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Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Otari

Otari School put on a very successful fair on Saturday. Everyone I have spoken to has commented on the positive atmosphere, the great stalls and the wonderful entertainment. Many people helped to make this day a success, contributing their energy, time and talents all for the benefit of the school. A huge thank you to you all. We must also express our heartfelt appreciation to Jo Fullelove. Her extraordinary organisational skills, calm presence and abundance of positive energy were key to the success of this event. Many thanks Jo for the fantastic job you did. All our efforts have resulted in raising approximately \$16,000 - a very welcome sum for Otari School.

Carol Singing Event - Our usual carol singing event will not be happening this year. This is disappointing for the Student Council who were keen to put it on, but no hall, extra responsibilities and hot weather make it very difficult to have. Children are of course welcome to wear their festive finery whenever they like, as I've noticed they often seem to do quite spontaneously. We will most likely have some carols at our final morning hui on the last Monday. Hopefully this popular event will be back on the calendar next year!

Te Taonga Horomata: Mōhiotanga. Virtue: Wisdom

Wisdom is the guardian of our choices. It helps us to discern the right path at the right moment. It gives us clarity of thought and deeper understanding. We use our best judgement, resisting the pull of impulse and desire. Wisdom gives us the maturity and patience to make sustainable decisions.

'Knowledge is knowing what to say. Wisdom is knowing when to say it'.

Author Unknown

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Whānau Shared Kai	Immersion strand	Tues 5 Dec, 6pm	
Yr 8 Outing	Yr 8s	Tues 5 Dec	TBC
Yr 8 Dinner	Yr 8s	Thurs 7 Dec	TBC
Yr 8 Farewell	Yr 7 & 8 & Parents	Thurs 14 Dec, 6pm	
End of term		Tues 19 Dec, 12noon	

Have a good week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

2018 Term Dates		
Term 1	Thurs 1 Feb	Fri 13 Apr
Term 2	Mon 30 Apr	Fri 6 Jul
Term 3	Mon 23 Jul	Fri 28 Sept
Term 4	Mon 15 Oct	Tues 18 Dec

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

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes: Kelly Club Northland Pre-Christmas holiday programme at the Northland Memorial Hall from Friday 18 December through to Friday 22 December 2017, activities include Wet N Wild, Scavenger Hunt, Cup cake decorating, Sports, Christmas Activities games and much more.

Kelly Club Wilton January Holiday Programme starting from the 8th January 2018 – 2 February 2018. Held at the Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Ian Galloway Park, Wilton. Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email northland@kellyclub.co.nz/wilton@kellyclub.co.nz or call 022 010 9973/022 106 5335.

Kelly Sports Term 1 2018: Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes. "Back to School Sports" (Yrs 1-4) – Wednesday lunchtimes - Come and try Football, Cricket, Turbo Touch and Dodgeball. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time!

January Football Morning Holiday Workshop (Yrs 1–6) Wests Club Rooms, Wilton (all weather indoor surface). Improve technique by working on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling & shooting with head coach Martin. Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm (9th, 10th & 11th Jan/16th, 17th & 18th Jan/23rd, 24th & 25th Jan). For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

Karori Junior Hockey Pre-season Programme - Karori Junior Hockey Club will run a 5-week pre-season programme for primary students in years 3-8. The programme will commence in early February 2018. Registrations for the new 5-week format held on Sundays will open on the 23rd January via the clubs website www.kjhc.org.nz. The programme fee is \$35. For more information or to register interest please email convenor.kjhc@gmail.com.

Northland Kidz Club's Summer Holiday Programme – Before & After Christmas. Join us in our adventures each day, as we're out-and-about in the Wellington region. We'll be doing a lot of our old favourites (ice-skating, go-karting, mini-golf, Time Cinema, ten-pin bowling) as well as going to beaches, parks, play areas and swimming pools. We'll be on the ferry to Somes/Matiu Island, attending Circus School, learning jazz musical theatre style dance, touring Government House and going to the Lego Exhibition at Te Papa. \$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), or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).