



OTONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura o Tihiōtonga Pānui

"United by the four winds, we grow stronger together"
"Mā te kōtahitanga e ngā hau e whā, ka kaha whakatupu ngātahi tātau"



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Date: 8th February 2023

Newsletter No: 02

Term 1 Diary:

(Please note dates/events may be added or changed without prior notice)

09 Feb	Y6 Ako Korimako School Gala Day RIS
10 Feb	School Whakatau – 10am Touch Rugby Y0-6 Registrations Due by 9am via KINDO (No late registrations accepted)
13-17 Feb	Ara kē atu transport week
13 Feb	Netball Y1-6 Registrations Due by 9am via KINDO (No late registrations accepted)
15 Feb	Cricket – Mixed Incrediball Y4-6 and Futsal Y5-6 Registrations Due by 9am via KINDO (No late registrations accepted) Scholastic Book Club – Offer 1 orders close today
16 Feb	Pimp my Paihikara Day
17 Feb	Y6 Ako Korimako Tree Trust Trip 9:15am-12:15pm Rippa/RIP Rugby Y0-6 Registrations Due by 9am via KINDO (No late registrations accepted)
21 Feb	Y5 Ako Kārearea EOTC - Lake Okareka BOT Meeting 6pm
22 Feb	Y5 Ako Kārearea EOTC - Beach Education - Papamoa
23 Feb	Y5 Ako Kārearea EOTC – Orienteering and Slip n' Slide - Jackson Park
27 Feb	NZEI Teachers PUM – Please collect your child from school at 12:30pm
01 Mar	Waka Ama
03 Mar	RATS Duathlon Y3-6 Registrations Due by 9am via KINDO (No late registrations accepted) New Entrant Cohort 2 Starts
06 Mar	Y6 Ako Korimako – Amazing Race Trip
7-8 Mar	Top School
9 Mar	Top School
14 Mar	RATS Duathlon

Term 1 Diary Continued...

16 Mar	Rm 11 Library Trip – Land of the Taniwha 9:30-11:15am Rm 12 Library Trip – Land of the Taniwha 12:15-2pm
17 Mar	Rm 14 Library Trip – Land of the Taniwha 9:30-11:15am
20-23 Mar	Water Safety Programme – Student Leaders
22 Mar	Rm 13 Library Trip – Land of the Taniwha 9:30-11:15am Camp Meeting – Parent Helpers 3-4pm
27-29 Mar	Y5-6 Tui Ridge Camp
03-06 Apr	Y1-2 Ako Tui & Kiwi Swimming 11am – 1:30pm
04 Apr	Golf Fun Day
05 Apr	CBOP Swim Sports
06 Apr	Last Day of Term 1 – School Closes at 3pm

Term Dates 2023:

Term 1: Tue 31st January – Thu 6th April
 ('Know me before you Teach me' Meetings on 31st January)
Term 2: Mon 24th April – Fri 30th June
 (Teacher Only Day on 24th April)
Term 3: Mon 17th July – Fri 22nd September
Term 4: Mon 9th October – Wed 13th December (TBC)

New Entrant – Cohort Start Dates 2023:

TERM 1	Cohort 1: Wed 1 st February Cohort 2: Mon 6 th March
TERM 2	Cohort 3: Mon 24 th April Cohort 4: Mon 29 th May
TERM 3	Cohort 5: Mon 17 th July Cohort 6: Mon 21 st August
TERM 4	Cohort 7: Mon 9 th October Cohort 8: Mon 13 th November

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – TERM 1 WEEK 2

Kia Ora Koutou,
Dear Parents

I am pleased to say that most of our tamariki have settled into their new learning spaces really well.

The first week is about forming relationships, learning routines and setting students up for success this year.



Longworth Learning Through Play Conference

Our teachers spent a fantastic two days in Napier at the Joy of Play Conference. This very powerful professional development presented by experts in the field of Learning Through Play [Longworth Education](#).

