



OTONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Kura o Tihitōtonga

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

25 September 2018

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Term 3 Diary

27 Sept Market Day
28 Sept Last Day of Term 3 – School finishes at 3pm

Term Dates 2018

Term 3: Mon 23rd July – Fri 28th September
Term 4: Mon 15th October – 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 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. Enrolment packs are available at the school office.

2019

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2019

If you have any information that we need to be aware of please contact Margot Nielsen our Deputy Principal **via email**

at mnielsen@otonga.school.nz. Write down your concerns for children to be together, or to be separated. If you have given us information in the past, that you no longer want to keep in place, do let us know. Information from past years may not be remembered so please reconfirm. **Verbal notifications can get forgotten in this busy process so please email these.** We are unable to take requests for specific teachers. This is your opportunity to consult with us. **Please ensure you do this by Friday 28th September as communications received after this date will NOT be considered.**

Apart from Year 6 leavers, do let us know if your children will **NOT** be returning for 2019 or if you know of any NEW enrolments for 2019.

The class placement of each child is done with care and consideration for a range of factors. There is always a balance, and once the final class balance is decided, it becomes very difficult to change. **Please let us know this term – there won't be changes next term.**

There is no such thing as just 1 shift for your child once the class is named.

SPORTS UNIFORMS TO BE RETURNED

Please ensure all Gymnastics uniforms and Miniball singlets are returned to school before the end of term being **Friday 28th September.**

MARKET DAY – Thursday 27th September

Every second year our children plan and run a market day. The funds raised go towards subsidizing the biannual senior school camp. At some stage, each student will benefit from this financial assistance for the expensive, but worthwhile, senior school camp.

There are 3 main components to the learning programme: what is money, how can we earn money, and budgeting. Each time we have run the programme there has been a different theme. This year the theme for learning is STEM (science/technology/electronic/math) where the students think about a need that people might have, plan a solution, design it, make it, refine it and then sell it.

Our children need to learn that to make money, sometimes you have to spend money and add value to an item before re-sale. You can provide a service to make money. You can re-cycle. You can make something that is new for the first time. Our special focus this time is to bring in a technology focus whereby children design and make something for sale.

On the market day, children are asked to budget to spend no more than \$10. The money they bring to spend we would like for them to earn at home doing EXTRA jobs. Children may already receive pocket money (enough for them to dream and still realise they need to do more), and they probably have regular chores at home as part of being a contributing family member. In order to get extra funds to spend, they will need to negotiate extra tasks for financial reward. This provides lessons in the value of labour and saving. Simply giving money to a child misses a valuable teaching moment.

Getting the balance right is not always easy, but our enterprise term is a good place to start teaching some valuable lessons about the value of money. Each year we revise the reflective suggestions from the last time we ran the market day, so we have gradual improvement. From the last one we learned that it is good to have an older Buddy with the juniors, and to hold the event before lunch. **We are also asking that the children bring a used plastic bag as their shopping bag and coins are preferred over notes.**

Parents may attend - but only as photographers. Sorry, you cannot be a shopper or the mobile bank. :)

Linda Woon – Principal

CHINESE MOON FESTIVAL

Monday 24th September was the Chinese Moon Festival. Referred to in China as zhongqiujie (中秋节), the Mid-Autumn Festival is one of the largest festivals in Mainland China and East Asia. This festival began as a celebration of the moon and has a tradition of deity, but it is also a time to reconnect with family members. Many traditions of the Mid-Autumn festival are centred around family reunion and happiness. Our Mandarin Language Assistant, Lingfei Zhu, will be doing activities to recognise this festival with Senior and Middle students this week.

Mrs Amanda Jeffery

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

You are doing an amazing job!!

There is a group in Rotorua for those of you who are in this situation and would like to become part of a community to support and share with each other. We as teachers appreciate the wonderful job you are doing for your moko. For online information contact www.grg.org.nz Rotorua contact is Anne Donnell Ph: 020402 22910. For any further inquiries see Whaea Wendy in Rm 18.

Mrs Wendy Staunton

GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to our Otonga gymnasts who competed last week. They were all fabulous! Thanks Mrs Fleet for coaching them. The results are as follows:

Boys Springer:

Volt	1 st	Sam McFarlane
Floor	2 nd	Kingston Ryan
Overall Boys	3 rd	Sam McFarlane
	6 th	Kingston Ryan
Overall Team	3 rd	Isileli Mafileo, Sam McFarlane & Kingston Ryan

Tumbling:

Level 1 Girls	2 nd	Cheyenne Torrington
	4 th	Sophia Hemana and Chloe Biddle
	5 th	Claudia Haines
Level 1 Boys	1 st	Kingston Ryan
Level 3	1 st	Sam McFarlane
Level 4	2 nd	Danielle Pearson

Trampoline:

Girls	2 nd	Chloe Biddle
	3 rd	Sam Hutton
	4 th	Cheyenne Torrington
	5 th	Rashae Nair
	6 th	Isabella Morey
Boys	1 st	Isileli Mafileo
Mini Tramp	1 st	Sam McFarlane
Overall	1 st	Isileli Mafileo

Thank you to all the parents for your support on the day. Everyone had a great time.



