



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 whakapū ngātahi tātau"



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Term 1 Diary:

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

7-8 Mar	Y6 Ako Korimako – Amazing Race Trip
8 Mar	OSSG/PTA Meeting 6pm Staffroom All Parents Welcome – We Need You!
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 House Afternoon 1:40-2:40pm
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 House Tug of War Competition 1:40-2:55pm
27-29 Mar	Y6 Ako Korimako - Tui Ridge Camp
29 Mar	Rm 2 - Duck Tour 9:15-10:45am
30 Mar	Y1 Ako Tui – All About Us 9:15-10:15am Rm 1 - Duck Tour 9:15-10:45am Rm 3 - Duck Tour 9:15-10:45am
31 Mar	Y1-2 Ako Tui & Kiwi - Swimming 11am-1:30pm
03-06 Apr	Golf Fun Day
04 Apr	CBOP Swim Sports
05 Apr	
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

Firstly, I would like to welcome our new 5 year olds into Ako Tui, Year 1 and other new students to our school. We are looking forward to working with you.



There have been a number of exciting things happening at kura this week. Ako Kiwi Y2 pepeha walk, Learning Dispositions staff meeting and the Tamariki Waka Ama 2023.

We are on the lookout for keen parents to get involved in the Otonga School Support Group/PTA (OSSG). It does not mean that you have to do all the work but help create/drive the initiatives. Our first meeting will be tonight at 6pm in the staffroom.

Before and After School Supervision

Otonga School provides supervision before and after school for specified, reasonable time periods to ensure that students are safe. Students should arrive at school at a good time in the morning, as arriving late is disruptive for the student, and for the class and teacher. Arriving between 8:35 and 8:50am gives the student plenty of time to get ready for the school day and be in class ready to start at 8:55am.

Students should leave the school grounds promptly at the end of the day unless they are involved in supervised school activities.

When students do not go home after school, it is a risk to their safety as there is no supervision. It interferes with the After School Care Program.

**Kind regards
Mr G Cunliffe**



RIDING SAFELY IN OTONGA SCHOOL

We all like bringing wheels - bikes, scooters, skateboards, unicycles, rollerblades, roller skates etc - to school.

We want to keep everyone safe so here are the rules:

Walk your wheels into and out of school.



Wear a helmet and shoes.



No wheels in the morning before school.



Where/when to ride at Morning Tea and Lunchtime

Scooter Track only – Y1 and Y2

Bike Track only – Y3 to Y6

On Jackson Park – Y2 to Y6 only at lunchtime



POSSIBLE NZEI STRIKE ACTION

Primary teachers and principals have voted overwhelmingly to reject the Ministry's second offer for our Primary Principals and Teachers Collective Agreement.

A vote on strike action will now take place. If a strike is voted for, there will be a **ONE DAY** strike on **Thursday 16 March**. (PPTA Secondary Teachers will be taking strike action on this day also.)

We will keep you informed as soon as more information comes through.

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.



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.



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Loose Parts Across The School Challenge

The term 'loose parts' refers to the resources used to support learning and teaching through play.

The challenge was to find three types of Loose parts to add interest to your classroom:

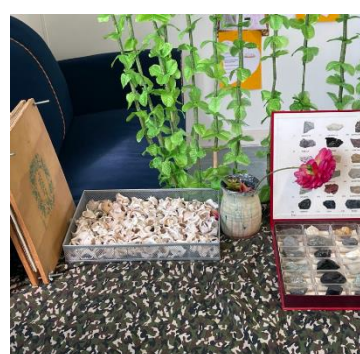
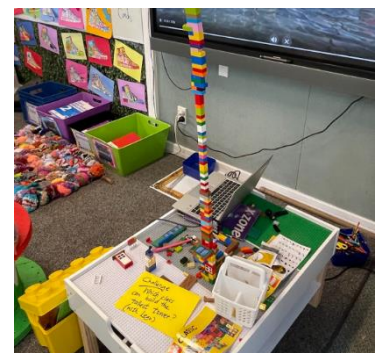
- * Natural resources
- * Reused materials
- * Something new.

The teachers took the challenge seriously and went on a mission to find something for their tamariki. Observing our students by noticing the urge, then recognising the need and responding by sourcing materials or loose parts.

Here are some pictures of our staff working around the school to visit each classroom. A great opportunity to share our findings with staff.

Next time we will share pictures of our tamariki enjoying these loose parts in their classrooms.

Bernadette Cunliffe, Learning Through Play Co-ordinator



OTONGA SPORTS & COMPETITIONS – Registrations Now Open:

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	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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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

• 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.



'Have A Go' Girls' Football Afternoon

Thursday 16th March
Puarenga Park, Rotorua

4.00pm 5th/6th/7th/8th Grade (born 2018 - 2015)

5.00pm 9th - 12th Grade (born 2014-2011)

FUN GAMES ACTIVITIES SPOT PRIZES

Have a go at football (soccer) in an all girls' environment.
New and experienced players welcome!



For further information contact
Catherine Donovan Ph: 021 634 807
Email: lakesfcgirls@gmail.com
www.lakesfc.com
For updates and cancellations visit
www.facebook.com/lakesfcgirls



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Mondays



Pita Pit



Pita Pit

Tuesdays to Fridays

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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 565 565 - info@lunchonline.co.nz

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

*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

Saturday 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!