



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 Rm 12 trip to Lara Lodge
28 Nov	Rm 13 & 16 trip to Cantabria
30 Nov	School Leaders trip to Mini Golf Community Craft Market 4-6pm
03 Dec	School Assembly – Rm's 5 & 6
04 Dec	BOT
05 Dec	Fill the Bus - cans for the Salvation Army
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	Reports go home Yr 1 Wheels Day Yr 2 Trip to Amaze Me Yr 3/4 Trip to the Blue Lake Yr 5/6 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

2018 ACTIVITY FEES

End of year trips are happening this term. If you would like your child to attend these please ensure your activity fee for the year is **paid in full**.

AHUREI

We wish to thank our teachers and tutor, Tai Waititi, Dawn Service, Delanie Fisher and Ashley Chand for all their hard work and dedication in preparing our Kapa Haka group for the Ahurei performance on Tuesday evening. We look forward to seeing our children perform on the stage and we know they will represent Otonga proudly. All the best to our students and teachers.

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.

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 times are being set by teachers.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

CBOP Athletic Championships

Last Tuesday 20th November saw the CBOP Interschool Athletic competition which was held in Rotorua. We had 32 athletes who competed in the event. All the children did their very best and we can all be very proud of how they went. We had some wonderful results.

Corbin Smith - 9yr Boys: 1st High Jump. **Corbin set a new 9yr old boys record jumping a whopping 1.32m!**

Hamish Carr - 11yr Boys: 1st High Jump, 2nd 100m, 2nd 200m.

Pippa Ponstijn - 10yr Girls: 1st 200m, 2nd 100m

Jacksyn Hill - 10yr Boys: 1st 100m

Elliott Crimp - 9yr Boys AWD: 1st Shot Put, 1st 60m, 2nd Discus.

Hanae Sudo - 10yr Girls: 2nd 400m

Angus Crimp - 11yr Boys: 3rd 200m, 4th 100m

Seth Morrissey - 9yr Boys: 3rd 100m, 3rd 200m

Sam McFarlane - 10yr Boys: 3rd 400m

Maui Old - 9yr Boys: 3rd Long Jump

Tawhiri Le Comte-Hepburn - 9yr Boys: 3rd Shot Put

Danielle Pearson - 10yr Girls: 3rd Discus

Haise Smith - 9yr Girls: 3rd Discus

Sam Wynyard - 11yr Boys: 4th Long Jump

The top 4 from each event (top 2 for 400m) have qualified to represent the school at the EBOP/CBOP Athletics competition which will be held in Whakatane on Tuesday 4th December. The following students have qualified from our school: Sam Wynyard, Angus Crimp, Elliott Crimp, Hamish Carr, Jacksyn Hill, Tawhiri Le Comte-Hepburn, Seth Morrissey, Maui Old, Danielle Pearson, Pippa Ponstijn, Corbin Smith, Hanae Sudo & Haise Smith.

Farewell to Lingfei

This week our students and staff said farewell to Lingfei our Mandarin Teaching Assistant. Lingfei is a wonderful teacher who has worked hard to share her culture and language with Otonga School. I am happy to announce that Lingfei has been given permission from her University to return in 2019 to teach for another year.



HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK – Continued...

Community Market - this Friday 30th November

Please read the OSSG information about this event later in the newsletter. Our school orchestra and the kapa haka group will be performing. We look forward to seeing families on Friday evening supporting this community venture.

Building Update

As we continue with the covered walkways and refurbishment of the old dental clinic we are planning further work. Room 21 and 22 will be re-carpeted over the holidays beginning on Dec 20th. In the New Year work on the STEAM lab - Rm 15 will begin. The old resource room at the back of the staff room will be remodelled and lined for better storage and access. We are also delighted that work on the Hall Remediation will also begin. 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.
Mrs Margot Nielsen, Acting Principal

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AT THE NEW ROUNDABOUT

Parents, if your child crosses the roundabout can you please take time to teach them how to use it correctly and safely.

1. Cross at the designated pedestrian place.
2. Wait for cars- do not expect them to stop. Pay attention to the traffic as you cross.
3. Do not bounce a ball when waiting, crossing, or if you are near a road.

OSSG (Otonga School Support Group) NEWS:

Otonga Community Craft Market

Stall bookings now CLOSED. An email with set up instructions will be sent to stall holders this week. Any questions, contact Denise ossq@otonga.school.nz.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We would like to ask you to give us an hour of your time this Friday afternoon at the Otonga Community Craft Market. The following stalls still need helpers:

Set Up

3-4pm - 1 Helper required

Sausage Sizzle

4-5pm - 2 Helpers required

Water

5-6pm - 1 Helper required

Dunny Dunk/Bat the Rat

4-5pm - 2 Helpers required

5-6pm - 2 Helpers required

Parking Attendants

3-4pm - 2 Helpers required

4-5pm - 2 Helpers required

5-6pm - 2 Helpers required

Clean Up

6-7pm - 2 Helpers required

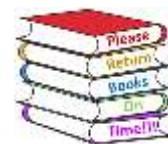
Thank you to those who have already been in touch to volunteer your time. This list would be longer without you! To book your preferred time/job, please contact Denise or Julie via ossq@otonga.school.nz or leave your details at the office.



LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

Annual Stocktake and Return of Library Books

Library Stock Take Update: Thank you to everyone who has helped by returning books, however we are still waiting for the return of 156 Library books issued to pupils! Please keep on searching and return any school books promptly (this includes classroom 'Readers'). Emails/text messages will be sent to parents/caregivers this week if books have not been returned by **Thursday 29th November**.



Volunteers to help during Library Stocktake

Thank you to those people who have already volunteered to help during stocktake. If anyone can offer assistance between Monday 3rd December and Thursday 13th December it would be most appreciated. Time slots: 9:15am to 10:30am 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.

