



OTONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Kura o Tihitōtonga

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

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Newsletter 05

Term 1 Diary

8 March	Top School
14 March	House day
16 March	WOW Science Year 3&4
19 March	"Dan the Man" puppet show (Road safety) for Year 3&4
22 March	Joe Chambers TV Presenter Poetry Year 1-4
24 March	Pacific Festival at the Lakefront
29 March	Year 1 Grandparents/whanau day
30 March	Good Friday – SCHOOL CLOSED
2 & 3 April	Easter break – SCHOOL CLOSED
13 April	Friday LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Term Dates 2018

Term 1: Wed 7th February – Fri 13th April

Term 2: Mon 30th April – Fri 6th July

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

Term 4: Mon 15th October – TBA

REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL HOURS

Children can be dropped off to school for the day from 8:30 am. If you need before school care for your children Playtopia offers this service. They are based at Ti St. They will provide breakfast and drop your child at school at a suitable time.

School ends at 2:55 pm. Children on the walking school buses congregate earlier so they can be at their pick up point by 3pm. After school care children do not go to the hall until 3:00pm. All other children leave school at 2:55pm as per normal.

EASTER BREAK

This year it falls within term time. Parents need to note that Good Friday, Easter Monday and the Tuesday are part of the Easter break for schools. There is no school on Friday, Monday or Tuesday.

COHORT ENTRY

Under the new regulations of the Labour Government, no child will be able to start school BEFORE they turn 5. However, children affected by a later start because of cohort entry will have their usual childcare subsidy continued. At Otonga we have two Cohort" entries per term.

BALLOT ENTRY FOR SIBLINGS AND OUT OF ZONERS

In the Ministry of Education zone review last year we learned that we have to hold a ballot, even for siblings. I should have known that. Therefore, this notice is to inform you that we are holding a ballot for Term 2 cohort New Entrants. **This is strictly for children born from January 2013 to July 2013.** All siblings currently registered with us will automatically be included in the ballot. If you are not sure if your child is entered, please check with the office. Siblings have first right of entry. We have 25 spaces available. **Entries close on Wednesday 14th March 2018.** Unfortunately we do not have spaces available in any other level of the school.
Linda Woon, Principal

CYCLONE GITA FUNDRAISER FOR SAMOA & TONGA



Thank you for the fabulous effort that you made towards supporting the effort to raise funds to send to the relief fund. **We raised \$352.90.** The effort drew our attention to our Pacific neighbours and set an attitude of caring for others as a tone right at the start of the year. We have also decided to get behind the Pacific Festival at the Lakefront on **Saturday 24th March 2018** and we hope to see many of our families down there. We have a separate notice about the festival further in the newsletter.

MAGAZINES FOR ROOM 17

Can we have any old Car, Aeroplane, Train, Truck or Hot Wheels magazines required for Rm 17.

If you have any spare at home could you send them into either Rm 17 or the school office. Thanks.

Donnene van Fulpen



REQUEST FROM YR1 TEAM

The Year 1 team are in need of the following items for discovery time: garden stakes, ice cream containers, old card board boxes, sheets, clothes drying racks, dress ups, old dolls house or imaginary play stuff, shoe boxes, plastic bottles (clean) no milk bottles. If you have any of these things spare, please send them along to Rm5.

HOUSE DAY

This is next **Wednesday 14th March 2018** (change of day from Tuesday). Come dressed in your House Colours ready for outdoor activities and House Chanting. Our house names & colours are as follows:

Hau Raki (Green) Hau Rawhiti (Yellow)
Hau Tonga (Purple) Hau a Uru (Orange)

CEM COMPETITIONS

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate & Secondary schools. The Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students & are based on the New Zealand curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. All participating students will be awarded a certificate & prizes will be awarded to top students in each year group. The cost for a student to participate is \$8.50 per competition entered. Please fill in and return the attached registration form (with fees/money) by **Friday 4th May 2018**. If you did not receive a copy of the 'CEM Registration Form' please [click here](#) or visit the following link to download & print your copy or collect a registration form from the school office https://99562.cmstrial.net/files/CEM_Registration_Form_2018.pdf

