



**Te Kura o Otari  
Otari School**

**News**

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Kia ora koutou

Thank you everyone for the wonderful items donated to the Wellington City Mission 'Pack the Bus'.

**Celebrating our Year 8 Students** - At the end of every year our year 7 and 8 students, their whānau and teachers come together to celebrate and farewell the children who are about to finish their primary school years. Year 8 students will be presented with a gift that has been made for them by our year 7 students at technology. Each year 8 student will make a speech. Awards will also be presented to those students who have the highest achievement in each curriculum area, within each strand, and we present the Citizenship Awards and the Citizenship Cup. All whānau of year 7 and 8 students are invited to this event to be held in the school hall on **Tuesday 15 December at 6pm.**

**Buses** - A reminder that the term ends next Thursday (17<sup>th</sup>) at 12noon. School buses will not be running.

**Nits** - Please ensure you check your child's head for nits and treat if necessary.

***Te Taonga Horomata: Piri-ponno-nga. Our virtue is Faith**  
Faith is a relationship of trust. We are confident that our life has a purpose. We believe in ourselves, knowing we were created with love. Faith is the wind in the sails of our dreams. It gives us the strength to go on, not succumbing to doubt, fear or hopefulness.*

**Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time
Year 8 outing and dinner	Yr 8s	Thurs 10 Dec
Year 8 farewell	Yr 7/8s & families	Tues 15 Dec, 6.00pm
Carols in the hall	Everyone	Wed 16 Dec, 11.00am
End of term		Thurs 17 Dec, 12noon

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui  
Clifford

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."  
*Martin Luther King Jr*

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

**Wadestown Community Carols in the Park** – Tuesday 8 December. Held in Wadestown Plunket Park. Bring a picnic and whole family from 5.30pm and join in the singing and story from 6pm. There will be a live band and choirs performing. Sausage sizzle and drinks available for gold coin donation.

**Kids Yoga With Bibi** (Ages 5 -12) Classes are held on Sundays at 9.30am to 10.15am at the Beginner Yogi studio in Marsden Village Karori. The cost is \$10 per child per session. Classes are limited to 12 students. Please contact Vidhya at [tovidhya@yahoo.com](mailto:tovidhya@yahoo.com) to secure a spot for your child or for any other enquiries.

**Design a Sign Competition for the Horticultural Society's annual Summer Show** - our 98th! Are you keen on art, like your garden and enjoy the summer? The Wadestown-Wilton Horticultural Society would love to have a sign to attract more people to its annual Summer Show at St Lukes Centre, Pitt Street, Wadestown, on Saturday, 13 February 2016 from 10 am. We have been going a long time - since 1918 - and children have always taken part. Next year we'd like to spread the word further and involve you more. As well as turning your art into a great re-usable sign, we would display all your best entries. It's an exciting project for children in the area to do in your holidays on an A2 sized sheet of paper, using paint or crayon. There will be something for your garden as a prize for the winner.

See our website for more about us: <http://www.wwhortsoc.nz>

We hope you will get creative and drop your entries into the Wadestown Library Community Centre (attention: Louise Davies) or St Lukes Centre, Wadestown during office hours by Friday, 22 January 2016.

Summer Show entries - All children to submit flowers or vegetables, paintings, drawings and photographs of plants or gardens for this Show. There are now two cups to be awarded. Parents are also invited to compete. Junior pupils may exhibit flower-filled sand saucers in plastic ones we can provide. We can collect these on the day before the Show. All entries receive a certificate. Further information from Rosanne Robertson on 472 4580 or [rosar@ihug.co.nz](mailto:rosar@ihug.co.nz).

**Kelburn Brownies** have places available in 2016 for girls aged 7 to 9 ½ years to join us for fun, excitement and adventure! We meet Tuesday 4.30pm - 6pm in Kelburn. Please contact Katrina & Sarah at [kelburnbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:kelburnbrownies@gmail.com) for more information.

**Parenting of Teens Course** - Increase confidence in interactions with teens; Reduce use of anger with teens; Increase effectiveness in parenting teens; Improve quality of relationship with teens. Starts 16 February 2016. 8 weeks, Tuesdays 7-9pm. Venue: Parent Help, Level 4, 173-175 Victoria Street, Wellington. Contact Parent Help: [www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz), phone (04) 802 5767 or [admin@parenthelp.org.nz](mailto:admin@parenthelp.org.nz).

**Ngaio student**, Max Sheppard-Morison, is selling raffle tickets at \$20 each so his swim team can attend the NZ National Juniors in Auckland early next year. There are 20 prizes - the first prize is a light luncheon and Weta workshop tour for 8 people valued at \$1200. If you would like to buy one or would like more information please contact Deidre 0226815255 or [sheppardmorison@actrix.co.nz](mailto:sheppardmorison@actrix.co.nz). A flyer with the list of prizes is also on the noticeboard in the school office

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**Onslow College Cat Boot Sale** - this Sunday 13th December 10am to 1pm. Onslow College student car park, off Burma Rd. Come and sell your unwanted treasures or grab a bargain! Spaces \$20. Bookings with Matthew Dagger (former Otari School student, fundraising for his Classics Trip next year) 022 1974 376 [matthewdagger@gmail.com](mailto:matthewdagger@gmail.com).

**Donation to Otari School** - Chris Chan from Just Paterson Real Estate who donated funds towards having Zippity Zoo at the school fair. Chris will donate \$1000 to the school if anyone successfully sells a house through her. 021-260-6252.