



OTONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Kura o Tihitōtonga

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

27 February 2018

Newsletter 04

Term 1 Diary

1 March	Junior football
6 March	RATS duathlon
8 March	Top School
13 March	House day
22 March	Joe Chambers TV Presenter Poetry Year 1-4
29 March	Year 1 Grandparents/whanau day
30 March	Good Friday – SCHOOL CLOSED
2 & 3 April	Easter break – SCHOOL CLOSED
13 April	Friday LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Term Dates 2018

Term 1: Wed 7th February – Fri 13th April

Term 2: Mon 30th April – Fri 6th July

Term 3: Mon 23rd July – Fri 28th September

Term 4: Mon 15th October – TBA

BALLOT ENTRY FOR SIBLINGS AND OUT OF ZONERS

In the Ministry of Education zone review last year we learned that we have to hold a ballot, even for siblings. I should have known that.

Therefore, this notice is to inform you that we are holding a ballot for Term 2 cohort New Entrants. **This is strictly for children born from January 2013 to July 2013.** All siblings currently registered with us will automatically be included in the ballot. If you are not sure if your child is entered, please check with the office. Siblings have first right of entry.

We have 25 spaces available.

Entries close on Wednesday 14th March 2018.

Unfortunately we do not have spaces available in any other level of the school.

Linda Woon, Principal

REQUEST FROM YR1 TEAM

The Year 1 team are in need of the following items for discovery time: garden stakes, ice cream containers, old card board boxes, sheets, clothes drying racks, dress ups, old dolls house or imaginary play stuff, shoe boxes, plastic bottles (clean) no milk bottles. If you have any of these things spare, please send them along to Rm5.

OTONGA SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP (OSSG/PTA) MEETING

Our first meeting of the year will take place at **7pm on Monday 5th March** in the Staff Room (beside the office). Everyone is welcome.

Ever wondered what the Otonga School Support Group (PTA) actually does? The OSSG was set up to support the school with fundraising. Our aim is to raise money to help the school to provide extra resources for our children. We generally do this by hosting events throughout the year.

These are a mixture of child focussed and community events and have previously included:

School Discos	Community Craft Market
Sausage Sizzles	Artwork Calendars
Selling Chocolate	Summer Gala

Some of the items we have funded recently are:

New Obstacle Course Playground
Sunscreen in every classroom
Wet weather games and resources for every classroom
New readers for Year 1 classes
Identification signs for native trees
Skipping Ropes
Jump Jam DVDs
Costumes for J-Rock
Mobilo & Lego Sets for Junior classrooms
Buses to School Camp
Memento Pen for every Senior leaving the school

In order to continue our fundraising efforts, we rely on volunteers. We would like to extend an open invitation to all Otonga parents and caregivers to get in touch, find out more, maybe join us at a meeting or see how you could help out.

We meet at 7pm in the staffroom (beside the office) on the first Monday of the month, meetings usually go for about an hour and are very informal. Our meetings are a great way to meet people if you are new to the area or just want to keep up to date with what is happening throughout the school.

If you can't make the meetings, there are plenty of other ways to get involved. If you would like to find out more please get in touch with:

Julie Willers	Denise Byrne
Chairperson	Secretary
027 371 6900	021 250 7036

ossq@otonga.school.nz



KELLOGG'S BOOKS FOR ACTIVE MINDS

Once again this year Otonga has signed up for the Kellogg's Books for Active Minds Programme. We would like your help to get more great books for our school.



- Step 1 - purchase any 2 Kellogg's products with the Free Book artwork on it in the same shop
- Step 2 - Register at <https://freebooks.kelloggs.com> (you'll only need to do this once)
- Step 3 - Upload your receipt by taking a photo of it
- Step 4 - Select 'Otonga Road Primary School' to receive the book pack

And that's it you're all done!

Upload as many receipts as possible before the **END OF FEBRUARY** - each upload counts towards the school's book pack numbers. Plus each receipt counts towards an e-Card for the registered person as well. Please ask your family and friends to upload their receipts too when they buy 2 Kelloggs products at their supermarket visit. Thanks for your support

MATHS PROBLEM SOLVING COMPETITION

Enter this week's Maths problem solving competition. Cool prizes to be won - drawn from correct entries at school assemblies.



Place your entries in the box at the school office.
Mr Shaun Wood

Can you SOLVE this?

1. What is a square?
2. How many squares can you find in this shape?

HOW MANY SQUARES?

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I found _____ squares.

MILK FOR SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Do you want Richie McCaw to land a helicopter at Otonga school?

The Fonterra Milk for Schools programme is turning 5! To mark the big occasion, Richie McCaw is helping Fonterra and its farmers make a special milk delivery to four lucky schools, by helicopter.



It's really easy to enter – all you have to do is tell them why 'Otonga Road Primary School' deserves a visit from Richie. You can also upload a photo or video to support your entry. Anyone can enter the competition at <https://www.fonterra.com/nz/en/what-we-stand-for/fonterra-milk-for-schools/richies-milk-run.html> Entries are open until 19 March 2018*.

