



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 3 Diary

31 July	BOT meeting
1 Aug	Rm 8 Trip to Comvita
2 Aug	Rm 5 Trip to Comvita
3 Aug	Chinese Speech Competition
14 Aug	BOP Rugby 7s. Senior School Disco
16 Aug	Tough Guy/Gal Challenge
22 Aug	School Fundraiser (Run by student council)
28 Aug	Rotorua Intermediate School Orientation Day BOT meeting
5 & 6 Sept	Middle Team Science Roadshow
8 Sept	OSSG Quiz Night
11 Sept	Rotorua Speech Competition
17 Sept	Rotorua Intermediate Testing
18 Sept	Rotomaths
20 Sept	Spelling Bee at JPC
25 Sept	Winter Field day BOT meeting
27 Sept	Market day
28 Sept	Last Day of Term 2 – School finishes at 3pm

Term Dates 2018

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

Term 4: Mon 15th October – 20th December

TEACHER TRAINING IN ROTORUA AT RISK

In a time of teacher shortage it is really concerning to learn that our two local teacher training providers have insufficient applicants and have to plan their final intake for Rotorua.

Numbers of applicants have been declining for both Canterbury University and Te Wananga o Aotearoa, and it is no longer sustainable for either of them to maintain a Rotorua training campus.

The impact will be severe for Rotorua schools and will be a return to the dire situation we had in the 1990s when it was near impossible to attract quality staff for our schools, or to get relievers. I was a principal way back then and resorted to running short refresher courses and bringing a range of teacher training programmes to Rotorua

If you know of anyone who might be considering a teaching career in the near future - could you please encourage them to get in touch with Canterbury University at their Rotorua base at Waiariki, very soon? Canterbury University are considering their Rotorua options now. Once these trainers leave Rotorua it will be very difficult to ever get them back here.

The only options for people to train in the future will be by distance on-line, or have to travel to Waikato or live in a university city. Having the option of face to face training, while you are living at home and possibly maintaining a part time job, is obviously a huge advantage.

Mrs Linda Woon, Principal

NEW ENTRANTS TERM 4 2018 & 2019:

If you have a child who is IN ZONE and turning 5 in Term 4 2018 and 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.

2018 ACTIVITY FEES – TERM 3:

Term 1, 2 & 3 Activity Fees are now due. Please ensure your child’s Activity Fees for the year are up-to-date.

A minimum payment of \$75 is now due (being \$25 for Terms 1, 2 & 3).

Please ensure this is paid in order for your child to be able to attend the various shows, trips & other activities which will take place this term.

If your child’s Activity Fees are not up-to-date please register/login to KINDO and pay online anytime 24/7.

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.

ENVIRO TEAM NEWS

This terms focus is on recycling Oral Care products. We will be collecting these outside of Room 5. Thank you!



LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

Overdue Library Books:

Today we have 298 overdue library books! All Library Books and any school Readers should be returned promptly. Overdue reminder lists will be circulated to classrooms today.

Scholastic Book Club:

Offer 5 brochures have been circulated to classrooms.



Orders close on **TUESDAY 14th August**.

Order form: Please complete the paper order form on the back page - remember to write in your Child's Name, Room Number and the Item No.

Parents can order and pay at school (cash, cheque and EFTPOS accepted) but also have the option of ordering on line (the order will be delivered to school with the classroom order).

If paying by cheque: Please make payable to "Otonga Primary School". Orders can be held for collection by parents, please mark 'HOLD' clearly on the order form and provide a contact number.

Online Ordering: All Classrooms are registered for Loop on-line ordering if you have any problems with the web page please phone Scholastic for assistance.

Ordering a Gift? To order a gift (please mark this clearly on the order form) and if ordering on-line, select 'Library gift for child' parents will be contacted when the gift arrives. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager

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.

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:



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OSSG/PTA NEWS

Quiz Night: - Save the Date – **8th September 2018**
Our quiz night will take place in the school hall on Saturday 8th September. Tickets will go on sale next Wednesday 8th August. More details to come.

REQUEST FOR MATERIALS



If you have any spare **NEWSPAPERS** and **PLASTIC SUPERMARKET BAGS** please bring them along to Rooms 20 and 21. Many thanks.



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.

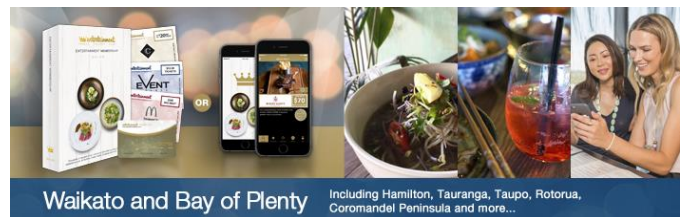
SCHOOL BANKING

First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at Otonga. 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.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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!



Community Events, Notices & Services

Call Chris today for your free appraisal

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