



# 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

12 Feb	Mandarin Language Assistant, Miss Zhu arrives
20-22 Feb	Senior school Education Outside the Classroom
22 Feb	Junior football
1 March	Junior football
6 March	RATS duathlon
8 March	Top School
13 March	House day
22 March	Joe Chambers TVPresenter Poetry Year 1-4
29 March	Year 1 Grandparents 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 7<sup>th</sup> February – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2: Mon 30<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July

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

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

## Tena Koutou Katoa.

We've had a wet start to the year but we are pleased that the walking school buses are running more smoothly with fewer glitches. Thank you for sending your children to school with rain coats so they can continue walking. The children are all enjoying the walk together. We appreciate your support in picking children up promptly from the designated area. There has been a considerable reduction in congestion outside the school and this has been commented on by the neighbours, particularly those in Mahana Pl.

Just a few reminders:

- Please enter Nikau St FROM Springfield Road. Exit through Jackson St onto Otonga Rd. This stops congestion with Jackson Park Kindy who also have a 3pm finish. It also allows you an easy exit so you do not have to cross an extremely busy Springfield Rd.
- Inform Grandparents or others who may pick up your children of where to wait. We've had a few frantic people who have been unaware of the pick-up points.
- Try to stick to your plans about where to meet your children. They become easily confused if plans change too often.

A BIG thank you to the parent and Grandparent who volunteered to help keep our kids safe by accompanying us. We appreciate it greatly.

## EOTC – SENIOR SCHOOL (Rms 16-22)

Our Year 5&6 Students are preparing for their EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) week. Payment of \$110 is due BEFORE Tuesday 20th February when the excursions begin. Please contact the school office if you are having difficulty with this timeframe.

## SCHOOLGEN COMPETITION – VOTE DAILY



Our school has been entered into the Schoolgen competition Energising young minds. We have the chance to win part of \$50,000 worth of prizes all you have to do is

vote! You can [click here](http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/) to vote **EVERY DAY** or visit <http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/> You can use the same link to view the 'Schools Leaderboard'- let's try and get Otonga to the TOP.

## KELLOGG'S BOOKS FOR ACTIVE MINDS

Once again this year Otonga has signed up for the Kellogg's Books for Active Minds Programme. We would like your help to get more great books for our school.



- Step 1 - purchase any 2 Kellogg's products with the Free Book artwork on it in the same shop
- Step 2 - Register at <https://freebooks.kelloggs.com> (you'll only need to do this once)
- Step 3 - Upload your receipt by taking a photo of it
- Step 4 - Select 'Otonga Road Primary School' to receive the book pack

And that's it you're all done!

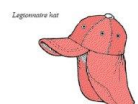
Upload as many receipts as possible before END OF FEBRUARY - each upload counts towards the school's book pack numbers. Plus each receipt counts towards an e-Card for the registered person as well. Please ask your family and friends to upload their receipts too when they buy 2 Kelloggs products at their supermarket visit. Thanks for your support

## TOUCH RUGBY

All teams are now complete, however, there is still room for 2 year 3/4 girls and 1 year 5/6 girl. If you are interested please see Mr Carrington in Room 22  
*Neil Carrington, Otonga Sport*

## 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.



## ACTIVITY FEE = \$25 PER TERM

Activity Fees are set for the extra-curricular activities that we provide at each level of the school. They pay for school visits and for performances coming into school, as well as costly extra programmes that we can run, such as water safety at the Aquatic centre. These activities are not compulsory and alternative provision is made for families that choose to not pay the term activity fee.

**We are asking if you could possibly pay this term's activity fee of \$25 before the end of February. Our preferred payment method is via Kindo – please refer to the note below regarding Kindo registration & payment.** Parents of students in years 5 & 6, we have adjusted your annual fees to just \$75 because you will have EOTC this term which is \$110.  
**The EOTC fee will need to be paid by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

Linda Woon, Principal

## PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE – ANYTIME 24/7

2018 Activity Fees & 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=false&shop=Otonga%20Road%20Primary%20School](https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user_home.shtml?session=false&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](http://support.mykindo.co.nz) or email [hello@mykindo.co.nz](mailto:hello@mykindo.co.nz) or call the Kindo helpdesk on freephone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636).

## 2018 STATIONERY with OFFICEMAX

Stationery for this year can be purchased in-store at OfficeMax at [1135 Fenton Street](#). Every purchase from OfficeMax earns School Rewards, so please remember to mention that your child attends Otonga Road Primary School.



## ABSENCES & LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL

**Children need to be at school by 8:45am at the LATEST.** Please advise daily absences to the office 3486443 by 9am each day. There is an answer phone available or email [otonga@otonga.school.nz](mailto:otonga@otonga.school.nz), or send a notice via our school app. All children who arrive late to school **MUST** report to the school office prior to going to their classroom.

## RATS DUATHALON

The team at RATS are organizing the 8th off-road duathlon event for **Year 3-8** students.

**When:** Tuesday 6th March 2018

**Where:** Waipa MTB Carpark

**Cost:** \$10 per student

**Two course options:**

Short Course 500m run – 3km MTB – 500m Run

Long Course 1.5k run – 8km MTB – 500m Run

**There are NO Team entries this year.**

**All athletes will compete as individuals.**

Parents will need to drop children and bikes and pick them up.

Please pick up a registration form from Mr Carrington Room 22 or download and print [here](#). Forms need to be returned ASAP with payment to the office.

