



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 4 Diary

(Please refer weekly as dates may change)

01 Nov	Senior School Cricket Year 2 Movie Premiere – Parents invited (School Hall 11am-12:30pm)
02 Nov	Junior Disco 6 - 7pm
05 Nov	School Assembly – Rm 20 Years 3 & 4 Dog Safety Week OSSG Meeting 7pm Staffroom – All Welcome!
07 Nov	School Athletics
08 Nov	Athletics Finals Road Patrol Practical
09 Nov	Athletics Postponement Day
13 Nov	Teacher Strike Day – School CLOSED
15 Nov	Senior School Cricket Year 1 Pioneer Days Museum Trip
19 Nov	School Assembly – Rm 11
20 Nov	Central Athletics
27 Nov	Leaders Fun Day Ahurei – Middle & Senior Kapahaka
30 Nov	Community Craft Market 4-6pm
03 Nov	School Assembly – Rm’s 5 & 6
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	Written Reports Home Senior School 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

OTONGA LEGO CLUB – THANK YOU

We would like to thank the OSSG for their very generous contribution to the Lego Club. With their \$2,000 we were able to purchase a bulk lot of LEGO from TradeMe.

Lego Club Times:

Junior - Thursday lunchtime 12:45-1:30pm in Rm 12
Middle/Senior - Friday lunchtime 12:45-1:30pm in Rm 12
We are still accepting donations – if you have any Lego you would like to donate to our club, please bring to Room 12. All donations will be greatly appreciated.
Thank you so much for your support.
Mrs Charity Bollard



TEACHER STRIKE DAY - 13th NOVEMBER SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED

Whilst Otonga School teachers feel reluctant to strike we strongly support the NZEI in the campaign for better pay and conditions for teachers and students. Here in Rotorua we are feeling the effects of less teachers and we are concerned for teacher supply and recruitment with the imminent closure of local teacher training opportunities.

Why are Teachers Striking?

Our whole staff are union members so no one will be at school to look after the children and school will be closed. Please make arrangements for your children.

BUILDING UPDATE

Tuesday 30th October is the day the Year 2 team move back into Rooms 1-4. We are delighted with the improvements made to the break out areas at the back of the rooms and with the new canopies, seating and paving at the front of the rooms.

The next stage is to finish the Offices alongside Room 4 and to begin work on the canopies and paving outside Rooms 5-8. With this comes changes in access ways to the classrooms. The footpath between the library and Room 1-4 will soon be closed off. Parents, you will need to walk your children to their classrooms one of these ways instead.

1. Along the front of Rooms 1-4 or up from the fields to the pathway between the junior balance playground and Room 16. There will be access between Room 8 & 9 to the back of the buildings for Room 5-10.
2. Along the back path on Jackson Park behind the Office and the Office carpark.

We are sorry for any inconvenience but know you will appreciate the improvements being made.

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. Attached is an [information flyer](#) that your child has been given to bring home.

MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Wednesday 7th November 9am-2:30pm

Sprint finals and class relays **Thursday 8th November 11am-12:30pm approx.**

NEW ENTRANTS 2019:

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.

OSSG (Otonga School Support Group) NEWS:

Junior School Disco - Friday 2nd November 6-7pm

Entry \$2. Food will be for sale: chips 50 cents, small chocolate bars 50 cents, juice 50 cents, hot dogs \$3, glow sticks 50 cents or 3 for \$1. Free water will also be provided. **Parents/Caregivers:** Children can be collected from 7pm. All children must be collected by 7:10pm. No children will be permitted to leave unless accompanied by an adult. No food, drinks or glow sticks to be brought into the disco. Remember to bring along your completed permission slip on the night. No slip = no entry. Funds raised will go towards the Lego Club.

Otonga Community Craft Market

The perfect chance to shop local, support crafters based in our community and maybe even pick up some Christmas gifts! The Otonga Community Craft Market takes place from 4.00pm - 6.00pm on Friday 30 November. Grab a bite to eat, browse the stalls and enjoy entertainment from Otonga Orchestra and Kapa Haka Group.

Stall Bookings are now open!

Contact ossq@otonga.school.nz to request a booking form or call into the office to collect one. See our FAQ section below.

Food Stalls

We would like to include a range of food stalls at the market. If you are a professional food service provider (must have a valid food licence) and are interested in having a stall please contact Denise at ossq@otonga.school.nz for more information.

Sponsorship Opportunities

We are looking for local businesses to sponsor the following:

Sausages & Bread for the Sausage Sizzle
Hot Dogs & Buns for the Hot Dog Stall
Bottles of Water for the Water Stall
Bags of Ice - to keep everything nice and cold.
If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Denise at ossq@otonga.school.nz.

Stall Holders - FAQ

- How much does it cost to have a stall? Adult Stall \$10, Child Stall \$5. Child stall must have an adult supervisor. Payment can be made **online** or in **cash** at the office.
- Can I sell home baking? Only child stalls are permitted to sell home baking.
- Can I bring my own table & gazebo? Yes, please do. A limited number of tables are available to hire for \$5.
- What time can I set up? Set up starts from 3:15pm. The market runs from 4pm - 6pm. Pack out must be completed by 6:30pm. All rubbish must be removed.
- Why do you want to know what I will be selling? We need to know what you plan to sell so that we can allocate the best location for your stall. Don't want two stalls selling exactly the same thing right beside each other!