There has now for many years been a shift in education perspective from **viewing education as a system to produce a future workforce**, to supporting students to become independent learners. Professor Anna Pons Policy Advice and Implementation Directorate for Education and Skills of the OECD, shared research findings from 2020 and 2021. She asks the question: How are we supporting students for whom our current education models are not working? One of the findings showed that we need to shift from directing students to giving students a compass, so they can adjust and change within a fast-changing world. If we teach like we did years ago, we are not setting our students up for success as the world is very different place.

The late Sir Ken Robinson spoke about change in education in [Changing Education Paradigms](#), [Do Schools Kill Creativity? 2006](#) and [Bring on the Learning Revolution 2010](#)

Why Learning Through Play Pedagogy?

Play

- is self-chosen and self-directed where all contribute
- supports current research (NZ and International) about how children learn
- supports children's stage of development
- play is inclusive, natural and collaborative
- teaches social/emotional/values/dispositions
- develops oral language
- supports transitions from ECE
- moves from teacher being the fountain of all knowledge to students being independent, assessment capable learners
- causes fun, curiosity and engagement

The
children
are the
curriculum.

-Lisa Murphy

We are excited to embark on this journey to ensure that this pedagogy becomes part of the why and how our students learn. (*pedagogy: the method and practice of teaching*)

[Talking Point: Redefining success for our children - NZ Herald](#) (Dr Sarah Aiono)



Sun Protection - SunSmart

In New Zealand we have one of the highest rates of melanoma skin cancer in the world, but we can enjoy the sunshine and reduce our risk of harm by being sun smart. Sun smart behaviour is particularly important for young people, as excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) in childhood and adolescence can increase the risk of melanoma and other skin cancers later in life, and cause eye damage.

Otonga School aims to:

- protect our students and staff from excessive exposure to UVR while they are at school, or involved with off-site school activities, including sports and Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)
- educate the whole school community about the harmful effects of excessive exposure to UVR, and how to keep themselves safe.



Have a fantastic week.

Gareth Cunliffe,
Principal



We are excited to be using the digital platform SeeSaw again this year across the school. Seesaw is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share what's happening as evidence to learning.



It gives students a place to document their learning, be creative and learn how to use technology effectively and purposefully. Each student gets their own journal (digital portfolio) and will add things to it, like voice, photos, videos, drawings, or notes.

Parents and whānau can have access to this in real-time and can add feedback and comments.

Students show learning and progress - Students use built-in multimodal tools to capture what they know or can do in Seesaw's digital portfolio.

Teachers gain insights - Teachers see all stages of student thinking and progress — enabling them to teach better.

Families connect - Families gain a window into their student's learning and engage in home-school partnerships. Seesaw also allows you to stay in touch with the school and your child's teacher through messages and announcements.

Click on these to find out more: [Seesaw for Families](#) [SeeSaw for Schools](#)

How to access SeeSaw

You will have been sent an email with an invitation to sign up to your child's portfolio. If you need to be reinvited please contact your classroom teacher or myself.

Neil Carrington, Assistant Principal

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Loose Parts

Loose parts are ordinary, everyday, open-ended materials that can be manipulated and used in various ways, moved, carried, shared, combined and taken apart in various configurations and designs. There are no specific directions accompanying the materials and many various outcomes are possible from their use. They have high affordance value in terms of what they can offer or provide to support children's play, exploration and cognitive development, and can be easily transformed with children's imagination.



Here is a list of loose parts that we would really appreciate receiving for our tamariki.

