 9 Information Evening - Wednesday 29 May, 7pm, Marsden School. All students and families interested in a Marsden education in Year 9 in 2020 are invited to learn about Marsden's strategy, Visible WellbeingTM approach and the subjects on offer. Enrolments – Apply to enrol for entry in 2020 by the end of Term 2. For a personal tour or time in class for your daughter please call Sonia Stinson 04 476 8707.

Spotlight - Does your child love to SING, DANCE and ACT? Dance, Drama and Singing for students aged 4-16 yrs old. Led by London West End performer Sherene Clarke. Aotea-Jonsonville-Lower Hutt. Now taking bookings for Term 2, book YOUR PLACE NOW! www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

The Karori Toy Library is excited to announce our latest fundraising venture: a raffle with some fantastic treats up for grab! First prize: an awesome night away at the gorgeous 'Roses on West' in Greytown, a bottle of wine and platter for two at Poppies Martinborough, and bike hire for a day for two. Second prize: a gorgeous hamper of local Wairarapa goodies. You can purchase your tickets online - <https://www.karoritoylibrary.org.nz/Raffle>. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Kāpiti Island for Kids school holiday programme for ages 9-12 from 22nd - 24th April 2019. 3 days/2 nights - Includes: nighttime kiwi spotting, nature adventures, fishing, swimming, games, wildlife discovery, harakeke weaving, cabin accommodation (quad share), delicious food, ferry and DOC permits. \$395pp. Limited to 14 spaces. Email: bookings@kapitiisland.com.