Any other questions - please contact Denise on ossq@otonga.school.nz.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

Overdue Library Books: Children please return any books you have had on loan for more than 2 weeks, if you are still reading these they can be renewed at the Library Issue Desk. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager

CHILD RESTRAINTS SAVE LIVES

Under New Zealand law, all children under seven years of age must use an approved child restraint appropriate for their age and size. Children aged seven must be secured in a restraint if one is available in the vehicle. Please [click here](#) for more information.



DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP CHILDREN

Please **do NOT park** in the **staff car park** before or after school to drop off or to pick up your children. It is a busy place at these times and dangerous for children to be in. We have limited spaces so appreciate them being left for staff. Please **do NOT park** in any **driveways along Otonga Road** - these need to be kept clear at all times!



CARPENTER NEEDED PLEASE

For our end of the year Team Collaborate Art Projects, both the Senior team and the Middle team are needing some marine ply cut into shapes. The Senior Team need 15 cm squares cut and the Middle Team need 10cm circles. We will be needing enough for each child in the team! We are hoping that we have someone in our school community who loves woodwork and would be happy to cut these for us. Maybe a willing Grandparent? The school has already purchased the wood - we just need it cut. Please see Cheryl Hallier in Room 16 (Middle Team) or Paulien Gray in Room 21 (Senior Team). Huge thanks in advance
Mrs Cheryl Hallier

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.

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.

Pita Pit - Term 4 Holiday Package Draw:

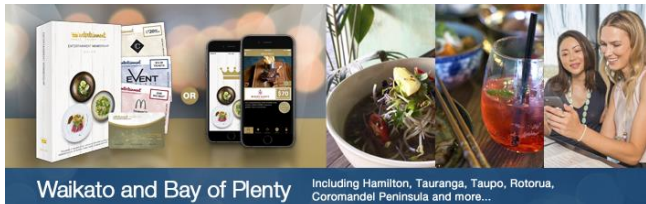
In Term 4 every child's Pita Pit lunch ordered through Lunchonline will receive one entry in the draw to win our Holiday Package Prize. There will be only be one winner so the more times you order lunch the more chances your child has of winning this *awesome* prize. The prize will consist of:

- A brand new child's bike to the value of \$500.
- A 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.
- Pita Pit Vouchers to the Value of \$100.
- 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.

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>

* **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).



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PATHWAYS KINDERGARTEN

SPRING FAIR

Saturday 10 November 2018
10am-2pm
14 Larch Street, Rotorua

FAMILY FUN DAY

Cake Stall - Icecreams - Cafe Food - Games - Lucky Dips - Story Telling - Art & Craft Stall - Plant Stall - Music and Lots More!

EFTPOS AVAILABLE!

COME AND VISIT OUR UNIQUELY NATURAL KINDERGARTEN AND ENJOY THE FUN!

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GIGS FOR THE KIDS

Helping children under 18 learn at home with low-cost internet for eligible families with no broadband.

Visit: <https://www.rotorualibrary.govt.nz/about-your-library/news/Pages/Get-gigs-for-the-kids-with-Spark-Jump.aspx>



Rotorua Yacht Club

Family Fun Try it out day Saturday, Nov 3 10am– 2.30pm

As a Sport BOP promotion our members are itching to give families a go sailing at our club.

We have yachts that are ideal for newbies of any age to learn to sail.

Try sailing a centerboard yacht with one of our members helping. The fun starts at 10am on Saturday Nov 3, with a sausage sizzle at midday and ends at 2.30 pm.

All you need to bring are some warm clothes, towel, swimming costume and if its wet, some wet weather gear. If you already have a wetsuit and life jacket bring them too.



MICHAEL VAN DE ELZEN'S GOOD FROM SCRATCH KIDS COOKBOOK TOUR

Proudly supported by eco-store

Group: Kaharua School - phone 3323444(07)

Date: Saturday 17 November @ 10am

Venue: Ngongotaha Community Hall.

Tickets: \$10 email office@kaharua.school.nz

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Michael is super excited to be visiting us! He will talk about the importance of eating well, and how to make sure healthy dishes are also tasty and easy to make!

Join us for a cooking demonstration, Q+A session and book signing with New Zealand's much loved healthy chef.

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.



Children's fishing days



Catch Your First Rainbow Trout - learn how to fly fish!

This fun opportunity, run by the Rotorua Anglers Association, is available to children 6 to 14 years old at the Fish & Game Grounds in Paradise Valley Rd, Rotorua.

2018 Fishing dates:

Sunday 12th August 2018
Sunday 9th September 2018
Sunday 7th October 2018
Sunday 11th November 2018

PRE BOOKING YOUR SPOT IS ESSENTIAL

Bookings, information and news at:
<https://fishandgame.org.nz/eastern/>

All this for a suggested donation of only \$3.00 per child

We provide top quality specially designed fishing tackle, a plastic bag to take your catch home, safety glasses and a certificate to celebrate the anglers achievement.

Catch one of the 20 tagged trout in the pond and WIN a spin rod and reel set from KILWELL.

Ample parking is available on the grass area as you enter the grounds. You are welcome to further explore the grounds via the walkway.

Drinks and barbequed sausages are available to satisfy hungry anglers and parents.

Observe safety rules at all times and DO NOT leave children unattended

