



OTONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura o Tihiōtonga Pānui



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"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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Term 1 Diary:

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

23 Mar	Water Safety Programme – Student Leaders
24 Mar	Hui a Kura held by Y4 Ako Korerū 11:45am School DISCO Y1-3 5:30-6:30pm Entry \$2 School DISCO Y4-6 6:45-7:45pm Entry \$2
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 10am-12pm
03-05 Apr	Y6 Ako Korimako Camp – MiCamp Taupo
03-06 Apr	Y1-2 Ako Tui & Kiwi Swimming 11am – 1:30pm
04 Apr	Golf Fun Day
05 Apr	CBOP Swim Sports
06 Apr	House Tug of War Competition 2-2:45pm Last Day of Term 1 – School Closes at 3pm

Term 2 Diary:

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

04 May	OSSG/PTA AGM 7pm Otonga Staffroom Everyone welcome!
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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 8

Kia Ora Koutou, Dear Parents

Over the past week we have had Ako Kiwi Year 2 visiting the Rotorua Library for ‘The Land of the Taniwha’. A group of Year 6 students are taking part in the Te Waiariki Purea Trust Hinemoa Water Safety Program. This program is designed to encourage children in making good and safe decisions around all waterways (i.e. lakes, rivers, beaches) and safely building on their experience and awareness when in the outdoors.

I was fortunate enough to be involved with Kick for a Cause - Rotorua's inaugural charitable football event, supporting the Salvation Army Foodbank.

Thank you to those members of the community for coming down to support.



Structured Literacy

At Otonga School, we use a **Structured Literacy** approach. Literacy learning involves explicitly teaching the critical skills needed to develop early reading and spelling development.

This approach differs from traditional methods. One difference that you will find is that the students will not bring a levelled book home, instead they will have their own tasks related to their learning needs. The children learn the letter-sound correspondences that match the '[decodable](#)' books they will soon be reading. Then they will be shown how to blend these sounds together to read words like tip, tim, map and sit. They will also learn how to break words into individual sounds to help them spell. There are some 'heart words' (site words) that your child will be learning to memorise off by heart. To commit these to memory your child will need to practise daily. These types of activities will be in their home learning book. We also have many 'browsing books'- you can request from our classroom teachers. At the next levels students will move onto [The Code](#) (Liz Kane)

The teachers will

- Explicitly teach how words work in both reading and writing
- Use specific decodable books that support the teaching focus
- Continue to use rich language and text to develop vocabulary and understand how books work

[Further information Sunshine Decodables](#)

[Practice: Early literacy in the classroom](#)

