



OTONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Kura o Tihitōtonga

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

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Newsletter 08

Term 1 Diary

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

OTONGA PASIFIKA DAY PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Pasifika festival on Saturday at the Lakefront. Thank you to parents who supported us and a massive congratulations to Mrs Waititi for teaching our children these beautiful dances.

Mrs Linda Woon

EASTER BREAK

This year it falls within term time. Parents need to note that Good Friday, Easter Monday and the Tuesday are part of the Easter break for schools. There is no school on Friday, Monday or Tuesday.

MAGAZINES FOR ROOM 17

Can we have any old Car, Aeroplane, Train, Truck or Hot Wheels magazines for Rm 17. If you have any spare at home could you send them into either Rm 17 or the school office. Thanks.

Mrs Donnene van Fulpen

RETIRED BUILDER – HELP NEEDED

We are looking for a retired builder to help our caretaker put up some timber framing as it's a two person job. We are prepared to pay for your time. If you are available or know of someone who can help with the additional builder-power please contact the school office on ph 3486443.

ROTORUA MINI MARATHON

All year 2-8 children have been busy running each day to complete their 40km's on their passports. The last 2km's will be run on **Friday 4th May 2018** at the official course, starting at the Energy Events Centre. Children will be bused to the event and the first race starts at 10:00 am.

Please make sure you have paid your activity fee to cover the entry fee and cost of the bus – this can be done via Kindo, please see information below (page 2) regarding paying school fees online.

For course information click [here](#) or visit <https://www.sportbop.co.nz/downloads/Mini-Marathon-Course.pdf>

HOCKEY

As of **Friday 16th March 2018**, Rotorua Hockey Association will no longer be in existence. All hockey in Rotorua will come under the BOP Hockey banner. What does that mean for us? Registration for hockey will hopefully be later in the term, closer to the school holidays, and the start of the season may be a couple of weeks later next term depending on how quickly it takes BOP hockey to get up and running. Also from the meeting, all fees will rise. The new prices will be known when the registration information comes out. Any questions please contact:

Mr Walden, Otonga Sports Coordinator
cwalden@otonga.school.nz

MINIBALL

We are still looking for at least 1 middle school & 1 senior school registration for Miniball. If you have a child who is either in the middle school or senior school who may be interested in playing Miniball next term, please let us know.

Registrations can be made via Kindo, please see information below (page 2) regarding paying school fees online.

Mr Craig Walden, Otonga Sports Coordinator
cwalden@otonga.school.nz

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 do this?

Create your own picture problem like the ones in the last two issues.

Send digital entries to swood@otonga.school.nz



CEM COMPETITIONS

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions again this year. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. The cost for a student to participate is \$8.50 per competition entered. Registrations & fees are due by **Friday 4th May 2018**.

Mrs Margot Nielsen, Deputy Principal

UPDATING SCHOOL RECORDS FORMS

These were sent home last **Friday 16th March 2018**. Please check your child's school bag if you did not receive one. Please check that the information is correct. If there are any changes please note them on the form and return it to the school office ASAP. Thank you.

OSSG/PTA NEWS

- The Otonga School Support Group (OSSG/PTA) AGM will take place at **7pm on Monday 9th April 2018** in the staff room (beside the office). Everyone is welcome to attend.
- The normal monthly PTA meeting will take place directly after the AGM.
- Monthly Mailer - Are you interested in the PTA but can't attend meetings? Would you like to hear about upcoming events and funding projects? Sign up for the monthly mailer to receive advance notice of future events, details of projects being awarded funding and a summary of our PTA meetings. Send your details (name, email address, child's name and room number) to ossq@otonga.school.nz or message our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OtongaSchoolPTA/> to be added to the monthly mailer list.



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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 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.



PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE – ANYTIME 24/7

2018 Activity Fees & Outstanding 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).

SCHOOLGEN COMPETITION – VOTE DAILY

Please keep voting DAILY to keep us in the running for these fantastic prizes! You can place your vote at <http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/>

Voting closes at 5pm on **Monday 2nd 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.

