



**Te Kura o Otari
Otari School**

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News

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FLOWERS AND LEAVES are needed for the junior syndicate to make sand saucers for the Wadestown/Wilton Horticultural Summer show. Please deliver to classes this **Friday morning**. Please raid your gardens for anything you can spare. Many thanks.

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to the 2016 school year! We have a number of new students and whānau to welcome to Otari School. Nau mai haere mai ki

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| Arien Matthews | Totara | Adam Smith | Kakano |
| Zoe Matthews | Kereru | Dezire Morizono | Kakano |
| Nicholas Wallace | Kereru | Freya Matthews | Kakano |
| Isla Sorensen | Pohutukawa | Charlotte Wallace | Kakano |
| Juliet Harrison | Pohutukawa | Dan Gorrie | Ngaio |
| Niko Neale | Pohutukawa | Edward Wallace | Ngaio |

We look forward to getting to know all of you and hope you very quickly feel part of the school community.

We also welcome two student teachers Larina Turner and Will Fenton who join our staff for the year. Will is working in Ngaio class on Tuesday and Wednesdays and Larina is working in Kakano class on Wednesday and Fridays. We welcome back all other staff, though we will be without Whaea Parekohai for a term.

Staffing for 2016 -Below is a list of all the staff and their roles:

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| Clifford Wicks , Principal, Senior Strand Leader terms 2 - 4 | Steve Devine , Classroom Release Teacher (CRT), Support Teacher |
| Susan West , D.P, Teacher (Kereru), SENCO, Original Strand leader, Middle Syndicate Leader | Cilla Noblett , .4 CRT/Support Teacher (Immersion) |
| Api Nathan , Teacher (Tui), Assistant Principal, Immersion Strand Leader | Sue Corkill , Special Needs Teacher, Curriculum Consultant |
| Seetha Ganesan , Teacher (Ngaio), Senior Syndicate Leader, Montessori Strand Leader | Deja Harrison , .4 Teacher, Montessori |

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| Britta Martini , Teacher (Kakano), Junior Syndicate Leader | Katharine Taylor , .1 Special Needs Teacher |
| Lynette Franklin , Teacher (Kowhai) | Jillian Wilson , Office Manager |
| Shani Leda , Teacher (Totara) | Kathy Hutchison , Teacher Aide |
| Glenise Ward , Teacher (Kaikomako) | Katrina Murray , Teaching Assistant |
| Deborah Sorensen , Teacher (Pohutukawa) | Alison Emery , Teacher Aide |
| Johanne Wicks , .55 Teacher (Totara) and Library Management | Paula Crisp , Teacher Aide |
| Sacha Fell , .6 Teacher (Kakano), DP Release | Sandi McKenzie-Edwards , Teacher Aide |
| Kathy Heath , Reading Recovery Teacher | Tama Powell , Teaching Assistant |
| Parekohai Wells , Kaiarahi-i te-Reo | Hilary Eats , Librarian |
| Alan Ward , Caretaker | Ashleigh Mako , Teacher Aide |

Over-arching theme and topics - Our over-arching theme for the year is Te Ranginui - The Sky. This theme will generate topic for the year that teachers and learners will explore together through science and social science units. Some of these units will incorporate student inquiry and others may be integrated with other subjects. Topics may include learning about:

- The planets
- The atmosphere
- The history of Space exploration
- The moon, the sun and stars
- Weather
- Clouds
- Aviation and/or famous aviators

Teachers will be letting parents know the topics they are exploring through their class newsletters.

On 14 March we have accomplished New Zealand illustrator Bruce Potter visiting the school to talk to the children. We need a family who would be willing to billet Bruce for one night. Please contact the office if you are able to help. (She will ring back if you leave your number with Jillian.)

Johanne is working in the library on Wednesday afternoons (odd weeks) and every Thursday (even weeks.) Therefore being week 2, Johanne is in the library this week on Wednesday afternoon. She also works in the library during part of the lunchtimes that she is here.

Below is a table of some key events and dates for 2016. Other events and activities will be added as the dates are confirmed, therefore this table will be updated at the start of every term.