Loose-Parts Play Indoor Checklist			Loose-Parts Play Outdoor Checklist	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Bottle tops	<input type="checkbox"/> Sand	<input type="checkbox"/> Silk	<input type="checkbox"/> Bamboo	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponges
<input type="checkbox"/> Cardboard boxes	<input type="checkbox"/> Shells	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoelaces	<input type="checkbox"/> Feathers	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice-cube trays
<input type="checkbox"/> Cotton wool	<input type="checkbox"/> Sticks	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin foil	<input type="checkbox"/> Leaves	<input type="checkbox"/> Cable ties
<input type="checkbox"/> Glass stones	<input type="checkbox"/> Stones	<input type="checkbox"/> Velcro	<input type="checkbox"/> Mud	<input type="checkbox"/> Guttering
<input type="checkbox"/> Glue	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree stumps	<input type="checkbox"/> Wool	<input type="checkbox"/> Pine cones	<input type="checkbox"/> Gravel
<input type="checkbox"/> Googly eyes	<input type="checkbox"/> Twigs	<input type="checkbox"/> Straws	<input type="checkbox"/> Pebbles	<input type="checkbox"/> Hammer and nails
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<input type="checkbox"/> Greeting cards	<input type="checkbox"/> CDs		<input type="checkbox"/> Shells	<input type="checkbox"/> Crates
<input type="checkbox"/> Paint and brushes	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking utensils		<input type="checkbox"/> Sticks	<input type="checkbox"/> Paintbrush
<input type="checkbox"/> Pipe cleaners	<input type="checkbox"/> Bun tins		<input type="checkbox"/> Stones	<input type="checkbox"/> Planks of wood
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<input type="checkbox"/> Acorns	<input type="checkbox"/> Potato masher		<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking utensils	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bamboo	<input type="checkbox"/> Pillows		<input type="checkbox"/> Bun tins	
<input type="checkbox"/> Feathers	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheets		<input type="checkbox"/> Cutlery	
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaves	<input type="checkbox"/> Sieve		<input type="checkbox"/> Basins	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mud	<input type="checkbox"/> Wallpaper		<input type="checkbox"/> Basket	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine cones	<input type="checkbox"/> Netting		<input type="checkbox"/> Blankets	

You could send all loose parts to the office and we will share these with our staff. Many thanks

Mrs Cunliffe - Learning Through Play Leader

ARRIVAL TIMES AT SCHOOL & BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

Students may only come to school at 8:15am please as any time before that creates a health and safety issue as there are no teachers available before this time unless in exceptional circumstances. Children will not be allowed into the classrooms until **after 8:15am**. Students arriving early need to be enrolled in before school care. If you need care before school, this service is provided in the hall. To enrol your child or for more information please contact **Leandri** on **027 348 7707** or email otongasp@gmail.com



OTONGA
BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

Otonga Primary School Hall

For further details, contact us:
Catherine - 021 089 29131 / Leandri - 027 348 7707
otongasp@gmail.com

ARA KĒ ATU TRANSPORT WEEK

Let's get active! Next week 14th-17th February we will take part in Ara Kē Atū challenge. This is an active transport challenge for schools. Ara Kē Atū means 'an alternative pathway'. The challenge encourages using sustainable active modes of transport to get around, such as biking, walking, scootering, bussing, skating, and park and ride, instead of driving. It introduces students to sustainable travel in a fun, achievable, everyday setting. Ara Kē Atū: encourages independence and resilience in tamariki, promotes students who are active on the way to school, and arrive ready to learn, promotes making healthy lifestyle choices that will carry into adulthood, helps save money on petrol and is fun to do together with whānau, classmates and friends. As part of our challenge, we encourage our tamariki to bike to school or if unable to, bring a bike in to ride at lunch time. **On Thursday 16th February** we will be having a **'Pimp my Paihikara' day**. When we encourage our tamariki to decorate their bikes and dress up. On this fun day there will be a parade and we will have a visit from Rotorua lakes Council with Ruru.



ARCHERS AUTO SPRINGS



We would like to say a big **thank you** to Steve (Whaea Adelle's Husband) and the team at Archers Auto Springs on Sunset Rd. Not only did they make a new spring for our playground, they made it free of charge! The spring was sadly broken last year on the bottom of a balance platform and was going to cost us more than \$600 to repair. Kind gestures like these are so very appreciated. **Thank you!!**



LOST PROPERTY



Please name **ALL** your child's belongings. This helps us to return them to the rightful owner if they are misplaced. Any unnamed items can be collected from the Lost Property shed beside the hall. Lost Property items will be displayed on Thursdays (weather permitting) on the concrete wall near the hall.



