



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 whakaturu ngātahi tātau"



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Date: 15th March 2023

Newsletter No: 07

Term 1 Diary:

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

16 Mar	NZEI Teacher Strike – School CLOSED
17 Mar	Rm 11 Library Trip – Land of the Taniwha 9:30-11:15am Rm 13 Library Trip – Land of the Taniwha 12:15-2pm House Afternoon 1:40-2:40pm
20-23 Mar	Water Safety Programme – Student Leaders
21 Mar	RATS Duathlon BOT Meeting 6pm
22 Mar	Rm 12 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 1:25-2:40pm
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	Y6 Ako Korimako Camp – MiCamp Taupo
03-05 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 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

Term Dates 2023:

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – TERM 1 WEEK 7

Kia Ora Koutou, Dear Parents

We are proud to announce that our own TV Station - Outstanding Otonga Television or OOTV is back for 2023. We are going to build on last years and past successes to bring you the latest news, entertainment and information about our Outstanding kura. Whaea Amy and myself as producers will be leading a talented crew of presenters, scriptwriters and news anchors and our vision is to create a fun, informative TV Station to showcase our school. It can be viewed fortnightly and will be available on our FB page and new school website.



Kind regards
Mr G Cunliffe



STRIKE ACTION - THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2023 - SCHOOL CLOSED

Just a reminder that we will be taking strike action on Thursday 16th March 2023. The Board has considered the availability of non-union teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide normal instruction during the strike so the school will officially be closed for instruction on the day of the strike. Accordingly, it's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children under 14 years of age during the period of the strike as no supervision can be provided.

We know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike. Please be assured that student safety is our main concern. Thank you for your understanding.

Our tamariki need a quality education and we want to give that to them. Unfortunately, the funding for our schools and kindergartens is not enough for us to give us the time we would like to support all our kids to thrive. We need to attract and retain educators by ensuring that teaching is a valued and attractive profession.

Principals and teachers in primary and area schools and kindergartens have considered at length offers from the government to settle our respective collective agreements. The offers did not meet our expectations, nor make sufficient steps towards the changes we need for our children to succeed.

The last thing we wanted to do was take industrial action on 16 March and the decision was not taken lightly. We felt that this was the only way the government would listen and recognise that when they support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive.

We look forward to another great year in 2023 – and together with your support, building the case for better investment in our tamariki.

NZEI
TE RIU ROA

**whakamana
tamariki
whakamana
kaiako
tumeke
tumuaki**

16 MAR

We all want the best for our kids.


But our schools and kindergartens are understaffed, and teachers and principals over-stretched.

Industrial action is a last resort. We are striking on 16 March to press the government to improve conditions, and to show the government we are serious about needing change.

Teachers' working conditions are your children's learning conditions.

We need:

- Improved support for tamariki
- More staff to support learning
- Better recognition for the work primary teachers and principals do
- Value and respect for our kindergarten teachers



You can show your support by signing this open message to Minister for Education Jan Tinetti

Poipoia te kākano kia puawai
Nurture the seed and it will blossom

OTONGA ROAD SCHOOL BOARD CASUAL VACANCY FOR A PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Jonathon Brady
Presiding Member (Chair)
Otonga Road School Board of Trustees
105 Otonga Road
Springfield
Rotorua 3015

