



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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Term 2 Diary

12 June	'Royal Jelly' Show for Junior & Middle teams Book Week – Middle School Competition closes
13 June	Book Week – Super Duper! Show Book Week – Senior School Competition closes
14 June	Book Week – Book Swap Day Central Cluster Inter-school Cross Country
15 June	Book Week – Book Character Dress-up Parade BOP Rippa Champs
18 June	School Assembly – Rm 9
20 June	WIG Wednesday Fundraiser
22 June	Matariki Day Middle School
26 June	Science in a Van show BOT Meeting 7pm
28 June	NZEI Paid Union Meeting – Your Help Please (See notice below for more information)
29 June	Middle School Redwood's Trip
2 July	School Assembly – Rm 22
2-4 July	World of Maths
6 July	Middle School Bug Tea Party Last Day of Term 2 – School finishes at 3pm

Term Dates 2018

Term 2: Mon 30th April – Fri 6th July

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

Term 4: Mon 15th October – 20th December

DENTAL FORMS – REMINDER TO RETURN

A reminder to parents to please return all **Blue Dental Forms** given out to children by the Mobile Dental Clinic. These can be left at the school office. Thanks



NZEI PAID UNION MEETING

On **Thursday 28th June**, the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the *Kua Tae Te Wā* - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting. The teachers will be leaving school on June 28th 2018, to attend their paid union meeting which starts 2pm.

We strongly encourage parents to make arrangements to pick their child(ren) up from school by 1:30 on Thursday 28th June. If you are unable to pick your child(ren) up then, please advise us so that your child(ren) can be supervised until 3 pm.

I appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, I encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

This has been postponed until **Thursday 14th June**.

RIPPA RUGBY

Well done to our Rippa teams last Friday. Excellent skills and teamwork shown by all. Our Year 5/6 team have qualified for the BOP Rippa Champs in Paengaroa on Friday (postponed from Wednesday) after narrowly missing out on the final (Top 4 placing for them).

Mr Craig Walden



LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

Book Week – THIS WEEK!

This is a special week of celebrating books and reading. We have competitions at all levels also a Perform Educational Musicals performance, Book Swap and Book Character Dress-Up Parade. The schedule is below with an explanation of how the Book Swap works. If you have any queries please give me a call.

Competition Closing Dates:

Tuesday 12th June - Junior School colouring-in and Middle School competition 'Design & Build a Spacecraft from recycled materials' close today.

Wednesday 13th June - Senior School competition Closes.

Events:

Wednesday 13th June - A show 'Super Duper!' by Perform Educational Musicals featuring the finalist books in the 2018 Storylines Notable Book Awards.

Thursday 14th June - Book Swap Day bring the books you wish to exchange to the Library before school. You will be given a Token for each book and this can be exchanged for a pre-loved book at the lunchtime swap.

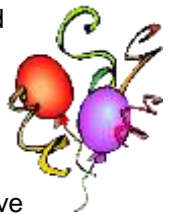
Friday 15th June - Book Character Dress Up Parade Day! Come dressed as your favourite Book Character. Parade starts at 9:15 am.

Scholastic Book Club Brochures:

Offer 4 was circulated to classrooms last week.

Orders close on Friday 15th June.

Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager



WIG WEDNESDAY

Our school will be taking part in the Wig Wednesday Fundraiser to show our support for Child Cancer. This will be on **Wednesday 20th June**. Please bring a Gold coin donation to help fundraise for this worthy cause.



HEALTH & SAFETY - MUMPS

The suspected cases of Mumps at Otonga have now been **confirmed as NOT being Mumps**. However cases of Strep Throat (which can lead to Rheumatic Fever) and Whooping Cough (which is highly infectious) have been confirmed.

If your child has a sore throat lasting more than a few days, please take them to see a Doctor. A strep throat can lead to Rheumatic Fever if it is not treated quickly with antibiotics. Rheumatic fever is a serious illness because it can cause heart damage.

Children with Whooping Cough are to be excluded from school until:

- they have completed two days of azithromycin, or
- five days of other appropriate antibiotics (including Erythromycin), or
- three weeks from onset of cough if no antibiotics given.

To learn more please visit the following links:

Mumps - https://www.ttophs.govt.nz/mumps_public

Rheumatic Fever - https://www.ttophs.govt.nz/rheumatic_fever_public

Whooping Cough - <https://www.ttophs.govt.nz/vdb/document/522>
& https://www.ttophs.govt.nz/pertussis_public

OTONGA SCHOOL COUNCILLORS



OSSG/PTA NEWS

- **Middle School Disco – Thank You:**

A big thank you to all the parents who helped out at the recent Middle School Disco. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks to everyone who came along to support this event. We made \$823.90! This will go towards purchasing the Steps Programme & the Clicker Docs App. These resources assist children who have been identified with dyslexic tendencies with their learning.

