



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

14 March	House day
16 March	WOW Science Year 3&4
19 March	"Dan the Man" puppet show (Road safety) for Year 3&4
22 March	Joe Chambers TV Presenter Poetry Year 1-4
24 March	Pacific Festival at the Lakefront
29 March	Year 1 Grandparents/whanau 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 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

HOUSE DAY

This is tomorrow **Wednesday 14th March 2018**.

Come dressed in your House Colours ready for outdoor activities and House Chanting.

Our house names & colours are as follows:

Hau Raki (Green)	Hau Rawhiti (Yellow)
Hau Tonga (Purple)	Hau a Uru (Orange)

BALLOT ENTRY FOR SIBLINGS AND OUT OF ZONERS

In the Ministry of Education zone review last year we learned that we have to hold a ballot, even for siblings. I should have known that. Therefore, this notice is to inform you that we are holding a ballot for Term 2 cohort New Entrants. **This is strictly for children born from January 2013 to July 2013.** All siblings currently registered with us will automatically be included in the ballot. If you are not sure if your child is entered, please check with the office. Siblings have first right of entry. We have 25 spaces available. **Entries close on Wednesday 14th March 2018.** Unfortunately we do not have spaces available in any other level of the school.
Linda Woon, Principal

COHORT ENTRY

Under the new regulations of the Labour Government, no child will be able to start school BEFORE they turn 5. However, children affected by a later start because of cohort entry will have their usual childcare subsidy continued. At Otonga we have two Cohort" entries per term.

DROP-OFF ZONE



Please DO NOT use the drop-off/loading zone outside the front of school if orange cones are out. We use the orange cones to stop people from using this zone when buses for school trips are scheduled to arrive. This allows them to pick-up/drop-off children safely.

EASTER BREAK

This year it falls within term time. Parents need to note that Good Friday, Easter Monday and the Tuesday are part of the Easter break for schools. There is no school on Friday, Monday or Tuesday.

ENVIRO TEAM 2018

We are developing a Critter City at Otonga School. Bunnings of Rotorua have come on-board and are helping us with sponsorship, trades people, materials, time and advice. We have a very enthusiastic group of 22 children who are in the 'Birds and Bugs' Team this year. They have been working with Mrs Donlon and Mrs Bollard today on phase one of the Bug Environment. We have started the construction of the Bug Tower, and composting cones. Next week, we are going to be constructing and setting up two large 'Bug Hotels' as well. We are hoping we may get some materials donated. We need old bricks with holes, pine cones, spouting pipe off cuts, hay, driftwood, punga logs or offcuts, old wooden birdhouses, mini terracotta pots, large bamboo rounds & riverstones. Please deliver these to Room 5 if you have any donations. Thank You.
Mrs Donlon and Mrs Bollard



MIDDLE SCHOOL – SCIENCE

The Middle Team have been learning all about wind for science. Room 11 worked with Room 2 to create windsocks. Windsocks can be used to teach us about wind direction and speed.



MATHS PROBLEM SOLVING COMPETITION

Enter this week's Maths problem solving competition. Cool prizes to be won - drawn from correct entries at school assemblies.

Place your entries in the box at the school office.

Mr Shaun Wood



Can you SOLVE this?

LEVEL 1

$$\text{Cat} + \text{Cat} = 10$$

$$\text{Cat} + \text{Hat} = 12$$

$$\text{Llama} + \text{Hat} = 13$$

$$\text{Llama} + \text{Cat} + \text{Hat} = ?$$

(created by Charlotte Pearson Room 19)

LEVEL 2

$$\text{Stack of books} + \text{Stack of books} = 800$$

$$\text{Pencil} + \text{Cup of pencils} = 32$$

$$\text{Cup of pencils} + \text{Stack of books} = 430$$

$$\text{Stack of books} + \text{Cup of pencils} \times \text{Pencil} = ?$$

(created by Hanwei Zhao Room 19)

MAGAZINES FOR ROOM 17

Can we have any old Car, Aeroplane, Train, Truck or Hot Wheels magazines for Rm 17. If you have any spare at home could you send them into either Rm 17 or the school office. Thanks.

Donnene van Fulpen

REQUEST FROM YR1 TEAM

The Year 1 team are in need of the following items for discovery time: garden stakes, ice cream containers, old card board boxes, sheets, clothes drying racks, dress ups, old dolls house or imaginary play stuff, shoe boxes, plastic bottles (clean) no milk bottles. If you have any of these things spare, please send them along to Rm5.

OTONGA PASIFIKA DAY PERFORMANCE

Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Malo e Lelei, Malo ni, Bula. To celebrate the different Pasifika cultures within Otonga School, we will be putting in a group of children to perform in the Rotorua Pasifika Day held on **Saturday 24th March 2018**. This day is all about showcasing and celebrating the many Pasifika Cultures within Rotorua. There will be entertainment, there will be food, it's the perfect way to spend time with your fanau (family) and it's for everybody. The children will start practices this Thursday at lunch time. Any parents who would like to help, we are happy to have you on board. Please see Mrs Waititi in Room 2 or email twaititi@otonga.school.nz



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. All participating students will be awarded a certificate & prizes will be awarded to top students in each year group. The cost for a student to participate is \$8.50 per competition entered. Registration forms & fees are due by **Friday 4th May 2018**. If you did not receive a copy of the 'CEM Registration Form' please [click here](#) or collect a registration form from the school office. Margot Nielsen, School Co-ordinator

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.

