



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 4 Diary

(Please refer weekly as dates may change)

04 Dec	BOT Meeting
05 Dec	Fill the Bus - cans for the Salvation Army
07 Dec	SLC Day – School Closed for Student Lead Conferences ALL DAY
	Road Patrol Reward Day
10 Dec	Parent Portal Open Online for Pupil Data Reports
11 Dec	Rainbow Fairy Springs Visit - Rm's 5 & 7
12 Dec	Rainbow Fairy Springs Visit - Rm's 6 & 8
13 Dec	End of Year Achievement Assembly 1pm
14 Dec	Reports go home
	Yr 1 Wheels Day
	Yr 2 Trip to Amaze Me
	Yr 3/4 Trip to the Blue Lake
	Yr 5/6 Movie Day
18 Dec	Leadership Assembly 11am
19 Dec	Meet the Teacher
20 Dec	Last Day - School Finishes at 12noon

Term Dates 2018

Term 4: Mon 15th October – Thurs 20th December

Term Dates 2019

Term 1: Wed 30th January – Fri 12th April
(Easter 19th – 21st April)

Term 2: Mon 29th April - Fri 5th July

Term 3: Mon 22rd July - Fri 27th September

Term 4: Mon 14th October – TBC

2018 ACTIVITY FEES

End of year trips are happening this term. If you would like your child to attend these please ensure your activity fee for the year is **paid in full**.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

These are this week on **Friday 7th December**. They are being held throughout the day from 9am to 6pm. You should have your conference time now. Contact your child's teacher if you do not have your time yet. Student Led Conferences are one of the highlights of the Otonga School calendar. They are an opportunity for students to share their learning and progress with you. Seeing and hearing from your children about what they have learnt and the progress they have made is an essential part of the way we report to parents and share information.

Please note that your child's attendance for SLC Day is *only* required at their conference time.

NEW ENTRANTS

On your child's first day at Otonga it is **imperative** that you check in with the school office and let them know your child has started.

MRS WOON RETURNS

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Woon back to school on **Monday 10th December**. Mrs Woon has been on sabbatical leave overseas and she has also spent time with her family in Oman.

THE HITS 'FILL THE BUS' 2018

If you are able to contribute to this worthy cause we ask you to bring your non-perishable food to school on the morning of **Wednesday 5th December**. The bus is here at 10 am. Thank you.



HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Ahurei

We thank our teachers and tutor, Tai Waititi, Dawn Service, Delanie Fisher and Ashley Chand for all their hard work and dedication in preparing our Kapa Haka Group for the Ahurei Performance on Tuesday evening. The children performed beautifully with grace, confidence and sincerity. We were certainly proud of them all. Thank you to all who came along to watch the performance and support our children.



Building Update

Paving around the Library is due to commence and we will all be relieved and thankful to be able to use this central access way to our school again.

Work on the covered walkway along Rooms 5-8 continues and it won't be long until paving can begin there.

The fence around the sandpit has been lowered and a gate attached for entry at kids level. We hope to refill the sandpit with sand soon. The sandpit is a much loved and well used part of our playground.

Please be aware that access to Rooms 5-16 is still from either the back of the school Office, along the footpath on Jackson Park or from the front of Rooms 1-4 and along from there. Thank you for your patience. **Please DO NOT walk children through any school car parks.** Use the footpaths provided to keep our kids safe.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK Continued...

Community Craft Market

What a lovely evening despite the threat of rain. A huge THANK YOU on behalf of our school and tamariki to the small, hard working group of parents from the OSSG for making this event a truly enjoyable evening. Thank you to parents, teachers and children who gave time to help, by either organising and running a stall or working behind the scenes with set up and pack up. A special thanks to Uruash and Sunjay Bala for the delicious curry wrap they whipped up for me at the end of the evening!



Jump Jam

Our children were lucky to have a visit from Brett Fairweather at lunchtime on Thursday. Brett took an exciting jump jam session with the children and the hall was absolutely rocking! Thank you Brett.



LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

Annual Stocktake Update

Thank you everyone for the great response to return Library books. Today I am still waiting for 65 books that have not been returned from children! There is an amnesty in place so please check at home for any school Library books or Readers that may be lying around. We would love to see them back at school **before the end of this Term!** Emails/text messages will be sent to parents/caregivers this week if books have not been returned. Thank you everyone for your support.
Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager



OSSG (Otonga School Support Group) NEWS: Otonga Community Craft Market

We took the weekend off after the Otonga Community Craft Market on Friday but now we are back to express our thanks to some very special people (settle in folks, this is going to take a while...).

Firstly, thanks to the teachers and staff of Otonga School. Whenever we are in need of help you are there to bail us out. Even at the end of a busy week you give up your time to make events like this happen, we appreciate everything you do for us.

To our 10 parent volunteers, thank you for giving us the gift of your time and company. Hopefully you managed to enjoy the market in between your shifts helping out. To Ryan & Alex Magness, thank you for giving up your Friday afternoon and for your endless enthusiasm in tackling our never ending list of jobs.

To our crafters, both children and adults, thank you for sharing your wonderful creations with us. Who knew we had such a talented bunch of people right here in our community?

To Rod Pemberton who does a huge amount of behind the scenes work that goes un-noticed by many, but is greatly appreciated by us.

To our fantastic Orchestra and Kapa Haka Group, thank you for keeping us entertained.

To [Guidough's](#), thank you for supporting this great community event in the form of donating delicious treats for us to sell. Not a crumb left behind!

To Rotorua Police, thank you lending us the blue light bbq.

To Becks Treleaven, a big thank you for bringing along your gorgeous ponies and for donating 50% of your takings on the night. If you have a pony or unicorn mad child with a birthday coming up, contact Becks on 021 1660 804.

To our lovely food suppliers - Sunjay Bala, Coffee Chic, KaPai Popcorn, [Aayat's Exotic Food](#) and Pizza Heaven. Thank you for filling our tummies with delicious food and for donating a portion of your takings on the night. Thank you to everyone who came along to support talented local crafters and keep money in the community by shopping local. We appreciate you making the effort to come, particularly given the weather wasn't looking the best.

Last but not least, a massive thank you to the PTA - Julie Willers, Denise Byrne, Sara Penny, Helaina Colle, Adrian Hodge, Rachel Smith, Belinda Herbert and Neil Carrington. Thanks also to their patient and often neglected families.

SCHOOL BANKING – LAST DAY FOR 2018

The LAST DAY for School Banking this year is **Thursday 6th December**.



SCHOOL LUNCHES via LUNCHONLINE

There are two school lunch days this term:

- **MONDAY = St Andrews Bakery**
- **FRIDAY = Pita Pit**



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.

Pita Pit - Term 4 Holiday Package Draw:

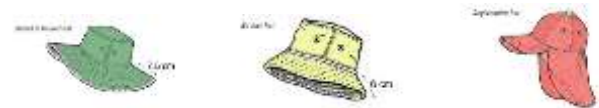
In Term 4 every child's Pita Pit lunch ordered through Lunchonline will receive one entry in the draw to win our Holiday Package Prize.

The prize will consist of: A brand new child's bike to the value of \$500, VIP Package from Ogo Rotorua which includes 4 rides, an Ogo Tee Shirt and Photos valued at \$160, a Family Share 10 Activity Pass from Velocity Valley valued at \$249, 2 Family passes for the Polynesian Spa valued at \$132, 10 Reading Cinema Movie passes valued at \$100, Pita Pit Vouchers to the Value of \$100, and a Pita Pit Touch Rugby Ball.

The draw closes on **Friday 14th December** - the winner will be contacted by Pita Pit on Monday 17th December.

