



Te Kura o Otari
Otari School

News

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Kia ora koutou

This year parent interviews are being held over four nights. They are starting at 3.10pm and running until 6:30pm. Therefore, the latest 20 minute interview time available will be 6:10 until 6:30pm. We realise this may not be as suitable for some families as having interviews run until 8pm, however teachers find that it is difficult to focus late into the evening and would prefer to have four nights of interviews that finish at 6:30pm than three nights that finish at 8pm. If for any reason you cannot make an interview time between Monday and Thursday, then please ask the teacher for an alternative interview time.

Interviews are in Week 6 (24-27 August). These interviews are for parents and caregivers only (children are not included). The library will be open for children to wait while parents are at the interview. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be running in the library during interviews. Please make time to have a look at all the wonderful books for sale. Interviews can be booked at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>. The school code is JS4SF. If you are unable to use the website, call Jillian (475-3018) and she will book it for you.

Thank you to everyone who sold chocolate and soap this year. Spot prizes were drawn recently for those families who had participated. Prizes were kindly donated by LolliesOnLine, Countdown at Chartwell and Reading Cinemas. If your child won the movie ticket please contact Jillian (475-3018, office@otari.school.nz) to receive a replacement ticket.

Guitar Lessons Week 5 (17/8 - 21/8) - Due to Charles' other work commitments next week, Monday students will have their lessons on Wednesday (19th) and Wednesday students will have their lesson on Thurs (20th). For the rest of term, lessons will be on Mondays and Wednesdays as usual.

Photos - Orders need to be completed by Tuesday 18 August.

Scentsy - Information regarding this fundraiser, organised by staff member Deja Harrison, was sent home last week. Deja has also created a Facebook Event page. You can invite others to it, as well. On Wednesday and Friday this week, she will be available in the library from 3-5:30pm for those who would to smell all the testers and look at different warmers & personal care products. <https://www.facebook.com/events/495969863911166/>

Scholastic Book orders need to be to the office by Friday.

Te Taonga Horomata: Whaka-hoahoa. Our virtue is Friendliness
The presence of a friend can soothe us, unleash our laughter, amplify our joy and diminish our sorrow. Friends are compassionate witnesses to one another's stories. We share our time, our attention, our love and above all ourselves. We look upon strangers as friends we haven't met yet. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Parent Interviews	Parents/Caregivers	24-27 August	
School Panto - The Pied Piper	Everyone	15,16,17 September	TBA
St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival	Everyone	Sat 19 Sept	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui,
Clifford

"Keep smiling because optimism and friendliness will take you everywhere."

Notices sent home recently: WZ Netball Tournament

Term Dates 2016

Term 1: Wed 3 Feb – Fri 15 Apr

Term 2: Mon 2 May – Fri 8 July

Other Holidays:

Waitangi Day: Mon 8 Feb

Easter break: 25, 28, 29 Mar

Anzac Day: Mon 25 Apr

Term 3: Mon 25 July – Fri 23 Sep

Term 4: Mon 10 Oct – Fri 16 Dec

Queens Birthday: Mon 5 Jun

Labour Day: Mon 24 Oct

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

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need 60 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! Come and join Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes, which focus on key life skills after school on Fridays! We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. Give me a call to come along for a free trial, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development. Contact Kayla 02102645487 or email kayla@marrzipandrama.co.nz.

Friday football Summer League after school with Kelly Sports at Ian Galloway Park Terms 4 and 1. Would Year 4 and 5 children be interested in making up a team for this coming league. I am happy to organise as James and George Fullelove are keen to participate. Usually teams of 7/8 players as you play 5 a side. Contact me asap: jofullelove@gmail.com or 021 2063614 Nga mihi

Musical Stars presents Disney's Beauty and the Beast – Thurs 17-Fri 18 Sept (10am & 1pm). \$5 per person, Lower Hutt Little Theatre. Tickets; 972-3352, 021-410-015, talita@musicalstars.co.nz.

Messy Church on Sun 26 Aug, 2pm: our theme is Down Through the Roof. We'll have great craft activities, a short worship and afternoon tea. See you at St Anne's, Northland (near the shops).

Job - Lovely and mature young Argentinean woman, currently staying with a Northland family, looking for a job in childcare, cleaning, gardening or Spanish teacher. Florencia is available during the next three months and you can contact Kerstin on 0211392834 (for a reference) or Florencia directly on 027 804 7403.