



# 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 3 Diary

11 Sept	Rotorua Speech Competition
14 Sept	Last Day for Cricket Registrations Senior School Disco (6pm-7:30pm)
17 Sept	Rotorua Intermediate Testing
18 Sept	Rotomaths
21 Sept	Gym Competition
25 Sept	Winter Field day BOT meeting
27 Sept	Market day
28 Sept	Last Day of Term 3 – School finishes at 3pm

## Term Dates 2018

Term 3: Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4: Mon 15<sup>th</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> December

## Term Dates 2019

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

Term 2: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April - Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July

Term 3: Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Fri 27<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4: Mon 14<sup>th</sup> October - TBC

## NEW ENTRANTS TERM 4 2018 & 2019:

If you have a child who is IN ZONE and turning 5 in Term 4 2018 and 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.

## CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2019

We have begun the process of class placements for 2019. If you have any information that we need to be aware of please contact Margot Nielsen our Deputy Principal [via email](mailto:mnielsen@otonga.school.nz) at [mnielsen@otonga.school.nz](mailto:mnielsen@otonga.school.nz). Write down your concerns for children to be together, or to be separated. If you have given us information in the past, that you no longer want to keep in place, do let us know. Information from past years may not be remembered so please reconfirm. **Verbal notifications can get forgotten in this busy process so please email these.** We are unable to take requests for specific teachers. This is your opportunity to consult with us. Apart from Year 6 leavers, do let us know if your children will **NOT** be returning for 2019 or if you know of any NEW enrolments for 2019.

The class placement of each child is done with care and consideration for a range of factors. There is always a balance, and once the final class balance is decided, it becomes very difficult to change. **Please let us know this term – there won't be changes next term.**

There is no such thing as just 1 shift for your child once the class is named.

## **BYMC PARENT MEETING**

Thank you to the many parents and caregivers of children in the Year 4/5 classes who attended the BYMC (Bring Your Managed Chromebook) Meeting last week. It was pleasing to see parents of Year 3 and 6 children there as well.

These are interesting times and change in the world is happening exponentially. Otonga is a school with a long tradition of excellence in literacy, numeracy and creativity. This will not be affected by the speed of change or introduction of chromebooks, rather enhanced by the different opportunities made available.

Thank you for the range of questions at the meeting and the sharing of experiences from other schools/children. For those of you who were unable to attend the meeting please find the link to two of the resources handed out.

1. [Question and answer sheet](#)

2. [Parent Information Sheet about the new Digital Technologies Curriculum](#)

The positive discussions we have had with some of you following the meeting have been encouraging. As we get more information and deals from the different companies we will pass these onto you so you can make the right choice of chromebook for your child. Once again, we are strongly encouraging the children in Year 4 and 5 to bring their managed chromebooks to school in 2019. Children in Years 3 and 6 can also bring theirs if possible.

*Mrs Margot Nielsen, Deputy Principal*

## **SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS**

Congratulations to these children who were the winners of our school Spelling Bee.

- 1st place Jai Poona
- 2nd place Camryn Adlam
- 3rd place Jiaying Lin

Well done to the team of children who all worked hard learning a long list of difficult words over this term.

Thank you to Belinda Herbert for training the team and running the competition.



## OSSG NEWS:

### Attention All Senior School Parents - Help Needed

We need help to run the senior school disco on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. Set up starts from 5:30pm the disco runs from 6pm - 7:30pm and clean up takes 20 minutes afterwards.

A flyer went home last week, please return the slip to your child's teacher or send a message to the PTA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OtongaSchoolPTA/>



### Children's Artwork Fundraiser

School orders are **CLOSED**. If you wish to make a private order please contact Kids Art Works directly on Freephone 0800 155 775 or via email at [info@kidsartworks.com](mailto:info@kidsartworks.com) Please note you will be charged a delivery fee for any items you purchase privately.



### Senior School Disco

#### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 6pm-7:30pm**

Entry \$2. Food will be for sale: chips 50 cents, small chocolate bars 50 cents, juice 50 cents, hot dogs \$3, glowsticks 50 cents or 3 for \$1. Free water will also be provided. No food, drinks or glowsticks to be brought into the disco. Remember to bring along your permission slip. No slip = no entry.

**Parents/Caregivers** – Children can be collected from 7:30pm. All children must be collected by 7:40pm. No children will be permitted to leave unless accompanied by an adult.

Funds raised will go towards the Senior School Camp



### **ACCEPTING SPORTS TOP DONATIONS**

If you have any Otonga sports shirts (blue and white ones from Embroidme) that you no longer need, we will be taking any donations of these. These will be made available to other sports players.

*Mr Walden, Sports Coordinator*

### **CRICKET – Term 4**

Notices have already been emailed home. If you did not get one please [click here to view](#) or you can collect one from the school office. We encourage you to register & pay online through Kindo our preferred registration & payment method. Registrations close **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September** – no late registrations will be accepted.