OTARI SCHOOL KEY DATES 2016

TERM 1

Thursday's + Wed 9 Mar: Technology for Yr 7/8s

Fridays (to 8 April): Swimming for Yr 1 & 2s

Tues 16 Feb: Māori Immersion Whānau Hui, 5.30pm

Wed 2 Mar: School picnic at Scorching Bay

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| Mon 14 Mar: Bruce Potter Wed 16 Mar: Athletics Day 23/24 30/31 Mar, 4/5/6/7 Apr: Learning Goal Interviews 25-29 Mar: Easter Break 6 Apr: 'Kia Toa' show Thurs 15 Apr: End of term | |
| TERM 2 begins Monday 2 May 6 May: Immunisations Yr 7s 7 Yr 8 Girls 6 June: Queen's Birthday break 8 July: End of term | |
| TERM 3 begins Monday 20 July Tuesdays to 23 Aug: Technology Fridays 2-16 Sept: Technology 28 July: Immunisations Yr 8 girls 23 Sept: End of term | TERM 4 begins Monday 10 October Tuesdays: Technology for Yrs 7/8 24 Oct: Labour Day break 27 Oct: NZ Playhouse show 17 Nov: Immunisations Yr 8 girls 8 Dec: Year 8 Outing & Dinner 13 Dec: Year 8 Farewell 15 Dec: Carols in the Hall Year ends: 12noon, Fri 16 Dec |

Technology for Year 7 and 8s begins this week on Thursday. Year 7 and 8s are taken by bus, leaving school at **8.40am**, to the Technology Centre at Karori West School. Clifford will be the teacher accompanying them. Children take their morning tea with them, as they don't return to Otari until lunchtime. **The cost for each student for Technology for the year is \$50.00 payable to Otari School.**

Swimming Lessons - Swimming for our Year 1 & 2 students begins on Friday. Information has been sent home regarding this. **Cost is \$40 payable to Otari School.** We need lots of parent help to assist with changing clothes so if you are able to help please meet us at Khandallah School pool at 10.50am. We will require help every week for 8 weeks but even if you can only help one or two weeks, that would be great.

Māori Immersion Whānau Hui - Tuesday 16 February at 5.30pm in Tui.

School Picnic, Wednesday 2 March - This year we are going to back to Scorching Bay. We will leave school at 9.30am and return at 2.30pm. All whānau are encouraged to come and enjoy the day. We will require lots of parent help. All children are to travel by bus with parents making their own way there. **The cost for the day is \$5.00 per child.**

Lost Property - Please make sure you name your child's clothing! This is very helpful if items are left around the school.

Classroom Consumables - As shown on the stationery list students are required to pay \$10 to cover classroom consumables for the year. Please ensure that the \$10 per child is paid to the office as soon as possible. A donation of \$10 for photocopying/printing/photography would also be appreciated.

Civil Defence - This year we are not asking for boxes of food for each child. Our most recent advice is that the school should just keep a few supplies on hand for a limited amount of people. This advice is based on what actually occurred in the Christchurch earthquake.

Library Panui - We welcome visits to our library. A reminder to our summer borrowers that books are now due back.

Library routine reminders:

Overdue Books

Books are borrowed for two weeks. Years 0-4 can borrow up to three books, years 5-8 up to 5 books. We do not charge for overdue books, but we do invoice for lost or damaged books. If your child has an overdue book, we still encourage them to borrow up to their limit.

Our procedure for following up overdue books is:

Step 1 - Talk to the child and remind them about their overdues

Step 2 - Send home an overdue slip

Step 3 - Ring parent/caregiver

Step 4 - Letter with invoice

Your child will visit the library every week with their class, as well as fortnightly library focused lessons. The library is also open every lunchtime.

If you have any concerns regarding the library, please contact Johanne (library@otari.school.nz).

Thank you for your continued support, Johanne

Here are a few reminders, especially for our new parents:

Issues and Concerns - We know there will be times when parents have a concern. We also know that there will be times when something that has occurred at school might be confusing, annoying or upsetting. Please seek clarification from your child's teacher first, if class related, or from the principal if school related. It is always better to talk about a concern with the teacher than to worry. Often this enables things to be cleared up very quickly. When teaching and managing children there are occasions when the teacher 'gets things wrong.' When we do, we want to know and make amends. At the same time, sometimes only half a tale is told, so it is important to seek clarification first before making a judgement. We are in 'loco parentis', which means 'in the place of a parent.' Just like parents, we are fallible, but also like parents, we ultimately want the best for your children and their futures.

We also try hard to communicate information effectively. In this school there are many groups to communicate with and sometimes we do find this challenging. We know we need to continually do our best to get information out there. Please help us by reading your newsletters and class notices thoroughly.

School begins at 8.55am. We finish at 2.55pm.

