



# 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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### Term 1 Diary:

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

03-06 Apr Y1-2 Ako Tui & Kiwi Swimming 11am – 1:30pm  
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 Dates 2023:

**Term 1:** Tue 31<sup>st</sup> January – Thu 6<sup>th</sup> April  
(‘Know me before you Teach me’ Meetings on 31st January)  
(Waitangi Day – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February)  
(Easter – Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Easter Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April)

**Term 2:** Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June

(Teacher Only Day – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April)

(ANZAC Day – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April)

(King’s Birthday – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June)

(Matariki – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July)

**Term 3:** Mon 17<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> September

**Term 4:** Mon 9<sup>th</sup> October – Wed 13<sup>th</sup> December (TBC)

(Labour Day – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October)

### Term 2 Diary:

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

24 Apr Teachers Only Day – **School CLOSED**  
25 Apr ANZAC Day – **School CLOSED**  
27 Apr Rugby League 9’s  
28 Apr Y3 Ako Ruru ANZAC Scavenger Hunt  
Ohinemutu 10:30am – 1:30pm  
04 May OSSG/PTA AGM 7pm Otonga Staffroom  
Everyone welcome!  
05 May Rotorua Mini Marathon  
09 May Rip, Grip & Whip MTB Event  
11 May Y5 Ako Kārearea - EPro8 Interschool Event

### New Entrant – Cohort Start Dates 2023:

**TERM 1 Cohort 1:** Wed 1<sup>st</sup> February  
**Cohort 2:** Mon 6<sup>th</sup> March  
**TERM 2 Cohort 3:** Wed 26<sup>th</sup> April  
**Cohort 4:** Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May  
**TERM 3 Cohort 5:** Mon 17<sup>th</sup> July  
**Cohort 6:** Mon 21<sup>st</sup> August  
**TERM 4 Cohort 7:** Mon 9<sup>th</sup> October  
**Cohort 8:** 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Term 1, 2024 (TBA)



## PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – TERM 1 WEEK 9

### Kia Ora Koutou, Dear Parents

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you for making Term 1 and Otonga School, a fantastic place to be in.

It has been a real pleasure to be here to support you all. Thanks to our children and whānau for being fantastic and to all of our staff for going the extra mile to ensure our students are learning and having fun while doing so. Thanks to the BOT for supporting me to do this work. I wish you all a fantastic break.

**Gareth Cunliffe**



### Staff News:

Whaea Kate Dekker-Dunn will be leaving Otonga School at the end of Term 2. She has accepted a job in Hoi An International Primary School - Vietnam, as a Learning Leader. It is an opportunity for her and family to live abroad and travel around Asia. Kate has taught in the Year 1 and Year 6 Ako and has recently been an Ako Leader. We wish her and family all the best for their new adventure.

Mrs Maddy Mill will be having a baby boy in early August. She will be on parental leave from the end of Term 2. We are thrilled for Maddy and husband Callum and look forward to Baby Mill’s visit once he is a bit older.

Mrs Andrea Greyling, one of our fantastic Learning Assistants, has resigned to take up a position at a Kindy. We will miss her calm nature and delicious South African delicacies. Otonga School wishes Andrea the best of luck for her next challenge.

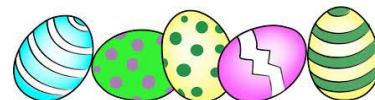


## Real-time Reporting on Student Progress

Real-time reporting enables parents and whānau to see their child's progress online, in real time. Ideally the process is driven by students with appropriate scaffolding by their teachers. It's about the learning process, and then the product.

Schools that have implemented a real-time reporting scheme report significant benefits for parent-teacher conferences. Deeper conversations about learning can take place straight away as the parents and teachers are always up to speed. '[McWilliams and Patton](#) reveal that students whose parents receive regular and personalised messages with actionable information from teachers are more likely to succeed in school.'

**(Doing Data Right** Pages 46-49, November 2015 | Volume **73** | Number **3**, *Lorette McWilliams and Christine Patton*)



## Otonga Progress Plans OPPs

These will be shared on Google Docs (through a link in SeeSaw) as a reporting to parents tool by the end of the week. OPPs are available throughout the year. Progress Plans focus on values, dispositions, aspirations for the student, goal setting and progress according to Learning Progression Framework (LPF).

## SeeSaw

SeeSaw is used as evidence for learning to show authentic progress across the curriculum whilst developing a unique, student-led set of evidence to celebrate progress and celebrate learning. The children are enjoying reading the comments from their teachers and whānau on their SeeSaw posts. It is great having so many positive and encouraging comments and feedback for the learning they are sharing.



## What does a good comment look like?

### The Best Comments Help Us Learn Something New

Can you tell me more about ...  
I wish I understood why ...  
I am curious about ...

### Be Positive and Build Each Other Up!

This was interesting to me because ...  
I think you did a great job because ...  
I really liked ... about your post.  
Have you thought of ...