CRICKET - PLAYERS NEEDED

We are still looking for players to fill out our Incrediball cricket teams. If you are interested, contact Mr Walden via email at cwalden@otonga.school.nz



FLIPPA BALL (WATERPOLO)

If any Year 4, 5 or 6 child is interested in playing Flippa ball next term, on Tuesdays please go onto the Kindo site or go to the office to get a registration form. We will take as many players as possible.



MINIBALL

Well done to all the miniball players for a wonderful season. We managed to have 5 teams this year and each team did themselves, their parents and the school proud. A huge thank you to the coaches and managers for giving their time and effort to teaching our children. Glenn Barry, Teau Turuta, Jo Liddell, Gordon Hunt, Kylie Rameka, Jenny Madden and Nicola Wallace for stepping up midway through the season. Without all of you we would not be able to run these sports.
Mr Walden – Sports Coordinator



SPORTS EQUIPMENT RETURN

We are nearing the end of the term and we need all winter sports equipment returned ASAP. This includes gear bags and miniball singlets.

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.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

School Library Books for Holiday

Reading & Overdue Library books:

Thank you to everyone who helped children find and return overdue books last week. Reminder lists will be circulated to classrooms again this week (115 overdue books still outstanding!). Children who do not have overdue books will be allowed to borrow books this week and return them after the school holidays.
Thank you for your support.
Mrs Atkinson, Library Manager



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.

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.



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>

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Community Events, Notices & Services

SEPTEMBER School Holiday Programmes

Please find below links to some of the September School Holiday Programmes available to you.

Adventure – Active Outdoor Educational Holiday Programmes:

Book at www.edventure.co.nz or email mark@edventure.co.nz

Grace Stables Holiday Camp:

Ph 0278641339 (Cindy) or visit us on facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Grace-Stables-1560374864222588/>

International Culinary Studio – Junior Chef Programme:

Visit <https://www.internationalculinarystudio.com/junior-chef-programme/> or email tracy@internationalculinarystudio.com

Lakes Performing Arts Studio:

Ph 0212568345, email: rebecca@lakesperformingarts.com

or visit www.lakesperformingartscompany.com

Mid-Island Gym Sports (MIGS):

Ph 349 3108, email: migsholidayprogramme@outlook.co.nz

or visit www.facebook.com/MIGSRotorua/

Playtopia:

Ph 350 1341 or visit www.playtopia.co.nz

Safe Kids in Daily Supervision (Skids) – Rotokawa

Email: rotokawa@skids.co.nz or visit

<http://www.skids.co.nz/locations/rotokawa/>

The Arts Village:

Visit www.artsvillage.org.nz/shp or Facebook

www.facebook.com/RotoruaArtsVillage

The Rotorua Public Library:

Visit <http://www.rotorualibrary.govt.nz/what-we-offer/children/Pages/default.aspx>

Totara Springs:

Ph Jen (07) 888 4700 ext 217, email:

jen.burt@totarasprings.org.nz or visit www.totarasprings.org.nz

SPORT BAY OF PLENTY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Sport Bay of Plenty through their Virtually on Track initiative has 6 new and unique scavenger hunts across the BOP open now through to the end of the school holidays Sunday 14th October.



This is a great, free, family friendly activity that will have kids exploring and discovering the outdoors and the great spaces and places in the natural playground that is the Bay of Plenty. Rotorua Scavenger hunt locations include the Tree Trust/ Centennial Park and Puarenga Stream at Whakarewarewa Forest. Make sure to also explore the wider Bay and check out what the Western and Eastern BOP have to offer.

Did we also mention that there are great prizes up for grabs, including a trip to the stunning island of Moutohora (Whale Island)!

Full information can be found on the website <http://www.virtuallyontrack.co.nz/votscavengerhunt> where all clue sheets can be downloaded.

SULPHUR CITY ATHLETICS CLUB

2018 Muster – Thursday 27th September

5:15pm to 6:15pm at Kawaha Point Primary School
Kids athletics will run for Term 4 Thursday 18th October to 13th December. A fun programme to build kids skills in various athletics disciplines. Ages 2 to 12 years old. Register on or before 27th September for just \$30.

Registrations after this date will be \$40 and accepted until Sunday 14th October. For more information and registration forms email: sulphurcityathleticsclub@gmail.com