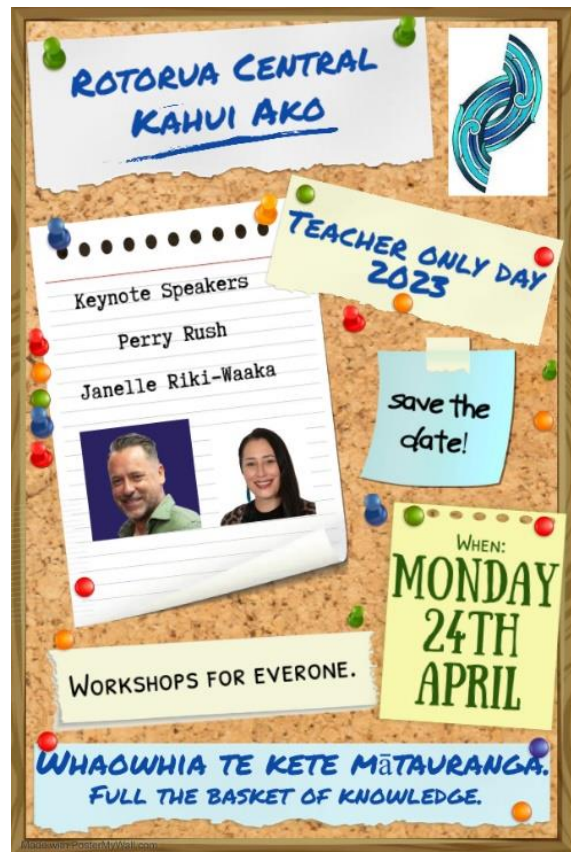
by: 12th April 2023

STUDENT PICK UP AT 3PM - CHILD SAFETY

In the interests of student safety, please make sure children know how they are getting home as well as who is picking them up and where. If your contact details have changed, please notify the office so that we can make the changes in our School Management System. This is essential if we need to contact you at any stage.

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.



LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

Scholastic Book Club:

Offer 2 brochures have been circulated to classrooms and **orders will close** on **Monday 20th March**.

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

Book Club



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Our tamariki enjoy loose parts in their classrooms. Have a look at all the creativity that took place.

You will see magnetic creations from a simple structure to a more complex structure.

Finding natural materials from our little forest like pinecones, leaves, acorns and sticks.

Using recycled materials to create wind chimes.

Jenga blocks plus, pebbles, and balancing rocks, make very tall buildings.

Our wooden rainbow could be used to create different patterns like animal faces, dens, paddocks, structures and shapes.

Thank you for sharing all your creations.

Bernadette Cunliffe, Learning Through Play Co-ordinator



Happy St. Patrick's Day

To celebrate
St. Patrick's Day come
to school dressed in
green this Friday,
March 17th
Go raibh míle maith
agat



OTONGA SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP (OSSG/PTA)

We have our first disco of the year next week, Friday 24th March! The OSSG/PTA are looking for parents to help on the night, with things like setting up (from 4:30pm), packing down and serving food and drinks. If you can help, please leave your details with the office or message us via the school facebook page. Can't wait to see you there!

OTONGA SCHOOL BEACH PARTY DISCO



FRIDAY 24 MARCH

Year 1-3

5.30-6.30pm

Year 4-6

6.45-7.45pm

\$2 ENTRY

Glowsticks 3 for \$1

Hot dogs \$3

Choc bars \$1.50

Chips 50c

Remember to bring your signed permission
slips on the night



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).



Golf Fluro Fun Day

Available to **year 1-6** boys and girls. Held on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at Springfield Golf Club. This is a fun day out to learn new skills and enjoy a day out with your friends! If your child is interested in participating in this event, please [click here](#) to read the registration notice which contains important information, including **how to register and pay using Kindo**.

Registration Fee = \$5 per person

Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by 3pm Friday 31st 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

**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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09 435 2576

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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

• 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 - Kōkako Speech Therapy Practice

We would like to thank Mandana & Matt from Kōkako Speech Therapy Practice, for their generous donation towards our Structured Literacy program. We really appreciate your kind donation and support, which will enhance our school's resources immensely. Thank you!



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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Otonga Road School Lunches



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Mondays



Pita Pit



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 565 565 - info@lunchonline.co.nz

**ANNE SAMSON SCHOOL OF BALLET
50TH JUBILEE**



Anne Samson School of Ballet
SIR HOWARD MORRISON CENTRE
1 APRIL 2023 1:00PM AND 6:30PM

**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

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!