

## Newsletter No 9 – 28 June 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers

### **Reporting Maori Achievement**

The recent ERO visit reminded us that we had not reported our Maori students' achievements to our community.

There are 130 students identifying as Maori at Otonga.

Our targets for our Maori students were the same as for all of our students.

We are happy to report that using standardized tests in maths and reading, our Maori students are achieving At and Above national norms. This is comparable to our whole school results.

Our BOT are designing a survey for all of our families to review your aspirations for our Maori students.

*Linda Woon*

### **Class Size Year 1**

We have had to increase our expected class size at Year 1 for 2011.

The Ministry of Education give us staffing based on a standard formula. This year we have large numbers in the senior and middle school, which do not generate as much staffing as the Year 1's. We wish to retain our Reading Recovery (Mrs Andrews) and Special Needs Co-ordinator (Mrs Herbert). This means that we will need to follow MOE advice and increase the ratio to 1:18 in Year 1

*Linda Woon*

### **Toys at School**

A reminder that children are under no circumstances to bring toys or other valued items to school. This includes electronic games, toy cars, trading cards even flash shoes, etc. Our children are generally very honest but sometimes temptation is too great. We cannot be responsible for valued items from home.

### **End of School Day**

All children who are not at Afterschool Care or sports practices must have left the school grounds by the 3.15pm bell. There have been some potentially serious situations that we are unable to supervise.

### **World teachers Day**

In October there is a day to celebrate good teachers. If you would like to post a compliment to a particular teacher, I will make a poster to display them.

You may contribute anonymously, if you prefer.

Email to : [lwoon@otonga.school.nz](mailto:lwoon@otonga.school.nz)

*Linda Woon*

### **Term dates**

Last day term 2 Friday 15 July

Term 3: Monday 1 Aug – Friday 7 Oct

Term 4: Tuesday 25 Oct – Friday 16 Dec

If you would like to leave feedback regarding items in this newsletter please email [lwoon@otonga.school.nz](mailto:lwoon@otonga.school.nz)

### **Maths Made Easy Community Software**

#### **Plan:**

If you would like to order any EdAlive software featured in the leaflet handed out last week please return your orders to the school office by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011.

Thank you

#### **Litter less Lunches**

Thanks to the many families who have provided children with reusable containers in lunchboxes. There has been a HUGE reduction in wrappers! Hopefully lots of the plastic that is going home is being recycled where possible. Recycling Solutions provide an excellent weekly pickup of recycling at a very reasonable price. Phone Bridget 345 7701.

*Amanda Jeffery*

### **Starship Phones For Rewards**

#### **Campaign**

Our School is taking part in the Starship Hospital Phones for Rewards Campaign. By collecting your old mobile phones, we can earn some exciting rewards for our school. The rewards on offer range from digital cameras, laptop computers, even a promethean interactive whiteboard. The more phones we collect, the better our rewards will be. So have a hunt around at home, ask around at work, and drop off your old mobile phones to the box in the school office. We don't need chargers, and we ask that you take out your batteries. These can be placed in the box as well.

This is a great campaign. Not only will we earn exciting rewards for our school, we are helping Starship fundraise for their Air Ambulance Service

<b>Hockey</b>	<b>Played</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>POD</b>
Strikers			Cate Burge
Dynamites	Westbrook	20-1	Elise Cresswell
Hotshots	Westbrook	1-5	Madison George
Warriors	Westbrook	1-2	Neila Curtis
Thundersticks			Aleisha Reeves

#### **Lunch Menu Term 2 2011**

Orders are taken Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the hall kitchen from 8.30-8.55am

Mince Pie	\$3.00	Chicken Filled Roll	\$3.00
American Style Hotdog	\$2.20	Hawaiian Pizza	\$2.20
Ham Cheese Stix	\$1.80	Mince Savoury	\$1.80
Chocolate Chip Muffin	\$1.80	Choc Chip Cookie	\$0.80
Fruit Drink-Berry Flavour	\$1.00	Water	\$1.00
Chocolate Milk	\$1.20		

**LUNCHES ARE ONLY AVAILABLE THESE DAYS.  
PLEASE HAVE CORRECT MONEY.**