



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

Breezy autumnal greetings to you all as we begin term 2! Welcome to three new students and their whānau:

Anneliese Diettrich (Pōhutukawa)
Manurereao Smith (Kōwhai)

Zelma Miles (Pōhutukawa)

Reports - School reports are currently being written and are planned to come home on Monday 20 May. These reports are to inform you of the learning needs observed, progress thus far and future focus areas. Follow up interviews will occur at the end of the term.

PUM - Paid Union Meeting Thursday 9 May - Teaching staff, including the principal will be attending a Paid Union Meeting on the afternoon of Thursday 9 May. They will be leaving school at 1pm to travel to the ASB Sports Centre for a 1:30pm meeting. Children will be dismissed to go home or to an after school caregiver at 12:30pm. Please make arrangements to ensure your child is being looked after.

Board Elections are coming up in early June. Nomination forms will be posted out by 10 May. See below interesting information about being a Trustee.

What is a school board of trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

What do trustees do?

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- *Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.*
- *Monitors and evaluates student progress.*
- *Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.*
- *Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.*

- *Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.*
- *Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.*

What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

The Otari School Code Club will be starting back up on Monday 8 April 3.10-4.10pm. New members are very welcome and we look forward to seeing members from last term. If you have any questions or would like your children to participate please email Sacha (sacha@otari.school.nz). Code Club is free but we welcome a gold coin koha.

Cross Country and Fun Run – Tuesday 14 May, 1pm (Early lunch 12:00pm). Over the next few weeks children will be running for fitness with a view to our school cross country and fun run. We are having two events – a cross-country competition for students who wish to compete for a place in the Western Zone cross country, and a 'fun run' that involves all other children. The fun run will involve children running in year bands of 2 years, e.g: years 1 & 2, years 3 & 4 etc. Children may also race this too, however the emphasis will be on completing the run. Both events will start and finish at Wilton Park. Parents and whānau are welcome to attend. Y4 and above children who place in the school cross country can participate in the Western Zone cross country at Karori Park on Tuesday 21 May. Parent helpers will be needed for the Western Zone event so please keep this date in mind if your child is a competitive cross country runner.

Entertainment Books – For those of you who had a book sent home, if you do not wish to purchase it, please return to the office urgently.

Chocolate Fundraiser – Whittaker's chocolate will be coming home next week, to sell. If you do not wish to participate please send an email to Jillian at office@otari.school.nz. If you can sell more than one box, please let Jillian know.

Pink Shirt Day is on Friday 17 May in. Join the movement to stop bullying and spread aroha/kindness! Help us turn Aotearoa into a sea of pink this Pink Shirt Day to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying! Anyone can celebrate Pink Shirt Day. Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

Te Taonga Horomata: Tongo Pongo Ngā. Virtue: Honesty

Honesty is being truthful, sincere, open and genuine. We are content and confident to be ourselves. We see ourselves and others with unclouded eyes. We do not exaggerate to impress others. We refuse to lie, cheat or take what is not ours. We strive to keep our promises. As we recognise illusions and self-deceptions, we gently let them go.

'Honesty is the best policy. If I lose my honour, I lose myself.' William Shakespeare

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Yr 8 Immunisations	Yr 8s	TBC	
Lit Quiz	Selected Students	Tues 7 May	
Union Meeting	Everyone	Thurs 9 May	
School Cross Country	All Students	Tues 14 May, 1.00pm	
WZ Cross Country	Selected Students	Wed 21 May	
WZ Hockey	Selected Students	Tues 11 June	
Technology for term 2	Yr 7 & 8s	21, 28 June & 5 July	
Parent Teacher Updates	Parents/Teachers	1,2,3 July	
Yr 7 Immunisations	Yr 7s	Tues 2 July	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

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

The Karori Toy Library is hosting another Pop Up Movie in Karori, after some great feedback from our first Pop Up Movie, and this time it's everyone's favourite - Moana! We'd love to see you at the Karori Bridge Club on Saturday 4 May to watch and sing along with us! Tickets start at \$8 and can be ordered online, as well as pizza to be delivered at intermission! Doors open at 4pm, with the movie starting at 4.30pm. Tickets for this event are strictly limited and will likely sell out, so get your tickets now: <https://ktlmoana.eventbrite.co.nz>

Kelly sports – Starts in week 2! Kelly Sports will be back in term 2 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

Wicked Winter Sports! (Yrs 1-4) – Wednesdays Lunchtimes - Come and try Football, Netball, Handball and Rippa Rugby (2 weeks of each sport). It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time! For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

Sunshine Drama - Enrolments are open for our term 2 classes! Sunshine Drama provides a creative and fun learning space for students aged 4 - 15 years of age. Sessions engage imaginative minds, grow confidence & build communication, performance and social skills. For class information or to arrange a free trial class, contact: Jenae 0274380533 or visit www.sunshinedrama.co.nz.

Drama Club supports your child so they feel happy and confident when performing in front of others. We work on developing your child's performance skills so they can give an engaging and captivating performance. We have small classes, grouped by your child's age and we work alongside the Trinity College London syllabus. Email bridie@dramaclub.co.nz to trial a couple of our classes to see if they fit for your child's needs.