



OTONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Kura o Tihīōtonga

"To build sound foundations for our children's future"

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Term 2 Diary

4 May	Mini Marathon & Yr 1 Wheels Day
7 May	OSSG Meeting 7pm Staffroom
11 May	Yr 1 Museum Trip
15-17 May	Three-way Interviews
24 May	School Photos
25 May	Middle School Disco
29 May	School Cross Country
4 June	Queen's Birthday – SCHOOL CLOSED
6 June	Ripper Rugby Tournament
12 June	Central Interschool Cross Country
13 June	Book Week Show
15 June	Matariki Day
22 June	Middle School Redwood's Trip
6 July	Middle School Bug Party
	Last Day of Term 2 – School finishes at 3pm

Term Dates 2018

Term 2: Mon 30th April – Fri 6th July

Term 3: Mon 23rd July – Fri 28th September

Term 4: Mon 15th October – TBA

ROAD SAFETY

Thank you to the parents who are still meeting their children down at Jackson Park. At the front of the school please keep the disabled carpark free it is at the end of the drop off zone. Parents of children in rooms 5, 7 & 8 please do not use the drop off zone. Yesterday went well – thanks parents.

ROTORUA MINI MARATHON

All year 2-8 children have been busy running each day to complete their 40km's on their passports. The last 2km's will be run on **Friday 4th May 2018** at the official course, starting at the Energy Events Centre. Children will be bused to the event (buses leave school at 8:55am sharp) and the first race starts at 10am. Please don't be late to school or you will miss the bus!

Reminder - You must wear covered shoes for this event.

Please make sure you have paid your activity fee to cover the entry fee and cost of the bus – this can be done via Kindo, please see information below (page 2) regarding paying school fees online.

For course information click [here](#) or visit

<https://www.sportbop.co.nz/downloads/Mini-Marathon-Course.pdf>

2018 GREAT KIWI ENGLISH, SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS.

Friday 5th May 2018 is the cut off day to enrol your Year 5 & 6 children to participate in these competitions.

Please fill out the attached form on page 4 or collect one from the office.

Mrs Margot Nielsen, Deputy Principal

THREE-WAY INTERVIEWS

These will be held over 3 nights next term – **Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May**. For all of our children this is an important time for setting goals around their next steps for learning. This year Three-way interviews have gone from being 10 minutes to 15 minutes in length. It's very important for your child to attend the interview with you. Bookings for the Three-way interviews are now open and can be completed very simply online. **Just visit:**

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz & enter the code **atw48.**

If you have more than one child at Otonga School you will need to leave a 15 minute break between appointments. School will finish at the usual time of 3pm on these days. If you do not have access to the internet you can phone or call into the office to book a time.

Mrs Linda Woon, Principal

OSSG/PTA NEWS

- The next Otonga School Support Group normal monthly PTA meeting will take place on **Monday 7th May 2018** at 7pm in the school staffroom – everyone is welcome.
- Monthly Mailer - Are you interested in the PTA but can't attend meetings? Would you like to hear about upcoming events and funding projects? Sign up for the monthly mailer to receive advance notice of future events, details of projects being awarded funding and a summary of our PTA meetings. Send your details (name, email address, child's name and room number) to ossg@otonga.school.nz or message our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OtongaSchoolPTA/> to be added to the monthly mailer list.

GIRL GUIDING ACHIEVEMENT

Olivia Wallace has completed her 'Gold Apple' which is the highest Pippin award which takes a lot of commitment and perseverance to complete.

Peyton Parata has completed her 'Gold Koru' which is the top Brownie award.

Peyton has been a committed Brownie, working towards this award for 2½ years.

Congratulations Olivia & Peyton – Well done!



ENVIRO TEAM REQUEST

The Enviro team have been busy building their bug houses and to finish this project off they are in need of the following: log rounds, bricks with holes, pine cones, river stones, spouting pipe offcuts, small terracotta pots, ponga logs. If you have any of these items at home and would like to donate them to the Enviro team please drop all donations off to Rm 5. Many thanks.

Mrs Angela Donlon



RIS ENROLMENT PROCESS - ATTENTION ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS

An email has been sent out today to all parents of Yr 6 students regarding the enrolment process for Rotorua Intermediate School. If additional copies of this letter are required please collect these from the school office.

LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

Library Books: Please remember to return books borrowed before the school holidays - all these books are now showing as overdue. To keep Library records up-to-date if you have not finished reading a book please bring it to the **Issue Desk** for Renewal.

Reader Packs: If your child was given a 'Reader Pack' for use in the school holidays please make sure these are returned to school promptly.

Thank you.

Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager

LUNCHONLINE

Monday = St Andrews Bakery

Friday = Pita Pit

This term you are able to order school lunches from Pita Pit and St Andrews Bakery each week. They will be on separate days – St Andrews Bakery lunches are delivered on Monday's starting **Monday 7th May 2018** and Pita Pit lunches are delivered on Friday's starting **Friday 4th May 2018**. If you haven't done so already you can register and/or order at www.lunchonline.co.nz. Remember you can order anytime during the week and up until 9am on the day of delivery.



