



Te Kura o Otari  
Otari School

News

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS - Four people have shown interest in joining the Board. We have six places available. Nomination forms (which were posted to you) must be to Jillian by noon on Friday (20 May). There are brochures available from the office if you would like more information.**

Kia ora koutou

We welcome a new student teacher to school, Jerreau Tonge. Jerreau will be with Totara class for 8 weeks.

**Science Week** - For the next two weeks we are enjoying a focus on science. This year's science week topic is soil and today we have soil experts Jacqui and Tom from ESR sharing their expertise with all of the children. They had lots of hands on activities ready for the children and we learnt a lot and had great fun exploring. Thank you very much to Jacqui and Tom!

Next week the teachers will do lots of science activities with the children ranging from making their own electro-magnet to exploring water tension. We will need some recycling material for some of the activities. **Could your child/ren please bring a glass jar (to make a tornado in a jar) and a plastic bottle and an old sock (bubble snakes activity) to school.** Your child's teacher will collect those items.

**Cross Country** - Our school Cross Country is on **Wednesday 1 June** at Wilton Park (just down the road). We will leave school at 12.30pm and aim to start between 12-45-1.00pm. All parents/caregivers welcome to come along and watch.

**Fundraising** - Please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to school by **Friday**. Please note, if no slip is received we will assume you are happy to sell chocolate and it will be sent home with your child.

**Library Book Sale** - There will be a library sale this afternoon from 2.55pm.

**Te Kura o Ōtari - Matariki 2016** - Matariki is a time to acknowledge, commemorate and celebrate the year that has gone and the New Year to come. Matariki is a time to learn about your whānau and a time to remember those who have passed on from this world to the next. Matariki is a time for new beginnings, our Pacific New Year and a time for harvesting kai.....so to celebrate, we invite you all to an evening concert celebration with kai, entertainment and whakawhanaungatanga on **Thursday 9th June, 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Ōtari School Hall:**

- 5.30-5.45pm Welcome / Karakia / Mihi
- 5.45-6.00pm Kapahaka
- 6.00-6.15pm Matariki Korero / Entertainment
- 6.15-6.45pm Kai (Sausage Sizzle, shared kai, glowproducts)
- 6.30-7.30pm MC / Band and individuals entertainment
- 7.15-7.30pm Activities / Closing Karakia

Nau mai...haere mai!

Te Reo Māori lessons for TERM 3 2016 - Many thanks for your interest in the classes. Due to numbers this term we are offering the 5 week course in the school hall in term 3, Thursday evenings starting on August 18th, 6:30-7:30pm. Numbers are limited and this course will be offered if at full capacity. For registrations please email: [wahuu@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wahuu@xtra.co.nz) or text 021 639 790 asap. Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou.

**School Photos** are booked for Wednesday 22 June.

**"Keeping you in the Loop"** - A weekly update of news, events and activities:

- moveMprove has started for the juniors and is going really well, with all the children enjoying themselves.
- The assistant director, performers and representatives from NZ Opera in Schools are visiting today to run workshops for 27 children in Totara class who are going to see the dress rehearsal of "The Magic Flute" next Thursday night. Ben Reason, a former Otari student (and Otari School Choir member) is one of the performers visiting today.
- Our staff meeting this week is being led by Britta and is a workshop for teachers in relation to science week.

**Entertainment Books** are available from the office (\$60 each). Alternately you can order online: <http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10455w7>.

**Yummy Stickers** - Please continue to collect stickers from Yummy apples (and cut the tokens from Yummy bags) all year long. Sticker sheets can be downloaded from this website [http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/pdf/Sticker\\_Collection\\_Sheet.pdf](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/pdf/Sticker_Collection_Sheet.pdf).

*Te Taonga Horomata: Whakangāwari. Our virtue is Simplicity  
Simplicity is being content with the basic gifts of life. We live reflectively and mindfully, aware of what is important and what is not. We cherish those we love. We keep around us only what is useful or beautiful. We let go of excess, clutter and complexity.*

**Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Cross Country	All Otari Children	Wed 1 June, 12.45ish	
Trip to Space Place	Kereru/Kakano	Tues 7 June	\$10.00
Matariki Event	Everyone	Thurs 9 June	
Trip to Trelissick Park	Kereru/Kakano	Fri 10 June	
Trip to Space Place	Tui, Kowhai, Kaikomako	Fri 17 June	\$10.00
School Photos	All Otari Children	Wed 22 June	TBA

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui  
Clifford

"Have in your home only those things that you know to be useful or believe to be beautiful." *William Morris*

**Community Notices:**

**West Side Story** - This Year Onslow College is performing Bernstein's West Side Story. A modern day Romeo and Juliet; West Side Story spins a tale of two young people from rival gangs. Maria and Tony, both desperately fighting for survival, find solace from a world of gang warfare in each other, but as with any Shakespearean tragedy there are dire consequences. Directed by Sarah Delahunty MNZM, and aided by the musical direction of Justin Pearce, the show draws on the many skills of the students at Onslow. 8 – 11 June, 7:30pm in the Onslow College School Hall. Tickets: \$10/\$15.

**Drama Club** - After School Drama classes for children. I have small classes of approximately 6-8 pupils specialising in all aspects of speech and drama. Solo/group examinations are available for all children. There are spaces available in the following classes, Wednesday 4 - 4.40pm Yr 4/5, Monday 4.40 - 5.20pm Yr 7/8 and expressions of interest for Yr 1 class starting in term 3 on Wednesdays 3.20 - 4pm. Register to trial the classes at [www.dramaclub.co.nz](http://www.dramaclub.co.nz), or email Bridie at [admin@dramaclub.co.nz](mailto:admin@dramaclub.co.nz). Alternatively you can contact Bridie on 021 054 2593.

**Chocolate / Soap Fundraiser**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Room \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Happy to support the sale of Whittaker's Chocolate

\_\_\_ Happy to support the sale of 'Good Soap'. I would prefer Grapefruit or Lemongrass (circle one)

\_\_\_ Do not wish to support either

Please note: If the notice is not returned to school, we will assume you are happy to sell chocolate.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Elton - [sarahelton1@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahelton1@hotmail.com)