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:



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PITA PIT FRIDAY via LUNCHONLINE

You can register and/or order at www.lunchonline.co.nz



It seems we are still getting lunches being sent to the wrong classroom because this information hasn't been updated for 2018.

Please check and/or update your child's classroom number. You can do this by logging into your [lunchonline](#) account and clicking on the 'Add/Edit Members' button on the left-hand menu. Unfortunately we cannot do this our end of things.

Remember you can order anytime during the week and up until 9am on the day of delivery being **FRIDAY** each week of term.

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.



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.



MILK FOR SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Do you want **Richie McCaw** to land a helicopter at Otonga school?

The Fonterra Milk for Schools programme is turning 5! To mark the big occasion, Richie McCaw is helping Fonterra and its farmers make a special milk delivery to four lucky schools, by helicopter. It's really easy to enter – all you have to do is tell them why 'Otonga Road Primary School' deserves a visit from Richie. You can also upload a photo or video to support your entry. Anyone can enter the competition at <https://www.fonterra.com/nz/en/what-we-stand-for/fonterra-milk-for-schools/richies-milk-run.html> Entries are open until **Monday 19th March 2018**.*



SCHOOLGEN COMPETITION – VOTE DAILY

Please keep voting DAILY to keep us in the running for these fantastic prizes! You can place your vote at <http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/>

Voting closes at 5pm on **Monday 2nd April 2018**, but we need you to vote daily for OTONGA to have a chance of winning. Winners will be announced on Monday 30th April 2018.

Help us win
\$25,000, \$15,000 or \$10,000

to spend on our school's science or tech equipment.



Community Events, Notices & Services

C.A.B VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Rotorua Citizens Advice Bureau is looking for new Volunteers. If you are interested in helping people, have good computer skills, are a good listener, want to give back to the community and are able to

attend our training course which starts on 3 May, then please contact Jane at the Bureau for more details. Contact on 07 348 3936 or rotorua@cab.org.nz

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. To learn more please visit the website www.juniorgolfclub.co.nz or contact Ant Barkley – GJGC Coordinator on 0272519937.

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PowerUP Plus Programme

Pasifika PowerUP Plus actively supports Pasifika parents, families and communities to champion their children's learning. Pasifika PowerUP Plus provides academic support for secondary and primary students. The key to Pasifika PowerUP Plus is the strength and collective power of our parents, families and communities championing educational success. The programme encourages the whole family to attend on Wednesday nights from 28th March 5:30pm-8pm at Toi-ohomai Polytechnic Campus. High school students sitting NCEA can be dropped off and picked up. A light supper, fruit is provided. We have trained and qualified teachers and mentors available. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call or email. Rotorua Pacific Islands Development Charitable Trust rotorupacificislandstrust@gmail.com Trust Office (07)3477217 - Trust Cell 0275264222

JPC - Programme for children who are not baptised



The Parish invites children who are 8 years and older as of 1st March 2018 to do a programme in preparation for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Reconciliation. Interested families are to email their details to the Parish Secretary or call 07 3480 2889. Families will need to meet with Fr. Eamon for an interview which will be organised for the month of April. catholicrotorua@xtra.co.nz

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OTONGA ROAD FOOTBALL CLUB



Are you interested in playing Football this year? Otonga Road football club is holding an Open Day and trials on **Sunday 18th March** at Otonga Primary School, outside the hall. **The Open Day is a fun day!** There will be games

for the younger players - grades 5 (4 or turning 5 this year) through to 8 (turning 8 this year). There will be trials for the older players - grades 9 (turning 9 this year) through to 12 (turning 12 this year). There will also be a free sausage sizzle and an opportunity to buy shorts and socks. Times are as follows (note girls can play down a year if they want):

Fun games	5 th – 8 th grade	9.30am – 10.30am
Trials	11/12 th grade	10.30am – 11.00am
Trials	10 th grade	11.00am – 11.30am
Trials	9 th grade	11.30am – 12noon

Registration for the Season - You can register a player for the season on-line at: www.sporty.co.nz/otongafootball. Registrations close at the end of March. You can also register at the Open Day. If you can't attend or have any questions please notify the club via the President on email bart.yetsenga@stratum.nz or call on 027 263 8534.

Power Up
Reading is Power

Learning is Power

2018 PASIFIKA POWER UP PLUS - FAMILIES FOR EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

EVERY Wed night (except school holidays)
1 Block Toi-ohomai (Waikato Polytech)
5:30-8:00pm
Wed 28th March

Do you want to know about Early Childhood, Uypah Assessment for Primary, NCEA. Bring the who a family, we have qualified teachers to help with questions. Light tea provided.
More information required ring trust office 073477217 or 0275264222
rotorupacificislandstrust@gmail.com

ROTOVEGAS YOUTH HEALTH - JOB OPPORTUNITY Experienced Admin Support

Rotovegas Youth Health Is seeking expressions of interest for a valued team member in admin support. The role will be .8 – 1FTE. Responsibilities include: general office work, health and safety co-ordination, accounts processing, reception cover. This person must really enjoy young people, be friendly and flexible, with a sense of humour. Please email CV and cover letter to; spowell@raphs.org.nz



WORLD TAEKWONDO FEDERATION KUKKIWON

Taekwondo Term 1
in Otonga School started!

New students welcome!

Location: Otonga School hall, Springfield, Rotorua
Times: 5:30 pm > 6:20pm (U17 > 7 Pm)

Enrolment / information:
Email: Taekwondo.Training.nz@gmail.com
Text Only: 0210510091