



OTONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura o Tihiōtonga Pānui



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"United by the four winds, we grow stronger together"
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Term 2 Diary:

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

28 Apr	Whole School Singing/Waiata 11:45am-12:30pm
02 May	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
10 May	Tackle Rugby 5's Clinic
11 May	Y5 Ako Kārearea - EPro8 Interschool Event
12 May	Hui a Kura
16 May	Rugby League 9's Y2 Ako Kiwi – Te Pui Kiwi Enclosure Trip 9:30am-12:30pm
19 May	Hui a Kura Pink Shirt Day
26 May	Whole School Singing/Waiata 11:45am-12:30pm
30 May	School Cross Country BOT Meeting 6pm Staffroom
02 Jun	Hui a Kura
05 Jun	King's Birthday – SCHOOL CLOSED
13 Jun	CBOP Cross Country Perform Educational Musicals Performance
16 Jun	Hui a Kura – Held by Y2 Ako Kiwi at 11:45am
20 Jun	BOP Cross Country Championships

Term 2 Diary Continued...

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23 Jun	Whole School Singing/Waiata 11:45am-12:30pm
27 Jun	Colour Fun Run BOT Meeting 6pm Staffroom
30 Jun	Hui a Kura Last Day of Term 2 – School closes at 3pm

Term Dates 2023:

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 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: 1 st Day of Term 1, 2024 (TBA)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – TERM 2 WEEK 1

Kia Ora Koutou,
Dear Parents & Caregivers

A warm welcome back for Term Two. It was fantastic to see our new and returning faces. Welcome to our new students. We know that your time at Te Kura o Tihiōtonga will be one filled with fun and learning.



As our school continues to grow, our aim is to offer the best learning experience we can for the children who live in Rotorua. We appreciate the support we get from our local community.

I would like to thank our teachers and volunteer parents who went to camp with our Ako Korimako Year 6 students. It was a huge success and everyone involved had lots of .

Looking forward to another awesome Term!

Chat soon,

Gareth Cunliffe



Introducing Our New Teachers in Room 8 New Entrant Class and Our New Caretaker:



Mrs Smith - Tēnā koutou Te Kura o Tihīōtonga, my name is Sophie Smith - Mrs Smith. I am so excited to become part of the whānau here at Otonga. I have taught a variety of ages and am looking forward to jumping into the fabulous Learning Through Play pedagogy already established here. I am married with two children, Archer is 3, and Maisy is 1. We love our Rotorua community and spending time in our marvellous natural environments (forest, lakes, bush). I look forward to creating fun learning experiences with your tamariki this year. Ngā mihi, Sophie.

WELCOME

Miss Brittany - Kia ora, my name is Brittany Eriksen. I am so excited to join the Otonga School family. I have been on maternity leave for a year after having my first baby. Along with my almost 12 month old son, Ottison, I have a lovely partner Darren and a cute little dog named Jeffery. I have vast experience working in Year 0-2 in different schools around NZ. I also enjoyed teaching in Abu Dhabi at an international school for three years. My passion in the classroom is art and making learning fun through play and movement. I am super excited to take on the Year 0 class in Term 2.



NAU MAI HAERE MAI



Mr Glenn Farnham - Hello to Otonga Primary School Students and Staff, my name is Glenn Farnham and I am super excited to join the team as the school's Caretaker. This is my first role in a school environment as my background has been predominantly in the hospitality industry as a maintenance supervisor for some large hotel chains. So I am really looking forward to the transition of fixing hotel rooms for classrooms. In my spare time, you will find me outdoors, either in my garden, on my mountain bike with my son Anthony, exploring as many tracks in the redwoods as we can, coaching football and supporting boy scouts as a Cub Leader. Next week, I am really looking forward to the

Rotorua Marathon where my brother and I will be competing alongside our mother. She will be running her 43rd consecutive Rotorua Marathon which is pretty impressive and awesome. Thank you to those that have already sent me welcoming messages and I really look forward to meeting you all and assisting positively with all your caretakers' needs. Did I say I was super excited...? See you all next week :) Glenn

Farewell to:

Whaea Jess has left Otonga School to take up a position at Mokoia Intermediate. We appreciate her contribution to Otonga School as an OSSG/PTA member over the years and more recently as a teacher. We wish her the best of luck for her new challenge.

Matua Dan has been our caretaker for Term 1. He has decided to leave Otonga School for family reasons. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his work during Term 1 at Otonga School.



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.

ROTORUA MINI MARATHON 2023

All our tamariki have been entered for this fun event. We will travel by bus arriving between 9:30am and 10:00am.

Date: Friday 5th May 2023

Time: Marshals briefing 9:15am, 10am first race starts

Venue: Energy Events Centre, Queens Drive, Rotorua

Event Schedule: (Note times are approximate and may change due to entries or weather conditions)

9:15am Marshal Briefing

10:00am Event start time

11:15am Prize Giving

All children will be separated into their year groups (year 1, year 2 etc.) and will be set off in waves of 50-75 children at a time.