- **Quiz Night – Term 3:**

We're thinking it might be time we had a Quiz Night (adults only). Timing wise we are looking at a Saturday night around the middle of Term 3 but will depend on interest levels. If you are interested please either email us oss@otonga.school.nz or message us via our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OtongaSchoolPTA/>.

- **Monthly Meeting:**

The next Otonga School Support Group monthly PTA meeting will take place on **Monday 23rd July** at 7pm in the school staffroom – everyone is welcome.

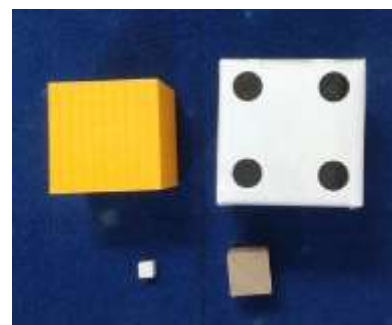
- **Monthly Mailer:**

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

MATHS PROBLEMS

Have rich maths discussions at home;
solve these problems with your whānau.

To enter: write your name, room number and your answer neatly on a piece of paper and put it in the box at the school office.



Which is the odd one out?

Why?

LUNCHONLINE – SCHOOL LUNCHES

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 2 CLASSROOM COMPETITION

Pita Pit is running an awesome competition this term! The class that orders the most Pitas and Salads during Term 2 will win **EVERYONE** in their class a Pita Pit Prize Pack! The Pack includes a cool Pita Pit Tog Bag, a Kids Pita Voucher and a Sipper Bottle. Get in behind this great classroom competition and give your children something healthy and delicious to eat at the same time.



Leader Board Update:

Another BIG day of orders last Friday, 92 in total. The leaders in the 'Term 2 Classroom Competition' so far this term are **Room 5** followed very closely by room 14, third equal are room's 19 & 20.

ABSENCES & LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL

Children need to be at school by 8:55am 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, 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. If no sufficient notification is given of an absence your child will be marked as truant.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The NEW 2018/2019 Entertainment Book, or the new Entertainment Digital Membership for your smartphone is a great gift idea as it is packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and more!

To order online click on the image below 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. Hurry, they're selling fast!



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.



KINDO - PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE 24/7

Term 1 & Term 2 Activity Fees and 2018 EOTC Fees are NOW OVERDUE and are able to be paid through our online KINDO shop.

* NEW USERS ...

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https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user_home.shtml?session=also&shop=Otonga%20Road%20Primary%20School.

Please be aware that you can choose to part-pay your ACTIVITY FEE if you wish. Kindo is set-up to allow this.

Kindo now offers payment by **American Express, Mastercard, Visa or China UnionPay**, by **internet banking** or by **Account2Account** (managed internet banking) & **POLi**. 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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HOMESTAYS NEEDED

At Rotorua English Language Academy we need suitable homestays with one or more children and/or teenagers and/or another international student for students from French Polynesia (Tahiti) for 3-4 week stays starting in late June/early July. Please email english@rela.co.nz for an information pack.

We Want You!!!

Madison Blues Marching teams are currently recruiting for the 2018/2019 season.

We are looking for Girls/Ladies aged:

- Madison Gems - 7yrs to 9yrs
- Madison Jn 12 - 8yrs to 12yrs
- Madison Seniors - 22yrs +
- Madison Mama's - 30yrs +

We are having a muster on Sunday, June 10.
Register your interest today by message on:
Facebook: @madisonbluesmarching or
Email: madisonbluesmarching@gmail.com

Bring a buddy and receive a gift
(gifts are limited so be quick, conditions apply!)



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SAT 30 JUN - SUN 22 JUL
BAYPARK STADIUM LOUNGE
MT MAUNGANUI



Dunk For Harold
Sunday 24 June

10am - 12pm Rotorua Aquatic Centre.
(New Venue!)

SUPPORT LIFE EDUCATION TRUST ROTORUA AREA

BE IN TO WIN A RANGE OF FANTASTIC SPOT PRIZES

ENTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM

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For those aged four to nineteen with:

- Sore throats
- Sores/skin infections.
- Lice
- Scabies

For all other problems please visit your usual doctor.

Clinic hours
3pm to 6pm Monday to Thursday
3pm to 5pm Friday
No appointments needed.

Western Heights Health Centre
1 Brookland Road
Western Heights

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