



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: 1st March 2023

Newsletter No: 05

Term 1 Diary:

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

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
8 Mar	OSSG/PTA Meeting 6pm Staffroom
9 Mar	Top School
10 Mar	Hui a Kura held by Y5 Ako Kārearea 11:45am
15 Mar	Y3 Ako Ruru Pepeha Walk
	Camp Meeting – Parent Helpers 3:15-4pm
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
21 Mar	RATS Duathlon
	BOT Meeting 6pm
22 Mar	Rm 13 Library Trip – Land of the Taniwha 9:30-11:15am
24 Mar	Hui a Kura held by Y4 Ako Kererū 11:45am
27-29 Mar	Y6 Ako Korimako - 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)
 (Waitangi Day – Monday 6th February)
 (Easter – Good Friday 7th April to Easter Monday 10th April)
Term 2: Mon 24th April – Fri 30th June
 (Teacher Only Day – Monday 24th April)
 (ANZAC Day – Tuesday 25th April)
 (King's Birthday – Monday 5th June)
 (Matariki – Friday 14th July)
Term 3: Mon 17th July – Fri 22nd September
Term 4: Mon 9th October – Wed 13th December (TBC)
 (Labour Day – Monday 23rd October)

New Entrant – Cohort Start Dates 2023:

TERM 1	Cohort 1: Wed 1 st February
	Cohort 2: Mon 6 th March
TERM 2	Cohort 3: Wed 26 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 5

Kia Ora Koutou, Dear Parents

OSSG/PTA - The Otonga School Support Group (PTA)

The OSSG/PTA is a group of keen, active parents and teachers who do fundraising and organise family events. Joining this group is a great way to meet other parents with children at a similar age and many become friends for years.

We are on the lookout for keen parents to get involved. It does not mean that you have to do all the work but help create/drive the initiatives. Our first meeting will be next week, Wednesday 8th March at 6pm in the staffroom.

Please contact otonga@otonga.school.nz or ossq@otonga.school.nz if you require any information about how to get involved.



Food for Thought... Re-setting the Agenda:

Why we need each other – these are not normal times, these are not normal circumstances. We need to be the whole village that raises our children.

In our schools the idea of shared, collaborative responsibility for our children is an important one and this is nothing new to us all. Boards, principals, teachers, parents, non-teaching staff, local communities all have their part to play in the quest to ensure we all stay safe, accept that life as we know it now and respect the combined efforts of everyone who work tirelessly to ensure you are getting the information you all require, so our schools are better equipped to face any challenge. So, we need our village, the wisdom of our leaders, the aroha of our communities to help us meet these challenges.

Each of us has our part to play. School boards are directly responsible for creating the conditions in which the principal and staff can work as effectively as is possible. Principals and staff are responsible for ensuring that they get the best results from the resources available to the school - that parents and whānau are responsible for supporting schools to ensure their children are given the best opportunities to learn and that the community is responsible for supporting parents and whānau and their local schools.

Education is complex under normal circumstances we have encountered anxious times yet despite that – everybody has a stake in it and it really matters. It goes to the heart of what we want for our children, what kind of world and what kind of society we want them to grow up in and the adult we want them to be 😊

The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking. - Albert Einstein

From: NZSTA (New Zealand School Trustees Association, Lorraine Kerr MNZM, President, 23 Feb 2023)

Ara kē Atu

Click on the link [here](#) to read the media release showcasing Otonga doing our bit for Active and Sustainable Travel.

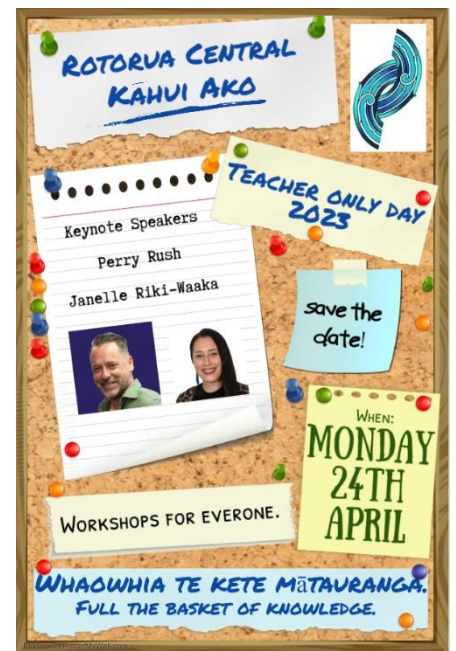
Enjoy the remainder of the week.

**Gareth Cunliffe,
Principal**



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.



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

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.



LUNCHES - Ka Pai Kai

It is with regret that we inform you that the Ka Pai Kai Rotorua lunch order service we have been offering your kura, will be suspended until further notice.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and will be in contact with updates as they happen.



Otonga Road School Lunches



St Pierres Sushi
NOW available **EVERY** day
Starting Wednesday
22nd February 2023

PLUS: St Andrews Bakery - Mondays



St Andrews Bakery **HEARTY MEALS**
Pies | Sandwiches | Bread | Cakes | Hot Meals

Pita Pit - Tuesdays to Fridays



It's simple. All you need to do is register at: www.lunchonline.co.nz
and follow 4 easy steps to get started

1. Register an account
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order

Phone 0800 LOL LOL
Phone 0800 565 565
info@lunchonline.co.nz

OTONGA SPORTS & COMPETITIONS – Registrations Now Open:

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).