*Terms and conditions apply

Check this out! - Watch Richie share his special message with you.

<https://www.facebook.com/Fonterra/videos/1940095526303437/>

OTONGA PASIFIKA DAY PERFORMANCE

Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Malo e Lelei, Malo ni, Bula. To celebrate the different Pasifika cultures within Otonga School, we will be putting in a group of children to perform in the Rotorua Pasifika Day held on **Saturday 24th March**. This day is all about showcasing and celebrating the many Pasifika Cultures within Rotorua. There will be entertainment, there will be food, it's the perfect way to spend time with your fanau (family) and it's for everybody. The children will start practices this Thursday at lunch time. Any parents who would like to help, we are happy to have you on board. Please see Mrs Waititi in Room 2 or email twaititi@otonga.school.nz

SATURDAY 24 MARCH

VILLAGE GREEN 10AM-2PM

ROTORUA

Pasifika

FUN DAY 2018

Free Fanau Event

- Cultural Food Stalls
- Cultural Performances
- Alcohol & Smoke Free
- Guest Speakers
- Arts & crafts
- Prizes

Buta vinaka
Talofa lava
Nau mai haere mai
Malo e lelei
Kia orana
Kumassa ka
Namaste
Malo ni
Mazui

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ACTIVITY FEE = \$25 PER TERM

Activity Fees are set for the extra-curricular activities that we provide at each level of the school. They pay for school visits and for performances coming into school, as well as costly extra programmes that we can run, such as water safety at the Aquatic centre. These activities are not compulsory and alternative provision is made for families that choose to not pay the term activity fee.

We are asking if you could possibly pay this term's activity fee of \$25 before the end of February. Our preferred payment method is via Kindo – please refer to the note below regarding Kindo registration & payment.
Linda Woon, Principal

PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE – ANYTIME 24/7

2018 Activity Fees & EOTC Fees are now ready for payment through our online KINDO shop.

Please be aware that you can choose to part-pay your ACTIVITY FEE if you wish. Kindo is set-up to allow this.

* **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 now offers payment by **American Express, Mastercard, Visa or China UnionPay**, by **internet banking** or by **Account2Account** (managed internet banking). **POLi** is coming soon! Card payments cost 50c+2.5% (a slight increase on last year) but other methods remain free of charge. You are welcome to add funds to your account regularly or in advance, or just pay as you go.

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).

PITA PIT FRIDAY via LUNCHONLINE

You can register and/or order at www.lunchonline.co.nz

It seems we are still getting lunches being sent to the wrong classroom because this information hasn't been updated for 2018. Please check and/or update your child's classroom number. You can do this by logging into your [lunchonline](#) account and clicking on the 'Add/Edit Members' button on the left-hand menu. Unfortunately we cannot do this our end of things.

Remember you can order anytime during the week and up until 9am on the day of delivery being FRIDAY each week of term.



SCHOOLGEN COMPETITION – VOTE DAILY

Our school has been entered into the Schoolgen competition Energising young minds. We have the chance to win part of \$50,000 worth of prizes all you have to do is VOTE!

1st Prize = \$25,000

2nd Prize = \$15,000

3rd Prize = \$10,000

(to spend on school science or tech equipment)

Just click on the link below to **VOTE EVERY DAY!**

<http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/>

You can use the same link to view the 'Schools Leader board' - let's try and get OTONGA to the TOP.

Keep voting DAILY to keep us in the running for these fantastic prizes!

Voting closes at 5pm on Monday 2 April 2018, but we need you to vote daily for OTONGA to have a chance of winning. Winners will be announced on Monday 30th April 2018.



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 classroom blogs & 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.



SUN SAFE

Term 1 is summer, 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 soccer field trees.



Community Events, Notices & Services

Can Your Child Swim & Survive in Water?

Marg's Swim School – Quality programme for all ages. Experienced teachers. Starting from 12th February 2018. St Mary's Heated School Pool. Specialty classes for 4-7yrs water confidence. Beginner swimmers to advanced. 8 lessons for \$100. 'Our guarantee is your child's gift for life'. Phone 0274599286 or boiellm@hotmail.com (Please provide a contact phone number).

Children's Weekend

Enjoy a wide range of free family activities hosted in various venues around Rotorua over 2 fun-filled days. On Saturday 3 March 2018 from 10am until 3pm children can follow a map around 8 different locations, complete a fun activity and receive a stamp on their event passport. Collect three passport stamps to go in the draw to win a great prizes. Continue the fun on Sunday 4 March 2018 from 1.30pm – 4.30pm at the Redwoods Children's Day where families can explore the beautiful Redwoods and have lots of forest adventures. For more information visit www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/childrensweekend



Rotorua CHILDREN'S WEEKEND 2018

Celebrating Children Around the World Saturday 3 March 10am - 3pm

Redwoods Children's Day Sunday 4 March 1.30pm - 4.30pm

As part of Rotorua Children's Weekend celebrations there are a wide range of free family activities hosted in various venues around Rotorua over two fun-filled days.

