



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)

07 Nov	School Athletics
08 Nov	Athletics Finals Road Patrol Practical
09 Nov	Athletics Postponement Day
13 Nov	Teacher Strike Day – School CLOSED
15 Nov	Senior School Cricket Year 1 Pioneer Days Museum Trip
19 Nov	School Assembly – Rm 11
20 Nov	Central Athletics
27 Nov	Ahurei – Middle & Senior Kapahaka
30 Nov	Community Craft Market 4-6pm
03 Nov	School Assembly – Rm's 5 & 6
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	Written Reports Home Senior School 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

TEACHER STRIKE DAY - 13th NOVEMBER SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED

Whilst Otonga School teachers feel reluctant to strike we strongly support the NZEI in the campaign for better pay and conditions for teachers and students. Here in Rotorua we are feeling the effects of less teachers and we are concerned for teacher supply and recruitment with the imminent closure of local teacher training opportunities.

Why are Teachers Striking?

Our whole staff are union members so no one will be at school to look after the children and school will be closed. Please make arrangements for your children.

WELCOME

Welcome to Bryan Hessian who has been employed as our school gardener until the end of the year. Bryan was the Caretaker of Stonefields School in Auckland and we are indeed lucky to have him helping Rod Pemberton, our Caretaker.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Once again a busy week with the move back into Rm's 1-4.

The Year 2 Team put on a fabulous Movie Premiere on Thursday where children shared their movies on

Endangered Animals. Thanks to the wonderful audience many of whom stayed to share lunch with their children.



The dog safety programme is going well with Geoff Rudsdale, his lovely dog Max and Carol Patterson from the RSPCA.

The Junior Disco was a big hit and well attended by children. Thank you to the OSSG for organising this for our children and to the staff and parents who helped out.

*Mrs Margot Nielsen,
Acting Principal*



MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Wednesday 7th November 9am-2:30pm.

Postponement day as Friday 9th November.

Sprint finals and class relays **Thursday 8th November 11am-12:30pm approx.**

NEW ENTRANTS 2019:

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.

BUILDING UPDATE

The move back into Room 1-4 went smoothly. The teachers and building staff worked hard to ensure the children were back in their classes with as little disruption as possible.

The roof has been put on the walkway outside Room 1-2 and Room 3-4 will be done either after school hours or in the weekend.

The concrete has been uplifted from the Library to Room 8. It will be removed soon and work on installing the canopies begins this week. That means the entry to classrooms between the Library and Room 4 is closed. Access to classrooms is as follows.

1. Along the front of Rms 1-4 or up from the fields to the pathway between the junior balance playground and Room 16.
2. There will be access between Room 8 & 9 to the back of the buildings for room 5-10. Along the back path on the Jackson Park entrance from Otonga Rd behind the Office and the Office car park.

Once again, we are sorry for the inconvenience but know you will appreciate the improvements being made.

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](#), which your child was given to bring home last week.

DIWALI

This **Wednesday 7th November** is New Zealand's official day of Diwali celebration. The significance of the festival may carry nuanced differences

according to region and within the traditions of Hinduism. However, a common symbolism remains – it's an important occasion that marks the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil. Before Diwali, people spend a lot of time cleaning, renovating, and decorating homes with rangoli – colourful patterns drawn on the floor. On Diwali itself, people dress up in new clothes, put henna on their hands, light candles, and participate in family prayers followed by a grand feast of delicious food and Indian sweets. To celebrate, our school will be running a drawing competition and doing some special activities during some ESOL classes. Get your competition entry form from your classroom teacher or Mrs Jeffery in Room 6.

Mrs Amanda Jeffery



SILVER MEDALIST AT WORLD CHAMPS

CONGRATULATIONS to Cheyanne Torrington who recently competed in the World Jiu-Jitsu Competition in Long Beach, California. Cheyanne won the silver medal in GI and No Gi.



WANTED – Plastic Bottle Tops

Please send in all your plastic bottle tops - any colour to Rm 18 over the next few weeks as we will be using these for a project!!! Thank you in advance.

Mrs Wendy Staunton



WANTED – Various Items for Discovery Time

Please bring to Rm 5 any of the following items: Cardboard boxes, clean plastic bottles, clean yoghurt containers, ice cream containers, cardboard cylinders, newspaper and magazines.

Mrs Angela Donlon

**OTONGA
COMMUNITY
CRAFT MARKET**

**FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER
4.00PM-6.00PM**

THE PERFECT CHANCE TO SHOP LOCAL,
SUPPORT LOCAL CRAFTERS. MAYBE
EVEN PICK UP SOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

CRAFT & FOOD STALLS
FREE ENTRY
BRING PLENTY OF CASH!

GRAB A BITE TO EAT, BROWSE THE
STALLS, ENJOY THE ENTERTAINMENT.