St Andrews Bakery & Hearty Meals Catering Menu

	PASTRIES: Mince & Cheese Pie..... \$4.00
	Chicken and Mixed Vegetable Pie..... \$4.00
	Small Mince Savoury Pie..... \$1.70
	Large Sausage Roll..... \$2.80
	PIZZAS: Med (Crispy Base)..... \$4.50
	Chicken and Bacon BBQ Swirl Pizza..... \$4.50
	Med (Crispy Base)..... \$4.50
	Hawaiian Ham/ Pineapple/ Cheese with optional Aioi Sauce swirl
	*Other types of Pizzas available on request
	BISCUITS: Large Choc Chip Cookie..... \$2.00
	Surprise Muffins (Choc Chip or Mixed Berry)..... \$2.00
	BEVERAGES: 250ml Meadow Fresh..... \$2.00
	Calci Strong Chocolate Milk
	MEALS: Soy Chicken Nibble and Fresh Salad..... \$6.50
	Nachos with Sour Cream..... \$6.50
	Chicken Satay with Rice and Fresh Salad..... \$6.50

Shop 6, 4 Otonga Road, Rotorua

Phone: 07 349 6195

PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE – ANYTIME 24/7

2018 Activity Fees & Outstanding EOTC Fees are now ready for payment through our online KINDO shop.

Please be aware that you can choose to part-pay your. **ACTIVITY FEE** if you wish. Kindo is set-up to allow this.

* **NEW USERS** ...

If you do NOT have a Kindo account already (at this or another school), visit our [school website](#) and click on the 'Kindo – First Time Users Register Here' icon (as pictured) or [click here](#) or click on this link below to get started:



<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?shop=Otonga%20Road%20Primary%20School>

* **ALREADY HAVE A KINDO ACCOUNT** ...

If you have already registered with Kindo and want to pay your school fees, please visit our [school website](#) and click on the 'Kindo - Open 24/7 School Shop' icon with the 2 owls (as pictured) or [click here](#) or click on this link below:



https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user_home.shtml?session=alse&shop=Otonga%20Road%20Primary%20School.

Kindo now offers payment by **American Express, Mastercard, Visa** or **China UnionPay**, by **internet banking** or by **Account2Account** (managed internet banking) & **POLi**. Card payments cost 50c+2.5% (a slight increase on last year) but other methods remain free of charge. You are welcome to add funds to your account regularly or in advance, or just pay as you go.

Questions? Go to support.mykindo.co.nz or email hello@mykindo.co.nz or call the Kindo helpdesk on freephone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636).

KINDO NEWS – DONATION RECEIPTS

- Kindo is now sending out the receipts you need to claim the tax back on your school donation. If you pay your donation now through Kindo, you will receive a PDF attachment to your normal Kindo emailed receipt - please print this and hold on to it for your tax return.
- Kindo will also be sending out receipts for those of you who have paid a School Donation via myKindo prior to now - please look out for this.
- Shortly you will also be able to access copies of these from your myKindo online account (on the 'my orders' page).

GET YOUR ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS THROUGH OTONGA

Give Mum an Entertainment Membership this Mother's Day and she can enjoy more than 12 months of valuable dining, shopping and travel offers! Buy from us today and you'll also be supporting our cause. Hurry, they're selling fast! To order click on the image below or visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15416j9>



Give Mum the one gift she'll use all year



For each piece of waste collected, we will raise money to donate to

Otonga Road Primary School



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!
The collected pouches will be recycled and upcycled into cool and useful new products.

For more information please visit:
www.terracycle.co.nz/fonterra-pouch

PAID HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED FOR SHORT AND LONG TERM VISITS

The International Student Department at Western Heights High School needs more homestay families for their international students.

We have requests for all homestay experiences, from living in the city, to living on farms and lifestyle blocks. If you have a spare room and would enjoy the opportunity to meet lovely students from all parts of the world we would love to hear from you.

Please contact: Jackie Mitchell - 348 5940 Ext: 792 or email me at: jmitchell@whhs.school.nz



SCHOOL APP

Our handy, user friendly school app is available to download for FREE to your android or iPhone at <http://onelink.to/gg92jk>. You can send absentee notes via the app, receive alerts, view our newsletters, check term dates & events, contact our staff, and view our classroom blogs & favourite links.



SCHOOL BANKING

First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at Otonga. Getting started is easy - just pick up an application pack from the school office, fill in the application form and return it to the **GREEN** banking box in the school office. Collections are every Thursday & returns on Friday weekly.



Community Events, Notices & Services

Call Chris today for your free appraisal

Looking to add value to the sale of your property?
List with confidence, Sell with pride.

M: 027 366 0611
E: codonoghue@realtynk.co.nz

Parenting Helpline

we can help with your parenting concerns

get support, advice and practical strategies

Call 0800 568 856

9am - 11pm Monday to Sunday

www.parenthelp.org.nz

2018 Great Kiwi English, Science, and Mathematics Competitions



Dear Parents and Caregivers

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand curriculum.

The competitions are administered by the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (CEM) at the University of Canterbury. The competitions are open to all Year 5–10 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. The competition provides teachers, parents and students with an independent, comprehensive record of a student's performance in key school subjects. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2.

Certificates will be sent to all participating students and prizes will be awarded to top students.

Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CEM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cem



Please return THIS section to the school office by _____ No late entries will be accepted.

I give permission for my child _____

DOB _____ Class _____

to participate in the 2018 Kiwi competitions.

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter.

Subject	Year Level	Entry (Inc GST)	Fees enclosed
English		\$8.50	
Mathematics		\$8.50	
Science		\$8.50	
		Total	\$

Name of parent /caregiver _____

Signature _____