Neil Carrington, Otonga Sport



## LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

### Scholastic Book Club:

The first issue of LUCKY Book Club for 2018 will be distributed to classrooms this week, the brochure features the best of NEW books and all-time favourites for Kiwi Kids. Spare copies are available from the Library if required. **Orders close on Tuesday 20th February.**

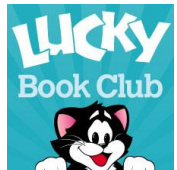
**Ordering:** Parents can order and pay at school (cash, cheque and EFTPOS accepted) but also have the option of ordering on line (the order will be delivered to school with the classroom order). You can also choose to order a gift (please mark this clearly on the order form) and if ordering on-line, select 'Library gift for child' parents will be contacted when the gift arrives.

**Order form:** Please complete the paper order form on the back page - remember to write in your Child's Name, Room Number and the Item No.

**Payment:** Can be made in cash or by cheque and for orders over \$10 by credit card. Please make all cheques payable to 'Otonga Road Primary School'. Items purchased through Scholastic Book Club earn the school reward points that are used to purchase further resources.

Thank you for your participation and support.

Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager



## 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. We will be recommencing school banking this Thursday, with weekly collections on Thursday & returns on Friday.



## FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCHES via LUNCHONLINE & PITA PIT

You can order & pay for your child's Pita Pit lunch via [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) anytime during the week and up until 9am on the day of delivery being FRIDAY each week of term.



There have been some minor changes to the Primary School Menu starting from the beginning of this term. There are now Allergy Indicators, so if your child has an Allergy please let us know about it by selecting the appropriate Allergy Button. We want to make sure we get it right. You will also note that we have changed our offering from Lettuce and Cheese plus 3 Salads. We have tried to simplify it to 5 Fillings. Lettuce and Cheese are now offered as a Filling so if your child wants Lettuce and Cheese they will need to select it, rather than getting it automatically. The best news is that we have managed to keep our prices to \$4.70 for a lunch (without optional extras).

Please do everything you can to help out the school staff by **UPDATING YOUR CHILD'S NEW CLASSROOM NUMBER** on their account.

We will continue to support your school's sports teams Player of the Day Certificates in 2018. If your child does win one, you can redeem it at either one of our stores. Once again thank you for your support.

Phil Haines – Pita Pit Rotorua

## 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.

## Community Events, Notices & Services

### Can Your Child Swim & Survive in Water?

Marg's Swim School – Quality programme for all ages. Experienced teachers. Starting from 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018. St Mary's Heated School Pool. Specialty classes for 4-7yrs water confidence. Beginner swimmers to advanced. 8 lessons for \$100. 'Our guarantee is your child's gift for life'. Phone 0274599286 or [boiellem@hotmail.com](mailto:boiellem@hotmail.com) (Please provide a contact phone number).

### NEED A BIGGER CAR?

Rotorua Hyundai have a used 7 seater Santa Fe in stock!  
2011, Diesel,  
\$142,000kms,  
Steel Blue  
\$24,995



Visit us today at [67 Old Taupo Road](http://67 Old Taupo Road), or ph 07 3482494

## 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 (Geyserland 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 life long habits. To learn more please visit the website [www.juniorgolfclub.co.nz](http://www.juniorgolfclub.co.nz)

Do you know a girl who would like to have fun and learn new skills as part of an up to date organisation in your local area?

If so, GirlGuiding NZ is here:

Pippins: 5 & 6 year olds

Brownies: 7 – 9 ½ years old

Guides: 9 – 12 ½ years old

Rangers: 12 – 17 years old



For further information please contact:

GirlGuiding New Zealand

[www.girlguidingnz.org.nz](http://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz)

Ph 0800 22 22 92

[info@girlguidingnz.org.nz](mailto:info@girlguidingnz.org.nz)

0800 WHAT'S UP  
is a SAFE place for you  
to chat about ANYTHING  
at all.

0800 What's Up is a counselling helpline for 5 to 18 year olds. Our counsellors are available from 1pm to 11pm, 365 days a year, and it's free to call, including from a mobile phone.

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get support, advice and practical strategies  
**Call 0800 568 856**  
9am - 11pm Monday to Sunday  
[www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)

Parent Help  
For Parents and Family Support

## URGENT update from Rotorua Lakes Council and Otonga Road School

This term to ease congestion with the road works we will deliver children to one of 3 pick-up points after school (not before school):

1. McDowell St - pick up and then drive through Simmonds to exit
2. Nikau St - come from Devon St, turn left into Nikau St & exit through Jackson St onto Otonga Rd
3. Moncur Dr

Refer to the map below.

Work on the Springfield/Otonga Road intersection upgrade is progressing on schedule despite the wet weather at the beginning of the year. The shared path outside the school front has been completed and work will now continue on the remaining arms of the roundabout. The expected completion date for the full project is mid-April (weather permitting).

To help with congestion issues and delays school staff and the Safe and Sustainable Journeys team have worked together on three **Walking School Bus (WSB)** routes which will be provided so parents can drop their children at an alternative location and teachers and Council staff will walk them from school. **We are seeking interested parents to assist us with leading the WSB's.**

While work is taking place we want to encourage you to consider using an alternative route to get to school or try walking or biking while the weather is fine.

We want to thank you for your patience and apologise for the disruptions caused. We look forward to seeing a safer environment for all users once the project is completed.

For more information about the project or to give feedback visit [www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/springfieldupgrade](http://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/springfieldupgrade) or phone Rotorua Lakes Council on 07 348 4199.

**Parents- please let your child know which of the 3 pick-up points you will meet them at after school. Probably drop your child there in the morning. You may need to walk them the first day.**

**The teachers will walk them after school but your child must be collected from the drop off by 3:15pm or children will be walked back to school.**

Safe and Sustainable Journeys Team (RLC) & Otonga Road School