SUN SAFETY

Term 4 is a sun safety term, so we ask all children to wear a broad-brimmed hat. Please name it, or children who lose their hat will just "borrow" any un-named hat they find, in order to avoid having to play under the trees.



KINDO - PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE 24/7

* **NEW USERS** ...

If you do NOT have a Kindo account already (at this or another school), visit our [school website](http://schoolwebsite) 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](http://schoolwebsite) 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=false&shop=Otonga%20Road%20Primary%20School

Kindo offers various payment options including **internet banking** which is recommended by most banks.

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).

2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

BOT Elections will be held next year. If you are interested in standing as a Parent Representative in the 2019 Board of Trustee Elections, please contact Antonia Magness our Returning Officer at amagness@otonga.school.nz

Make a difference. Become a school trustee

Nominate yourself or someone you know today.

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who will make a positive difference to our children's learning.

[Learn more at trustee-election.co.nz](http://trustee-election.co.nz)

2019 BRING YOUR MANAGED CHROMEBOOK

Otonga School is moving towards students bringing their own managed Chromebooks. Next year is a transition time when we are strongly encouraging Year 4 & 5 students to bring a Chromebook. However, Year 3 & 6 students are also welcome to join this initiative. For more information please click on the [information flyer](#).

2019 CAMP - ADVANCED NOTICE

Year 5 & 6 Camp is currently being organised for next year. The camp will be at Tui Ridge Park in Term 2 next year and will be for two nights between 20th - 29th May. Exact dates for each class will be confirmed closer to the time – please watch this space!

The *approximate* cost of the camp is likely to be \$160 but we will verify this in the New Year. If you would like to set up an automatic payment to reduce the cost for next year, please contact the Office.

2019 COHORT ENTRY DATES

For each New Entrant (5yr old) cohort:

Term 1: 30th Jan or 11th March

Term 2: 29th April or 4th June

Term 3: 22nd July or 26th August

Term 4: 14th October or 18th November

2019 NEW ENROLMENTS

If you have a child who is IN ZONE and turning 5 in 2019 could you please let us know as soon as possible. We need to know numbers well in advance of their start date in order to plan for staffing and resources etc. Please get their enrolment forms in as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available at the school office.

2019 STATIONERY

From **Thursday 20th December** stationery for next year can be purchased online at www.myschool.co.nz, in-store at OfficeMax on Fenton Street or by phone 0800 724 440. Every purchase from OfficeMax earns School Rewards, so if you purchase in-store or via phone, please remember to mention that your child attends Otonga Road Primary School.



You'll find your child's school stationery list online at myschool.co.nz It's easy to shop online, in-store or by phone.



*Conditions apply. See myschool.co.nz for details

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Enter the Great NZ Santa Run and help Kiwi Kids overcome any obstacle.

Thursday 6th December at 6.30pm

Join us for a 2-3km run/walk NZ dressed as Santa Rotorua, Village Green, Lakefront



For details and to register visit: www.santarun.co.nz

SANTA'S ELVES ON THE CYWAY

A celebration to open the Ranolf Street shared path

When: 7:30am – 9am Paraire 7th Maramaramua / Friday 7th December

What: Three pop up stops along the new Ranolf Street shared path where tamaki will be passing by on their way to kura / school

Why: To celebrate the completion of the Ranolf Street shared path

Join Santa's elves and the CyWay Team from Rotorua Lakes Council as you ride your pōtikara (bike) or kutarere (scooter), rollerblades, skateboard, mobility device along Ranolf Street's shared path - stop off and get a treat from Santa's elves and enjoy the new shared path.



Are Our Kids Safe Online?



Life Education Trust Rotorua Area Presents

NZ Cyber Safety Expert
John Parsons

7pm
Friday 7th December
The Harvest Centre
Cost of Entry: Gold coin

John is an Internet Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant to schools, the private sector and the health sector. He provides specialist advice and direction on the safe use of Digital Communication Technology.