Margot Nielsen, School Co-ordinator

MATHS PROBLEM SOLVING COMPETITION

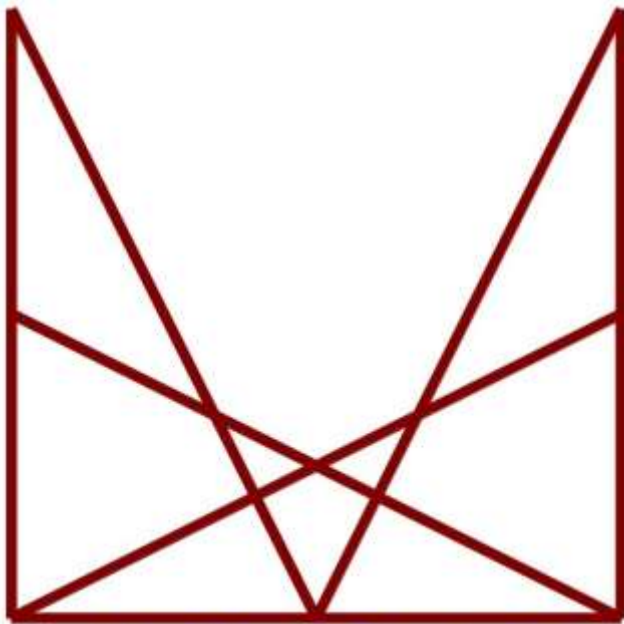
Enter this week's Maths problem solving competition. Cool prizes to be won - drawn from correct entries at school assemblies.

Place your entries in the box at the school office.
Mr Shaun Wood



Can you SOLVE this?

1. What is a triangle?
2. How many triangles can you find in this shape?



How Many Triangles?
Post your answer here,
Then 'Share' to see if you're
smarter than your friends!

Stuck? See a shortcut explained at <http://bit.ly/Ra1rttc>

MILK FOR SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Do you want Richie McCaw to land a helicopter at Otonga school?

The Fonterra Milk for Schools programme is turning 5! To mark the big occasion, Richie McCaw is helping Fonterra and its farmers make a special milk delivery to four lucky schools, by helicopter.

It's really easy to enter – all you have to do is tell them why 'Otonga Road Primary School' deserves a visit from Richie. You can also upload a photo or video to support your entry.

Anyone can enter the competition at <https://www.fonterra.com/nz/en/what-we-stand-for/fonterra-milk-for-schools/richies-milk-run.html>

Entries are open until **Monday 19th March 2018**.*

*Terms and conditions apply

Check this out! - Watch Richie share his special message with you.

<https://www.facebook.com/Fonterra/videos/194009526303437/>



OTONGA PASIFIKA DAY PERFORMANCE

Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Malo e Lelei, Malo ni, Bula. To celebrate the different Pasifika cultures within Otonga School, we will be putting in a group of children to perform in the Rotorua Pasifika Day held on **Saturday 24th March 2018**. This day is all about showcasing and celebrating the many Pasifika Cultures within Rotorua. There will be entertainment, there will be food, it's the perfect way to spend time with your fanau (family) and it's for everybody. The children will start practices this Thursday at lunch time. Any parents who would like to help, we are happy to have you on board. Please see Mrs Waititi in Room 2 or email twaititi@otonga.school.nz

SATURDAY 24 MARCH
VILLAGE GREEN 10AM-2PM

ROTORUA
Pasifika
FUN DAY 2018

Free Fanau Event

Cultural Food Stalls
Cultural Performances
Alcohol & Smoke Free
Guest Speakers
Arts & crafts
Prizes

Bula vinaka
Talofa lava
Nau mai haere mai
Malo e lelei
Kia orana
Kiamata ka
Namaste
Malo ni
Mezzit

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07 8477217 OR TXT 027 5264222

SCHOOLGEN COMPETITION – VOTE DAILY

Please keep voting DAILY to keep us in the running for these fantastic prizes! You can place your vote at <http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/>

Voting closes at 5pm on **Monday 2nd April 2018**, but we need you to vote daily for OTONGA to have a chance of winning. Winners will be announced on Monday 30th April 2018.

Help us win

\$25,000, \$15,000 or \$10,000

to spend on our school's science or tech equipment.

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Energising
Young Minds
competition*

*T&C's apply

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 ...

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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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* ALREADY HAVE A KINDO ACCOUNT ...

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Kindo now offers payment by **American Express, Mastercard, Visa or China UnionPay**, by **internet banking** or by **Account2Account** (managed internet banking). **POLi** is coming soon! 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.