CATFISH EDUCATION

Ako Korimako were lucky to have Keeley in today from Te Arawa Lakes Trust educating us about Catfish. She taught us all about Catfish and the impact they are having on our lakes in Rotorua. We all learnt so much and appreciated her time and her contagious enthusiasm.



NZEI UNION MEETING - Monday 27th February

Our teachers will be attending the above meeting. We ask that you please pick up your child(ren) from school at 12.30 pm on this day. Many Thanks

NOTICE OF ROTORUA CENTRAL KAHUI AKO TEACHER ONLY DAY ON 24TH APRIL

Just a heads up that on Monday 24th April school will be closed for students for our first teacher only day in 2023. Four extra days over the next two years were being made available because of significant changes to "strengthen our schooling curriculum and assessment systems". Timing of the second day in 2023 and those in 2024 are still to be confirmed.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS VOUCHERS



Many thanks to Yohanes and St Pierre's Sushi Rotorua for donating the Sushi Value of the Day vouchers for our Principal's Awards recipients again this year.



OTONGA SPORTS – Term 1 Registrations Now Open:

Touch Rugby

Available to **year 0-6** boys and girls.

Please [click here](#) to read the registration notice, which contains important information about the game and **how to register and pay online via KINDO**.

JUNIOR GRADING Day will be held on **Saturday 18th February** and the competition will start on Tuesday 21st February (Years 5-8); and Wednesday 22nd February (Years 0-4) from 3:30pm onwards at the Westbrook fields.

Registration Fee = \$25 per player.

A sports shirt and shorts can be purchased from <https://www.uniformhub.co.nz/collections/otonga-school>

Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by 9am FRIDAY 10th February.
(No late entries will be accepted).



Netball

Available to **year 1-6** boys and girls.

Please [click here](#) to read the registration notice, which contains important information about the game and **how to register and pay online via KINDO**.

Games will be held on **Monday afternoons** from 4pm at the **Rotorua Netball Courts** on Malfroy Road. **Starting on 20th February until 3rd April.**

Registration Fee = \$30 per player.

All Otonga Netball players will be required to wear an Otonga sports shirt, which can be purchased from <https://www.uniformhub.co.nz/collections/otonga-school>

Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by Monday 13th February.
(No late entries will be accepted).



Cricket – Mixed Incrediball (Year 4-6)

Available to **year 4-6** boys and girls.

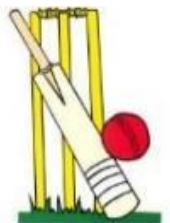
Please [click here](#) to read the registration notice, which contains important information about the game and **how to register and pay online via KINDO**.

Games will be held on **Thursday afternoons** from 3:45pm till 5pm (approx.) at **Smallbone Park**, Devon Street. **Starting on 23rd February until 30th March.**

Registration Fee = \$35 per player.

A sports shirt and shorts can be purchased from <https://www.uniformhub.co.nz/collections/otonga-school>

Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by 9am Wednesday 15th February.
(No late entries will be accepted).



Futsal

Available to **year 5-6** boys and girls.

Please [click here](#) to read the registration notice, which contains important information about the game and **how to register and pay online via KINDO**.

Games will be held on **Sunday afternoons** from 1pm till 7pm at the **Rotorua Girls' High School Arena**, Old Taupo Road. **Starting on 19th February until 2nd April.**

Registration Fee = \$20 per player.

A sports shirt and shorts can be purchased from <https://www.uniformhub.co.nz/collections/otonga-school>

Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by 9am Wednesday 15th February.
(No late entries will be accepted).



Rippa/RIP Rugby

Available to **year 1-6** boys and girls.

Please [click here](#) to read the registration notice, which contains important information about the game and **how to register and pay online via KINDO**.



Games will be held on **Friday afternoons** from 4pm till 5:30pm at **Kaitao Intermediate**, 30 Bell Road, Western Heights. **Starting on 24th February until 31st March.**

Registration Fee = \$10 per player.