### Always Be Curious and Respectful

What do you think about ...  
Your post reminded me that ...  
This is important to me because ...

## TOD Monday 24th April

On **Monday 24th April**, schools who are members of the Rotorua Central Kāhui Ako (RCKA) are coming together for a day of professional development.

**All kura within our Kāhui Ako will be closed to students on this day.**

Whakarewarewa School, Rotorua Girls High, Rotorua Boys High, Seventh Day Adventist, Malfroy Primary, **Otonga Primary**, Glenholme Primary, Ngakuru Primary, Rotorua Intermediate.



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023** in the Otonga school staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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## LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS

### School Library Books for Holiday Reading:

Records show we have 85 overdue Library books issued to students!

Children who **do not have** overdue books will be allowed to borrow books this week and return them after the school holidays.

### **Remember to keep your Children Reading during the school holidays:**

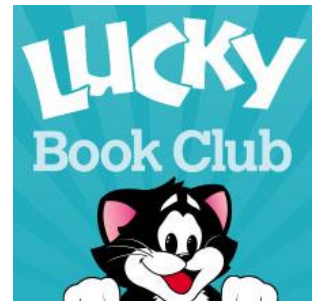
Here are some simple ways to help your children to keep reading:

- \* Make sure that their reading is fun and enjoyable.
- \* Little and often makes a big difference.
- \* Visit the public library together and check out the Public Library Holiday Programme .



### Scholastic Book Club Issue 2:

I have received the following communication from Scholastic Book Club apologising for the delay in delivery of the current Book Club orders. Please be assured that if our Otonga School order arrives before the end of Term it will be distributed to children promptly. Thank you for your understanding.



**SCHOLASTIC**  **Book Club**

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*"We're contacting you to apologise for a distribution issue with our Term 1 Offer 2 orders..*

*We received your order and were holding the release of the entire order, including items on backorder. However, due to freight issues out of our control, the back-ordered items have been delayed. As a consequence, we have a large number of backorders that will now be sent in the first week of Term 2.*

*All orders have now been released (minus their backorders), and our warehouse is working to dispatch them to you before the end of the term. However, some schools may only receive their orders when school returns.*

*We understand the disappointment and frustration that this will cause you and your students and we thank you for your patience.*

*We greatly appreciate the work you do in partnering with us to connect children with books and stories.*

*Regards and thanks,  
Scholastic Team*

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

*Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager*





## OTONGA SPORTS & COMPETITIONS – Registrations Now Open:

### HOCKEY

This notice is for all parents of children (year 1-6 boys and girls) who are interested in playing **Saturday morning hockey** this winter. The hockey season starts for **Mini and Maxi Grades on Saturday 6th May**, **Funsticks** is TBC, normally mid-June.



<b>Funsticks</b>	<b>Years 1-2:</b> This consists of 20-30 min skill sessions followed by four on four games on 1/8 of a turf	\$30 per person
<b>Mini</b>	<b>Years 3-4:</b> Six on six games (with subs) on quarter of a turf	\$60 per person
<b>Maxi</b>	<b>Years 5-6:</b> Six on six games (with subs) on half of a turf	\$75 per person

Each team requires a coach and a manager. **If no coaches and managers, then teams will not be registered.**

Please [click here](#) to read the important Hockey registration notice.

**Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by 9am Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April.**  
(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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Tee</b> Size 1/2 Chest (cm)	6yr 38	8yr 40	10yr 42	12yr 44	14yr 46	16yr 48	S 50	M 52	L 54	XL 56
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## DONATED BIKE - FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Children's Bicycle - Southern Star Bella Vista 18 Speed 24"  
Free to a good home. Contact the school office if you are interested.  
First in first served.



## LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be placed on the wall outside the school hall for families to check on Thursday this week.  
Any property not collected, by after school on Thursday, is being donated to the Red Cross.



## 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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| • <b>Legislation and Administration Policy</b> | Board review |
| • <b>Student Attendance</b>                    |              |
| • <b>Enrolment</b>                             |              |
| • <b>Privacy</b>                               | Board review |
| • <b>Official Information Requests</b>         | Board review |
| • <b>Uniform / Dress Code</b>                  |              |

## 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](mailto: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

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accredited  
WINZ subsidy  
available

**DAILY ACTIVITIES**  
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Creation Station  
Colour Station  
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For further details  
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[info.otonga@osprograms.co.nz](mailto:info.otonga@osprograms.co.nz)  
Otonga School Hall  
105 Otonga Road Springfield

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



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# REGISTRATIONS Closing Soon!

**Winter Football for boys and girls.**  
Registrations for Junior and Youth (5-19 years)

**Close Friday 31st March**

If you would like to register after this date, please email us. Registrations after this date will only be accepted if space is available in a team.



For further information and to register visit **[www.lakesfc.com](http://www.lakesfc.com)**  
Enquires to [office@lakesfc.co.nz](mailto:office@lakesfc.co.nz)

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