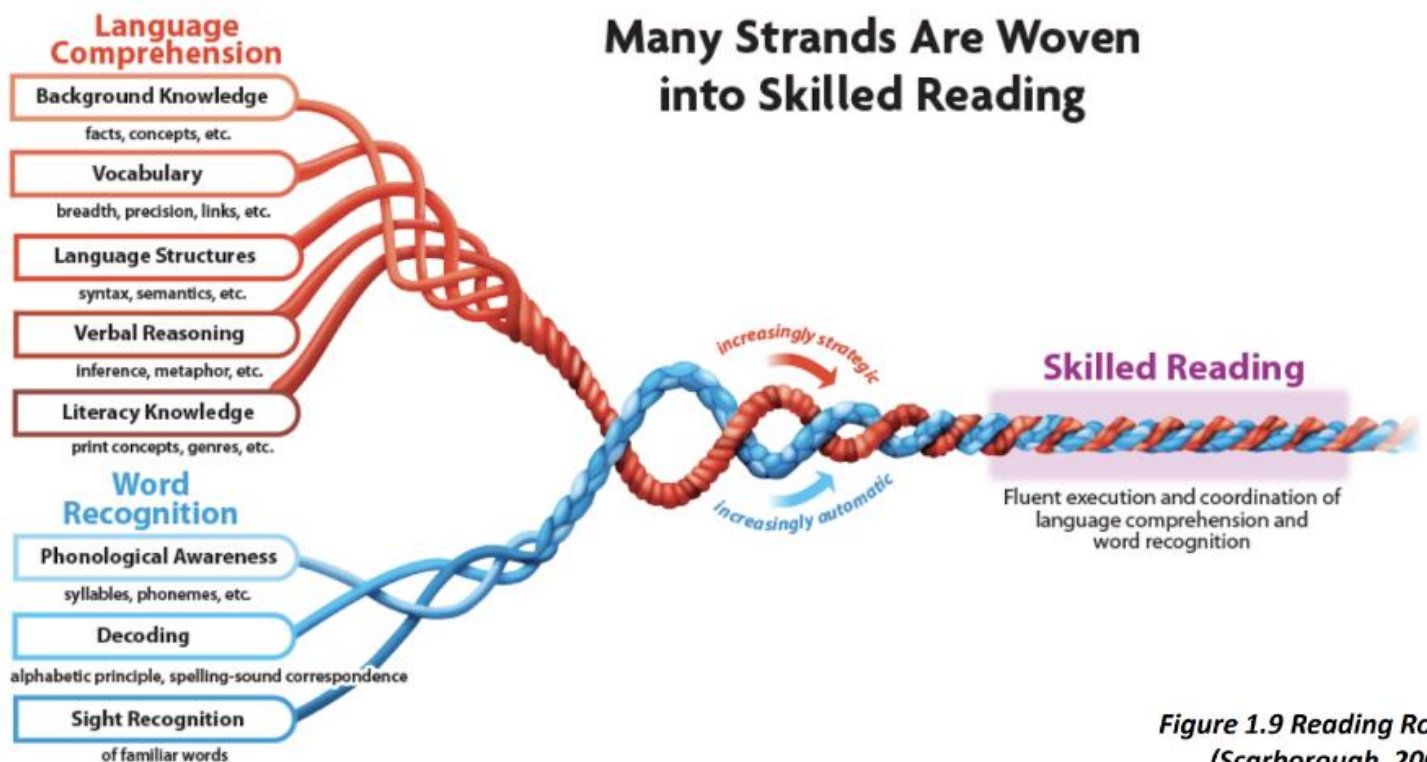


Figure 1.9 Reading Rope
(Scarborough, 2001)

- Further information [Sunshine Decodables](#) <https://readpacific.co.nz/sunshine-decodables/>
- [Liz Kane - The Code](#)

Kind regards
Mr G Cunliffe



OTONGA SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP (OSSG/PTA) NOTICE OF AGM

The Otonga School Support Group Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place at **6pm** on **Thursday 4th May 2023** in the Otonga school staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

TikTok - ADVICE FOR PARENTS

It has come to our attention from some of our students that TikTok is being used **after school hours** and inappropriately. This is a video-sharing platform where you can watch and create videos, and livestream. **The app has an age-rating of 13+.**

There have been groups set up called '@otongashipsss' and '@someone.inotonga'. There are references to fighting and dating.

This is a heads up that parents should be having conversations about what students are doing online. Netsafe is a fantastic resource for this and you can find it here: [Netsafe](#)

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ONLINE SAFETY CHALLENGES of TikTok?

TikTok accounts are public by default so anyone on the app can see what your child shares, but only approved followers can send messages. Some of the most common concerns with TikTok is that users can see inappropriate content or be contacted by people they don't know. For users under sixteen, TikTok defaults to having the direct messaging function turned off.

DOES TIKTOK HAVE ANY SAFETY FEATURES?

TikTok's Family Pairing feature is designed to protect children. You can control how long your child spends on TikTok, limit or turn off direct messaging and block potentially inappropriate content.

To do this:

1. Go to 'Privacy and Settings'
2. Under 'Digital Wellbeing' select 'Family Pairing'
3. Identify which phone belongs to the adult and the child

It is also worth exploring their [Safety Centre](#) either with your child or on your own so you can understand the experiences they are having. TikTok also list their [top ten tips for parents](#) and have [dedicated resources for parents](#) that you might want to read. It explains how to set up restricted mode or establish screen time limits.

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.



SPORTING SUCCESS



Congratulations to Marcus Ryan (R20) and Dylan Naude (R17) who both competed in the Waikato Bay of Plenty Children's Athletics Championships at Porritt Stadium in Hamilton on the weekend.

Marcus won 4 medals, 3 GOLD for the Boys Grade 10 400 Meter Dash, High Jump & Discus and a BRONZE for the 200 Meter Dash.

Dylan won 4 medals also, GOLD for the Boys Grade 9 Long Jump, SILVER for the 60 Meter Dash and 100 Meter Dash and a BRONZE for the 200 Meter Dash.

A fantastic result for both boys! Well done – you should be very proud of your efforts!



OTONGA SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP (OSSG/PTA)

We have our first disco of the year this 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:

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 student

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

(No late entries will be accepted).



