



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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**Daffodil Day** is this Friday whereby we will be collecting for the Cancer Society. Please send your child to school with a gold coin. We will have flowers and stickers available. We would love the children to come to school dressed in daffodil colours - yellow, orange, green or white.

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Otari

We welcome Wairangi Hook to Pounamu class. Nau mai, haere mai, Wairangi.

**Te Reo o Te Wiki Māori - Māori Language Week - Te Reo Māori Parade** - This year we are again participating in the parade being held in Wellington to celebrate Te Reo Māori. This is an opportunity for all of us, regardless of our proficiency levels, to show our support for Māori language, our own Māori Immersion Strand and our aspirations for teaching and learning te reo Māori throughout the school.

The parade is an opportunity to celebrate our unique school and especially the kaiako, tamariki and whānau of the Immersion Strand classes. This is also an opportunity to practice our own reo. The Original and Montessori Strands have always incorporated some te reo Māori, however last year the school developed a specific te reo Māori Plan for English medium classes, which has been implemented this year.

If you wish to join us for the parade we will be gathering at the Cenotaph near Parliament at 10.50am and following the parade through town. We will have lunch at Te Papa and return to school at 1.30pm.

**Parent Interviews (4-6 September)** - Please take advantage of the opportunity to meet with the teachers and discuss your child's progress and achievement. Interviews are for 15 minutes. The interviews will be over three days, starting at 3pm and finishing at 6:30pm. The interviews are for parents/caregivers only. Should you need to bring your children with you the library will be open and supervised. Because interviews are starting at 3pm we will be finishing school 10 minutes early, at 2:45pm, over those three days.

To book an interview go to the following website <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>. The school code is 3xbua. Let Jillian know if you have any problems; she can book one for you if necessary.

**Mathswell** - Good luck to our two teams who are participating in the upcoming competitions.

**Netball: Save the Courts Rally** - Wellington West Netball is holding a Save the Courts Rally at the VUW courts on **2 September at 9.30am**. The rally is a response to Victoria University's plans to sell the campus which includes the netball courts. The courts are used each winter netball season by more than 500 players who are part of Wellington West Netball. The rally will take place at the VUW courts at 9.30am. This is after the first round of games which finish at 9.20am. Please come and support the club's efforts to save the VUW courts. Games will start again at 10.10am.

**School Fair: Calling for a crafty crafter!** We are on the lookout for crafts, home made with love, for this year's fair. If you have a crafty disposition and are keen to contribute to the production of goodies already underway, then please contact Anna and Pearl at [foxparse@gmail.com](mailto:foxparse@gmail.com).

**Calendars** - Classes will soon be working on the artwork for calendars (of which a copy is put on your child's school report). Order forms will be sent home shortly. It may seem early but we need to send them away for processing at the end of term 3.

**WALA: Spirit of Ghana** - We have another performance on Wednesday 6 September. A dynamic fusion of drumming, dance, percussion and soaring vocal harmonies. Three passionate, exuberant and talented performers present audiences with an exciting display of Ghanaian culture. With 15 hand-made African drums, flutes and stunning costumes, WALA engage their audiences in a call and response song, invite them to try out different instruments and to join in the dance. Their enthusiasm is utterly contagious as they rejoice in the live sounds and rich heritage of their people. WALA means "life" in their local language and the perfection of the name becomes clear as they explode into their breathtaking celebration of the Ghanaian Spirit. Cost is \$4.50 per student.

**Artsplash** tickets are available for families with children participating from the school office, \$5.00 each. Tickets are restricted to 2 per family as this stage.

**Yummy Fruit Stickers** - Please keep collecting the stickers or cut the labels from the plastic bags and send to school asap. The more we collect the more free sports gear the school earns. We only have until Friday 22 September, so get eating all those apples!

***Te Taonga Horomata: Whakapono. Virtue: Certitude***

*Certitude is an attitude of faith, confidence and certainty. It is taking bold steps forward after discerning what we believe to be true and trusting that all will be well. We don't allow the fads and ways of the world to control us. We hear a higher calling. We lead our lives by moral principles. Certitude begins by deeply exploring a belief or decision through contemplation.*

## Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Mathswell Comp Yr 7/8	Selected Students	Wed 23 Aug, 7pm	
Mathswell Comp Yr 5/6	Selected Students	Tues 29 Aug, 6.30pm	
Trip to Te Papa	Pohutukawa	Wed 30 Aug	\$8.00
Orange Day Parade	Yr 6 School Patrollers	Fri 1 Sept	
Parent Interviews	Parents/Caregivers	3, 4, 5 Sept	
Life Education	All Students	5-12 Sept	\$3.00
'Spirit of Ghana' Show	All Students	Wed 6 Sept	\$4.50
Māori Language Parade	All Students	Mon 11 Sept	
St Brigid's Kapa Haka	Immersion strand	Sat 16 Sept	
ArtSplash - Choir	School Choir	Mon 18 Sept, 7.45pm	
ArtSplash - Dance	Selected Students	Thurs 21 Sept, 7.45pm	

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui Clifford

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

**Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool** - Wellington Diving Club has a range of diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up (plus separate Adult training sessions). Visit our website and come along for a free trial lesson! We have several after-school sessions and cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. We also run fun casual sessions on Sunday afternoons. For more information please visit our website [www.wellingtondiving.org.nz](http://www.wellingtondiving.org.nz) or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888.

**Kelly Sports Summer Series Football & Netball** – Get your friends together and enter a team in our popular 5-a-side Football or Netball Summer Series Leagues. Played on Friday afternoons at Ian Galloway Park (Football) and Samuel Marsden and Vic Uni in Karori (Netball) beginning 20 October 2017 (Netball) and 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (Football). A great way to maintain and improve your skills over the summer months. For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.

**Aro Valley - General Election: Meet the Candidates.** Monday 28 August, 7-9pm. Don't miss out on the Aro Valley Meet the Candidates evening. The event is a great chance to meet the Wellington Central candidates. Each candidate will be given some time to speak and then it's from the floor question time. In true Aro Valley, style water pistols are part of the action for those candidates who can't stick to their time limit.

**Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures** - October Holidays At Otari School and Berhampore School. Dates: 2nd – 13th Oct 2017 from 7.00am-7pm daily. Fees: Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session; Weekly: \$238 per cub/week or \$448 for two or more siblings/week. Discounts Available: Wild Card (15%). Interactive activities and morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided. One-on-One care provided for cub(s) if needed for extra support. Shuttle services available. Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: [www.pridelands.org.nz](http://www.pridelands.org.nz).

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**Spirit of Ghana Performance \$4.50**

**Life Education Visit \$3.00**

Enclosed is \$7.50 for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend.

Deduct \$7.50 from my activity account for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend

Signed \_\_\_\_\_