Spectator Parking: Telly Tubby Hill field (via Memorial Drive) will be open for spectator parking ONLY until the first race kicks off and then it will be closed. There will be no parking available for spectators inside of the Energy Event Centre car park, one side is restricted to school bus drop-off and pick-ups and the other for schools to gather for the event.

OTONGA SPORTS & COMPETITIONS – Registrations Now Open:

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 Wednesday 3rd 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
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\$48



\$40

Tee Size	6yr	8yr	10yr	12yr	14yr	16yr	S	M	L	XL
1/2 Chest (cm)	28	40	42	44	46	48	52	56	60	64

Short Size	6yr	8yr	10yr	12yr	14yr	16yr	S	M	L	XL
1/2 Waist (cm)	26	28	30	32	34	36	40	44	48	52

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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**

SchoolDocs Policies and Procedures Instructions for Reviewers

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 2 review topics

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)

- Education Outside the Classroom Board review
- EOTC Planning and Review
- EOTC Risk Management
- EOTC Coordinator
- EOTC External Providers
- EOTC Staff Competence
- EOTC Event Categories
- EOTC Communicating with Parents

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.



COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTICES & SERVICES



Taekwondo Term #2/ 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, Malfroy Rd. Rotorua *
Fridays 6:30 to 7:20 pm (Beginners) & to 8 pm (colour belts)

Class/Term **Otonga school** Hall: **Start date: Monday 1st May 2023**

Class/Term **Westbrook school** Hall **Start date: Friday 28th April 2023**

Enrolment /Contact / Information:
Email: Taekwondo.Training.m@gmail.com
Text: 02040 797219



**Attending both sessions are highly recommended, however enrolling for one selected session is acceptable.
@ WTF style uniform can be purchased from online stores like Trademe or Budokan in lake road Rotorua.*

DONATION FROM EVERY ENTRY TO KIWI CONSERVATION ON MOKOIA ISLAND

ROTORUA RED STAG MARATHON

RUNWAY 5

SUNDAY 7 MAY | ROTORUA AIRPORT

THE 5KM AND RUNWAY 5 MILES WILL SPAN THE STRETCH OF THE ROTORUA AIRPORT RUNWAY AND FINISH ALONGSIDE THE DEPARTURE TERMINAL

TIME	KIDS MILE	ENTRY FEE	COMMUNITY MILE
From 12.30pm	12 and below	From \$10	Open to All

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Whānau Golf Fun Day

SPRINGFIELD GC | SUNDAY 7TH MAY | 3PM
\$20 PER WHĀNAU

Join us for the Futures Whānau Golf Day, where teams can be made up of a mix of mum, dad, siblings, or grandparents!

Team Golf is an excellent opportunity for young beginner golfers to get out on the course and play with friends. Play shortened holes as a team and enjoy a fun Whānau day out!

The It's OK relaxed rules ensure it's all about everyone having fun!

For more information or to register please contact:
Sam Kendall, sam.kendall@golfnz.org

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Working for FAMILIES

Even kids can't imagine the real difference financial support could make for their family.

Kids have big imaginations. So when asked how they'd spend an extra \$300 a week we got some very ambitious answers...

pheasant farms, diamond ring slides, a pumpkin-headed robot that will save the world, and plenty more.

While magical, we realised sometimes the most amazing dreams are actually the dreams children's families have for them.

That's why financial support for their future goes to you.

Working for Families payments help families busy raising the next generation.

Payments are based on your income, family circumstances and are available to qualifying families with dependent children 18 years or under.

Inland Revenue
Te Tari Taake

There are four types of Working for Families payments.

You may qualify for more than one payment type, depending on your personal situation.

Best start tax credit

A payment for families supporting a newborn baby.

If you qualify for Best Start you'll receive the payment until your child turns one - no matter what your family earns. You could continue to receive Best Start payments until your child turns three, but this will depend on what your family earns.

Best Start payments begin once paid parental leave finishes.

In-work tax credit

A payment for qualifying families who have some income from paid work each week, with no minimum hours of work required.

Like the family tax credit, this payment depends on how much your family earns.

If you're receiving an income-tested benefit or a student allowance you will not qualify for this payment.

Minimum family tax credit

A payment to make sure qualifying low-income families get a minimum level of income.

The parent, parents, or caregivers need to work a required number of hours for salary and wages.

A single parent must work at least 20 hours a week. In a two-parent family or other family structure, one or both parents between them must work at least 30 hours a week.

If you're receiving an income-tested benefit you will not qualify for this payment.

Family tax credit

A payment to help qualifying families with the costs of raising children.

This payment depends on how much your family earns, the number of dependent children you have, and any shared care arrangements.

If you receive an income-tested benefit you may also qualify for this payment. In this case, Work and Income will usually pay you the family tax credit.

To see if your family may qualify, check out the Working for Families calculator at ird.govt.nz/workingforfamilies - it only takes 5 minutes to complete.

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