All Otonga Rippa players will be required to wear an Otonga sports shirt and shorts, which can be purchased from <https://www.uniformhub.co.nz/collections/otonga-school>

Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by 9am Friday 17th February.

(No late entries will be accepted).

RATS Duathlon

Available to **year 3-6** boys and girls.

This event takes place on Tuesday 21st March 2023 at the Waipa MTB Car Park. If your child is interested in taking part in this event, please [click here](#) to read the registration notice which contains important information for parents and competitors, including **how to register and pay using Kindo**.



Registration Fee = \$10 per competitor

Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by 9am Friday 3rd March.

(No late entries will be accepted).

OTONGA SPORTS UNIFORMS

For 2023 we are introducing a new school sports uniform. This will be our uniform for **all** sports in future: touch, miniball, cricket, futsal, netball, hockey, ripper.

We are long past an upgrade and these new shirts and shorts are of top quality with a sublimated design.

These are available for you to order at:
<https://www.uniformhub.co.nz/collections/otonga-school>

You may wish to purchase these as everyday wear.

Please note: Sports uniforms will no longer be available from anywhere else, just through SportsClub.

Neil Carrington, Assistant Principal



OTONGA SCHOOL

PRICE LIST

TEE \$48

SHORTS \$40



\$48



\$40

Tee Size	6yr	8yr	10yr	12yr	14yr	16yr	S	M	L	XL
1/2 Chest (cm)	38	40	42	44	46	49	53	55	58	61

Short Size	6yr	8yr	10yr	12yr	14yr	16yr	S	M	L	XL
1/2 Waist (cm)	26	28	30	32	34	36	43	44	45	46

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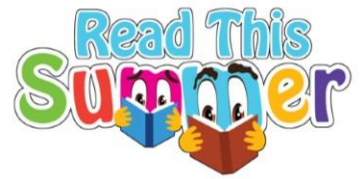
LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS

Annual Stocktake and Return of Library Books:

An amnesty is in place so please return any school Library or Readers you have found at home during the summer break.

Summer Reading Challenge:

Children please return your completed 'Summer Reading Log' and 'Favourite Book Review' page to the Library before **Monday 13th February**.



Scholastic Book Club:

Scholastic Book Club continues to evolve and move with the times by making Book Club Bigger and Better in a new and exciting newspaper format and Scholastic are celebrating the first edition of the year with a **FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY!**

Offer 1 brochures will be circulated to classrooms this week and orders close on **Wednesday 15th February**.

Ordering Online: is available and all information for Parents/Caregivers is on the Scholastic website www.scholastic.co.nz (the order will be delivered to school with the classroom order). All Classrooms are registered for Loop on-line ordering; if you have any problems with the web page please phone Scholastic for assistance. You can also choose 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.

Payment: Parents can also order and pay at school (cash and EFTPOS accepted).

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.

Items purchased through Scholastic Book Club earn the school reward points that are used to purchase further resources for our school.

Thank you for your participation and support.

Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager

A promotional graphic for the Scholastic Book Club LOOP. At the top, the Scholastic logo is in a red box, next to a cartoon cat reading a book. Below this, the text 'Book Club LOOP for Parents' is displayed in large, bold letters. Further down, it states 'LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.' and 'To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'GET IT ON Google play' and 'Download on the App Store'.

BEAN BAG WANTED

If you have a spare bean bag at home that is no longer needed, we would love to take it off your hands. Please let us know at the school office.



THANK YOU TO OUR BBQ TABLE SPONSORS

We would like to thank everyone below who very kindly sponsored a BBQ table for our school. These are a great addition to our kura and are used by all students. It is great to see our students having a space to work outside the classroom or a place to sit, eat and chat with friends. If in the future you would like to sponsor a table please contact the school. Thank you.

