



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS - Declaration of Parent Election Results

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

Ford, Rich
Thompson, Catherine

Kuka, Natasha
Wagner, Adrian

Mayne, Mike
Wahanui, Aroha

Declaration of Staff Election Results

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received I hereby declare:

Leda, Shani duly elected

Jillian Wilson, Returning Officer

Kia ora koutou

I look forward to working with our new board members, Rich and Mike, and to continuing to work with our returning board members Natasha, Adrian, Catherine and Aroha. Aroha, Catherine and Rich all have children in the Montessori Strand, Natasha and Adrian are Immersion strand parents and Mike is an Original strand parent. Our new staff representative is Shani Leda, who teaches Totara class.

While board members may be affiliated with a particular strand due to their children, their governance role is one that encompasses the whole school. They are the employers of all staff and their decisions are made in the best interests of the whole school.

As you will have noticed, Jason Lubransky, our chairperson over the past two Trustee terms, is not returning. It was with some sadness I received this news from Jason last term. Jason will be attending one more meeting before he hands the chairperson reins over to another trustee.

Jason has been a very dedicated, involved and effective chairperson. He has taken his governance role seriously and the staff has appreciated the fact that he has taken the time to get to know them. His effective liaison with them has been a feature of his time as chairperson. Jason has maintained regular meetings with me once a week. I have always looked forward to these and benefitted from his insight, humour and down to earth approach on more than one occasion. We have all appreciated the commitment Jason has demonstrated throughout his time as Chairperson and wish him the very best for the future.

We also thank Seetha Ganesan for her time on the Board. She has represented the staff very well. Her energy and thoughtful contributions throughout her years on the Board have been appreciated by us all.

Cross Country - Our school Cross Country is next **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.

School Photos are booked for Wednesday 22 June.

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

- 27 children in Totara class are going to see the a dress rehearsal of "The Magic Flute" on Thursday night
- On Thursday Deborah and Steve are attending another workshop as part of an ongoing professional learning programme called "The Incredible Years."
- Clifford is visiting classrooms over this term and carrying out observations that contribute to the appraisal of teachers.
- Artsplash choir are having their first practice today at 1:30 pm.

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 9 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

We would like each family to please bring a plate of kai /food to share.

2016 Key Dates for Enrolments for Year 9 2017 - Wellington College is able to receive in-zone applications at any time during the year prior to enrolment, but preferably by the closing date for the ballot to allow planning for out-of-zone numbers. However, out-of-zone applications can be posted, emailed, faxed, or delivered to the College Reception by the ballot closing date:

- Monday 1 Aug** Applications for Year 9 out of zone must be received by 4.00pm the Wellington College School Office
- Saturday 25 Jun** Open Morning for Year 9, 10.30am
- Monday 27 Jun** Open Morning for Year 9, 9.30am

St Mary's Open Day - Tomorrow (25 May), 8.30-10.00am or 10-45-12.20pm.

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.

*Te Taonga Horomata: Whakangāwari. Our virtue is Simplicity
Simplicity gives us clarity and single-pointed concentration. It frees our minds from the stress of overdoing. We appreciate the little things, daily joys and opportunities to be kind. We live in the moment and savour what is right before our eyes. We enjoy simply being.*

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

"Childhood means simplicity. Look at the world with the child's eye - it is very beautiful." *Kailash Satyarthi*

Community Notices:

Are you a parent with any type of arthritis? Come to our workshop and learn different ways to support you and your whānau in every day life! Caregivers or grandparents raising children are of course welcome too. Light lunch provided. Please feel free to bring partners and/or children (there will be a quiet activity area for children at the back of the room). Saturday 25 June, 12pm – 2pm. Presenters: Zoe Pullman, arthritis educator, Arthritis New Zealand: will cover pain management and family communication. Carolyn Downer, Strengthening Families Coordinator, MSD: will give an overview of support services available to families. Atif Razvi, Physiotherapist, North City Physiotherapy: will share some ideas for getting family involved with arthritis management through activity. Johnsonville Community Centre, 3 Frankmoore Ave, Johnsonville. There is no charge for entry however donations are appreciated. Bookings are essential: Please call 0800 663 463 or 04 472 5670 or email zoe.pullman@arthritis.org.nz. www.arthritis.org.nz

Quiz Night and Auction - On Wednesday 8th June at 7pm One Fat Bird in Karori Road is hosting a Quiz Night and Auction to raise funds for Arovundi Village on Ovalau Island, Fiji. Some great prizes and auction items have been donated. The community of 40 families in Arovundi Village lost their primary school, houses and means of earning a living in hurricane Winston. Friends and relatives of Sa Manu in Wellington are fundraising for money to help get them back on their feet by going towards items such housing, fishing equipment, bedding and protective footwear. Initial funds will go towards fresh food to supplement the aid rations and fish they are currently living off and to buy replacement crops. Tickets are \$30, email mle@paradise.net.nz.

Sunshine Drama – Creative Drama classes for preschoolers to Year Eight. Classes enable students to explore creative thinking, build confidence and become effective communicators and performers. Classes are held Saturday mornings at Garland Scout Hall, Sunshine Ave, Karori. For enrolments and more information contact Jenae Ryan: 028 402 6793 or visit: www.sunshinedrama.co.nz.

May 2016



Dear Parents

Ministry of Education – Special Education, and several NGOs are working together to provide the Incredible Years Parenting Programme throughout this district in 2016. We understand that you are thinking about attending an Incredible Years Programme with us. Here is some information for you.

Incredible Years is a programme that helps with the day to day difficulties in parenting children (aged 3 – 8 years old) with challenging behaviour. It is run as a group. Incredible Years builds on the strengths that you and others in the group already have. Because each child is an individual and no two families are the same, Incredible Years will help you to parent your unique child. Building a positive relationship with your child is the basis from which changes can be made and parenting can become easier. This programme has been run worldwide for over 30 years and has helped many parents and their families, in NZ and beyond.

What can I expect if I attend Incredible Years?

- To become part of a fun, interactive and supportive group
- Attend weekly 2½ hour sessions for a period of 14 weeks
- Join a group of 12-18 parents who are also experiencing challenges in parenting
- Have opportunities to share my experience and ideas and build my confidence as a parent

What is special about Incredible Years?

- It is a programme that has been proven to be effective for families experiencing challenges with their children
- It is a programme run by facilitators with knowledge in specialist areas
- The first half of the programme builds on your child's social abilities and co-operative behaviours.
- The second half of the programme focuses on how to reduce the inappropriate behaviours
- Incredible Years puts the fun back into parenting!

If this sounds like you, Special Education have Expression of Interest forms. If you would like to know more please call us.

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