Celebrating Children Around the World

A range of community groups and organisations will work alongside council staff to celebrate children from around the world. Enjoy a wide range of activities with an international flavour including:

- crafts
- games
- face-painting
- music
- story-time
- swimming and much more!

This year we are celebrating many diverse cultures and families. Participants will follow a map around central Rotorua collecting stamps from each "country" on your event passport. Start at any flag shown on the map and complete activities at each of the six locations to receive a "passport stamp". Collect three passport stamps to go in the draw to win a great prize pool including family passes and vouchers from a range of Rotorua attractions, art and gift packs and much more. Locations and activities will be announced closer to the time. For more information on the events visit rotorualakescouncil.nz/childrensweekend or follow [facebook.com/rotorualakescouncil](https://www.facebook.com/rotorualakescouncil)

Redwoods Children's Day

Fun at the Redwoods Children's Day. Free creative activities for under 10's with their family and friends. From art to music, stories to lullabies adventures there is something for everyone rain or shine!

To find out more follow us on [facebook.com/thetwellingtastess](https://www.facebook.com/thetwellingtastess)




FREE SUNDAY GOLF 10-11AM

Location: Pro-drive (Government Gardens Driving Range). No gear necessary, just good shoes and a drink. These sessions are step one in the GJGC (Geysersland Junior Golf Club Inc) programme to give students a chance to try golf. Step 2 is to join the GJGC as a member and attend after school golf. It's about creating pathways for youngsters to learn golf and grow positive lifelong habits. To learn more please visit the website www.juniorgolfclub.co.nz or contact Ant Barkley – GJGC Coordinator on 0272519937.

Do you know a girl who would like to have fun and learn new skills as part of an up to date organisation in your local area?

If so, GirlGuiding NZ is here:

- Pippins: 5 & 6 year olds
- Brownies: 7 – 9 ½ years old
- Guides: 9 – 12 ½ years old
- Rangers: 12 – 17 years old



For further information please contact:
 GirlGuiding New Zealand
www.girlguidingnz.org.nz
 Ph 0800 22 22 92
info@girlguidingnz.org.nz

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Start Your Journey

Become a Host Family

Welcome another part of the world into your home. Let your children learn about how students in other countries live and look on the world.

Right now, we are looking for families to host our exchange students that are arriving July 2018.

They are excited to be coming here and to embark on the adventure of their lives, but to make this happen we need your help!

If you feel that you would like to host a student from another country and contribute to a successful exchange year by sharing your home and traditions, your interests and commitment, then please contact us.

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KAHUKURA JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION DAYS

Kahukura JAB are holding their registration days for all past, current and new players who wish to play rugby this upcoming 2018 season at the Clubrooms on Pukuatua Street on the following dates and times:

Saturday 3rd March 9.00 am to 12 noon
Wednesday 7th March 4 pm to 5.30 pm
Saturday 10th March 9.00 am to 12 noon.

Registration fees are \$40.00 per player
\$35.00 for subsequent family members
Cash or Sportypay accepted

Free mouthguard for all players who register and pay at muster

Club socks will be available for purchase.

If you require any further information please contact Tasha Williams 021 125 8152
Feel free to register online at www.sporty.co.nz/kahukurarsc



Marist St Michaels Junior Rugby- 2018 Registration Players wanted for all grades Under 6's to Under 13

We would love to have your young Rugby players join Marist St Michaels Junior Rugby. Come along to our Player Registration at Marist St Michaels Clubrooms, Te Ngae Road (opposite Countdown supermarket).

Our registration dates are:

1. Friday the 2nd March – 5-7pm
2. Friday 9th March 5-7pm
3. Saturday 10th March - 11am to 1pm

2018 Registration fees are:

\$45 for one player, \$35 for two players from one family, \$30 each for three players from one family and \$25 for Under 6's & 7's.

Fees payable by cheque or cash only.

Socks, mouth guards and hoodies will also be available for purchase.

Any queries contact Trudy Edwards Ph 027 6072689.

20 hours FREE for 2 years to school age

* conditions apply

- Qualified experienced teaching staff
- Affordable fees
- 6 hour sessions: Mon - Fri
8.45am - 2.45pm
- Extensive outdoor area
- Visits welcome anytime



66 Springfield Road, Rotorua

P: 07 348 1979

E: jacksonpark@centralkids.org.nz

Jackson Park



2018 Whaka JAB Muster

Dates:

Friday 2nd March 5.30-7.30pm
Saturday 3rd March 10am-1pm
Friday 9th March 5.30-7.30pm

Location: Whaka Rugby Club, Te Ngae Rd

*Fees: \$30 per child, \$15 per sibling
(inc Whaka Socks, Mouthguard & Drink Bottle)*

Contact:

Jodi Hepburn 02102122244 & Deb Hayes 0220488347

MAURI ORAI



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