



OTONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura o Tihiōtonga Pānui



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Date: 15th February 2023

Newsletter No: 03

Term 1 Diary:

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

13-17 Feb Ara kē atu Active Transport week
 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
 02 Mar Y2 Ako Kiwi Pepeha Walk 9-10am
 03 Mar **RATS Duathlon** Y3-6 Registrations **Due by 9am**
 via KINDO (No late registrations accepted)
 06 Mar New Entrant Cohort 2 Starts
 7-8 Mar Y6 Ako Korimako – Amazing Race Trip
 9 Mar Top School
 10 Mar Hui a Kura held by Y5 Ako Kārearea 11:45am
 14 Mar RATS Duathlon
 15 Mar Y3 Ako Ruru Pepeha Walk
 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

Term 1 Diary Continued...

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
 24 Mar Hui a Kura held by Y4 Ako Kererū
 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 1st February
Cohort 2: Mon 6th March
TERM 2 Cohort 3: Mon 24th April
Cohort 4: Mon 29th May
TERM 3 Cohort 5: Mon 17th July
Cohort 6: Mon 21st August
TERM 4 Cohort 7: Mon 9th October
Cohort 8: Mon 13th November

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – TERM 1 WEEK 3

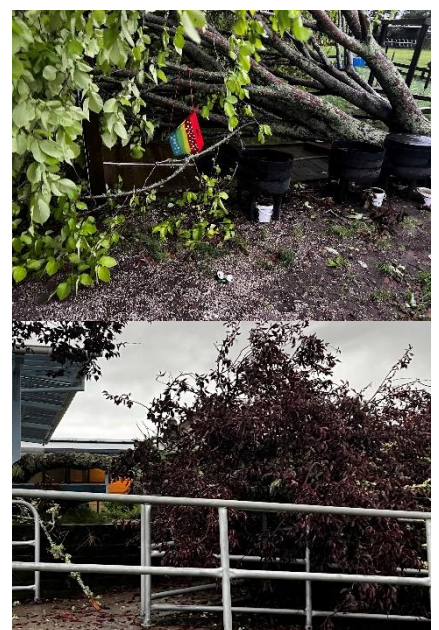
Kia Ora Koutou, Dear Parents

It has been a very interesting start to the week with Cyclone Gabrielle causing

havoc all over the country and a state of emergency being declared. Even though Otonga School was closed yesterday due to safety concerns, we are really happy to be back. Thank you to our whānau who had offered support to help with the clean-up and for the messages of support. The sense of community is evident and it is nice to know there is support out there when times are tough.



Special thanks to Aaron Fisher and Matua Dan who helped clear the fallen trees. It is much appreciated.



After school Pick up at the Loading Zone

Our New Entrants and Year 1 students are brought to the wall by their teachers from 2:45pm for pick up. In order for this to work, **we are asking all other parents to park a bit further away and not in the loading zone from 2:45-2:50pm.**

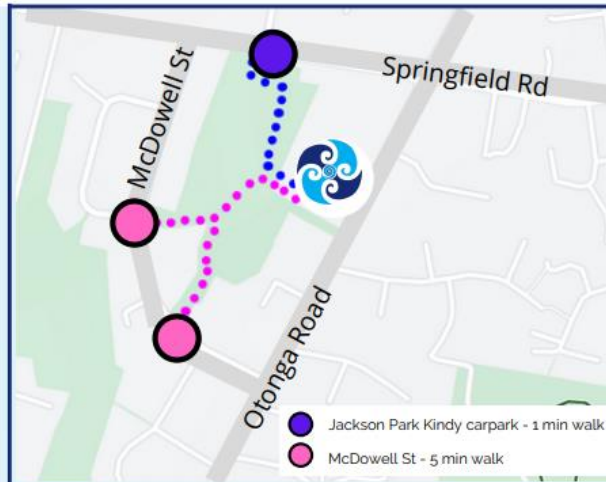
Here are some alternative Drop off and Pick up options:

ALTERNATIVE DROP OFF & PICK UP OPTIONS

If you need to travel to school by car, try parking a short distance away from the school. This helps reduce traffic congestion and makes the school entrance safer for tamariki and whānau. Find a drop off and pick up point that works for your family. Practice using it in the weekend and make a plan.

Here are some alternative drop off/ pick up points. These routes have safe places to cross the road. If your child is younger, try a 'park and stride' from one of these locations.

**ROTORUA
LAKES COUNCIL**
Te Kaitiaki o ngā Roto o Rotorua



Enjoy the rest of the week.

Gareth Cunliffe, Principal



ARA KĒ ATU TRANSPORT WEEK

Let's get active! Next week 14th-17th February we will take part in Ara Kē Atu challenge. This is an active transport challenge for schools. Ara Kē Atu 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 Atu: 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.



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:

Leandri - 027 348 7707

otongasp@gmail.com

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.



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.



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 – Monday 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.

OTONGA SPORTS – Term 1 Registrations Now Open:

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

**UNIFORMHUB**

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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SEESAW

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



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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THANK YOU GUIDOUGH'S

Thank you Guidough's for your support and donating vouchers to recognise our Kaiako and all the amazing work they do!
We really appreciate it.



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**

 <p>SchoolDocs Policies and Procedures Instructions for Reviewers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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.	<h3>Term 1 review topics</h3> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="2">Legislation and Administration Policy</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>• Legislation and Administration Policy</td><td>Board review</td></tr><tr><td>• Student Attendance</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>• Enrolment</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>• Privacy</td><td>Board review</td></tr><tr><td>• Official Information Requests</td><td>Board review</td></tr><tr><td>• Uniform / Dress Code</td><td></td></tr></tbody></table>	Legislation and Administration Policy		• Legislation and Administration Policy	Board review	• Student Attendance		• Enrolment		• Privacy	Board review	• Official Information Requests	Board review	• Uniform / Dress Code	
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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

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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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



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the Children's Anti-inflammatory RELiever Study



CHILDREN'S ASTHMA STUDY CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for children with asthma to take part in a study comparing two different asthma inhalers

To take part in this study you must:

- ✓ Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
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- ✓ Only use a reliever inhaler

For more information, contact:

- ✓ Email: info_rotorua@pcrn.co.nz
- ✓ Phone: 07 3477870
- ✓ Pacific Clinical Research Network
- ✓ 1289 Haupapa Street, Rotorua

What does it involve?

1 year

3 visits +
2 phone calls

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Breathing tests +
asthma education

Reimbursement
for travel
expenses



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 4throtorua@gb.org.nz

www.girlsbrigade.nz

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This study has been approved by Northern B Health and Disability Ethics Committee 20/NTB/200

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!





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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:

Email: Taekwondo.Training.m@gmail.com

Text: 02040 797219

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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.

Contact Jo Liddell joliddell@hotmail.com | 021 254 8434

Rotorua Tennis Club, Manuka Cr, Rotorua