



OTONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Kura o Tihiotonga

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

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Term 2 Diary

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| 2-4 July | World of Maths – Covered by Activity Fees (Please ensure your activity fees are up-to-date so your child can attend) |
| 6 July | Middle School Bug Tea Party Last Day of Term 2 – School finishes at 3pm |

Upcoming Events in Term 3

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| 23-25 July | Basketball sessions in school |
| 23 July | OSSG meeting 7pm Staffroom (All Welcome) |
| 31 July | BOT meeting |
| 1 Aug | Rm 8 Trip to Comvita |
| 2 Aug | Rm 5 Trip to Comvita |
| 3 Aug | Chinese Speech Competition |
| 14 Aug | BOT Rugby 7s. |
| 16 Aug | Tough Guy/Gal Challenge |
| 22 Aug | School Fundraiser (Run by student council) |
| 28 Aug | Rotorua Intermediate School Orientation Day (PP day 29 th Aug) |
| 4 Sept | BOT meeting |
| 5 & 6 Sept | Middle Team Science Roadshow |
| 11 Sept | Rotorua Speech Competition |
| 17 Sept | Rotorua Intermediate Testing |
| 18 Sept | Rotomaths |
| 20 Sept | Spelling Bee at JPC |
| 25 Sept | Winter Field day |
| 25 Sept | BOT meeting |
| 27 Sept | Market day |

Term Dates 2018

Term 2: Mon 30th April – Fri 6th July

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

Term 4: Mon 15th October – 20th December

ACTIVITY FEES

Thank you to everyone who has come in to pay their fees, or used Kindo online. Our activity fees cover the additional activities that give zest and enrichment to our programme. The school's Operation Grant is extremely tight and does not cover everything that we are expected to offer as a minimum. The Activity fees allow the enrichment and excitement of trips, shows and extension experiences. We have set the fees at a low \$25 per term for ease of payment for parents. However, the spending is not evenly spread through each term. We take the opportunities as they are offered or as they are relevant. Therefore, in many cases now the fees paid are \$50 for the first two terms, but we have spent over \$70 at this stage.

Where a family is facing hardship, please talk to the school as we may be able to address individual cases. We also have automatic payment options available. However, you would all agree it is very bad faith indeed to promise to set up an AP, ask that your child attend an expensive camp or EOTC experience based on that promise and then fail to pay even a small part. We prefer honesty, as I am sure you would also.

Where a child is not able to attend a specific activity, we do provide an alternative option in that time slot. Your child is not left alone in class.

Mrs Linda Woon, Principal

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

We wish to say a fond farewell and wish all the very best to Room 18's teacher, Mrs Hoogenboom. Sonja is going to be teaching in Doha, which is in Qatar. I sure hope she is prepared for the intense heat of the Arabian Desert. Goodbye to green grass and hello sand. Sonja has been at our school for 8 years and has lead our IT development, as well as our Otonga model for inquiry learning. We know she will be a great advocate for the quality of NZ teachers. We will all be envying her the lower class sizes, less class contact time each week and way higher salary. Good on her for being brave and taking on a big adventure.



In Room 18 next term we welcome Mrs Wendy Staunton. She has been a great relieving teacher for us and we are happy to have her maturity and experience take over this lovely class.



Mrs Linda Woon, Principal

PAID UNION MEETING

A very sincere thank you to all of you for helping us last Thursday with collecting your child for the afternoon. It meant that the great majority of our teachers were able to attend their very important meeting. Teaching is at a serious point in NZ generally - and in Rotorua particularly. We are failing to attract people into teaching and that is going to impact Rotorua most severely in the next few years.

The reasons may be varied, but the cost of university loans, the low income, the high stress loads of the job all contribute to make people wonder if there are better options out there.

This is an issue that is going to affect us all - and it is not to take away from the other workers who have also been denied.

Thank you again for your help.

Mrs Linda Woon, Principal

REVISION OF OUR VISION FOR OTONGA

Last week you should have received, either in your child's learning folder or in paper copy by hand, a blue sheet with our proposed new mission statement and vision for our Otonga Road School: Te Kura o Tihiotonga.

The reason for the change and background information is on the back of the page.

In brief, after more than 30 years, we thought it was time to update our goals and vision of what our Otonga Year 6 graduate should look like.

We wanted a broader and more compelling statement for the future of our students.

Schools have a new directive to drop National Standards for reporting and instead to review what achievement across the curriculum looks like and to report progress against that new vision. It is an exciting time for schools and we will keep checking in with you as we unpack what this new vision could look like.

Mrs Linda Woon, Principal

BOP CROSS COUNTRY

There were over 420 children from 92 schools from around the Bay of Plenty who competed in the BOP cross country at Kaharoa school. Otonga Primary were represented by:

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| Kingston Ryan | - 19th (8 year old boys) |
| Sam McFarlane | - 22nd (9 year old boys) |
| Maui Old | - 29th (9 year old boys) |
| Sophie Patterson | - 34th (9 year old girls) |
| Hanae Sudo | - 36th (9 year old girls) |

Congratulations to all.

