



OTONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Kura o Tihitonga

"To build sound foundations for our children's future"

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Term 4 Diary

(Please refer weekly as dates may change)

27 Nov	Ahurei – Middle & Senior Kapahaka
30 Nov	Community Craft Market 4-6pm
03 Dec	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

AHUREI TICKETS

Ahurei is next **Tuesday 27th November**. Tickets are currently on sale in the school office. **Last day** for buying tickets is this **Thursday 22nd November**.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Classes are preparing for Student Led Conferences (SLC's) on **Friday 7th December**. These are being held throughout the day from 9 am to 6 pm. Invitations were sent out on Monday and the **RSVP needs to be back this week please by Friday 23rd November**. Student Led Conferences are one of the highlights of the Otonga School calendar. They are an opportunity for students to share their learning and progress with you. Seeing and hearing from your children about what they have learnt and the progress they have made is an essential part of the way we report to parents and share information. Please note that your child's attendance for SLC Day is **only required at their conference time**.

NEW ENTRANTS

On your child's first day at Otonga it is **imperative** that you check in with the school office and let them know your child has started.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Orienteering Champions

Congratulations to our orienteering team for taking out the first and second placing in the BOP Orienteering Competition: Keiran Putt, Sam McFarlane, Alana Bennett, Oscar Burns and Lewis Lei. We are very proud of you.



Year 1 Trip to Te Amorangi Museum

On Thursday 15th November the Year 1 team visited the Steam and Settlers Museum at Hannahs Bay. We learned about what life was like 100 years ago. The children had a great time making butter, washing clothes by hand, playing traditional games and riding on the train. A big thank you to those parents who came to help.



Maths Champions

Congratulations to our Top 3 Most Improved Maths Whizz Champions for 2018. These students received their Medal in Assembly on Monday.

Gold: Quinn Molony

Silver: Jai Poona.

Bronze: Harley Schmidt.

Well done also to these students who made the **Top 10:** Ian Lao, Huiying Lin, Tushant Kumar, Arvin Tan Angarra, Lynn Tan, Bella Curruthers and Tafadzwa Chiwawa.

Congratulations to the students in Room 18 for receiving a Maths IXL certificate for excellent performance on 300 Year 6 Maths Skills.

Building Update

The AP Office at the side of Room 4 is now accessible and Mrs Herbert has moved in. Considerable building work is completed in the old Dental clinic and the other tradesmen can begin their work in that space. The sandpit fence has been lowered safely and the gate will be attached soon.

Please be aware that access to Rooms 5-16 is still from either the back of the school Office along the footpath on Jackson Park or from the front of Rooms 1-4 and along from there. Thank you for your patience. **Please DO NOT walk children through any school car parks.** Use the footpaths provided to keep our kids safe.

Athletics

Good luck to our students who are representing Otonga at the Central Athletics Meeting today. Thanks Mr Walden and Mr Carrington for taking them.

Mrs Margot Nielsen, Acting Principal

**OSSG (Otonga School Support Group) NEWS:
Otonga Community Craft Market**

Last chance to book a stall - stall bookings close this **Friday 23rd November.**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In order to make this great community event a success we need your help. Below is a list of times/places you could help. An hour of your time would be greatly appreciated and would make a huge difference to this event. To book your preferred time/job, please contact Denise or Julie via ossg@otonga.school.nz or leave your details at the office.

Stall	Helpers Required 3-4pm	Helpers Required 4 - 5pm	Helpers Required 5-6pm	Helpers Required 6pm - 7pm
Set Up	3 helpers			
Sausage Sizzle		3 Helpers	2 helpers	
American Hot Dogs		2 helpers	2 helpers	
Water		2 helpers	2 helpers	
Bat the Rat		1 helper	1 helper	
Dunny Dunk		1 helper	1 helper	
Splat the Teacher		1 helper	1 helper	
Parking Attendants		2 helpers	2 helpers	
Clean up				3 helpers

**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](mailto:ossg@otonga.school.nz)

**LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
CENTRE NEWS:**

Annual Stocktake and Return of Library Books

The Annual Stocktake of all Library and Teaching Resources begins on Monday 26th November.

Please help by returning all Library books found at home. Today we have 492 on loan to pupils and all of these books need to be returned by the end of this week i.e. **Friday 23rd November!**



Missing Classroom Readers

Please can you search at home and return any books found with an 'Otonga School' stamp inside the front cover. Your help in recovering these books is most appreciated and saves the school money if we do not have to replace resources.

There is an amnesty in place and any books found can be dropped off in the RETURNS Box by the main Library doors (no questions asked)! Thank you.

