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Nau mai haere mai ke te Kura of Otari

**PAID UNION MEETING:** On **Tuesday 6 September** at 1:30pm the New Zealand Education Institute and the PPTA are having paid union meetings to discuss concerns regarding the Governments "Global Budget" proposal. The meetings are for all principals, teachers and support staff who are union members.

Normal classroom instruction will not be continuing during the half-day of the paid union meetings as all NZEI members have an entitlement to attend them. However, most schools also need to technically remain open and will offer a skeleton operation for children who have no other choice than to be at school. Both Pridelands and Otari After School Care will be operating from 1pm.

Teachers will be going to the meetings at 1pm. I want to know in advance that every child is either going home or having responsible adult supervision following dismissal for lunch. Please ensure you provide this information in the slip attached to this newsletter. For those children going home please ensure they are picked up between 12.30-1.00pm

You can read about the funding proposal on the Ministry of Education Website and NZEI's concerns on the NZEI Te Riu Roa website. This afternoon Susan, Api and I are attending a seminar by the Ministry of Education to hear more about the funding proposal.

**Parent Interviews: Date Changes** - Due to the paid Union Meeting we have needed to bring our parent interviews forward. We are now having these interviews next week, on Wednesday 31 August, Thursday 1st and Monday 5th September. To book an appointment go to the following website: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>. The school code is **dr5p9**. Let Jillian know if you have any problems; she can book an interview for you. Interviews are 15 minutes in duration. These interviews are for parents/caregivers. If you need to bring your child/children, the library will be open and supervised.

**School Start Time** - The school bell rings at 8:55am. Children should be in their classrooms ready to start the day before 9.00am. We understand the odd late start, however there are some children who arrive late on a regular basis. This is not an ideal start to the day for them as they miss out on greetings, notices and key messages.

**Outstanding Payments** - The school does not pay for the following activities that currently have over \$1000 in unpaid fees: Technology, Netball, Class Trips and Maths Buddy. We do not have the funds to cover this. We will be sending invoices home today. Please email Jillian if you are not sure what you have paid for this year. We would appreciate payment of outstanding invoices urgently.

**Enrolment Advertisement** - The following advert has been placed in tomorrow's Dominion Post:

**Te Kura o Otari Māori Immersion Strand**

**The Māori Immersion Strand at Otari School is a Special Programme. It consists of three classes, educating children in te reo Māori.**

The Board of Trustees is currently seeking enrolments in the Maori Immersion Strand. The Board has determined that there are spaces available for out of zone students for term 4 2016 and for terms 1 and 2 2017.

Applications must be received by Friday 16 September. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by Friday 23 September.

In the unlikely event that there are more applicants than spaces available, then a ballot will be held to select students on Monday 19 September. The ballot will follow the Ministry of Education defined priority. Parents will be informed of the outcome within four days.

**Otari School provides education within a campus that incorporates three strands; Original (mainstream) Montessori and Māori Immersion. Find out more about Te Kura o Otari at <http://www.otari.school.nz/>**

Closing Date for application: 16 September

Ballot date: (if needed) 19 September

Applicants notified: by 23 September 2016

Application forms are available by emailing [office@otari.school.nz](mailto:office@otari.school.nz)

Clifford Wicks  
Principal

**Te Kāwai Rumaki Reo Māori o Te Kura o Otari**

**He Hōtaka Motuhake te Kāwai Rumaki Reo Māori kei Te Kura o Otari. E toru ngā akomanga e whakaako tamariki ana ki te reo Māori.**

E rapu Rēhitatanga ana te Poari Kaitiaki mō te Kāwai Rūmaki Reo Māori. Kua whakatau te Poari e wātea ana he tūranga mō ngā ākonga e noho ana i waho i te rohe o te kura mō te wāhanga 4 2016, me ngā wāhanga 1 me te 2 o te tau 2017.

Me whiwhi mātou i ngā tono ā mua i te paunga o te Paraire te 16 o Hepetema. Ā te Paraire te 23 o Hepetema ka whakamōhiotia ngā kaitono ki ngā hua.

Mehemea ka tūpono te nui ake o ngā kaitono i ngā tūranga e wātea ana, ka māperetia ngā ākonga ā te Mane te 19 o Hepetema. Ka whakahaeretia te māperetanga i runga anō i ngā tikanga i tatū i Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga. Ka whakamōhiotia ngā mātua ki ngā hua ā roto i te whā rā.