Mr Neil Carrington, Sports Co-ordinator

PARENT PORTAL

As part of our reporting to parents schedule the e-tap portal will be open from **Friday 29th June to Friday 6th July** for you to view your child's achievement in reading, writing and maths. You will receive an email at that time with the link to the portal.

This is your child's official mid-year assessment. A few weeks ago you had three-way interviews to set goals based on end of term 1 data. Now you have the halfway point assessment. Is your child on track to meet their goals?

The information on the portal is limited, giving curriculum levels that your child is working at. Therefore, it is important to take time with your child to share their AFL folder and to celebrate the progress made so far this year. In year 1-4 this is a clearfile folder. In year 5-6 this is a digital folder that can be accessed on the children's google drive which your child can take you through.

THE WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW

A notice regarding World of Maths Day has already gone home to parents. **Please note: the cost of \$5 per student for the World of Maths is covered by this year's ACTIVITY FEE.** Please ensure you are up-to-date with payment of your child's activity fee (that you have paid for both Terms 1 & 2), to ensure your child can participate in this exciting event.

Parent Invitation:

Parents are welcome to view Yr 3-6 activities after school on **Tuesday 3rd July** from 3-4pm.



OSSG/PTA NEWS

• Monthly Meeting:

The next Otonga School Support Group monthly PTA meeting will take place on **Monday 23rd July** at 7pm in the school staffroom – everyone is welcome.

• Monthly Mailer:

Send your details (name, email address, child's name and room number) to ossg@otonga.school.nz or message us on facebook to be added to the monthly mailer list. <https://www.facebook.com/OtongaSchoolPTA/>

PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Shoot keys for ordering your PhotoLife school photos online were sent home last week. If you do not wish to order and pay online we have envelopes at the office for cash payments.



PITA PIT TERM 2 CLASSROOM COMPETITION

Pita Pit is running an awesome competition this term! The class that orders the most Pitas and Salads during Term 2 will win **EVERYONE** in their class a Pita Pit Prize Pack! The Pack includes a cool Pita Pit Tog Bag, a Kids Pita Voucher and a Sipper Bottle. Get in behind this great classroom competition and give your children something healthy and delicious to eat at the same time.



Leader Board Update:

The leaders in the Pita Pit 'Term 2 Classroom Competition' so far this term are **Room 5** followed by room 19 & third is room 14.

Remember there is only 1 more FRIDAY to go!

RECYCLING TEAM

The recycling team were busy at lunchtime today! Sorting through the terracycle yoghurt pouches! We have saved over 100 going into landfill. These will be posted off next week, where they are recycled and turned into reusable bags and much more! Great work recycling team!



YEAR 6 FAMILIES

Mokoia Intermediate School warmly welcomes prospective families for 2019

Open Evening:

Wednesday 8th August, 5pm-7pm

Open Day:

Thursday 9th August, 9:30am-12:30pm

All Year 6 students are welcome to come and experience life at Mokoia.

Information and enrolment information also available at www.mokoia.school.nz



KINDO - PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE 24/7

Term 1 & Term 2 Activity Fees and 2018 EOTC Fees are NOW OVERDUE and are able to be paid through our online KINDO shop.

* **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:



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Community Events, Notices & Services

JULY School Holiday Programmes

Please find below links to some of the July School Holiday Programmes available to you.

Bay of Plenty Rugby Union ROTORUA Holiday Programme

Visit <http://www.boprugby.co.nz/community-rugby/junior-rugby/holiday-programme/>

Edventure – Active Outdoor Educational Holiday Programmes:

Book at www.edventure.co.nz or email mark@edventure.co.nz

International Culinary Studio – Junior Chef Programme:

Visit <https://www.internationalculinarystudio.com/junior-chef-programme/> or email tracy@internationalculinarystudio.com

Lakes Performing Arts Studio:

Ph 0212568345, email: rebecca@lakesperformingarts.com or visit www.lakesperformingartscompany.com

Mid-Island Gym Sports (MIGS):

Ph 349 3108, email: miqsholidayprogramme@outlook.co.nz or visit www.facebook.com/MIGSRotorua/

Playtopia:

Ph 350 1341 or visit www.playtopia.co.nz

Safe Kids in Daily Supervision (Skids) – Rotokawa

Email: rotokawa@skids.co.nz or visit <http://www.skids.co.nz/locations/rotokawa/>

The Arts Village:

Visit www.artsvillage.org.nz/shp

The Rotorua Public Library:

Visit <http://www.rotorualibrary.govt.nz/what-we-offer/children/Pages/default.aspx>

Totara Springs:

Ph Jen (07) 888 4700 ext 217, email: jen.burt@totarasprings.org.nz or visit www.totarasprings.org.nz

COLOUR THE NIGHT

Looking for a fun way to explore Rotorua these school holidays? Colour the Night is on Thursday 12 July. From 5pm the city will light up with lots of cool arts, crafts, performance and music. From fire dancers at the Night Market to star making at The Arts Village, music in The Monarch Room and poetry at the library, there's something for everyone. All activities are free, no bookings are required. Simply pop in to whichever venues take your fancy and take in the wonder of the arts here in Rotorua. For more information visit Colour the Night for Matariki 2018 on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1698665370172061/>



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