Rip, Grip & Whip

Available to **year 4-6** boys and girls. This mountain bike event takes place on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at the Waipa Mountain Bike Park from 8:30am. There are three categories to choose from: Course 1 - A Taster of Mountain Biking, Course 2 - Let Me Fly and Course 3 - Legend Status. If your child is interested in competing in this event, please [click here](#) to read the registration notice which contains important information about each category, terms of participation and **how to register and pay using Kindo**.



Registration Fee = \$5 per student

Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by 9am 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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uniformhub.co.nz

CALL:
09 435 2576

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

• 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.



Geyser City Squash Club

Junior Squash Programme starting Term 2 at Geyser City Squash Club.

All school age children welcome including complete beginners.

To register interest, please email juniors@geysercitysquash.co.nz with child's name, DOB and school.

Phone Claire 027 361 7310. Facebook: Geyser City Squash Juniors



OTONGA
HOLIDAY Club

11 –21 April 2023
7:30am – 17:30pm

\$40 per day

includes
full breakfast
and lunch

OSCAR
accredited
WINZ subsidy
available

DAILY ACTIVITIES
Painting Station
Creation Station
Colour Station
Popsicle Stick Art
Free Play
Movies
& much more

OUTDOOR PLAY
Playgrounds
Forte Building
Bring your Bike
Old School Games
Ultimate Tag

For further details
contact us:
Leandri – 027 348 7707
info.otonga@osprograms.co.nz
Otonga School Hall
105 Otonga Road Springfield



Skills Clinic



Wednesday 29th March 6 – 7pm

Stroke Skill Session

Saturday 1st April 9.30 – 10.30am

Starts & Turns Session

It is time to upskill
your knowledge
on:
Starts
Turns
Finishes
Speed
Technique
Then come and
join in!

The Skills Clinic is open to all,
including Swim Rotorua Junior
Academy
plus
all children competing in CBOP
Inter-school swimming event.

These are free skills clinics. General admission payable at the door

**MID ISLAND GYM SPORTS
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME April 2022**

Two options available: 8.00am – 3.00pm (\$35 per day) or 8.00am – 5.15pm (\$45 per day).
We start the day with a range of fun games, followed by the daily activity. During the day the children will get to take full advantage of our awesome Gymnastics & Trampoline facilities.



We are Ministry of Social Development approved for OSCAR subsidies.
Application forms for OSCAR must be completed 2 weeks PRIOR to the Holidays commencing.

<p><u>Monday, 10th April</u></p> <p><u>CLOSED</u></p> 	<p><u>Tuesday, 11th April</u></p> <p><u>CIRCUITS</u></p> <p>Make the most of our facilities and give everything a go</p> 	<p><u>Wednesday, 12th April</u></p> <p><u>BAKING DAY</u></p> <p>Will it be Savoury or Sweet?</p> 	<p><u>Thursday, 13th April</u></p> <p><u>SKILLS DAY</u> <u>Cheerleading & Trapeze</u></p> <p>We have something new for you to try.</p> 	<p><u>Friday, 14th April</u></p> <p><u>EQUIPMENT DAY</u></p> <p>Hut building and fun games with all the equipment</p> 
<p><u>Monday, 17th April</u></p> <p><u>CIRCUITS</u></p> <p>Make the most of our facilities.</p> 	<p><u>Tuesday, 18th April</u></p> <p><u>SKILLS DAY</u> <u>Trampoline & Cheerleading</u></p> <p>A full on energy buster day.</p> 	<p><u>Wednesday, 19th April</u></p> <p><u>BAKING DAY</u></p> <p>Yummy ANZAC Biscuits</p> 	<p><u>Thursday, 20th April</u></p> <p><u>B DAY</u></p> <p>A day full of activities, brought to you by the letter</p> 	<p><u>Friday, 21st April</u></p> <p><u>SHARED LUNCH & MOVIE DAY</u></p> <p>Bring a shared lunch and watch some movies.</p> 

BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS ARE REQUIRED IN ADVANCE TO SECURE THE DATES.

We reserve the right to alter the daily programme depending on the enrolled numbers.
We have lots of fun recreational activities in store. Suitable for children aged 5-13yrs.

Children are to bring; morning tea & lunch, plus an extra snack for the late pick up, a NAMED water bottle & socks for trampoline use.

If you would like more information or wish to make a booking please contact us.
Address: 60c Te Ngae Road Rotorua Email: migsholidayprogramme@outlook.co.nz



REGISTRATIONS Closing Soon!

Winter Football for boys and girls.

Registrations for Junior and Youth (5-19 years)

Close 26th March

Dont delay, late registrations fees apply after this date.



For further information and to register visit

www.lakesfc.com

Enquires to office@lakesfc.co.nz



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!