Amy Garrood

The plaques on the tables include:

"You are always enough" <i>Sponsored by The Reweti & Thrush Whanau 2022</i>
"Supported by Mercury"
"Take back your Weekends" <i>Sponsored by Crewcut Lawn & Garden</i>
"The important thing is not to stop questioning!" - Albert Einstein <i>Sponsored by Silver Fern Rotorua Suites & Spa</i>
Eves Real Estate



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SCHOOLDocs

We invite you to view/review our school policies at <https://otonga.schooldocs.co.nz> (Note that there is no "www.")
Our **username** is: **otonga** and **password** is: **fourwinds**



1. Follow the link to each policy.
2. Read the policy.
3. Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
4. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
5. Enter your name (optional).
6. Submit your ratings and comments.
If you don't have internet access, school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the [review form](#).

Term 1 review topics

Legislation and Administration Policy

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| • Legislation and Administration Policy | Board review |
| • Student Attendance | |
| • Enrolment | |
| • Privacy | Board review |
| • Official Information Requests | Board review |
| • Uniform / Dress Code | |

VISTAB SIGN-IN SPONSOR NEEDED

We are in search of a business to sponsor our [VisTab - People Management System](#). All visitors sign in and out using Vis Tab on arrival/departure at reception in the school office.

We will add your company logo at the bottom of the default screen. It is seen by many, even through the window when the school office is closed.

The cost is \$63.25 per month. Please contact the school office if you would like the opportunity.
First in first served.



COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTICES & SERVICES

Rotorua Central Scouts – Cub Section

Is your youth interested in joining our Scout Group? Our Den is in Pererika Street - Cub section 8 - 11yrs meets Thursdays 6 - 7:30pm. The first 4 nights are free. Contact 027-490-3124 or 07-348-5853 please leave a message if no answer, all enquiries will be replied to.

Otonga After School Care Programme

Are you looking for part time work? Or maybe you know someone who is.
This job is working with children every school day from 2.30pm until 5pm.
The successful applicant will be mature, good natured, able to communicate easily with children and totally responsible. It's an assistant supervisor role which requires energy and commitment. The care of the children is the focus and the ability to work in a team.
If this work appeals to you, please send your CV to robyn.cowley@xtra.co.nz.
We look forward to hearing from you. Nga mihi, Robyn Cowley.





Join Rotorua BMX Club

Start Up to Race

Welcome to Rotorua BMX Club and our Start Up to Race new rider programme

This fun and skills oriented development programme is designed as an introduction and pathway to BMX. BMX skills are transferable to any bike riding disciplines and all riders are welcome to participate. The programme is to learn and develop specific BMX skills using BMX bikes i.e. 20" wheels and under. There is a big emphasis is on fun and learning, fun and friendship, fun and going fast, fun and riding bikes...

Cost: 3 free go's then join the club which includes term 4 start up to race and access to the club all year

When: Thursdays 5.30pm- 6.30pm starting 2nd February 2023

Where: BMX Track cnr State Highway 5 and Waipa State Mill Road

- **Includes:** coaching, assessment, a "Skills Plate" and progression stickers
- **Gear needed:** bike, long sleeve top and long pants, closed in shoes, gloves, helmet (full face when using the gate), under 8 years old must also wear elbow and knee pads
- **Hire option:** BMX bike \$5 per night (limited availability), helmet, gloves and pads \$5 per night. Hire available from 5pm.

Any questions email rotovegasbmx@hotmail.com or message through the face book page Rotorua BMX Club

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GEYSERLAND



Futures Festival of Golf

WHERE: Rotorua Golf Club

WHEN: Wednesday 15th February

TIME: 4pm to 5:30pm

FREE Entry

Join us for a fun-filled golf experience at the Rotorua Golf Club!

Test your skills in the putting, chipping and driving challenges, or just come along and give golf a go!
Plenty of prizes to be given away. Suitable for young people aged 5-18 of all abilities. No previous experience is required.

For more information, contact: Penny Smith,
penny.smith@golfnz.org, or scan the QR Code



**Scan the QR Code
to find out more**





Girls' Brigade Presents

All Together Challenges

Girls' Brigade Rotorua is having an All Together Challenges themed evening for their first meeting of the year. It is for girls aged 5-18. There will be games, yummy food, and prizes to give away. The event will be held at our regular venue: Victory Church, 39 Old Taupo Rd (opposite Bunnings).