Miniball/Basketball

Available to **year 0-6** boys and girls. Year 0-2 play on Monday's and Year 3-6 play on Friday's, starting from 1st May 2023. If your child is interested in playing Miniball/Basketball in Terms 2 & 3 this year, please [click here](#) to read the registration notice which contains important information, including **how to register and pay using Kindo**.

Registration Fee = \$45 per player

Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by 9am Wednesday 22nd March.
(No late entries will be accepted).



KIWI Competitions

Available to **year 5-6** boys and girls. Kiwi English, Mathematics & Science competitions. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. If your child is interested in competing in one, two or all three competitions, please [click here](#) to read the registration notice which contains important information, including **how to register and pay using Kindo**.

Registration Fee = \$9.90 per subject

Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by 9am Friday 5th May.
(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. However, you may wish to purchase these as everyday wear as well.

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>

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	48	50	52	54	56

Short Size	6yr	8yr	10yr	12yr	14yr	16yr	S	M	L	XL
1/2 Waist (cm)	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44

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EMAIL:
info@uniformhub.co.nz

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 | |

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.

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 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.



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.



Charities Registration No CC2 0102



We are asking businesses to get behind us again in 2023

Your support will bring The Kids Day Out Variety Show, a great live action packed show, to children with physical, financial and other disadvantaged backgrounds and their families all across New Zealand. The event is provided free to all those that receive tickets, for a very good reason; in many cases this is the first opportunity they have to attend a live stage show. Visit www.kidsdayoutvariety.co.nz for more details.

2023 Kids Day Out Variety Show



Local and International artists performing for thousands of disadvantaged children and their families at 24 locations across NZ

Rotorua / South Waikato
Rotorua Girls High School
9 April 2023



Each week in New Zealand 12 families are told their child has a heart condition. Your donation to Heart Kids NZ enables us to provide the following services that are vital for those impacted by childhood heart conditions, helping them cope with the daily challenges that come with having an unwell child.

- ♥ SUPPORT KIDS WITH HEART CONDITIONS AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGHOUT NZ
- ♥ PRACTICAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT IN TIMES OF NEED
- ♥ SUPPORT DURING HOSPITAL STAYS AND TREATMENTS WITH INFORMATION AND SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT
- ♥ LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR HEART YOUTH AND ADULTS
- ♥ SPECIALISED CAMPS FOR HEART CHILDREN
- ♥ OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH OTHER HEART FAMILIES

Suggested Donation Amounts

40 Tickets \$2400	25 Tickets \$1500	10 Tickets \$600	One Ticket \$60
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Each multiple of \$60 will support one person to attend the show and provide financial support to Heart Kids NZ. We ask that you support as many children along as possible and as acknowledgement of your support we will display your business name at the show. Donations of \$600 + will also receive an emailed certificate of appreciation with your donation receipt.

Kids Day Out, PO Box 33 344, Takapuna, Auckland 0740 • Phone: 0800 002 815 • Fax: 0508 432 783
• Email: promoter@kidsdayoutvariety.co.nz • Web: www.kidsdayoutvariety.co.nz

TE RĀ O NGĀ TAMARIKI CHILDREN'S DAY

Join us in celebrating a day dedicated to our tamariki with free whānau-centered activities and performances.

WHEN:
Saturday 4 March, 10am - 1pm
(this event is weather dependent)

WHERE:
Rotorua Lakefront

FREE ACTIVITIES:
Bouncy castle, art and crafts, toddler play, rangatahi games - something for all ages!

For more information:
Visit rotoruanui.nz/event/childrens-day-rotorua

Thanks to our community partners and local businesses for helping to bring this event together.



WHAKAREWAREWA JAB RUGBY MUSTER 2023



Nau Mai Haere Mai, Welcome, Afio mai, Me'a mai, to our Current and New Whanau for the 2023 Season
Muster Dates:

Friday 24th February 5:30-7:30pm

Saturday 25th February 10:00 am - 1:00pm

Wednesday 1st March 5:30- 7:30pm

\$30 per player, \$15 per Sibling
Whakarewarewa clubrooms

Socks & mouth-guard provided when fees are paid

For Enquiries Contact Whakarewarewa JAB

Rugby on facebook messenger or Jen

0274405085. Jodi 021 021 22244. Nita

0275272354.

MARIST ST MICHAELS RUGBY & SPORTS CLUB



Be part of the team!

Marist rugby club are recruiting for new and current U6 - U13 players for the 2023 JAB season

Registration Dates

Where: Marist St Michael's Club, 48 Te Ngae Rd
(behind Fenton St Countdown)

When: 24th February and 24th March - 5:00- 6:30pm

Cost: \$40 each, \$35 each for 2 in family, \$30 each for 3 in family and U6-7 \$20 each



Whānau Day - 19 March 2023
Save the date

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:

Email: Taekwondo.Training.m@gmail.com

Text: 02040 797219



Junior Open Day

Sunday 11th March, Otonga School

9.30am 5th/6th/7th/8th Grade (born 2018 - 2015)

10.30am 9th - 12th Grade (born 2014-2011)

Come along and meet the team from Lakes FC.
Enjoy some fun games and activities and find out
what winter football is all about. New players, boys
and girls welcome!



Registrations for winter football are OPEN!

Registrations close 26th March

For enquiries email juniors@lakesfc.co.nz

To register visit www.lakesfc.com



WESTBROOK SUMMER SESSIONS

Every Saturday in March
at the Westbrook Primary
School field
10AM-11AM

OFFICIAL MUSTERS AND REGISTRATIONS
MARCH 11TH AND 25TH

Westbrook caters from
4 years old to Year 8
(intermediate)
5th Grade to 11th/12th Grade

Music, fun, games and friends!