



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Kia ora koutou

Welcome to two new students and their family: Sam Mastreani (Kereru) & Luciana Mastreani (Kakano). We hope you enjoy being back at Otari School!

Athletics Day is next Tuesday (24th) at Wilton Park (just down the road). We will leave shortly after 9.00am. The final event (sprint finals and relays) will be on at approximately 12.30-1.00pm. Parents are welcome to come along. Children will need to bring plenty of water & food, a sunhat, sunblock and a warm jersey/jacket. Please ensure your child/ren wears appropriate clothing (shorts) and sturdy footwear. Every child has been placed in a team; either blue, red, green or yellow. Children are encouraged to wear their team colour. Teachers have a list of the teams, plus the list is on the website under 'Notices'.

Notices - We will be sending notices via email, as well as paper. If you haven't already advised of a primary email contact for your family please send an email to office@otari.school.nz.

Technology - A reminder that the Yr 7/8s students have technology this week on Thursday and Friday.

Term One School Picnic / BBQ at Otari Wilton's Bush - Parents have organised a school wide get-together on Sunday 29 March from 3pm - 5pm at the Otari Wilton's Bush picnic area. Bring a picnic or some sausages for the BBQ. It would be great to see you there.

***Te Taonga Horomata: Ngākau Atawhai. Our virtue is Kindness**
Kindness is caring that springs from compassion. We have genuine concern for the welfare of others. We are warm, friendly and ready to help. We listen for the needs beneath the words. We give tender attention in simple ways that bring others happiness. Kindness is the daily bread of love.*

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Technology	Yr 7/8s	19 & 20 March	
Athletics Day	Everyone	Tues 24 Mar, 9.30am	
End of Term	Everyone	Thurs 2 Apr, 2.55pm	

Have a great week everyone. A reminder that the term finishes on Thursday 2 April at 2.55pm.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

"If someone listens or stretches out a hand, or whispers a kind word of encouragement or attempts to understand a lonely person, extraordinary things begin to happen. *Loretta Girzatis*"

Community Notices: (Please note these notices are passed on to us and are not necessarily an endorsement)

Evolve tennis coaching is running Holiday camps at the Wadestown Tennis Club. Suitable for children aged 5 to 13 years. The programme includes tennis, football & Olympics and runs from 8:30/9am-3.30pm. Children can attend for half or full days. Tennis Hot Shots Camps for children aged 5-12 years are also being offered at the Khandallah Tennis & Squash Club. The camps run for 2 hours each day. 479 1386 or email evolvetenniscoaching@gmail.com.

NEW 'Tippy Toes' class starting in Northland, Term 2! Based around a nursery rhyme or similar, this is a gentle introduction to dancing in a class for 2 year olds, parental participation is welcome! Thursday's from 1:30-1:50pm at St Anne's Church Hall, Northland. Contact Hannah Ross ARAD RTS p: 021 207 6757 or 934 1420 e: hannah@wellingtonballetstudio.co.nz

Skylight - Sharing the Journey. This group supports children aged 6 - 12 years old, who have a parent with mental health issues and/or addiction. The main aims of the group are to help normalise the experience of living day to day with a parent with a mental health issue and/or addiction, and to help the children to externalise and process their feelings related to their experience in a safe way. The group includes an initial parent / caregiver pre group interview (1/2 hour each TBA), followed by the 3 day children's group. Date: Wed 8th, Thurs 9th and Fri 10th April 2015, Newtown Office, 2 a Green Street, Newtown, 9.30am- 12.30pm, Cost: Free programme.

Family Change Group - This group is for children aged 6- 12 years and is for children who have experienced a family break-up. The aim of the three days are to help normalize the experience of being through a family break-up for the child, help them discuss strong feelings and identify coping strategies and build resilience and self-esteem. The group involves a mixture of art making, watching DVD clips, talking and group activities. A parent/caregiver pre- group interview is held prior to the group running to assess the suitability of the programme for the child/ren. This will be held at the SkyLight Newtown office before the children participate in the group. Mon 13th, Tues 14th and Wed 15th of April 2015, Newtown Office, 2 a Green Street, Newtown, 9.30am- 12.30pm, Cost: \$125 per child.

Please contact Sarah as soon as possible to make a booking and organise the parent interview, as we can only take a maximum of 8 children per group and we do get booked out very quickly. You are welcome to call and discuss the programme with us. Phone 920 9967 or 0800 299 100.

Square Eyes Shaun The Sheep Movie - Join Square Eyes Children's Film Foundation at the Embassy Theatre this Sunday, for an exclusive preview of Shaun The Sheep Movie featuring, as the title might suggest, everyone's favourite fleecy four-hooved hero, in his debut feature film adventure! Come and be one of the very first to see the latest masterpiece from the stop-motion geniuses at Aardman Animations. The Embassy Theatre, Sunday 22 March at 11.30am. Tickets just \$10. Book online at <http://eventcinemas.co.nz/movie/Shاون-The-Sheep> - or hoof it down to the Embassy box office.

Montessori at Otari Preschool is holding a Movie Fundraiser. 'X+Y' at 6.15pm on Thursday 26 March at the Lighthouse Cinema in Petone. This movie has received rave reviews and promises to be fun night out. We would love your support. For tickets contact Nicola at the preschool office or Vidhya at tovidhya@yahoo.com or 02102754182.

Karori Junior Hockey Club is offering a fun hockey experience at Karori Normal School hockey turf this Sunday, 1pm. All are welcome to come. Registrations via www.kjhc.org.nz. Note: This is a time/venue change from what was originally communicated.

Northland Autumn Community Fair is on Saturday, March 28th at the Northland Community Centre. There are a limited number of stalls just for children. These stalls run from 1-2pm and cost only \$5. Perfect for any budding entrepreneurs. Email smittin@clear.net.nz to grab a stall today.

Term Dates 2015

Term 1: Wed 4 Feb – Thurs 2 Apr
Term 2: Mon 20 Apr – Fri 3 July
Term 3: Mon 20 July – Fri 25 Sept
Term 4: Mon 12 Oct – Fri 17 Dec