



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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Reminder: The school is closed tomorrow due the teachers' strike

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Otari

Welcome to a new child and her whānau: Orla Gleisner, Kākanō

Today the Board of Trustees property team met with Ashby Property Services, Darren O'Leary Builders and Vosterman Architects. A decision was made to begin the refurbishment of Tōtara and Kererū classes **next Tuesday**.

Builders need access to trucks and will be parking these in the three staff car park spaces at the top of the drive. They will also be removing a portion of the fence for access and walling off the area they will be working in. This will not affect the children's actual playground which children will be able to use, however movement in front of the buildings will be restricted to the builders. This means that the footpath going down to the administration block will be closed. Entry can still be made via the main gate but you will need to take the stairs and walk around the back of Tōtara. Alternatively, you can use the steps further along on Wilton Road and walk behind the Immersion classes, then around. This will be an inconvenience, but building and refurbishment is rarely done without the need for alternative spaces, routes and access-ways. Avoid using a pram or pushchair as there is not a ramp going down the back of the school.

I am sending further information about the refurbishment project to Tōtara and Kererū parents. We are all very pleased the project is finally about to begin!

Board Election – Congratulations to our newly elected Board of Trustees. The notice below will be in this week's local newspaper.

Otari School Board of Trustees Election, Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was fewer than the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Natasha Kuka
Ngāhuia Foreman

Adrian Wagner
Martin Vere-Jones

John Capper

Declaration of Staff Election Results

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare **Shani Leda** duly elected.
Jillian Wilson, Returning Officer

Below is some information about our 3 new members:

Kia ora tatou. I am the father of Teo (Year 4) and Amber (Year 2), both of whom are in Pōhutakawa in the Montessori strand. Vincent, my 3rd child, is yet to graduate preschool, but I am predicting that he will also become a member of the Otari School community in due course.

Having grown up in Northland and undertaken paper and milk delivery runs in the area, being on the school board seems a natural progression.

I see Otari School as a bright spot of diversity, inclusion and progressiveness in our community and I look forward to being able to further support this in my service to both the school and parents.

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Martin Vere-Jones

Mai Maketu ki Tongariro, he uri tēnei o Ngāti Tūwharetoa e mihi maioha ana ki a koutou katoa ngā whānau o te kura o Otari e kore e mutu te rere o ngā kupu whakamihi, o ngā kupu whakamānawa ki a koutou e kaingākau nui nei ki tō tātau reo rangatira me ōna tikanga katoa.

I am the proud māmā of Te Rangihouhiri, our ginger ninja, who started in Kōwhai this year. I am excited to roll up my sleeves and get involved in ensuring all our tamariki at Otari can achieve their best in an environment that is safe and nurturing.

Mauri ora ki a koutou katoa.

Ngāhuia Foreman (nee Asher)

I'm John Capper

. I've had two children go through Otari School. One has moved on to high school and my daughter is in the Original Strand. I've lived in Wilton since 2010, with a couple of years overseas in that time.

In my day job I work as a manager of part of New Zealand's development programme in the Pacific. This has given me a lot of experience governing and managing projects and investments overseas. I'd like to use some of this experience in my own community, much closer to home, as a member of the Otari School Board of Trustees. My children have really benefited from attending our school and I'd like to be able to work with other members of the Bard and the leadership of the school to ensure the school can confidently move forward into the future.

Twilight Fair - Join the TOP Team (Twilight Fair organising people) for Mid-winter, Mid-term and nearly Mid-year, Dinner and Drinks at Wilton Bowling Club on Friday 7 June, 7pm. Just a reminder that the Twilight Fair is going to be held on Saturday 2 November. Mark it in your diaries! Contact Jo Fullelove on jofullelove@gmail.com for more information.

Nits – We've had another outbreak of Nits. Please check and treat your child's hair if necessary.

Chocolate – Many thanks to everyone who is selling chocolate. Boxes are \$72.00; payment can be made to our bank account (060561-0017355-00) or cash sent to the office. We have more boxes available to sell, if you can help.

Te Taonga Horomata: Hūmārika. Virtue: Gentleness

Gentleness is an attitude of tenderness and love toward people and the world around us. Gentleness flows from a desire not to harm anyone or anything. In its presence all are safe. It takes strength to call on the self-control that gentleness requires, particularly when we feel hurt or angry.

‘Nothing is so strong as gentleness and nothing is so gentle as true strength.’ St Francis de Sales

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Yr 8 Immunisations	Yr 8s	Fri 31 May	
Trip to Te Papa	Ngaio/Pohutukawa	Thurs 6 June	\$6.50
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. **A reminder its Queen's Birthday on Monday so no school.**

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

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

The Karori Toy Library is looking for an Assistant Librarian to run its Saturday sessions, from 8:45am to 12:15pm on Saturday's during school hours. The Assistant Librarian issues toys and processes returns, signs up new members, handles fees and fines, instructs and oversees the work of member volunteers, and maintains the toy collection and library in clean and working condition. You will need some basic computer skills but all other training will be provided. For more info www.facebook.com/KaroriToyLibrary, email karoritoylibraryjob@gmail.com with your cover letter and CV to apply.

Scouting - Does your child love the outdoors and learning new things? Northland Scout Group are welcoming both boys and girls to be new Keas (age 5-7), Cubs (age 8-10.5), or Scouts (age 10.5-14). We run new programmes each term with a mix of outdoor and indoor activities in an inclusive and positive environment. Also, have you considered becoming a leader? This is a rewarding way to learn new skills, pass on your own skills, go on exciting adventures and get involved with your local community. See www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts or contact Mike Williams, 021 044 7645 or Northland.Scouts@gmail.com for more information.

Northland welcomes Zumba®Kids. Give your children the gift of fitness with Zumba®Kids this term. Zumba®Kids classes feature kid-friendly routines based on original Zumba® choreography in a non-competitive environment. We break down the steps, add games, activities and cultural exploration elements into the class structure. No exams, no performances, no pressure! Classes are held every Friday in the Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Road, Northland. Classes are held during the school term and you are NOT locked in for the term. Come when you can make it! 3.30pm–4.15pm 5 – 11 years olds. 5 Trip concession \$50, 10 Trip concession card \$80, Casual \$12. First class only – gold coin donation. To register your interest please email zumbawithannick@gmail.com or call Zumba® Instructor Annick on 021 462 042 for more info.