Hats are compulsory in terms one and four. If children do not have a hat they must stay in the shade. The hats must have a brim that covers ears and neck. Caps are not suitable.

Absent Children - If your child is going to be absent from school please ensure you ring (475-3018) or send an email (office@otari.school.nz) before 8.55am stating why your child is away.

Lunches - We have three choices this year:

- Sushi is available on Tuesdays, ordered online at www.wrapitsushi.co.nz.
- Subway is available on Thursdays, ordered online at www.lunchonline.co.nz
- Hell Pizza is available on Fridays. Order slips can be found at the office (\$5 each).

Driveway - Parents are asked to refrain from parking at the bottom of the driveway between 8.15 - 9.30am and 2.45 - 3.30pm. Parents are to 'drop and go' only. Please do not park up or down the drive and leave your car. The Otari Bush Reserve (around the corner) is available for temporary parking, or park on Wilton Road.

Cookies are sold from the office at morning tea. Cookies are 80 cents.

School Closure - Should the school need to be closed due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. bad weather) the following will occur:

- A closure notice will go on The Breeze and Newstalk ZB radio stations.
- A closure notice will go on our facebook page.
- A closure notice will go on the school web page. (Make sure you use the refresh button to get up-to-date information.)

Te Taonga Horomata: Manaaki, Tiaki-pai. Our Virtue is Caring
Caring is giving tender attention to the people and things that matter to us. It is being a compassionate witness, listening to another wholeheartedly and without judgement. We show what we care with thoughtful acts and kind words. When we do a careful job, we give it our best effort. We are not indifferent to things that matter.

Have a great week everyone.

Regards
Clifford

A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside. *Denis Waitley*

Extra-curricular lessons at Otari:

Kelly Sports at is back for Term 1 at Otari. Wednesday lunchtimes - **Summer Sports** for years 1-3 - come and have a go at **Athletics, T-Ball** and **Ball Sports**. We're fun, we're active and we're all about giving it a go and being your best. Come and learn to be a Kelly Sports Star. Call/email the office on 972 7201/ adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz to enrol.

Keyboard Lessons – Mondays. Contact Wgtn Music Academy 977-9102.

French Lessons – Mondays. Contact Annick: annick.withinshaw@lcfclubs.co.nz.

Guitar Lessons – Wednesday & Friday. Contact Charles: newcombe.l@xtra.co.nz.

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

Swimming Lessons - Easyswim Swim School Ltd is now taking bookings for term one 2016 and as well as January holiday courses. Lessons at Johnsonville School Pool start for the first time in Term 1, 2016. Classes will also run as normal at Khandallah, Tawa and Ngaio School pools. To book call: 2347946, email: book@easyswim.co.nz or visit www.easyswim.co.nz or visit www.easy-moves.co.nz.

Local Piano & Keyboard Teacher Available - Private & Group Lessons for Your Child In 2016! Pop, Modern & Classical. All Levels. Specialist - Jazz/Creative Music Education. Contact: Pieter Email: pjbosman@hotmail.com, 0212056473. www.pieterbosmusic.co.nz.

Drama Club - After school Drama & Musical Theatre classes for children. Solo/group drama examinations are available for children of all ages. I have small classes of approximately 6-8 pupils and all classes are grouped by age. Please check the online class times for more details. Enrol your child at www.dramaclub.co.nz, or email Bridie at atadmin@dramaclub.co.nz. 021 054 2593.

ReelJig Irish Dancers - Enrolments for Irish Dancing classes are now open for 2016. Classes are held Wellington City, Thorndon, Karori and Khandallah. Email Laura at reeljigirishdancers@gmail.com for further details or call 0223960238.

Lunchtime French Classes at Otari School - Free trial/demo lessons Monday 15 & 22 February. The lunchtime French classes held last year are starting up again on Monday 15 February. The classes are held every Monday in the school hall at lunchtime, children bring their lunch with them. Free demo/trial lessons to be held on Monday 15 February and Monday 22 February in the school hall. Bring your lunch! Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with the emphasis being on FUN! Language resources available to support parents at home! Other classes available: After-school French classes are also held in Thorndon, Karori, Khandallah and Hataitai. Spanish and Mandarin also offered subject to demand. New this year: Easy Online Registration. Contact: Annick on 021 462 042 or email annick@lcfclubs.co.nz or visit www.lcfclubs.co.nz.

Ballet & Jazz classes at Wadestown Community Centre in 2016. 3 1/2 - 7year olds. Please check out our website for more info: www.loddance.co.nz. For more info about who we are & what we do, please feel free to check out our website: www.loddance.co.nz.

