



Te Kura o Otari  
Otari School

News

*Inspiring a love of learning through an education that values the development of the whole child.*

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**Auction:** We have two NEW items to add to our auction:

- ✧ **Body Massage - Value \$40**
- ✧ **Raglan & Roast Coffee Beans & T-Shirt - Value \$80**
- ✧ **Babysitting - Value \$45**
- ✧ **Double pass to Cuba St Lighthouse Theatre - Value \$36**
- ✧ **Beginner Yogi x5 sessions - Value \$75**
- ✧ **Flow Yoga private one on one class or group class - Value \$75**
- ✧ **Ti Kouka Cafe voucher - Value \$30**
- ✧ **Bottles of wine:**
  - 2 x organic white wine - Value \$28 each
  - Esk Valley Chardonnay - Value \$20
  - Mission Estate Merlot - Value \$16
- ✧ **Little India Food voucher - Value \$50**
- ✧ **Gipps St Butchery Meat voucher - Value \$50**
- ✧ **Dry Cleaning voucher (get that winter jacket cleaned!) - Value \$20**
- ✧ **Cafe Breton food voucher (gorgeous French food) - Value \$40**
- ✧ **Zealandia family pass - Value \$46**
- ✧ **New juicer (Kingston brand) \$80**

If you would like to place a bid on anything email Jillian ([office@otari.school.nz](mailto:office@otari.school.nz)) or check the noticeboard by the office. Auction will run until **Monday 10 April**.

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Otari

**Welcome** to a new student and his family: Nikau Minarapa (Tui)

We were fortunate with the weather last week for our Athletics Sports. It was a very enjoyable day! The children threw themselves into the competitive and fun aspects of the day, chanting loudly for their teams as they sported their team colours in a variety of colourful (and often unique) sports attire!

We were very impressed with the way the children supported each other and the care and encouragement older children showed throughout the day to younger participants. Congratulations to Team Kahurangi/Blue who won the day. When all points were added up from each event the final results were:

Kahurangi/Blue - 677

Kowhai/Yellow - 667

Kakariki/Green - 621

Whero/Red - 616

## **2016 National Standards and Ngā Whanaketanga Results**

### **Mathematics**

Mathematics results showed 83% achieved 'at' or 'above' the standard at the end of 2016, including 37% 'above.'

There were some particularly positive results for cohorts. The cohort of students who were assessed 'after 3 years' had 40% 'at' the standard and 60% 'above' the standard. In Year 7, 89% were assessed 'at' or 'above' the standard and in year 8, 87% were assessed 'at' or 'above'. This included 52% above.

When comparing 2015 and 2016 National Standard results the most significant gains were in mathematics.

Overall there were 19 children returning this year who did not meet the National Standard expectation.

While Māori student achievement is up from last year, there is still a significant number of Māori students over represented in those who did not meet the National Standard expectation.

Teachers know the learning needs of all the students who did not meet the National Standard expectation. They are addressing these needs through their mathematics programmes, with the aim of accelerating each child's achievement.

**Movie** - Many thanks to everyone who supported our movie fundraiser. We will have another one next term along with selling Entertainment Books and Whittakers Chocolate.

**Immunisation Talk** - On Friday morning Hutt Valley Health staff will talk to all Yr 7 & 8 students about Immunisations.

**Lost Property** - We have absolutely masses of lost property, including some very nice jackets. There is a bag full (from last term) in the medical room by the office and also a huge pile in the box outside the PE shed. Please make some time to go through it. Unclaimed items will be donated to the Op Shop at the end of the term.

### ***Te Taonga Horomata - Hūmārika. Virtue: Gentleness***

Gentleness is an attitude of tenderness and love toward people and the world around us. Gentleness flows from a desire not to harm anyone or anything. In its presence all are safe. It takes strength to call on the self-control that gentleness requires, particularly when we feel hurt or angry.

#### **Upcoming Events Calendar:**

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Junior Swimming	Yr 1-2	Fridays 17 Feb - 7 Apr	
Whānau Hui	Immersion Strand	Tues 28 Mar, 5.30pm	
Trip to Zealandia	Immersion Strand	Thurs 30 Mar, 10am	
WZ Football Tournament	Selected Students	Tues 4 Apr	
End of Term	Everyone	Wed 12 April, 2.55pm	

Kia pai o koutou wiki - have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi, Clifford

#### **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:** (Please note: Notices are sent to us. They are not an endorsement)

**Drama Club Holiday Programme** - Drama holiday programme held Wednesday 19 April till Friday 21 April & Wednesday 26 April till Friday 28 April from 9.00am (drop off anytime from 8.30am) till 12.30pm each day. The cost is \$24.00 per child per day. New topics each day so children can come to as many or as few days as they like. Limited spaces available. Enrol your child at [www.dramaclub.co.nz](http://www.dramaclub.co.nz), or email us at [admin@dramaclub.co.nz](mailto:admin@dramaclub.co.nz). Alternatively you can contact Bridie on 021 054 2593

**Is your daughter looking for something a little different?** If your daughter loves to dance and is looking for something a little different to do in Term 2, come along to a Rhythmic Gymnastics class and give it a try! Email [info@rhythmicgym.nz](mailto:info@rhythmicgym.nz) to arrange a FREE trial and come in and give a go before we finish Term 1 on Sat 8th April. Rhythmic Gymnastics is a mix of dance and gymnastics. It develops hand-eye co-ordination through the use of apparatus – rope, hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon. [www.rhythmicgym.nz](http://www.rhythmicgym.nz).

**Skylight - Bereavement Group.** The Bereavement Group supports children aged 6-12 years old who have lost a loved one (recently or in the past). The aims of the group are to:

Help normalise the experience of losing a loved one for children

Help children externalise and process feelings related to their experience of losing a loved one

Learn strategies to cope with strong feelings (for example, anger and worry)

Dates: Wednesday 26th of April- 9.30am- 12.30pm, Thursday 27th of April- 9.30am- 12.30pm, Friday 28th of April- 9.30am- 12.30pm. A pre-group interview is held with a parent or caregiver before the group starts. This aims to assess the suitability of the programme for the child/children and it will be held at the Skylight Wellington office before the children participate in the group. Please note that six children are needed for this group to go ahead. Cost and Registration: Free– morning tea will be provided and Pizza Graduation lunch on the Friday. To register email [sarah@skylight.org.nz](mailto:sarah@skylight.org.nz), or call 0800 299 100 for further information.

**Dance Classes for all ages** ... enrolments/enquiries now open for Term 2. Contact Carolyn: 389-4944 or [capon@paradise.net.nz](mailto:capon@paradise.net.nz).