



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

23-25 July	Basketball sessions in school
30 July	OSSG meeting 7pm Staffroom (All Welcome)
31 July	BOT meeting
1 Aug	Rm 8 Trip to Comvita
2 Aug	Rm 5 Trip to Comvita
3 Aug	Chinese Speech Competition
14 Aug	BOP Rugby 7s.
16 Aug	Tough Guy/Gal Challenge
22 Aug	School Fundraiser (Run by student council)
28 Aug	Rotorua Intermediate School Orientation Day - See RIS letter on Pg 3 (PP day 29 th Aug) BOT meeting
5 & 6 Sept	Middle Team Science Roadshow
11 Sept	Rotorua Speech Competition
17 Sept	Rotorua Intermediate Testing
18 Sept	Rotomaths
20 Sept	Spelling Bee at JPC
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 23rd July – Fri 28th September

Term 4: Mon 15th October – 20th December

Tena koutou katao Greetings All Welcome back to Term 3.

A special welcome to our new families and our newest New Entrants. Mrs Jeffery has set up Room 6 as our latest class. Welcome back to Miss Laurence in Room 20 and welcome to Mrs Staunton in Room 18.

The Year 2 classes have moved out of their rooms to allow Burton Construction to begin the cloak bay and toilet modifications.

Rooms 1 & 2 are in the library and Rooms 3 & 4 are in the Arts centre attached to the hall.

Music is now in Room 15. A big thank you to everyone for their help with the new set up.

We are looking forward to another exciting term.
Mrs Linda Woon, Principal

PITA PIT TERM 2 CLASSROOM COMPETITION

Last term Pita Pit ran an awesome competition – where the class that ordered the most Pitas and Salads during Term 2 wins **EVERYONE** in their class a Pita Pit Prize Pack! The Pack includes a cool Pita Pit Tog Bag, a Kids Pita Voucher and a Sipper Bottle.



The WINNING Class is... ROOM 5, with a total of 85 orders for the term. They were followed by Room 19 with 70 orders and then Room 14 with 64 orders. Thank you to everyone who got in behind this competition. Phil Haines from Pita Pit will be presenting the prize packs to our Room 5 winners at next week's assembly.
Thanks Pita Pit!

2018 ACTIVITY FEES – TERM 3:

A minimum payment of \$25 for Term 3 is to be paid in the first two weeks of this term. This will cover the shows, trips & other activities which will take place this term.

If your child's Term 3 Activity Fee has not yet been paid please register/login to KINDO and pay online anytime 24/7.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a HUGE amount of lost property and it includes Kathmandu and other labels on jackets and warm clothing. There are a huge number of shoes and boots. Normally we put all unclaimed clothing in the skip - but this time I am offering it to you for first pick. It seems too much value to go to the dump. But we don't have the time or means to wash it all for recycling. To collect please come to the Lost Property Shed which is located by the astro turf.

ROAD SAFETY

We are so lucky to have family helping us with getting safety messages out regarding front of school. Thanks to the RLC for their assistance.



The issue for Otonga is that about 60% of our families come from out of zone. That is because our zone is not a high residential zone. We have Waiariki, two golf courses, hockey, soccer and rugby grounds as well as Cantabria in our zone. Not a lot of children from these places. Otonga can accommodate 600 students so we need to accept children from out of zone. That means a lot of extra traffic. In order to make that work safely for us there are strong suggestions we are making to help you.

1. The drop off zone is strictly drive-through!
DO NOT leave the car.
2. Drive the loop down Springfield, up McDowell and down Otonga.
3. Come slightly later at 3:10pm
4. Year 1 parents park further up or down the road.
5. U-Turns in front of the school are **ILLEGAL** and there are FINES.
6. Drop off and pick up your child at the Jackson Park Kindy area - there is a proper dry footpath all the way into school.
7. Drop off and pick up at the lower school area - we have put in a cobbled path there as well.
8. Drop off and pick up at the McDowell corner area. Easy walk for your child.

Double parking and blocking the congested road.....
What can I say? That annoys the dickens out of everyone. I suggest witnesses use their phones to photograph the vehicle and report it.

If we can follow these common sense guidelines - life will be sweeter. Thank you.
Mrs Linda Woon, Principal

ABSENCES & LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL

Children need to be at school by 8:55am at the LATEST. Please advise daily absences to the office 3486443 by 9am each day. There is an answer phone available or email otonga@otonga.school.nz, or send a notice via our school app. All children who arrive late to school **MUST** report to the school office prior to going to their classroom. If no sufficient notification is given of an absence your child will be marked as truant.