Rhythmic Gymnastics classes at Northland and Thorndon for children 5 and up. Beginner's classes after school gymnastics classes on Monday in Northland 4.30-5.30pm (and Friday- subject to numbers) and Monday and Tuesday 4.00 to 5.00pm in Thorndon. Gymnastics helps with the development of hand eye co ordination fitness, body awareness and self-confidence. Is suitable for children that like to dance. For more information find us at www.rhythmicgym.nz or email elementsrg@hotmail.com.

Kelly Sports Term 1 - Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes starting on Wed 10 Feb. 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, teamwork and gives children a place to channel their energy.

Summer Sports (Yrs. 1-4) - Wednesday Lunchtimes 12.30-1.30pm - In term 1 come and try Football, Cricket, Handball and Turbo Touch. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking and many more. To enrol into our programmes visit; www.kellysports.co.nz, email adminwgtm@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool - Wellington Diving Club has a range of diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up. Why not try something new this year? Visit our website and come along for a free trial! We have many after-school sessions on most days and cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. We are also running our fun casual sessions on Sundays. For more information, please visit our website www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/text Maria on 021-173-6866.

Learn Mandarin as a Foreign/Second Language with Ni Hao Children's Community in practical, immersion classes. Your children will enjoy learning Mandarin Chinese in an active & fun class environment - we are anti-boring! After-school classes in Northland Memorial Community Centre on Thursdays. City classes on Saturdays (with free, easy parking). Visit www.nihaocc.org.nz to read testimonials, trial a class or enrol.

Wellington Catholic Pastoral Area Sacramental Programme 2016 - The Sacramental Programme for children of Otari Parish (St Thomas More and St Teresa's churches) will commence in Term 2 this year. If your child is 8 years of age before 1st November 2016 and would like your child to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist (communion), registration forms will be available from the Otari Parish office from 10th of February. Last day for enrolments is 13th of March. email Treena at bob_brucie@hotmail.com or Angela at angela.nzet@outlook.com.

Karori Junior Hockey Club registrations are now open. Visit kjhc.co.nz to register for the 2016 season.

Cheerleading with All Star Victory Cheerleaders in Wellington - A great team sport that includes, stunts, tumble, jumps, pyramid and flexibility. A really fun way of gaining co ordination, fitness and strength, using team work and discipline. Teams for beginners to experienced. Competitive or Non competitive. Boys and Girls. We have trained experienced successful coaches on board. At The Circus Hub, 11 Hutchinson St (beside the School of Performing Arts Toi Whakari and the NZ School of Dance). allstarvictory@gmail.com, 02765626021, 044773107

Wellington Judo and Jujitsu Academy has moved to a brand new dojo at 132 Hutt Rd, kaiwharawhara (top floor of Animates building). It's not too late to join classes: Peewee Judo (3-5 years) Tues 4.45-5.15pm, Kids Judo (6-13 years) Tues and Thurs 5.15pm-6.30pm and Sat 12.00-1.30pm. Also senior Judo and Jujitsu for 14+ available. Great for self-defence, fitness, self-development, competition, making friends. First 4 lessons free, no obligation. Beginners at all stages welcome. Please phone 973-2409 / 021 081 983 40, email mjollnier@yahoo.com. www.wellingtonjudo.org.nz.

Wests Junior Rugby Club would like to invite you to play rugby this season. Rugby is open to ages 3-4 Nursey grade, 5-7 Ripa rugby and ages 8-13 tackle rugby. Registrations will be at our clubrooms at Ian Galloway Park – Thursday 18th February 5:30-7:30pm, Sat 20th February 1pm-3pm and Monday 22nd February 5:30-7:30pm. www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz or call Craig Le Quense on 027 600 3744

Northern United Junior Hockey Club - 2016 REGISTRATIONS OPEN UNTIL 31 MARCH. Based in Newlands, we are your local hockey club for children in years 3 to 8. Players of all skill levels welcome! Newlands. Full details: www.nujhc.org.nz, nujhc@gmail.com.

Team Up Northland - our local amazing race! - Enter a child/adult team in Team Up Northland, our very own amazing race type race around Northland, designed for 7-12 year olds and their family members. It is a great family event that will challenge you as a family unit. Starts, 12.30pm Northland Park. Registrations are limited and must be received by 18 February. Email: teamupnorthland@gmail.com for more information and a registration form.

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