



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 2 Diary

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| 29 May | School Cross Country BOT Meeting 7pm |
| 4 June | Queen's Birthday – SCHOOL CLOSED |
| 6 June | Ripper Rugby Tournament |
| 11 June | Book Week – Jnr School Competition OSSG Meeting – 7pm Staffroom (All Welcome) |
| 11-15 June | Book Week |
| 12 June | Central Interschool Cross Country 'Royal Jelly' Show for Junior & Middle teams |
| 13 June | Book Week – Super Duper! Show |
| 14 June | Book Week – Book Swap Day |
| 15 June | Matariki Day Book Week – Book Character Dress-up Parade Book Week – Snr School Competition |
| 18 June | School Assembly – Rm 9 |
| 20 June | WIG Wednesday Fundraiser |
| 22 June | Middle School Redwood's Trip |
| 26 June | Science in a Van show BOT Meeting 7pm |
| 28 June | Paid Union Meeting – Refer Pg 5 of newsletter |
| 2 July | School Assembly – Rm 22 |
| 2-4 July | World of Maths |
| 6 July | Middle School Bug Tea Party Last Day of Term 2 – School finishes at 3pm |

BICYCLES AT OTONGA – SAFETY FIRST

Please can parents and students not ride their bikes through the school grounds, before or after school when children are leaving their classrooms, as it can be very hazardous. Please walk your bike instead. Thank you.



BUG HOTEL

A big thank you to Mrs Donlon, Mrs Bollard and the children in the Enviro Team who have been working hard on further developing the bug hotels on the grass area outside of Rooms 5 & 6. They look great!



Term Dates 2018

Term 2: Mon 30th April – Fri 6th July

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

Term 4: Mon 15th October – 20th December

SCIENCE IS BUZZING AT OTONGA SCHOOL

This term there has been a big focus on science. The Year 1's are learning all about bees and even have their own beehive. The Year 2's are taking a STEM approach to science and learning about machines and inventions. Room 1 and 2 hosted an amazing assembly with their machines theme as a focus. The Middle School began the term with a massive bug hunt to kick off their science. They are looking at the living world and the connections between living things. In the senior school all the classes are researching and investigating a range of topics all with a science focus.

Here are some photos of Room's 5 and 13 working together to learn all about bees & a beehive model that the students have created.

Miss Amber Ludwig – Room 13



EPRO 8 TEAM

These guys took part in the regional challenge after winning a finalist placing through the local Rotorua Inter-school event. Whist they didn't make the top 3 we were very proud of them. Well done team!



THANKS FOR HELPING

A big thank you to Glenn Barry for his help with the modifications to the musical garden framing and repairs to the brickwork on the corners of our Art Centre. Your support and expertise are greatly appreciated.
Mrs Linda Woon, Principal



SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Talofa Lava! This week is Samoan Language Week / Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa. The theme for this year is: "Alofa atu nei. Alofa mai taeao – Kindness given. Kindness gained". To celebrate, Mrs Jeffery



is holding a drawing competition that includes Samoan language. There will be a prize for Year 1, Year 2, Middle School and Senior School. Get your entry form from the ESOL room (between Rm's 13 and 14) or your classroom teacher, return them to the ESOL room by **Friday 8th June**. Thank you.

Mrs Amanda Jeffery

ROOM 5 REQUEST

Room 5 needs boxes for box modelling and any clear bottles (pump, fizzy etc - any sizes). These can be sent along to Rm 5. Thank You.

Mrs Angela Donlon



URGENT REQUEST FROM THE ENVIRO TEAM

The Enviro team are in URGENT need of pine cones. Please deliver to Room 5 or contact Mrs Donlon. Many thanks.

Mrs Angela Donlon



OSSG/PTA NEWS

• Monthly Meeting:

The next Otonga School Support Group monthly PTA meeting will take place on **Monday 11th June** at 7pm in the school staffroom – everyone is welcome.

• 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 ossg@otonga.school.nz or message our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OtongaSchoolPTA/> to be added to the monthly mailer list.

LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

Book Week (Week 7) from **Monday 11th June to Friday 15th June**, this is advanced notice of some of the fun events that will be taking place and that may need input /help from parents.

