



# 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

14 Aug	BOP Rugby 7s – POSTPONED until 16 Aug
15 Aug	<b>Teacher Strike Day – School CLOSED</b>
16 Aug	Tough Guy/Gal Challenge BOP Rugby 7s
24 Aug	Last day for Touch Rugby T4 Registrations
27 Aug	OSSG Meeting 7pm Staffroom – ALL Welcome
28 Aug	Rotorua Intermediate School Orientation Day BOT meeting
30 Aug	School Fundraiser (Run by Student Council)
5 Sept	BYMC Parents Meeting 5:30pm
5 & 6 Sept	Middle Team Science Roadshow
8 Sept	<b>OSSG Quiz Night</b>
11 Sept	Rotorua Speech Competition
14 Sept	Senior School Disco
17 Sept	Rotorua Intermediate Testing
18 Sept	Rotomaths
20 Sept	Spelling Bee at JPC
21 Sept	Gym Competition
25 Sept	Winter Field day BOT meeting
27 Sept	Market day
28 Sept	Last Day of Term 2 – 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

## 2018 ACTIVITY FEES – TERM 3:

Term 1, 2 & 3 Activity Fees are now due. Please ensure your child's Activity Fees for the year are up-to-date. A minimum payment of \$75 is now due (being \$25 for Terms 1, 2 & 3). Please ensure this is paid in order for your child to be able to attend the various shows, trips & other activities which will take place this term.

## QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Team registrations are now open for the Otonga Quiz Night which will be held in the school hall at 7:30pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Teams can have up to 6 members, \$10 per person or \$50 for a team of 6. Payment can be made at the school office, **no payments on the night.**

Adults ONLY, **no children permitted.**

BYO drinks & a plate to share.

**Registration closes on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August.**

Limited number of tables available so get in quick!  
Registration forms available at the school office.

## **TEACHER STRIKE – TOMORROW 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - SCHOOL CLOSED**

A stop-work meeting (strike) has been planned for **TOMORROW - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August.**

The current offer is not addressing the key issues of the teacher shortage, burnout of teachers and the lack of funding for children with special needs.

New Zealand has a problem. Enrolments in teacher training have dropped 40% between 2010 and 2016 while there are growing school rolls.

This is affecting Rotorua right now!

**The unattractiveness of the profession has led to a drop in applications to train as a teacher, to the extent that BOTH local teacher training options are planning to close up in Rotorua.**

Both Canterbury University and Te Wananga o Aotearoa are planning to close their training options in Rotorua, unless there is a radical increase in the number of applicants. Anyone wishing to train in Rotorua will need to do so on-line, or travel to another city. The face to face component now offered will cease in 2020.

This has huge negative implications for the schools in Rotorua after 2020. The reality is that from 2020 we will be unable to staff all of our classrooms. We will be unable to get relieving teachers for professional development, teacher illness and the huge extra burden for Rotorua teachers called to jury service. It will be detrimental to the learning of our children, if we cannot staff our school.

**On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018 Otonga Road Primary School will be CLOSED due to insufficient teachers being available to supervise.**

We apologise for the inconvenience, but the situation is dire.

We must act to retain our excellent teachers.

We must act to keep our local training facilities open to ensure the availability of good teachers in our area.

We must act to ensure the needs of all our students are met, particularly our special needs children.

We appreciate the support of our Otonga families in our effort to value our staff and your children's education.

## **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.**

## BYMC - Bring Your Managed Chromebook

A letter has been sent home today with all children who will be in Year 4 & 5 in 2019 to inform you of our intention to request that these students bring their managed chromebooks to school. We will be holding a parent meeting on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 5:30pm** regarding BYMC. Please ensure your child gives you this letter. Spares are available at the Office.

## COMPUTER GAMES

A number of children have been discussing that they are playing computer games such as "Fortnite" on their devices at home. Games such as this one have an age rating older than that of our children at Otonga. The reason for an age rating is to protect children from being exposed to content and violence levels are beyond what they can deal with. Sometimes games look harmless because they are in cartoon format but don't be fooled by this.