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PITA PIT FRIDAY via LUNCHONLINE

You can register and/or order at www.lunchonline.co.nz



It seems we are still getting lunches being sent to the wrong classroom because this information hasn't been updated for 2018. Please check and/or update your child's classroom number. You can do this by logging into your [lunchonline](#) account and clicking on the 'Add/Edit Members' button on the left-hand menu. Unfortunately we cannot do this our end of things.

Remember you can order anytime during the week and up until 9am on the day of delivery being **FRIDAY** each week of term.

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.



SUN SAFE

Term 1 is summer, 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 soccer field trees.



Community Events, Notices & Services

FREE SUNDAY GOLF 10-11AM

Location: Pro-drive (Government Gardens Driving Range). No gear necessary, just good shoes and a drink. These sessions are step one in the GJGC (Geyslerland Junior Golf Club Inc) programme to give students a chance to try golf. Step 2 is to join the GJGC as a member and attend after school golf. It's about creating pathways for youngsters to learn golf and grow positive lifelong habits.

To learn more please visit the website www.juniorgolfclub.co.nz or contact Ant Barkley – GJGC Coordinator on 0272519937.

OTONGA ROAD FOOTBALL CLUB

Are you interested in playing Football this year? Otonga Road football club is holding an Open Day and trials on **Sunday 18th March** at Otonga Primary School, outside the hall. You don't have to be going to Otonga Primary School to play.

The Open Day is a fun day!

There will be games for the younger players - grades 5 (4 or turning 5 this year) through to 8 (turning 8 this year). There will be trials for the older players - grades 9 (turning 9 this year) through to 12 (turning 12 this year). There will also be a free sausage sizzle and an opportunity to buy shorts and socks.

Times are as follow:

(note girls can play down a year if they want):

Fun games	5 th – 8 th grade	9.30am – 10.30am
Trials	11/12 th grade	10.30am – 11.00am
Trials	10 th grade	11.00am – 11.30am
Trials	9 th grade	11.30am – 12noon

Registration for the Season - You can register a player for the season on-line at: www.sporty.co.nz/otongafootball. Registrations close at the end of March. You can also register at the Open Day.

If you can't attend or have any questions please notify the club via the President on email bart.yetsenga@stratum.nz or call on 027 263 8534.





KAHUKURA JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION DAYS

Kahukura JAB are holding their registration days for all past, current and new players who wish to play rugby this upcoming 2018 season at the Clubrooms on Pukuatua Street on the following dates and times:

Saturday 3rd March 9.00 am to 12 noon
Wednesday 7th March 4 pm to 5.30 pm
Saturday 10th March 9.00 am to 12 noon.

Registration fees are \$40.00 per player
\$35.00 for subsequent family members
Cash or Sportypay accepted

Free mouthguard for all players who register and pay at muster

Club socks will be available for purchase.
If you require any further information please contact Tasha Williams 021 125 8152
Feel free to register online at www.sporty.co.nz/kahukurarsc



Marist St Michaels Junior Rugby- 2018 Registration Players wanted for all grades Under 6's to Under 13

We would love to have your young Rugby players join Marist St Michaels Junior Rugby. Come along to our Player Registration at Marist St Michaels Clubrooms, Te Ngae Road (opposite Countdown supermarket).

Our registration dates are:

1. Friday the 2nd March - 5-7pm
2. Friday 9th March 5-7pm
3. Saturday 10th March - 11am to 1pm

2018 Registration fees are:
\$45 for one player, \$35 for two players from one family, \$30 each for three players from one family and \$25 for Under 6's & 7's.
Fees payable by cheque or cash only.
Socks, mouth guards and hoodies will also be available for purchase.

Any queries contact Trudy Edwards Ph 027 6072689.

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2018 Whaka JAB Muster

Dates:

Friday 2nd March 5.30-7.30pm
Saturday 3rd March 10am-1pm
Friday 9th March 5.30-7.30pm

Location: Whaka Rugby Club, Te Ngae Rd

*Fees: \$30 per child, \$15 per sibling
(inc Whaka Socks, Mouthguard & Drink Bottle)*

Contact:

Jodi Hepburn 02102122244 & Deb Hayes 0220488347

MAURI ORAI



WORLD TAEKWONDO FEDERATION



KUKKIWON
WORLD TAEKWONDO HEADQUARTERS

Taekwondo Term 1
in Otonga School started!

New students welcome!

Location: Otonga School hall, Springfield, Rotorua
Time: 5:30 pm > 6:20pm ...(> 7 Pm)

Enrolment / information:

Email: Taekwondo.Training.m@gmail.com
Text Only: 0210510091

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