Reminder Scholastic Book Club

Offer 8 closes on **Wednesday 28th November**. If you have not received a brochure additional copies are available in the Library. Thank you for your support.
Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager



MISSING SCOOTER

This scooter MGP VX8 was left at school on Tuesday 20th November after interschool athletics, in the scooter racks by Rm 21. If you have accidentally taken it home or know where it may have been put for safe keeping please contact the school office on ph: 348 6443 or email otonga@otonga.school.nz. Thanks



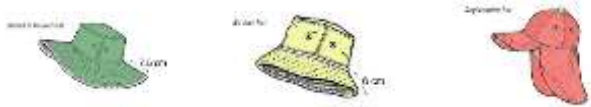
ROAD RULES UPDATE!

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.



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.



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

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 CAMP - ADVANCED NOTICE

Year 5 & 6 Camp is currently being organised for next year. The camp will be at Tui Ridge Park in Term 2 next year. There will be three camps because we have 6 Year 5 & 6 classes. Each camp will have 2 classes attending and the children will stay for two nights. Camp 1 will be on 20th - 22nd May. Camp 2 will be on 22 - 24 May. Camp 3 will be on 27 - 29 May.

We have not allocated classes to each camp at this stage. The *approximate* cost of the camp is likely to be \$160 but we will verify this in the New Year. If you would like to set up an automatic payment to reduce the cost for next year, please contact the Office. More details will be available next year.

2019 COHORT ENTRY DATES

For each New Entrant (5yr old) cohort:

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

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*Pay in Dec 2018 & receive in Jan 2019

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*Pay in Dec 2018 & receive in Jan 2019

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SCHOOL BANKING – LAST DAY FOR 2018

The LAST DAY for School Banking this year is **Thursday 6th December**.



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, 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, and 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.

Open morning for Mokoia - Meet and greet for students

On Friday the 30th of November we would like to invite the Year 6 students, who are attending Mokoia Intermediate next year, to spend some time with their new teacher and the students who will be in their class in 2019. We would very much appreciate it if you could have your child at school by 9am. Outline for the day:

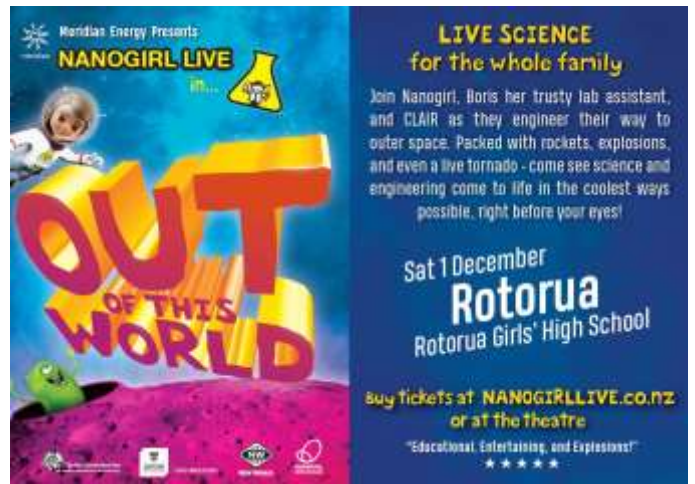
9:30am - Welcome in the school Hall

10am - Visit their new class to spend time getting to know their new teacher & the other students. Completing an art activity focusing on relationships. Classes will be called out one at a time for a rolling Sausage Sizzle.

12noon - Back to the school hall for final words

12:15pm - Return to their current Primary School

This day is for the students only to attend. Family and Whanau will have a chance to meet their children's new teacher next year in week 2.



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Join Nanogirl, Boris her trusty lab assistant, and CLAIR as they engineer their way to outer space. Packed with rockets, explosions, and even a live tornado - come see science and engineering come to life in the coolest ways possible, right before your eyes!

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THE GREAT NEW ZEALAND SANTA RUN

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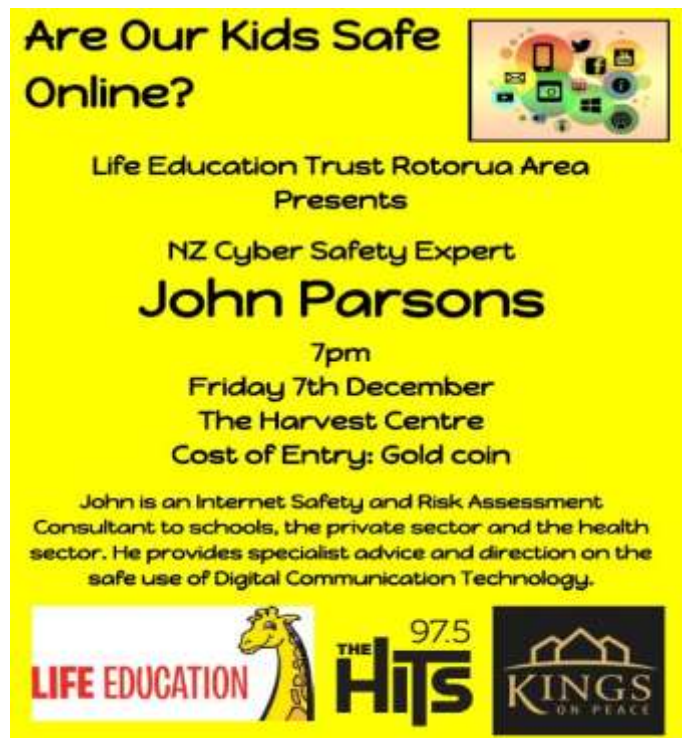
Enter the Great NZ Santa Run and help Kiwi Kids overcome any obstacle.

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




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.

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