



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 4 Diary

(Please refer weekly as dates may change)

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 22nd July - Fri 27th September

Term 4: Mon 14th October – TBC

TEACHER STRIKE DAY – TOMORROW! TUESDAY 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.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Athletics Day

A big thanks to Neil Carrington and Craig Walden for their organisation of the Year 3-6 Athletics day. Thanks also to the teachers and adults who ran the different events. Congratulations to all children who participated positively and who had a great day. Special congratulations to the children who gained a placing in each event. It was great to see whanau here at school, supporting their children and enjoying the day with us.



Student Teachers

On Friday we farewelled five of our Student Teachers who have been working in Rooms 1, 5, 11, 13 and 19. Earlier we farewelled a student teacher in Room 2. The children in those rooms have enjoyed working with the Student Teachers and we certainly appreciated extra hands in the classroom and playground. We wish them well in their journey to become a teacher.

Lunchtime Activities

Otonga lunchtimes are a hive of activities. There are many activities the children can choose as well as just organising their own games with friends.

- The Library is open daily to change books and read.
- An organised game is run by teachers on Jackson Park daily for Year 3-6 students.
- The Enviro teams work in the gardens on Monday and Wednesday.
- Chess Club is on Monday
- Coding Club is in the ICT suite in the library on Tuesday.
- The School Councillors organise games outside on Wednesdays.
- Photography Club is on Thursday.
- Lego club is on Wednesday and Friday.

Mrs Margot Nielsen, Acting Principal

BUILDING UPDATE

Paving to the Offices alongside Room 4 is complete and the canopies outside Rooms 1-4 are complete. The old Dental Clinic is well underway in its transformation to become another learning space. Work on the canopies and paving outside the Library and Rooms 5-8 continues. Access way to the classrooms is:

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

Please DO NOT walk your children through car parks. There are paths around you can use.

CONGRATULATIONS

A huge congratulations to Grayson Fletcher from Room 3 on his selection for the KTM Junior Supercross Challenge, 1 of only 10 nationally.



DIWALI

Last Tuesday some ESOL children celebrated Diwali (Indian New Year) here are some photos of them making Rangoli patterns to welcome people to the ESOL room, and making burfi for their families.

Mrs Donnene van Fulpen



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.

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 AND ENJOY THE
ENTERTAINMENT.

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

OSSG (Otonga School Support Group) NEWS: 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.

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.

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



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.

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.



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.

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Community Events, Notices & Services



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

Proudly supported by ecostore

Group: Kaharoa School - phone 3323444(07)

Date: Saturday 17 November @ 10am

Venue: Ngongotaha Community Hall

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

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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.