STALLS - \$10 ADULT STALL
- \$5 CHILD STALL
TO BOOK A STALL CONTACT
Q55G@OTONGA.SCHOOL.NZ

OSSG (Otonga School Support Group) NEWS:

Junior Disco - Thank You

Thank you to all those who came along to support the Junior Disco on Friday. We had a great night and enjoyed seeing all your amazing costumes and dance moves! A big thank you to all our lovely parent volunteers who helped out on the night and to all those who got in touch to offer to help. We made \$705.28 which will go towards the Lego Club.

If your name wasn't picked out of the hat to help this time and you are still keen to get involved, don't worry we will be looking for help to run the Community Craft Market which takes place on 30 November.

Otonga Community Craft Market

The perfect chance to shop local, support crafters based in our community and maybe even pick up some Christmas gifts! The Otonga Community Craft Market takes place from 4.00pm - 6.00pm on Friday 30 November. Grab a bite to eat, browse the stalls and enjoy entertainment from Otonga Orchestra and Kapa Haka Group.

Stall Bookings are now open! Contact ossq@otonga.school.nz to request a booking form or call into the office to collect one.

Food Stalls: We would like to include a range of food stalls at the market. If you are a professional food service provider (must have a valid food licence) and are interested in having a stall please contact Denise at ossq@otonga.school.nz for more information.

Sponsorship Opportunities: We are looking for local businesses to sponsor the following: Sausages & Bread for the Sausage Sizzle

Hot Dogs & Buns for the Hot Dog Stall

Bottles of Water for the Water Stall

Bags of Ice - to keep everything nice and cold.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Denise at ossq@otonga.school.nz.

Stall Holders - FAQ

- How much does it cost to have a stall? Adult Stall \$10, Child Stall \$5. Child stall must have an adult supervisor. Payment can be made **online** or in **cash** at the office.
- Can I sell home baking? Only child stalls are permitted to sell home baking.
- Can I bring my own table & gazebo? Yes, please do. A limited number of tables are available to hire for \$5.
- What time can I set up? Set up starts from 3:15pm. The market runs from 4pm - 6pm. Pack out must be completed by 6:30pm. All rubbish must be removed.
- Why do you want to know what I will be selling? We need to know what you plan to sell so that we can allocate the best location for your stall. Don't want two stalls selling exactly the same thing right beside each other!

Any other questions - please contact Denise on ossq@otonga.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, receive alerts, view our newsletters, check term dates, contact our staff, and view our favourite links.



SCHOOL BANKING

First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at Otonga. To get started 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.



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. There will be only be one winner so the more times you order lunch the more chances your child has of winning this *awesome* prize.

The prize will consist of:

- A brand new child's bike to the value of \$500.
- A 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.
- A Pita Pit Touch Rugby Ball.

There will only be one winner drawn from all schools and the draw will be done by Lunchonline. The draw closes on **Friday 14th December** - the winner will be contacted by Pita Pit on Monday 17th December.

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](#) 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 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).



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PATHWAYS KINDERGARTEN

SPRING FAIR

Saturday 10 November 2018
10am-2pm
14 Larch Street, Rotorua

FAMILY FUN DAY

Cake Stall - Icecreams - Cafe Food - Games -
Lucky Dips - Story Telling - Art & Craft Stall -
Plant Stall - Music and Lots More!

EFTPOS AVAILABLE!

COME AND VISIT OUR UNIQUELY
NATURAL KINDERGARTEN AND
ENJOY THE FUN!

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MICHAEL VAN DE ELZEN'S GOOD FROM SCRATCH KIDS COOKBOOK TOUR

Proudly supported by eco-store

Group: Kaharoa School - phone 3323444(07)

Date: Saturday 17 November @ 10am

Venue: Ngongotaha Community Hall

Tickets: \$10 email office@kaharoa.school.nz



Michael is super excited to be visiting us! He will talk about the importance of eating well, and how to make sure healthy dishes are also tasty and easy to make!

Join us for a cooking demonstration, Q+A session and book signing with New Zealand's much loved healthy chef.

Children's fishing days

Catch Your First Rainbow Trout -
learn how to fly fish!



This fun opportunity, run by the Rotorua Anglers Association, is available to children 6 to 14 years old at the Fish & Game Grounds in Paradise Valley Rd, Rotorua.

2018 Fishing dates:

- Sunday 12th August 2018
- Sunday 9th September 2018
- Sunday 7th October 2018
- Sunday 11th November 2018

PRE BOOKING YOUR SPOT IS ESSENTIAL

Bookings, information and news at:
<https://fishandgame.org.nz/eastern/>

All this for a suggested donation of only \$3.00 per child

We provide top quality specially designed fishing tackle, a plastic bag to take your catch home, safety glasses and a certificate to celebrate the anglers achievement.

Catch one of the 20 tagged trout in the pond and WIN a spin rod and reel set from KILWELL.

Ample parking is available on the grass area as you enter the grounds. You are welcome to further explore the grounds via the walkway.

Drinks and barbecued sausages are available to satisfy hungry anglers and parents.

Observe safety rules at all times and DO NOT leave children unattended

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.