Volunteers to help during Library Stocktake

Are you available to help during the annual Stocktake of Library items? If you could assist for an hour or two on any day between **Tuesday 27th November and Friday 14th December** it would be most appreciated. Time slots: 9:15am to 10:30pm or 11:00am to 12:30pm or 1:30pm to 2:30pm.

Please call or email me patkinson@otonga.school.nz if you can assist. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Club Brochures

Offer 8 is now available and will be circulated today. This is the final offer for the year and the brochures include some great value gift ideas.



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.

Closing Date: Wednesday 28th November.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager

THE HITS 'FILL THE BUS' 2018

As a school we will be taking part in The Hits annual can drive for the Salvation Army.

The 'Fill the Bus' fundraiser will be on **Wednesday 5th December**. There is a box inside the door of the school office ready for your donations. We would love to see strong support for this worthy cause again this year.



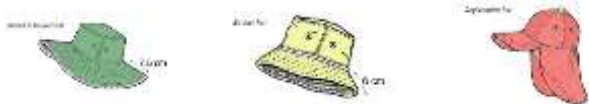
ROAD RULES UPDATE!

Please remember that **U-Turns are NOT permitted outside our school**. The road code states that 'You aren't allowed to make a U-turn on a motorway or if a 'No U-turn' sign is displayed'. Children are unpredictable and can appear out of nowhere – please be careful when driving around our school.



SUN SAFETY

Term 4 is a sun safety term, 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 trees.



2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

BOT Elections will be held next year. If you are interested in standing as a Parent Representative in the 2019 Board of Trustee Elections, please contact Antonia Magness our Returning Officer at amagness@otonga.school.nz

Make a difference. Become a school trustee

Nominate yourself or someone you know today.

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who will make a positive difference to our children's learning.

[Learn more at trustee-election.co.nz](http://trustee-election.co.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](#).

2019 COHORT ENTRY DATES

For each New Entrant (5yr old) cohort:

- Term 1:** 30th Jan or 11th March
- Term 2: 29th April or 4th June
- Term 3: 22nd July or 26th August
- Term 4: 14th October or 18th November

2019 NEW ENROLMENTS

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.

2019 STATIONERY

From **Thursday 20th December** stationery for next year can be purchased online at www.myschool.co.nz, in-store at OfficeMax on Fenton Street or by phone 0800 724 440. Every purchase from OfficeMax earns School Rewards, so if you purchase in-store or via phone, please remember to mention that your child attends Otonga Road Primary School. For more information click the picture below.



OfficeMax works with your School!

You'll find your child's school stationery list online at myschool.co.nz It's easy to shop online, in-store or by phone.

1st - 31st DECEMBER 2018
SAY WHEN YOU PAY!

Get Back to School stationery sorted early so you can relax these holidays.

- ✓ Order online at myschool.co.nz in December
- ✓ Choose when to pay and when to receive your order
- ✓ Plus, you'll receive a FREE magnetic family organiser!

FREE magnetic family organiser

* Stationery lists only available online. See our website for details. ** Delivery subject to change with the changed dates. See online for details. † While stocks last.

1 Pay Now → Receive Now

Pay & receive in the 2018!

2 Pay Now → Receive Later

Pay in Dec 2018 & receive in Jan 2019!

3 Pay Later* → Receive Later

Pay & receive in Jan 2019!

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Shop online at myschool.co.nz or by phone 0800 724 440

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Find a lower price and we'll match it!

FREE Delivery

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* Excludes bulky items or items at a lower than retail price.

School Rewards

Earn rewards for your school! Mention your school name to select your school colour or representative!

* Conditions apply. See myschool.co.nz for details.

SHOP YOUR WAY

myschool.co.nz

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0800 724 440

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.
- 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.

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.

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

To parents wanting a night away from the kids! Reliable and fun-loving 23 year old couple available for babysitting over the December summer period. If interested please contact Amy on 0273484002.

Are Our Kids Safe Online?



Life Education Trust Rotorua Area
Presents

NZ Cyber Safety Expert

John Parsons

7pm

Friday 7th December

The Harvest Centre

Cost of Entry: Gold coin

John is an Internet Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant to schools, the private sector and the health sector. He provides specialist advice and direction on the safe use of Digital Communication Technology.



Enter the Great NZ Santa Run and help Kiwi Kids overcome any obstacle.

Thursday 6th December at 6.30pm

Join us for a 2-3km run/walk NZ dressed as Santa
Rotorua, Village Green, Lakefront



For details and to register
visit: www.santarun.co.nz