**Ko tā Te Kura o Otari he whakaako tamariki i te kura e toru ōna kāwai; te kāwai auraki, te kāwai Montessori me te Rumaki Reo Māori. Kitea he kōrero anō mō Te Kura o Otari i <http://www.otari.school.nz/>**

Ko te Rā Kati mō ngā tono: 16 o Hepetema

Rā māperetanga: (mēnā ka hiahiatia) 19 o Hepetema

Ka whakamōhiotia ngā kaitono: ā te 23 o Hepetema, i mua rānei

Ka whiwhi koe i ngā puka tono mā te īmēra ki [office@otari.school.nz](mailto:office@otari.school.nz)

Clifford Wicks  
Tumuaki

**Artsplash** - Tickets for Artsplash on Tuesday 30 August (5.15pm) are available for purchase for families of choir members. \$5 each. Tickets are limited to 3 per family at this stage but more may come available later.

**Yummy Stickers** - Please collect as many stickers as you can. We only have until the end of the term to collect them.

***Te Taonga Horomata: Kawe-nga. Our virtue is Responsibility***  
*Responsibility is the willingness to be accountable for our choices. Others can depend on us to do what we say we will do and to give our best effort. We take on what is ours to do with commitment and reliability. It is important to discern what responsibility belongs to us, and what belongs to others.*

**Upcoming Events Calendar:**

| Activity              | Who's Involved     | Date & Time         | Cost   |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Artsplash Concert     | Otari Choir        | Tues 30 Aug, 5.15pm | \$5.00 |
| Parent Interviews     | Parents/Caregivers | 31 Aug, 1 & 5 Sept  |        |
| Waharoa Unveiling     | Everyone           | Mon 12 Sept, 9.00am |        |
| St Brigid's Kapa Haka | Immersion strand   | Sat 17 Sept         |        |

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui  
Clifford

'My life is an influence on every life mine touches. Whether I realise it or not, I am responsible and accountable for that influence. *Ron Baron*

**Term Dates 2017**

Term 1: Wed 1 Feb – Wed 12 Apr (school closed: TOD Thurs 13 April)  
 Term 2: Mon 1 May – Fri 7 July (school closed: Fri 2 June TOD & 5 June Queens Birthday)  
 Term 3: Mon 24 July – Fri 29 Sept  
 Term 4: Mon 16 Oct – Tues 19 Dec (school closed: Labour weekend: 23 Oct)

**Community Notices:**

**Movie fundraiser** - As a Northland Scout Jamboree fundraiser, we will be showing the BFG on Sunday 28th August at Lighthouse Cuba, from 4:30 pm (screening starts at 5pm). Tickets are \$20, which includes a goody bag and raffle entry. Frobscottle will be on sale but we might skip the Snozzcumbers! Contact Micky on 021 055 7270 or email [micky.vale@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:micky.vale@vuw.ac.nz).

**Kids Cross Country Series Event is a Mini Mountain Run on Mt Victoria** - If you haven't already taken part in our Kids Cross Country Series come along to Mt Victoria on Sunday 28 August for a Mini Mountain Run. Our events are open to everyone. You don't have to be a member of a club to take part. We have races for pre schoolers through to year 8s. You can pre enter online or enter anytime on the day from 9.30am on. For more info go to <https://www.athleticshub.co.nz/our-programmes#kidsxcountry> or contact Jo at Athletics Wellington on 021976116 or [jo@athleticswellington.org.nz](mailto:jo@athleticswellington.org.nz)

**Giant Book Fair** - The DCM - the charity that looks after the homeless of Wellington - will be having a giant Book Fair in Shed 6 this Saturday (28<sup>th</sup>) from 8am to 8pm. It is the biggest second hand book sale in New Zealand, and as such is not to be missed - especially as most of the books cost only \$2!

**Northland Kidz Club's Next Holiday Programme – 26 September to 7 October** - Join us for lots of fun – kids theatre productions, ice-skating, roller skating, old-time movies, laser tag and much more - we're out on a trip every day. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards, \$20), 8.30am to 6pm each day. For details, check out our website ([www.nkc.org.nz](http://www.nkc.org.nz)), or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), email ([nkc.jan@gmail.com](mailto:nkc.jan@gmail.com)).

**Fencing Holiday Programme And Fencing Classes** during School Term With Olympian Fencer And International Qualified Coach Ping Yuan. Baptist Church, 24 Donald McLean Street, Newtown, Tuesday 27/9 and Wednesday 28/9 (9am – 3pm for both day). \$130/two days/per person. Fencing classes during school term in ASB Sports Centre on Mondays. For further information and want to book a place contact PING YUAN at [nz\\_wfc@outlook.com](mailto:nz_wfc@outlook.com) or 021 059 2558.



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**Union Meeting – Tues 6 Sept** Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I have put in place plans for my child/ren to be supervised:  
(please circle one) (please state below)

At home    Afterschool Care    Alternative place \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ My children/ren will need to stay at school until home time (2.55pm)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_