

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Week 2 Newsletter 9 February 2010

Otonga School 50th Jubilee
Saturday 5th June 2010

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Board of Trustee Elections 2010

BOT Elections will be held in April 2010. This is an opportunity for you to be actively involved in your child's education.

A warm welcome back to you all and a special welcome to our new families.

We also welcome our new staff members: Mrs Sonja van den Heuvel and Miss Delanie Fisher. There was a huge push to get the buildings ready for the start of term and we have been able to get 5 classes into their new rooms. Mrs Scott and Miss Fisher have to wait just a bit longer.

Sun Hats

As part of our accreditation as a sun smart school we have a policy that states that children must wear a broad-brimmed hat in Terms 1 & 4, or else they will be restricted to a small area of shade. Caps are not accepted as appropriate level of safety. Please help us to help your child by ensuring there is a suitable named hat.

Linda Woon

Meet the Teacher Wednesday 10 February 5.00-7.00pm

We are hoping to have another wonderful evening to share a picnic meal together on the field. To make the event even more worthwhile for everyone we are introducing a brief assembly for parents of each team in the hall. Middle Team parent assembly 5.30pm. Junior Team parent assembly 5.45pm and Senior Team parent assembly 6.00pm. The EOTC week will also be addressed. New buildings tour 6.30pm.

Linda Woon

Student Absences

Please advise daily absences to the office by 9.00am each day. There is an answerphone available by 9.00am each day or email lkeach@otonga.school.nz.

Road Patrol

If you are able to help supervise at the pedestrian crossings either in the morning or afternoon please contact the school office or email wpeterson@otonga.school.nz. Thanks.

Lunch News

Bought lunches will commence Monday 22nd February if we have enough help. If you are able to help either Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings collating lunches or help to hand them out at lunch time on a Friday please contact the school office on 348 6443 or email lkeach@otonga.school.nz.

Food and Fun Fair – 11 March 2010

We are now into our first full school week of the new year and the support group has the task of preparing for this year's Food 'n' Fun Fair which is just five weeks away. As such we are once again asking for your help and support. We have attached a copy of the sponsorship letter which went out to businesses in the community asking for any assistance/donations that they are able to give. If you have, or know of a business that may be able to help the school, please feel free to pass this letter on.

Also, each week we will be sending out green flyers asking for your assistance in various ways. To give you prior warning of what we will be asking for, here is an outline. Mystery jars, quick fire raffle items – grocery items, books/games, then we will be selling keys for the bike raffle and in the final week we will send out a paper plate to each family in the hope that you can do some baking for us, and most importantly we need your help on the day running stalls, etc. You don't have to participate in all these donations, but the more donations we receive the more money we can raise.

We thank you for your support and look forward to another successful gala.

Sponsorship Committee, OSSG

Gala items

Do we have a parent who has a hot drink van?

Do we have a parent who does auctions or MC and got the gift of the gab?

Do you have time to pick up items from town?

We have access to getting an old chest freezer for the school and it would be enormously useful .. BUT... it needs to be repaired. Do we have anyone who is able to repair it for the school- especially as part of the Gala contribution?

Does anyone have a 4wd or a novelty car that could be used for rides at the gala?

Is anyone interested in running their own food stall at the gala?

Linda Woon

Year 5/6 EOTC Fee

The Education Outside the Classroom fee of \$68.00 is due by this Friday 12 February. If you wish to make arrangements to pay this fee off please contact the school office. Students whose fee has not been paid or who have not had arrangements made will not be able to participate.

School Levies

The school levy notice has been sent home today with the newsletter. Thanks you to everyone who has already paid their school levies. Levy payment options are:

- a) One lump sum payment of all fees by 31/3/10 gives a \$10 reduction per child
- b) Payment term by term.
- c) Automatic payment option.

Ready Set Go Class

This will start this week for 4 year old children ready to start school. Due to alterations to classrooms, it will be held in Room 14 at 1.30pm. Children and parents are welcome to come earlier to familiarise themselves with the playground. Please register your child at the school office if you have not already done so.

Jill Muriwai Senior Teacher Junior Area

Walking School Bus

We are busy organising our WSB's for 2010. Please contact Mr Cunliffe (Rm 17) and Mr Liley (Rm 10) if you would like to set up a route. At the moment we have buses from Galbraith Street, Utuhina Road, Day Place, Hathor Street, Tihi and Pukehangi Roads – mornings only.