Help us win
\$25,000, \$15,000 or \$10,000

to spend on our school's science or tech equipment.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS SOLD AT OTONGA

We are raising money for our School and you can help. Order the NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting our School PLUS, [click here to order now](#) & receive over \$170 of bonus Early Bird Offers (hurry, these sell out quickly) or visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15416j9>



MELT - FESTIVAL OF CHOCOLATE ON EASTER WEEKEND IN KUIRAU PARK

Rotorua's first chocolate festival has plenty on offer to entertain the whole family. The festival is a mix of free and ticketed events over the four days. Free events include The Hits Cocoa Carnival street parade on Friday evening with fancy dress competition, the Rotorua Museum Easter Egg Hunt on the Sunday, and family fun at the Rotorua Racecourse on Monday. Melt Central, the Festival's ticketed area will have chocolate themed food vendors, demonstrations with celebrity chefs, kids play area, entertainment and various activities each day. Also has the Great Chocolate Cook-off to find Rotorua's best chocolate baker. For event details, ticket sales or to register for Cook-off go to www.meltrotorua.co.nz or follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/meltrotorua/>



Community Events, Notices & Services

Calling all CBOP Interschool Swimming Competitors

Swim Rotorua are offering two free skills clinics for any competitors on Sat 24th March 10:30-12pm and **Thursday 29th March 6-7:30pm**. (Pay general pool admission at door) We can help improve your technique, speed, starts, turns and finishes. Join us in the 25m pool.

Swimming Opportunities

Is your child confident in the deep pool at the Aquatic Centre? Can they swim freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke? Do you want them to improve their technique and fitness in a fun environment? Our coaches can help your student achieve what they want with their swimming whether for safety, waterpolo, triathlons or to represent NZ. Check us out at SwimmingRotorua or visit <https://swimmingrotorua.co.nz/>

PowerUP Plus Programme

Pasifika PowerUP Plus actively supports Pasifika parents, families and communities to champion their children's learning. Pasifika PowerUP Plus provides academic support for secondary and primary students. The key to Pasifika PowerUP Plus is the strength and collective power of our parents, families and communities championing educational success. The programme encourages the whole family to attend on Wednesday nights from **28th March 5:30pm-8pm** at Toi-ohomai Polytechnic Campus. High school students sitting NCEA can be dropped off and picked up. A light supper, fruit is provided. We have trained and qualified teachers and mentors available. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call or email. Rotorua Pacific Islands Development Charitable Trust rotorupacificislandstrust@gmail.com Trust Office (07)3477217 - Trust Cell 0275264222

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OTONGA ROAD FOOTBALL CLUB

Are you interested in playing Football this year? Otonga Road football club are still accepting registrations for players. Players from 5 – 12 years old can play. It is not too late. Registrations will close at the end of March. You can register a player for the season on-line at: www.sporty.co.nz/otongafootball. If have any questions please notify the club via the President on email bart.yetsenga@stratum.nz or call on 027 263 8534.

A poster for the 'Power Up' program. The title 'Power Up' is at the top in large white letters. Below it, the slogan 'Reading is Power' is written. The poster features two young girls in the foreground, one holding a book. The background is dark with green and white text and graphics. A large starburst graphic contains the following text: 'EVERY Week night (except school holidays) 5:30-8:00pm Wed 28th March'. To the right, a thought bubble contains the text: '2018 PASIFIKA POWER UP PLUS - FAMILIES FOR EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS'. At the bottom, there is a small box with text: 'Do you want to know about Early Childhood, Oranga Assessment for Primary, NCEA, bring the who's family, we have qualified teachers to help with questions. Light fee provided. More information required reg trust office: 073477217 or 0275264222. info@pasifika.org.nz or info@pasifika.org.nz@gmail.com'. The bottom right corner has the 'PASIFIKA' logo and the text 'Building in Power'.