



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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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 Otari 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, glow products)
- 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.

There will also be a star hunt so please ensure your whānau bring their own torches.

Talofa lava

Special greetings to our Samoan whānau as we acknowledge Samoan Language Week. The theme for 2016 is "E felelei manu ae ma'au i o latou ofaga - Birds migrate to environments where they survive and thrive". Below are some phrases we can learn:

Tālofa lava: Hello (formal)

Mālō le soifua: Hello/Good health

'O ā mai 'oe? How are you? (to one person only)

Manuia fa'afetai: Good, thank you

Manuia le aso: Have a great day

Tōfā soifua: Good bye (formal)



New Board Chairperson

Catherine Thompson was elected to the position of Otari School Board of Trustees Chairperson at last night's first meeting of the new Board. Along with the rest of the Board I look forward to working with Catherine and wish her all the best in her new role.



Winter Health

There is quite a bit of the change of weather ills and chills about. Please err on the side of caution regarding your children's health and keep them at home if you think they may be coming down with a cold or flu.

Cross Country - Our school Cross Country is **tomorrow** at Wilton Park, weather permitting. We will leave school at 12.30pm and aim to start between 12.45-1.00pm. All whānau are welcome to come along and watch.

School Photos are booked for Wednesday 22 June. If you wish to have a sibling photo you need to return to the office the form that was sent home last week. If you can't locate the form there are spare ones in the office.

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

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.

Wgtn Girls' College - School in Action Morning - Tues 21 June. In an attempt to reduce congestion there will be three sessions (9.00am, 10.30am and 11.30am). This morning is for any Yr 8 girl interested in attending Wgtn Girls' college in 2017.

Some quotes on this last day of Autumn!

"Because the birdsong might be pretty,
But it's not for you they sing,
And if you think my winter is too cold,
You don't deserve my spring."
-- *Erin Hanson*

"The problem with winter sports is that--follow me closely here--they generally take place in winter."
-- *Dave Barr*

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home."
-- *Edith Sitwell*

Virtues - Our virtue this week is "openess", therefore let's be open to this Samoan proverb:

"O fānau a manu e fafaga I fugālā'au, 'ae 'o fānau a tagata e fafaga I 'upu."

"The offspring of birds are fed with flower nectar, but the children of man are nurtured with words."

"To open deeply, as genuine spiritual life requires, we need tremendous courage and strength, a kind of warrior spirit." *Jack Kornfield*

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

Mauia le vaiaso (have a blessed week)

Clifford

Community Notices:

The Northland Memorial Community Centre Annual General Meeting will be held upstairs at the centre in the Memorial Room on Thursday 9th June at 7pm. Refreshments will be provided followed by the election of officers. The AGM will conclude at 7.30pm. All welcome.