Mr Cunliffe and Mr Liley

Library & Information Technology Centre News

Scholastic Book Club Orders: Book Club Brochures Offer 1 is now available. Please take the time to look through the brochures with your children and consider the books that are appropriate for your child's reading level and interests. This month we have **Lucky** (Age 5-7yrs), **Arrow** (7-10yrs), **Star** (10-12yrs). Offer 1 also includes a Specials Brochure, **Back to School** (for all ages).

Any orders can be held for collection by parents, please just mark this clearly on your order.

Please return orders to the Library by Friday 19th February.

Payment can be made in cash or cheque (cheques to be made payable to "Otonga Road Primary School") and for orders over \$10 by credit card.

Items purchased through Scholastic Book Club earn the school reward points that are used to purchase further resources. Thank you for your participation and support.

Library Volunteers Needed for Junior Classes: *Can you help in the Library?* We require helpers to assist small groups of children during Junior Library time (9.45 am to 10.30 am. each day).

Please call me if you can help or would like to know more Telephone 348 6443, Ext. 712.

Missing Readers and Library Books: While shelving *sets of Classroom Readers* we found many have missing books! Please can you search at home and return any books found with an 'Otonga School' stamp inside the front cover. Thank you. Your help in recovering these books is most appreciated and saves the school money if we do not have to replace resources.

Book Care Tips: Take care of library books put them in a waterproof bag to protect them from food and drink spills in your school bag.

Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager

SPCA ADOPT-A-THON

This will be held on 13 and 14th February come and fall in love at the SPCA . Go in the draw to win prizes for you and your local SPCA.

Twilight Soccer

Children 5 years + are invited to register teams for the Twilight Soccer League that runs on Thursdays from 4.00pm from 18 February to 25 March. For further enquires contact Fiona MacGregor 027 548 1641 or email fee.mac@xtra.co.nz

Flippa Ball

Flippaball starts up again this week. First game is Thursday 11th . Players who put their names forward for teams in Term 4 2009, need to have sent their \$20 registration fee to the school office.

Donnene van Fulpen

2010 STAFF LIST

PRINCIPAL

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Mrs Linda Woon

Mrs Wendy Peterson

Mrs Belinda Herbert

TEACHING STAFF

<u>Mrs Caroline Andrews</u>	ST	Yr 2	Rm 1
Mrs Donnene van Fulpen		Yr 2	Rm 1
Mrs Kathryn Cochet		Yr 2	Rm 2
Mrs Margaret Weir		Yr 2	Rm 3
<u>Mrs Jill Muriwai</u>	ST	Yr 1	Rm 4
Mrs Rebecca Scott/Miss Delanie Fisher		Yr 1	Rm 5
Mrs Angela Donlon/Neil Carrington		Yr 1	Rm 7
Mrs Jill Fowler		Yr 2	Rm 8
<u>Mrs Paulien Gray</u>	ST	Yr 5/6	Rm 9
Mr Matthew Liley		Yr 5/6	Rm 10
Mrs Lynne Armstrong		Yr 5/6	Rm 11
Mrs Iris Williams		Yr 5/6	Rm 12
Mrs Sue McKenzie		Yr 5/6	Rm 13
Mrs Carol McKenzie Special Needs			Rm 14
Mrs Tholsie Naidoo		Yr 1	Rm 15
Mr Gareth Cunliffe		Yr 3/4	Rm 17
<u>Mrs Cheryl Hallier</u>	ST	Yr 3/4	Rm 18
Mrs Cherry Veen		Yr 3/4	Rm 19
Mrs Amanda Jeffery		Yr 3/4	Rm 20
Mrs Sonja van den Heuvel		Yr 3/4	Rm 21
Mrs Jane Rutherford		Yr 3/4	Rm 22

Mrs Muriwai (HOD Junior School) is using the Reading Recovery room for her office. The teachers with the underlined names are the Senior Teachers for their area of the school. If you have any issues or concerns that your Class Teacher is unable to resolve, please contact the Senior Teacher.

PART TIME TEACHING STAFF:

Mrs Jenny Peace
Mr Peter Freeman
Mrs Carol McKenzie

SCHOOL SECRETARIES:

Mrs Glenis Maud
Mrs Linda Keach
Mrs Cherie May

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Mrs Lynley MacRae
Mrs Tracy Warner
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Mrs Deena Theobald
Mrs Diane van der Drift
Mrs Karen McLeod
Mrs Sue Thorpe
Mrs Manuela Van Vuuren

LIBRARY MANAGER:

Mrs Pauline Atkinson

LIBRARY ASSISTANT:

Mrs Karen Rolfe

DENTAL THERAPIST:

Mrs Liz King

B.O.T. SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Mrs Margaret Robilliard

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ASSISTANT CARETAKER:

Mr Ron Walker
Mr Jock Eddy