ENVIRO TEAM NEWS

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



LUNCHONLINE – SCHOOL LUNCHES

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.

REQUEST FOR MATERIALS

If you have any spare **NEWSPAPERS** and **PLASTIC SUPERMARKET BAGS** please bring them along to Rooms 20 and 21. Many thanks.

YEAR 6 FAMILIES

Mokoia Intermediate School warmly welcomes prospective families for 2019

Open Evening: Wednesday 8th August, 5pm-7pm

Open Day: Thursday 9th August, 9:30am-12:30pm

All Year 6 students are welcome to come and experience life at Mokoia.

Information and enrolment information also available at www.mokoia.school.nz



KINDO - PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE 24/7

Term 3 Activity Fees and NOW DUE and are able to be paid through the KINDO Shop.

Please ensure you are up-to-date with your Activity Fees in order for your child be attend some exciting activities planned this term.

* **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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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 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.



Community Events, Notices & Services

Calling U11 Hockey Players in Rotorua

If you are keen Year 5 or 6 hockey player who wants to extend your hockey skills we have an U11 programme for 2018. Below is the fixture list. Registrations open at the start of Term 3 and close August 10th. The cost will be \$45 plus the cost of a personalised hoodie. We ask that players who register be committed to the trainings and they must be available for the tournaments. Numbers will be limited by turf time and coach availability. If you are a coach or manager willing to help out with this programme please email juniors@bophockey.co.nz Please go to the BOP Hockey website to register. <http://www.bophockey.co.nz/rotorua-u11-dev-programme>



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ENROLMENT PROCESS FOR ROTORUA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Providing a smooth transition from our contributing Schools to Rotorua Intermediate is the purpose behind our approach of personalising student enrolment. The induction timeline below has been designed to ensure that this goal for our 2019 students, is achieved.

Our staff intend undertaking individual interviews with all parents of students enrolling at Rotorua Intermediate for their intermediate school years. These interviews will allow us a chance to get to know your child and for your child to meet us. It is also a time to establish a working and supportive partnership with you. We encourage parents to take up this opportunity and allow your child to see home and school are working together for their educational benefit.

Term 3 – 2019 Orientation – week 6

- **Tuesday August 28th 9.30am – Otonga, WHPS, Ngongotaha**
- **Tuesday August 28th 12.30pm – Selwyn School, Glenholme**
- **Wednesday August 29th 9.30am – Westbrook, Lynmore, Sunset**
- **Wednesday August 29th 12:30 – Malfroy, Kawaha Point**
- **Year 6 students from Primary Schools not listed here are welcome to visit on any of the above planned times. Please notify us if you wish to join one of the orientation times. (Meet in our school gymnasium – Pretoria Street entrance). Mrs Freeman will be here to greet you.**

Orientation: (2 hour programme) Year 6 students can expect:

- Prefects presenting different aspects of learning and recreation at RIS.
- Experiencing hands on experiences in our 8 Specialist Programmes

Week 9: Entrance Testing September 17th-21st. Outside schools and catch up testing at Rotorua Intermediate 9am Friday 21st September.

Enrolment Process

- Please collect an Enrolment form at Rotorua Intermediate school and return this before the end of term 3 (Friday September 28th). Forms will also be available at contributing primary schools after orientation days.
- **Out of zone enrolments close on Friday September 28th.** Notification will be given by mail before October 5th.
- **BYOC Learning Classes:** Students are expected to purchase their own Chromebook (must be a Chromebook, no other devices are acceptable) for use in class. There is a \$75 setup and internet usage fee for the year that must be paid to secure a place in a BYOC class.
- **Accelerate Classes:** Class placement is made based on Y7 Entrance Testing, nominations from Y6 Class Teachers and information provided at individual enrolment interview in October (see below).

Term 4 Enrolment Timeline: Term 4 – 2017

- **Week 1: October 16th & 17th.** Tuesday & Wednesday Individual enrolment interviews at RIS from 3.30pm to 7pm. Notification will be advised by mail to enrolled students.
- **Week 5:** Class placements will be notified by mail
- **Week 9 Wednesday December 5th 3.30pm – 4.15pm** open afternoon for incoming Year 7 students. This allows parents and students to meet with their 2019 teacher.

Debbie Law

Contributing school Liaison