



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 1 Diary

13 April Friday LAST DAY OF TERM 1 (Finish 3pm)

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

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

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Only 4 more Walking School Bus runs to do.....

However, let's see if we can keep some of the congestion away from the front of our school next term.

The children who are on the Green bus - could you possibly get them to meet you down by Jackson Park Kindy? You can certainly drop them off at the Kindy in the mornings. There is an excellent dry footpath all the way up to the classrooms.

Although only a few use Moncur Drive - your children will be safe walking there and it means you could avoid the front of the school.

The Mc Dowell St children will have a wetter underfoot route if they go through Jackson Park - but perhaps they could walk up to McDowell Ave from school and meet you there? That could save front of school mayhem.

Mrs Linda Woon, Principal



THANK YOU

Thank You to Karl Hereford from Duncan Realty for Donating the AWESOME 'Times Table' charts for all of our Yr 3-6 students - we hope you hang them in an easy to see place at home to help your children learn their times tables.

Mrs Margot Nielsen, Deputy Principal



DUNCAN REALTY
THE SPECIALISTS

SPORTS COACHES/MANAGERS

The summer sports are nearing a close. We would like to thank all our coaches and managers who have taken time out of their busy schedules to take our children in their respective sports. Without you we would not be able to run these teams.

Mr Craig Walden, Otonga Sports Coordinator

SPORTS GEAR/TROPHIES

Can all sports bags, trophies and uniforms please be returned to school before the end of the week - **Friday 13th April 2018**. Thank you.

Mr Craig Walden, Otonga Sports Coordinator

HOCKEY

The last day for registration for hockey is this Friday. The previous notice regarding hockey was only to gauge interest and make it easier for the hockey coordinator to make teams. If you still wish your child to play, go to the Kindo site and register and pay before **Friday 13th April 2018** please.

Mr Craig Walden, Otonga Sports Coordinator

cwalden@otonga.school.nz



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 and the first race starts at 10:00 am.

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 3) regarding paying school fees online.

For course information click [here](https://www.sportbop.co.nz/downloads/Mini-Marathon-Course.pdf) or visit <https://www.sportbop.co.nz/downloads/Mini-Marathon-Course.pdf>

CEM COMPETITIONS

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions again this year. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. The cost for a student to participate is \$8.50 per competition entered. Registrations & fees are due by **Friday 4th May 2018**.

Mrs Margot Nielsen, Deputy Principal

THREE-WAY INTERVIEWS – TERM 2

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 they 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

UPDATING SCHOOL RECORDS FORMS

These were sent home on **Friday 16th March 2018**. Please check your child's school bag if you did not receive one. Please check that the information is correct. If there are any changes please note them on the form and return it to the school office ASAP. Thank you.

LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

School Library Books for Holiday Reading:

Records show we have 141 overdue Library books issued to students! Reminder lists will be circulated to classrooms today and books need to be returned promptly. Thank you.



Children who **do not** have overdue books will be allowed to borrow books this week and return them after the school holidays.

Missing Library Book: Have you seen one of our books missing from the library? Title: **'The Silver Donkey'** written by Sonya Hartnett? The book cover has been found in the playground and returned to the Library but we cannot find the novel! The hard cover of the book is a plain russet/dull red colour with no cover picture just the title. It will have the 'Otonga School' stamp inside both the front and back cover. If found please return it to the Library. Thank you.

Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager

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 ossq@otonga.school.nz or message our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OtongaSchoolPTA/> to be added to the monthly mailer list.

GET YOUR ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS THROUGH OTONGA

We are raising money for our School and you can help. Order the NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting our school, just visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15416j9> or click on the image below.



PITA PIT FRIDAY via LUNCHONLINE

There are only ONE more Pita Pit Friday's left this term. If you haven't 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.



NEW ADDITION Starting TERM 2:
St Andrews Bakery have joined lunchonline and will be delivering to Otonga on a MONDAY starting from 7th May 2018.
Pita Pit will continue to deliver on a FRIDAY each week starting from 4th May 2018.

St Andrews Bakery HEARTY MEALS
Pies | Sandwiches | Bread | Cakes | Hot Meals

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.....	
	Med (Crispy Base).....	\$4.50
	Hawaiian Ham/ Pineapple/ Cheese with optional Aioli 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
	Calo 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

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.



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** 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.

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).



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

APRIL School Holiday Programmes

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

AMJAZZ Studios - Dance Workshop Fundraiser:
New York & Orlando travelling dance troupe dance workshops
Contact Sandra Blackledge - AMJAZZ Administrator
Ph 07-3458632 or Email: info@amjazz.co.nz

Adventure – Active Outdoor Educational Holiday Programmes:
www.edventure.co.nz

International Culinary Studio – Junior Chef Programme:
Visit <https://internationalculinarystudio.com/project/junior-chef/>

Lakes Performing Arts Studio:
Ph 0212568345 or Email: rebecca@lakesperformingarts.com
or visit www.lakesperformingartscompany.com

Mid-Island Gym Sports (MIGS):
Ph 349 3108 or Email: migsholidayprogramme@outlook.co.nz
or visit www.facebook.com/MIGSRotorua/

O'Neill Surf Academy New Zealand – Mt Maunganui:
Email surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz or visit www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz/

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

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 or Email: jen.burt@totarasprings.org.nz or visit www.totarasprings.org.nz



**Explore nature, find clues...
School Holiday Scavenger Hunt!**

Download the Scavenger Hunt maps and instructions from our website, and get exploring between April 14 and April 29. Solve the clues, take photos and submit your answers to be in to win. You can complete as many of the SIX Bay of Plenty locations as you like... each one is a chance to win.

Visit www.virtuallyontrack.co.nz/votscavengerhunt

