



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Kia ora koutou

A five year old came up to me yesterday and said, "Matua Clifford - where were you last week?" It's nice to know I'm missed (by at least one person) and nice to be back after our enforced, flood related absence in Kapiti. Our family was not seriously affected, however it certainly was a reminder of nature's power! It is also a timely reminder of the need to be well prepared for emergencies. Please see below; there are a large number of children without kits.

Emergency Box - We require each child to have a 'mini survival kit'. Please bring to school in a named ice-cream box, the following:

- 1 can of food (spaghetti/baked beans etc - preferably tear top)
- 1 food bar (eg muesli bar or similar dried fruit bar)
- 1 small carton of juice ('Fresh Up' type with straw attached)
- 1 bag barley sugars/boiled sweets
- Optional - a very small comfort toy

Loud Shirt/Jumper Day - Thanks to everyone who contributed to this event. All money raised will go to the Red Cross Nepal Appeal.

Baking - Thank you to all the Montessori families that did some fantastic baking for last weeks cake stand at school, raising funds for Nepal, and thank you to all parents and children who supported the stall by helping and buying. We made an incredible \$555.90. A brilliant effort, this money will be deposited into the Red Cross Nepal Appeal.

Dental Van - The van has been moved to Cardinal McKeefrey School. Not every Otari child has been seen, but don't worry, the dental nurses will ensure every child is checked and will contact parents for any follow-up work that needs to be done.

School Cross Country is on next Wednesday (weather permitting), starting at approximately 1.00pm at Wilton Park. Lunch will run from 11.45 to 12.45pm.

Montessori at Otari Playgroup and Preschool is holding it's Open Day on Saturday 23rd May, between 10am to 12 noon, at the Preschool. This is an opportunity to come and discover our Montessori environment, meet our teachers and learn more about our programme for children ages 0 to 6 years. We look forward to seeing you - no need to book.

Author - Craig Smith visited us last year during Book Week. He was extremely popular. He is self-publishing his next Book in Songbook 'Eating'. The book centres around a birthday party and all the silly but fun eating styles and different foods that one can imagine. When it has been played to the kids, they absolutely love it. This is one of Craig's stories that kids and parents alike have always asked "When is this going to be a book!?" I imagine they'll be perfect for gifts too. Please forward this to anyone and everyone you think would appreciate it or would like to pre buy his new book. He needs to pre-sell 600 copies. Take a quick look and see if this is for you. <https://www.pledgeme.co.nz/projects/3546>

Entertainment Books - Books are now available. The book offers some great bargains to all sorts of places: LaserForce, PaintBall Corp, Daytona Raceway, Ten Pin Bowling, NZ Symphony Orchestra, NZ Opera, NZ Rugby Museum, Wgtn Phoenix, Staglands, local cinemas, heaps of bakeries, cafes, fine dining, DVD hire and McDonalds etc. Let Jillian know if you would like one or you can order it online: <http://www.entbook.co.nz/10455w7>.

Yummy Sticker Promotion is on again in 2015. Its time to start collecting Yummy apple stickers and the cut-out labels on the Yummy 1.5 apple bags. This year there are some exciting new varieties of apples available, SWEETANGO, AMBROSIA and LEMONADE. There is a special 'New Variety Sticker Sheet' available to get you DOUBLE your sticker points. This is available at <http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schoolstickerpromo>. Sticker sheets can be downloaded from or you can just stick them to a sheet of paper - they just need to be easy to count. The school receives a great supply of new sports equipment for your efforts. Send completed sheets to the office.

Matariki 2015

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 25 June 2015, 5.30-7.30pm, Ōtari School Hall

Sausage Sizzle (gold coin donation)

Please bring a plate to share - kia kaitahi tātau!

Our virtues this week are Discernment and Righteousness.

Discernment is accessing the wisdom of our intuition to discover what is essential and true. Detaching from our desire to rush decisions, we seek to distinguish the true from the false, the facts from our assumptions, and then choose the best path.

Righteousness is living by a code of moral rectitude. It is practising impeccable integrity in light of what we know is right. We don't allow the fads of the day to sway us from doing the right thing.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Yr 3 Sports Festival	Yr 3s	Fri 29 May, 9.00am	
School Cross Country	Everyone	Wed 27 May, 1.00pm	
WZ Cross Country	Selected children	Tues 9 June	
School Photos	All children	Wed 24 June	TBA
Matariki Event	Everyone	Thurs 25 June, 5.30pm	
WZ Hockey Tournament	Selected children	Tues 30 June	
Immunisations	Yr 8 Girls	Fri 3 Jul	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Clifford

"Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit.
We become just by doing just acts, temperate by
doing temperate acts, brave by doing brave acts."

Aristotle

Separate Notice sent home recently: Nil

Community Notices: *(Please note these notices are passed on to us and are not necessarily an endorsement)*

Children's Garden at the Botanical Gardens - Your school children, parents and teachers are most welcome to attend at talk by David Sole on the development of the Children's Garden at the Botanical Gardens in Wellington. The talk will be at the James co center at the Dowse Art Museum, Laings Road Lower, Sunday 24 May at 2pm. The talk is hosted by the Hutt Valley Horticultural Society. The talk will be free along with afternoon tea. For catering purposes, RSVP by this Thursday 2 May to Dianne Purdie at Ph 479 5548 or email diannepurdie@xtra.co.nz

Wellington College – 2015 Key Enrolment dates for Yr 9 2016

Mon 3 Aug – Applications for out of zone must be received

Sat 20 June – Open morning for Yr 9, 10.30am

Mon 22 June – Open Morning for Yr 9, 9.30 – 11.am

Thurs 19 Nov – Yr 9 Induction Day Thurs 26 Nov - Yr 9, Parents Evening