Super Duper! Show

Perform Educational Musicals will be performing two shows on **Wednesday 13th June**. Please ensure your child's school activity fee has been paid prior to this Book Week show. Thank you.

Book Swap Day is on **Thursday 14th June**.

Children can bring along up to 4 books to swap. The plan is to exchange these unwanted but tidy books and swap them for books they haven't read. Children can bring the books to school on the morning of Thursday 14th when they will be issued with a token for each book. These tokens will be used at the 'Lunch Time Book Swap' when a token will be exchanged for a book they haven't previously read.

N.B. Books must be suitable for children aged 5-11yrs.

Book Character Dress-up Parade! Day

Previously planned for Tuesday 12th June and now rescheduled for **Friday 15th June**.

The competition is to design and wear a costume of a favourite book Character. Prizes will be awarded for the best creations!

Book Week Competitions children will have the opportunity to enter competitions at different year levels. More information to come next week...

Care of Library Books I am finding wet and damaged Library books being returned to the Library! It would be a great help if parents could provide a waterproof bag to protect books from spills in school bags and wet weather.

Reader Packs If your child was given a 'Reader Pack' for use in the school holidays please make sure these are returned to school promptly. Thank you.

Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

We have a couple of boxes of the old keyboards & computer mice going free. These have the old style connection plugs (not USB). If you would like one or more please collect them from the school office.



MATHS PROBLEMS

Have rich maths discussions at home; solve these problems with your whānau.

To enter: write your name, room number and your answer neatly on a piece of paper and put it in the box at the school office.



Which number is the odd one out?

Why?

WIG WEDNESDAY

Our school will be taking part in the Wig Wednesday Fundraiser to show our support for Child Cancer. This will be on **Wednesday 20th June**. Please bring a Gold coin donation to help fundraise of this worthy cause.



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.

PITA PIT TERM 2 CLASSROOM COMPETITION

Pita Pit is running an awesome competition this term! The class that orders the most Pitas and Salads during Term 2 will win **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. Get in behind this great classroom competition and give your children something healthy and delicious to eat at the same time.



Leader Board Update:

Another BIG day of orders last Friday, 94 in total. The leaders in the 'Term 2 Classroom Competition' so far this term are **Room 5** followed very closely by room 14, third is room 19 and fourth equal are rooms 17 & 20. It's shaping up to be a close competition!

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.

KINDO - PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE 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:



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* **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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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).

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.





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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!
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For more information please visit:
www.terracycle.co.nz/fonterra-pouch

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The NEW 2018/2019 Entertainment Book, or the new Entertainment Digital Membership for your smartphone is a great gift idea as it is packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and more!

To order online 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. Hurry, they're selling fast!



We Want You!!!

Madison Blues Marching teams are currently recruiting for the 2018/2019 season.

We are looking for Girls/Ladies aged:

- Madison Gems - 7yrs to 9yrs
- Madison Jn 12 - 8yrs to 12yrs
- Madison Seniors - 12yrs +
- Madison Mama's - 30yrs +

We are having a muster on Sunday, June 10.

Register your interest today by message on:

Facebook: @madisonbluesmarching or
Email: madisonbluesmarching@gmail.com

Bring a buddy and receive a gift (gifts are limited so be quick, conditions apply)

HOMESTAYS NEEDED

At Rotorua English Language Academy we need suitable homestays with one or more children and/or teenagers and/or another international student for students from French Polynesia (Tahiti) for 3-4 week stays starting in late June/early July. Please email english@rela.co.nz for an information pack.

Dunk For Harold
Sunday 24 June

10am - 12pm Rotorua Aquatic Centre (New Venue!)

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Dear Parents,

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained. Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase.

On June 28th 2018, the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the *Kua Tae Te Wā* - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting. The teachers will be leaving school on June 28th 2018, to attend their paid union meeting which starts 2pm.

I strongly encourage parents to make arrangements to pick their child(ren) up from school by 1.30 on June 28th 2018. If you are unable to pick your children up then, please advise us so that your children can be supervised until 3 pm.

I appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, I encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates.

Anyone who may need help with arrangements should contact the office.