



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Kia ora koutou

Welcome back! We look forward to another term of learning, including a number of events and activities that enrich our programmes. Please take note of these in the events calendar.

We welcome 5 new students and their families:

Amy Xu (Kakano)	Eden Cassady (Ngaio)
Arjun Prasad (Pohutukawa)	Samantha Kohing (Pohutukawa)
Viktorie Fukac (Pohutukawa)	

We also welcome two new staff members: Katharine Taylor as a Special Needs teacher, working one day a fortnight and Paula Crisp, working as a teacher aide in Kakano.

Wiki Pukapuka/Book Week is next week. We have two visiting authors, Apirana Taylor on Monday and Juliette MacIvor on the Tuesday. There will also be a book quiz, a library book sale and a book character dress up day on Friday, culminating with a parade of book characters. *Whaea Johanne*

Future Ferns Junior Netball - Our school is able to participate in a pilot programme for Yr 2 & 3 children. The programme runs from 31 July to 7 September (6 weeks) Sundays from 1-2pm at the Karori Normal School netball courts. Parents need to attend with their child and participate as a helper (training is provided - very simple). The cost per child is \$20.00. Places are limited so if you are interested please contact Susan BY THIS THURSDAY, 23 JULY - susan@otari.school.nz.

Wilton Montessori Education Trust Presents: Unravelling the Mystery of the Adolescent Brain. Adolescence is an important 15 year period starting about 10 years of age through to the mid 20's. The Brainwave Trust presentation explores the brain changes that help adults understand many of the adolescent behaviours. The presentation will cover:

- The emotional and impulsive behaviour of the teenage years
- Understand risk taking behaviour from a different perspective
- Understand how decisions are made differently when peers are involved
- Explore some of the implications these changes have on the everyday life of a teenager

Date: Tuesday 18 August 7.00pm - 9.00pm. **Where:** Northland Community Hall, Northland
Price: \$15 a ticket. **To Book tickets email** brainwavetrust.tickets@gmail.com.

Hui Whānau - Nei rā ngā mihi o Matariki ki ngā whānau o Kaikōmako, o Kōwhai, o Tui hoki. The next Hui Whānau will be held on Tuesday, 4 August, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, in Tui (third week of Term 3). If you have any agenda items, please email Rachelle Hautapu on hautapu@hotmail.com a week prior to the meeting.

Chocolate and Soap Fundraisers - Please return the money urgently (or bank it direct into our bank account). If you can sell more, we have more chocolate and soap available.

Entertainment Books - Books are available. Let Jillian know if you would like one or you can order it online: <http://www.entbook.co.nz/10455w7>.

Notice for Kakano class - 100 Days of School Celebration - Since the start of the year the children in the junior maths group have been counting the days we have been at school. On Thursday, all of the child in Kakano will be celebrating '100 Days of School' by having a pyjama day and shared lunch. It would be appreciated if your child could bring something to school to share with the rest of the class for lunch. They can also wear their pyjamas and bring a soft toy if they would like to. *Britta and Sacha.*

Te Taonga Horomata: Harikoa. Our virtue Cheerfulness
Cheerfulness is seeing the bright side and looking for the good in whatever happens. It is maintaining a positive attitude of optimism and confidence. When we give cheerfully we are wholeheartedly helpful.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Book Week	Everyone	27 -31 July	
Whānau Hui	Immersion strand	Tues 4 August, 5.30pm	
Parent Interviews	Parents/Caregivers	25-27 August	
School Panto - The Pied Piper	Everyone	14,15,16,17 September	
St Brigid's Kaha Haka Festival	Everyone	Sat 19 Sept	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui,
Clifford

"There is one thing one has to have: either a soul that is cheerful by nature, or a soul make cheerful by work, love, art and knowledge." *Francois-Marie Voltaire*

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

Learn a new language the FUN way! Lunchtime French Term 3. Lunchtime French classes are held every Monday lunchtime in the School Hall. Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with the emphasis being on FUN! Language resources available to support parents at home! Come along and try out a Free Trial class! French, Spanish and Mandarin is also offered in various locations around Wellington with a new after-school Spanish class starting in central Wellington in Term 3. Visit the website: www.lcfclubs.co.nz for times of classes or contact annick@lcfclubs.co.nz or 476 3098. New: Online Registration Available.

Author Visit - Stacy Gregg, author of *The Princess & The Foal*, *The Island of Lost Horses* and the *Pony Club Secrets* series, will be at *The Children's Bookshop*, Kilbirnie Plaza on Wednesday 5th August from 3.30pm to 4pm, to meet her readers sign copies of her books. All welcome, no charge.

Ngā Tukemata Mō Te Wiki o te Reo Maori - A celebration of Māori Music from Ngāti Kahungunu artists and kapahaka for Māori Language Week 2015. Tuesday 28 July 2015, 5:30- 7:30pm. Karaka Cafe, Wharewaka Function Centre, Wellington Waterfront. Performers are:

6:00pm - Te Kura o Ōtari

6:15pm - Toni Huata

6:30pm - Matiu Te Huki

6:45pm - Kirsten Te Rito

7:00pm - Brannigan Kaa

7:15pm - Whānau Sing along. Whakakapi!

RSVP essential: waahuu@xtra.co.nz/021-639 790

Entry by koha (donation)

Kai and drinks available for purchase

Music available for sale. Iwi registration.

Master of Ceremonies: Petera Hakiwai

Notice from Wellington Water

Wadestown Road closure: 9am-4pm weekdays, Wednesday 5 August until mid-September 2015

Wellington Water is renewing a wastewater main that is buried beneath Wadestown Road. This is an important job, as leaking wastewater pipes can have significant environmental impacts. Work is being carried out on behalf of Wellington City Council.

You will have already noticed roadworks on Wadestown Road. However, from Wednesday 5 August we also need to close a section of the road to traffic between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

We had hoped to be able to keep the road open, but all the buried services, including power, phone and gas lines, mean the safest option is to close the road.

The closure is from Weld Street to Margaret Street (walkway). The detour and alternative bus route (from the city end) is via Cecil Road, Margaret Street, Mairangi Road, and Norwich Street, then left down Wilton Road (and then right into Churchill Drive for private vehicles). Please see attached map.

There will be access in and out for residents living in the closed area.

You'll be able to get updates on our progress via our webpage:

www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/projects/current-projects/wadestown-road/.

Bus service disruption (Monday to Friday 9am-4pm)

Route 14 and affected school bus services will be diverted during the times of the road closure.

The attached map shows the bus diversion route and the shuttle bus route between Norwich Street and Margaret Street on Wadestown and Wilton roads. Please note that the shuttle bus will ONLY stop at designated bus stops (as indicated by the blue line on the map). Buses will NOT stop along the diversion route (indicated in pink on the map). School bus services affected by the closure (Routes 672, 745, 744 and 619) will follow the Route 14 diversion route.

The shuttle bus will be running to the normal Route 14 timetable as much as possible, however, there may be delays. Real Time Information predictions will NOT be applicable for the bus stops on the shuttle bus portion of the bus route.

The shuttle bus will be signed for Route 14 so passengers will be able to easily identify it.

Please contact Metlink for more information (details below).