### Hardball Development Program

In term 4 Rotorua Cricket Association will be running a development hardball program for Years 2 to 4. The aim of this program is to teach players the basics of hardball cricket and will also include how to use the equipment (helmets, gloves, batting pads etc.). Sessions will run on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 till 5pm for approximately 6 to 8 weeks starting on 17th October 2018. There will be a cost of \$20 per player for Term 4 but please note that if a player is playing in either Superstar Academy, Super 6 or Incrediball on a Thursday then they will not be charged for the Development Hardball Program. A registration afternoon will be held on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September** between 4:30pm and 5:30pm at Smallbone Park. More information will be provided then.

*Mr Walden, Sports Coordinator*

### **FLIPPA BALL – Term 4**

Later this week registration notices for term 4 Flippa Ball (Water Polo) will be coming out. Paper copies of this notice will be available at the school office from **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. We will be encouraging you to register & pay online through Kindo our preferred registration & payment method. The final day for registration is **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Games are played on Tuesdays between 3:30pm and 6:30pm. Flippa ball is for any Year 4, 5 or 6 child who is a competent swimmer and over 1.2m tall. The cost will be \$25. There is a limit of 7 players per team.  
*Mr Walden, Sports Coordinator*



### **HOCKEY EQUIPMENT DONATION**

This year we will be collecting any old hockey sticks or shin guards that you may not need any longer. These will be used next season and beyond to help any players who may want to play hockey in the future. If you have any of this equipment, please take it to Mr Walden in Room 14.

*Mr Walden, Sports Coordinator*

### **TOUCH RUGBY – Term 4**

We still need a few more players for our **Year 5-6 team**. Registration notices are available at the school office if your child is interested in playing in this team.

*Mr Carrington, Sports Coordinator*



### **LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:**

#### Celebrating Roald Dahl Day 2018:

September is Roald Dahl's birth month and this year on Thursday 13th a wonderful mixture of events will be taking place around the World to celebrate this famous Author's birthday. If Roald Dahl were alive today he'd be 101 this year! Roald Dahl is one of our most popular authors and to mark his birth date the Library will be holding a week of lunch time 'Roald Dahl' themed activities for the children. Children are invited to come along and join in the fun and can choose from colouring-in pages, Word-Search and crossword puzzles or just listen quietly with friends to a favourite Roald Dahl story.



#### Overdue Library Books:

These have been reduced considerably 'Thank You' everyone for your support.

*Mrs Atkinson, Library Manager*

### **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](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz). Remember you can order anytime during the week and up until 9am on the day of delivery.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Exciting news! For a limited time, everyone who purchases an Entertainment Membership from us through your Online Order Page, will receive a bonus \$10

Countdown Gift Card! In addition, FREE DELIVERY is also available until the end of August. To order online click on the image or visit



<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15416j9>

We also have the printed book available at the school office for \$65. Buy from us today and you'll also be supporting our school.

## 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](https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user_home.shtml?session=alse&shop=Otonga%20Road%20Primary%20School).

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## Community Events, Notices & Services



## Call Chris today for your free appraisal

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List with confidence, Sell with pride.

M: 027 366 0611  
E: [codonoghue@realtylink.co.nz](mailto:codonoghue@realtylink.co.nz)

## Harmony in the Home

With Jessie Buttons - The NZ Super Nanny

Have you ever wondered what nature your child is? Are they bubbly and interactive or are they assertive and determined? Is your child easy-going and comforting or are they more analytical and organised. These are all traits of the four natures; Social, Strong, Sensitive and Structured.

Are you struggling with:

- How to respond to unwanted behaviours
- How to set boundaries
- When to introduce consequences
- What to do during tantrums, and much more...

Learn more about Jessie Buttons and how she can help you in your house today at [www.harmonyinthehome.co.nz](http://www.harmonyinthehome.co.nz)

Create a home environment where kids want to cooperate .... It can be done!

## CONSERVATION WEEK IS CALLING 15-23 Sept

### Toyota Kiwi Guardian Family Day Okere Falls

Date:	Sunday 23 September	Join DOC and Toyota Rotarua at Okere Falls Scenic Reserve, to celebrate Conservation Week 2015 and World Rivers Day, use the adventure map to follow the Okere River as it cascades between narrow, steep ravines to enter the tranquil waters of Trout Pool. The Toyota Kiwi Guardian programme is a partnership between the Department of Conservation and Toyota to provide an awesome activity programme for kids to learn about nature, earn cool rewards and go on epic family adventures!
Time:	10am - 2pm	
Location:	Okere Falls Scenic Reserve Trout Pool Road Okere	

Visit [conservationweek.org.nz](http://conservationweek.org.nz)