Thursday 16th February

6PM-7:30 PM AT Victory Church Rotorua, 39 Old Taupo Road

**"IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING
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www.girlsbrigade.nz

Contact Katie on 0221288956 or email 4throtoruagb@gmail.com



**Girls'
Brigade**
4th Rotorua



GIRLS' CLUB

Thursday 6pm-7:30

Age 5-18

Girls' Brigade is an international Christian movement for girls aged 5 - 18. Girls' Brigade Rotorua meets on Thursday evening for activities, games and devotions. Club nights, outings, camps, adventure sports and international events, all offer girls opportunities to enjoy challenges, grow friendships, learn new skills, and strengthen their faith: all while having fun!

Location: 39 Old Taupo Rd-Victory Church Rotorua

Cost: \$25 per term

Contact: Phone 07 348 7733 Email 4throtoruagb@gmail.com

www.girlsbrigade.nz

Coming Soon!

**NEW AND EXCITING MENU OPTIONS ARE
COMING SOON!**

**ITS BEEN A FANTASTIC SUMMER BREAK
AND WE ARE ALMOST READY TO
RELAUNCH OUR LUNCH ORDER SERVICE
FOR 2023.**

**AT THIS STAGE WE ANTICIPATE WEEK
THREE OF TERM ONE BUT WILL STAY IN
TOUCH WITH DETAILS A LITTLE CLOSER
TO THE TIME**

**TO ALL OUR WHĀNAU AND TEACHERS,
HAVE A FANTASTIC FIRST WEEK BACK AT
SCHOOL!**



Taekwondo Term #1 / 2023

Olympic martial art sport (& self-defence)

(Join @ New members welcome)

*Build Awareness, confidence, flexibility, strengths and respectful mentality.
Taekwondo helps young individuals to grow stronger while it suits all ages.
Enjoy the discipline, fun and friendly environment, and learn from well-respected
Taekwondo Master (original NZ Taekwondo federation) and instructors.*

Locations:

Session 1: Otonga School Hall Otonga Rd. Rotorua *
Mondays 6:30 to 7:20 pm (Beginners) & to 8 pm (colour belts)

Session 2: Westbrook School Hall, Malfoy Rd. Rotorua *
Fridays 6:30 to 7:20 pm (Beginners) & to 8 pm (colour belts)

*Attending both sessions are highly recommended, however enrolling for one selected session is acceptable.

Class/Term Otonga school Hall: Start date: Monday 13rd Feb 2023

Class/Term Westbrook school Hall Start date: Friday 3rd Feb 2023



***** Enrolment / Contact / Information:

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COMPUTER/MOBILE CODING



A BRIGHT FUTURE

Our lessons will expand your child's horizons. Your child will learn to not only passively consume technology, but to create technology so that they can be an active part of the digital era. Learning to code is great for student's brains as it develops regions of the brain associated with both math and language. Children have an amazing capacity for learning and introducing them to coding while they're young will help set them up for success in our increasingly digital world.

APPLY NOW (Free Trial Lessons Available)

To give your child the opportunity to learn how to program technology apply now at codingnz.com/signup

WHO

Students aged 9 to 18

WHAT

Beginner and advanced coding lessons where students learn to create technology

WHEN & WHERE

Online at home
One hour per week
4pm, 5pm, or 6pm weekdays

JUNIOR TENNIS Summer 2023



**ROTORUA
TENNIS CLUB**

Junior tennis is BACK. The first junior club day will be Friday 10 February.

Junior club days are about fun games, with ball and court sizes adjusted for different age groups, and match play when ready. You do not need any equipment to start, just show up and have a go!

Every Friday:

- 3.30-4.15: Primary and Intermediate
- 4.30-5.45: Secondary School and those younger players able to play full matches with normal balls.

Club fees are \$50 for the rest of the season. Besides junior club days, you have access to the tennis courts all year round and are invited to join in tournaments in grades tailored to your playing level.

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