



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 4 Diary

(Please refer weekly as dates may change)

18 Oct	National Shakeout Day Senior School Cricket
19 Oct	Junior Athletics for Years 1 & 2
22 Oct	Labour Day - School CLOSED
25 Oct	Senior School Cricket
26 Oct	House Day – Children to wear house colours for tabloid sports Tennis Champs
29 Oct	Year 1 Dog Safety Week
01 Nov	Senior School Cricket
02 Nov	Junior Disco 6 - 7pm
05 Nov	School Assembly – Rm 20 Years 3 & 4 Dog Safety Week
07 Nov	School Athletics
08 Nov	Athletics Finals Road Patrol Practical
09 Nov	Athletics Postponement Day
13 Nov	Inter-school Orienteering
15 Nov	Senior School Cricket Year 1 Pioneer Days Museum Trip
19 Nov	School Assembly – Rm 11
20 Nov	Central Athletics
27 Nov	Leaders Fun Day 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

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.



Welcome to our many new families and welcome back to our returning Otonga families.

Term 4 is the busiest term of all so strap in for a fast ride. Christmas will be here before you know it!

This term we ask that children bring a broad-brimmed hat or else they will be very constrained as to where they can play in the school grounds.

A notice for our new families - the drop off bay at the front of the school is a danger zone for fines - no U-turns there and drivers must stay in their cars. We will send a pamphlet home to remind everyone of the different drop off and collection points that can help save the congestion at 3pm or [click here to view](#).

You will also receive a letter from your child's school level team explaining the special programmes for this term. We have an exciting programme planned.

However, there are some really important dates for you to calendar.

Linda Woon, Principal

WANTED – TEMPORARY CARETAKER ASSISTANT

We are looking for a temporary caretaker assistant for 10 hours a week, for this week and next week and then on-going as needed. The job includes gardening, mowing lawns and other odd jobs. The interested person will need to have a clean Police record. Please apply in person to Rod Pemberton, Otonga School Caretaker.

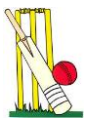
CLASS PLACEMENTS 2019 FINAL NOTICE

2019 A reminder that this is the last possible week to put in your requests for consideration. The jigsaw puzzle of class placements is very complex, so please be considerate. This notice has been in the newsletter now for many weeks. Due to the changing profile of the school, classes will be mixed up more next year, than in past years. We will no longer be running 'cluster classes' in rooms 16 and 21.

CRICKET - PLAYERS NEEDED

We are still looking for 3 players to play Incrediball cricket this term on Thursdays. We also now need 1 more player to play Hardball on Saturday mornings. Email me at cwalden@otonga.school.nz if there are any interested players.

Mr Walden, Sports Co-ordinator



LUNCHTIME LEGO CLUB STARTING AT OTONGA SCHOOL

We would love any donations of Lego that you may have at home. Any contributions would be greatly received. Please bring to Room 12. Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Ballard



LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

Library Books: Please remember to return books borrowed before the school holidays - all these books are now showing as overdue. To keep Library records up-to-date if you have not finished reading a book please bring it to the Issue Desk for Renewal.

Reader Packs: If your child was given a 'Reader Pack' for use in the school holidays please make sure these are returned to school promptly. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Club Brochures: Offer 7 will be circulated to classrooms this week. Orders close on **Monday 29th October.**

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.

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).

If paying by cheque: Please make payable to "Otonga Primary School". Orders can be held for collection by parents, please mark 'HOLD' clearly on the order form and provide a contact number.

Online Ordering: All Classrooms are registered for Loop on-line ordering if you have any problems with the web page please phone Scholastic for assistance.

Ordering a Gift? 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. Thank you. School orders close on **Monday 29th October.**

Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager

OSSG (Otonga School Support Group) NEWS:

Attention All Junior School Parents - Help Needed

We need help to run the junior school disco on Friday 2 November. Set up starts from 5.30pm, the disco runs from 6.00pm - 7.00pm and clean up takes 20 minutes afterwards. A flyer will go home this week, please return the slip to your child's teacher or send a message to the PTA Facebook

page <https://www.facebook.com/OtongaSchoolPTA/>

Junior School Disco - Friday 2nd November 6-7pm

Entry \$2. Food will be for sale: chips 50 cents, small chocolate bars 50 cents, juice 50 cents, hot dogs \$3, glow sticks 50 cents or 3 for \$1. Free water will also be provided.

Parents/Caregivers – Children can be collected from 7pm. All children must be collected by 7:10pm. No children will be permitted to leave unless accompanied by an adult.

No food, drinks or glow sticks to be brought into the disco.

Remember to bring along your permission slip.

No slip = no entry.

Funds raised will go towards the Lego Club.

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



WANTED – Various Items for Discovery Time

The Year 1 team are in need of the following items for their discovery time: Cardboard boxes, clean plastic bottles, clean yoghurt containers, ice cream containers, cardboard cylinders, newspaper and magazines. If you have any of these items to donate, please deliver to Mrs Donlon in Room 5.

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.



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.

Pita Pit Vouchers to the Value of \$100.

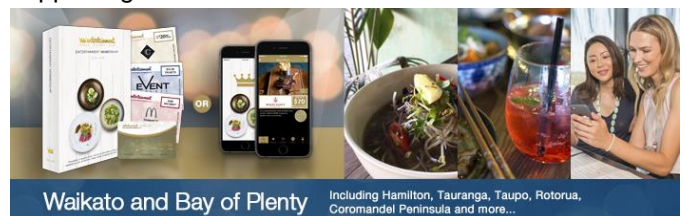
A Pita Pit Touch Rugby Ball

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.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

To order online just 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.



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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=also&shop=Otonga%20Road%20Primary%20School

Kindo offers various payment options including **internet banking** which is recommended by most banks. Questions? Go to support.mykindo.co.nz or email hello@mykindo.co.nz or call the Kindo helpdesk on freephone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636).

Community Events, Notices & Services

PINK WALK
3.4KM - FUN FOR EVERYONE!

WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2018
FROM 5PM - VILLAGE GREEN
ROTORUA LAKE FRONT

TEENS & ADULTS \$10
UNDER 12s KOHA

FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS
AWESOME SPOT PRIZES
PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED

SAVE TIME, PRE-REGISTER ONLINE
RBCT.CO.NZ/PINKWALK
OR REGISTER AT THE EVENT FROM 4.30PM

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED IN ROTORUA, STAY IN ROTORUA - WWW.RBCT.CO.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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Healthline

0800 611 116

www.healthline.govt.nz

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

Parent Help
for parents and family support

Children's fishing days

Catch Your First Rainbow Trout - learn how to fly fish!

This fun opportunity, run by the Rotorua Anglers Association, is available to children 6 to 14 years old at the **Fish & Game** Grounds in Paradise Valley Rd, Rotorua.

2018 Fishing dates:
Sunday 12th August 2018
Sunday 9th September 2018
Sunday 7th October 2018
Sunday 11th November 2018

PRE BOOKING YOUR SPOT IS ESSENTIAL

Bookings, Information and news at:
<https://fishandgame.org.nz/eastern/>

All this for a suggested donation of only \$3.00 per child

We provide top quality specially designed fishing tackle, a plastic bag to take your catch home, safety glasses and a certificate to celebrate the anglers achievement.

Catch one of the 20 tagged trout in the pond and WIN a spin rod and reel set from KILWELL.

Ample parking is available on the grass area as you enter the grounds. You are welcome to further explore the grounds via the walkway.

Drinks and barbecued sausages are available to satisfy hungry anglers and parents.

Observe safety rules at all times and DO NOT leave children unattended

0800 Kidsline

it helps to talk

