



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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PUM: Paid Union Meeting - Teaching staff, including the principal will be attending a Paid Union Meeting on the afternoon of **Thursday 9 May**. We 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.**

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Otari

Welcome to two new children and their whānau:

Te Ahumairangi Reti-Clark (Kowhai)

Samantha Halson (Kakano)

It was with sadness that I heard at the weekend about the passing of Craig Jackson, child psychologist and creator of the “Fonetik” spelling system. Fonetik is a phonetic spelling intervention system that has been a feature of our own spelling programme over the last decade. (Craig actually passed away in March, while visiting a friend in Australia.) Craig had retired when I first met him, but was visiting schools to promote “Fonetik.” Craig worked with our teachers and our children as we learnt about the “Fonetik” approach as a pathway to correct spelling. We also created a teaching video, working with editor, Sue Corkill, in which I modelled the “Fonetik” approach with one of our students Keir McCrae (see Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRYLiBEhJRQ>).

Craig had seen how children who struggled with spelling would stop writing, particularly boys. His research resulted in an approach that can reverse this, as we witnessed with some of our own reluctant writers. While “Fonetik” has been adopted in Australia and was produced in a ministry publication in the 1990’s, Craig’s programme never received the promotion or endorsement from the NZ Ministry of Education he hoped it would. With a couple of other principals I worked with Craig to try and convince the ministry to more strongly promote and endorse “Fonetik”, but with no success. However, Craig’s legacy at Otari School is the many children who have benefitted from this unique and successful intervention approach and will continue to do so. I am sure he is also remembered for his years of work as a highly respected child psychologist. On a personal note I will also miss his friendship, humour, passionate advocacy for spelling intervention and expertise in children’s literacy.

Pink Shirt Day is on Friday. 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.

Board Elections – Nomination forms have been sent. If you are interested, the forms need to be given to Jillian by 12noon on 24 May. The election will be on Friday 7 June.

Cross Country and Fun Run – Tuesday 14 May, 1pm at Wilton Park. We would like to offer the children oranges after the run. Donations of oranges would be very much appreciated; please drop them off at the office on Monday or Tuesday.

Science - Anyone interested in doing some science related activities with children in week 7 (10-14 October)? Contact Britta (britta@otari.school.nz) if you can help.

Yummy Stickers – We are collecting stickers from Yummy apples (& Yummy plastic bags). The more we collect the more free sports equipment we receive. Sticker collection sheets can be downloaded from https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SSP-pdf_Sticker_Collection_Sheet_compressed.pdf.

Scholastic Books – Orders due to the office by Friday.

Te Taonga Horomata: Tongo Pongo Ngā. Virtue: Honesty

We admit mistakes even when we know someone may be disappointed or angry. We heal old messages that tell us we are less than worthy. We stand strong, knowing that we have true value in being who we are.

*‘Honesty is more than not lying. It is truth telling, truth speaking, truth living and truth loving.’
James E Faust*

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Union Meeting	Teachers/Principal	Thurs 9 May	
School Cross Country	All Students	Tues 14 May, 1.00pm	
WZ Cross Country	Selected Students	Tues 21 May	
Yr 8 Immunisations	Yr 8s	Fri 31 May	
Trip to Te Papa	Ngaio/Pohutukawa	Thurs 6 June	TBC
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)

Get your fingers inky this weekend with visiting French children's book illustrators. Award-winning French picturebook illustrators Clotilde Perrin ([Inside the Villains](#)) and Eric Veillé ([Encyclopedia of Grannies](#)) are touring New Zealand, with three free sessions in Wellington on 11 and 12 May—something for all ages! **Saturday 11 May 10.30am** Clotilde talks with New Zealand illustrator Sarah Wilkins at Unity Books about the art of children's illustration. **Saturday 11 May 1–2pm** Grannies & Villains activity hour at Capital E with Clotilde and Eric: a chance for young children to get their fingers inky. **Sunday 12 May 11am** Join Clotilde, Eric and other Gecko Press authors for a gala Mothers' Day grannies and villains celebration at the Children's Bookshop Kilbirnie with storytelling, live drawing and prizes. See the Gecko Press website for all the details: <https://geckopress.com/les-petits-kiwis-festival/>

Northland welcomes Zumba®Kids - Give your children the gift of fitness with Zumba®Kids. This is the ultimate Zumba® Dance Fitness Party for kids! Demo Class to be held on Friday 17 May (gold coin entry, combined age groups) 3.30pm – 4.15pm. Classes will be held every Friday during school term at the Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Road, Northland. Classes Start Friday 24 May, 3.30pm–4.10pm (4 – 7 years olds), 4.15pm–5.00pm (8 – 12 year olds). 5 Trip Concession Card: \$50, 10 Trip Concession Card: \$80. Casual \$12. To register your interest please email zumbawithannick@gmail.com or call Zumba® Instructor Annick on 021 462 042 for more info.

The German Playgroup Wellington is hosting between 9:30am – 1.00pm their annual German Fair on Saturday 25 May at the Presbyterian Church in Khandallah (33 Ganges Road). Come spoil your taste buds with Brezeln, Kartoffel Salat, Sauerkraut and various tasty German desserts. Hunt for amazing bargains at our second hand sale of children's toys, clothes, books and lots more. You can even try your luck, with a raffle ticket with more than \$1300 worth of prizes up for grabs.