Please monitor what your children are doing and what sites they are visiting when they are on a device.

## LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

### Overdue Library Books:

Reminder lists will be circulated today. Although Rooms 1 & 2 are temporarily relocated in the Library & Information Technology Centre the **Library is open to classes and at lunch time** and pupils have every opportunity to return and borrow books. All books issued prior to the end of Term 2 should be returned or renewed promptly. Thank you for your support.

*Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager*



## REQUEST FOR MATERIALS

Room 6 would like any empty tin cans please, for creating recycled products to sell at our upcoming market day. We would especially like medium and large sizes, for example, baked bean size and milk formula size, or large ones used in hotels. A few small ones would be good, also. Just bring them into Room 6, any time, there is a table for them near the door. We will continue to need them up until about Week 9 of the term. Thank you.

*Mrs Jeffery*



## RLC – SAFE JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL

[Rotorua Lakes Council](#) are instrumental in supporting our students with Safe Journeys to our school. Below are examples in how they continue to do this:

- [CyWay](#) paths for safer cycling to school.
- Additional footpaths into the school to reduce the traffic load at the main entrance.
- Re-designation of the bus bay to allow for better traffic flow through to our school drop off zone.
- Assisting with monitoring driver behaviour at the front gate.
- Designing and producing the brochures for students to take home with information on getting to school.



## TOUCH RUGBY – Term 4

Touch Rugby 2018 Term 4 Registration Notices have already been emailed to all parents. If you did not get this notice please visit [https://99562.cmstrial.net/files/Touch\\_Rugby\\_2018\\_-\\_Term\\_4\\_Registration\\_Notice.pdf](https://99562.cmstrial.net/files/Touch_Rugby_2018_-_Term_4_Registration_Notice.pdf) or collect one from the school office. The last day for registrations is **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018** – no late entries will be accepted.



## ENVIRO TEAM NEWS

This terms focus is on recycling Oral Care products. We will be collecting these outside of Room 5. Thank you!

**HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN A COMMUNITY GARDEN!**

**RECYCLE & WIN**  
A COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Our school is competing in the Colgate Community Garden Challenge!  
By recycling oral care waste, we're in the running to win a recycled community garden set!

**DROP YOUR ORAL CARE WASTE HERE TO HELP US WIN**

We accept any brand of used:  
Toothpaste tubes and packaging, Non-electric toothbrushes and packaging,  
Floss containers and packaging, Inter-dental brushes and packaging.

1 Toothpaste tubes and caps  
2 Toothbrush and toothpaste tube outer packaging  
3 Toothbrushes  
4 Floss containers

You can also vote for us online at:  
[www.terracycle.co.nz/colgategardenvoting](http://www.terracycle.co.nz/colgategardenvoting)

To find out more about the Colgate Community Garden Challenge and for full terms and conditions, please visit: [www.terracycle.co.nz/colgategarden](http://www.terracycle.co.nz/colgategarden).  
If you have any further questions, call TerraCycle on 0800 474 016

## 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. 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.



## 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.



## 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:



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## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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!



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## Community Events, Notices & Services

### A-OK NZ TOUR

COMING TO A CITY NEAR YOU

2017 UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

LivingWorks suicide to Hope

# ASIST

ASIST is a 2 day, skills building workshop that prepares helpers to provide first aid interventions. PROFESSIONALS, VOLUNTEERS AND INFORMAL HELPERS need to know how to help persons with thoughts of suicide in ways that increase their suicide safety.

#A-OK CHALLENGE  
 Every person that pays full price \$400, can gift a subsidized seat for \$275 to someone in their community.  
 30 seats available: 15 seats @ full price and 15 seats subsidized.

BOOK ONLINE [www.1degreeworkshops.com/a-ok](http://www.1degreeworkshops.com/a-ok)

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# 0800 kidsline

it helps to talk



## Parenting Helpline

we can help with your parenting concerns

get support, advice and practical strategies

Call 0800 568 856  
 9am - 11pm Monday to Sunday

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



## 0800 WHAT'S UP

is a SAFE place for you to chat about ANYTHING at all.



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