



# 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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Newsletter No: 14

### Term 2 Diary:

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

19 May	Hui a Kura <b>Pink Shirt Day</b>
26 May	Whole School Singing/Waiata 11:45am-12:30pm
29 May	New Entrant – Cohort 4 – Starts School
30 May	School Cross Country BOT Meeting 6pm Staffroom
02 Jun	Hui a Kura
05 Jun	<b>King's Birthday – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
06 Jun	Rugby 5's
13 Jun	Central Schools 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
23 Jun	Whole School Singing/Waiata 11:45am-12:30pm <b>COLOUR FUN RUN</b>
27 Jun	BOT Meeting 6pm Staffroom
30 Jun	Hui a Kura Last Day of Term 2 – School closes at 3pm

### Term Dates 2023:

**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)

### New Entrant – Cohort Start Dates 2023:

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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – TERM 2 WEEK 4

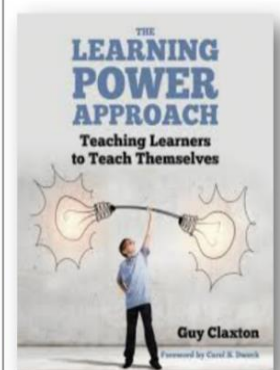
Kia Ora Koutou,  
Dear Parents & Caregivers

### Learning Dispositions and Year 6 Graduate Profile

**Dispositions** are our habits of thinking and doing.

**Curiosity is a disposition** - it is not a skill or knowledge but a tendency to respond to an experience in a certain way (Carr, 1997). (Curiosity relates to the urge to explain the unexpected, to resolve uncertainty, or the urge to know more.)

## Learning Dispositions



**Cognition**  
Education

Guy Claxton (2017) uses the Flowing River Analogy. On the surface of the river are the 'subjects' or 'contexts' (knowledge) In the middle of the river, the skills - numeracy, and literacies etc. that make sense of content. Deeper, less visible and slower moving are attitudes, dispositions and habits of mind that shape students' engagement with learning that are being formed.

Dispositions are also closely aligned with the **Key Competencies** of the NZ Curriculum which are: **Thinking, Relating to others, Using language, symbols, and texts, Managing self and Participating and contributing.**

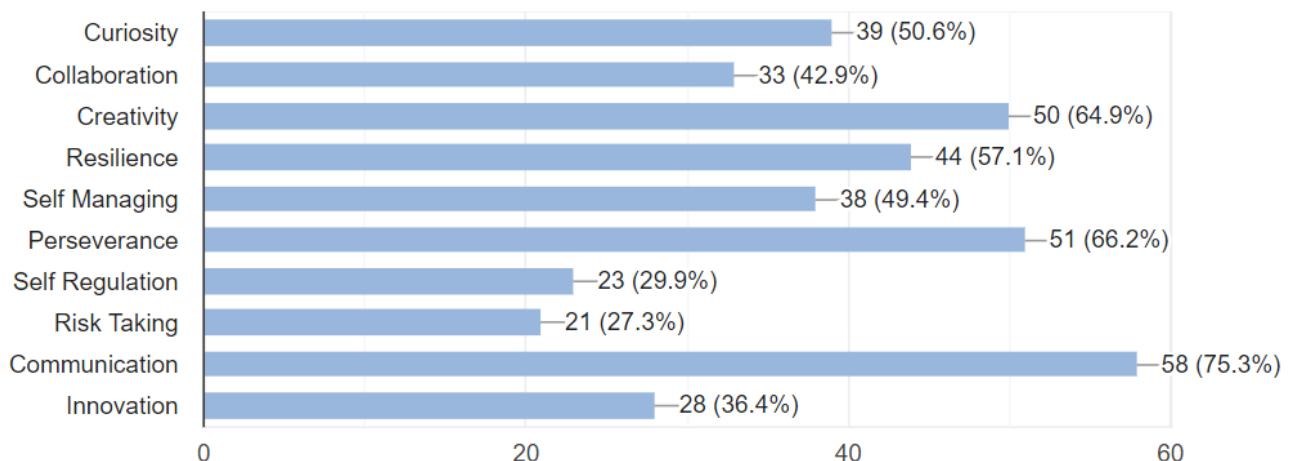
**These could be part of our Year 6 Graduate Student Profile** - the knowledge, skills, values and dispositions all of our students will build and develop as they embark on their learning journey through Otonga School.

- It is the point of difference of students at Otonga School.
- A 'toanga' gifted to the next school.
- Is directly related to our School Strategic Plan
- The aspiration is that by the end of Year 6 at Otonga School our students will live these.

During the Aug 2021 community collaboration, the following dispositions were identified and given feedback on:

Choose only 5 learning dispositions/habits below that you think are the most valuable for our students to learn at Otonga School?

77 responses



**We are in the process of reviewing what dispositions are particular to our students within our refreshed local curriculum design in order to bring our graduate student profile to life.**

**Please feel free to email me at [gcunliffe@otonga.school.nz](mailto:gcunliffe@otonga.school.nz) if you have any learning dispositions that you think are important and why.**

**Kind regards  
Mr G Cunliffe**



## ARRIVAL TIMES AT SCHOOL & BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

**Students may only come to school at 8:15am please** as any time before that creates a health and safety issue as there are no teachers available before this time unless in exceptional circumstances. Children will not be allowed into the classrooms until **after 8:15am**. Students arriving early need to be enrolled in before school care. If you need care before school, this service is provided in the hall. To enrol your child or for more information please contact **Leandri** on **027 348 7707** or email [otongasp@gmail.com](mailto:otongasp@gmail.com)



**OTONGA  
BEFORE SCHOOL CARE**

**Otonga Primary School Hall**

For further details, contact us:

**Leandri - 027 348 7707**

## DONATION THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to Carol and Norman Turner for their recent donation to the students and music class at our school. The Turners generously gifted a guitar that belonged to their girls, who have now grown up and moved on. They thought that our school would appreciate the guitar and put it to good use. Their thoughtful donation will have a lasting impact on our students, providing them with the opportunity to learn and grow their musical skills. The guitar will undoubtedly bring joy and inspiration to many.



## OTONGA SCHOOL PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended the Otonga School Support Group Annual General Meeting (AGM) last Thursday night. It was great to see a few new faces. During this meeting a new committee was adopted and so too was a change of name. Congratulations to the following people who are now the new Executive Committee of the **Otonga School PTA**:

Chairperson:	Karen Le Noel
Deputy Chairperson:	Michelle Tyler
Treasurer:	Kelly Watson
Secretary:	Alison Scott



If you are interested in joining the Otonga School PTA or learning more about our upcoming events and activities, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We welcome your participation and look forward to working together to support our students and school community. Please feel free to contact us on [OSSG@otonga.school.nz](mailto:OSSG@otonga.school.nz)

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS VOUCHERS



We would like to express our gratitude to Yohanes and St Pierre's Sushi Rotorua for their generous donation of Sushi Value of the Day vouchers for the recipients of our Principal's Awards. Their continued support is highly appreciated. Thank you.



PINK SHIRT DAY – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May



*Speak* UP  
**STAND TOGETHER  
STOP BULLYING**

KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

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**FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023**

JOIN THE MOVEMENT:

[WWW.PINKSHIRTDAY.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.PINKSHIRTDAY.ORG.NZ)

**#PINKSHIRTDAYNZ**



## OPPs (OTONGA PROGRESS PLANS) and 3WAY GOAL SETTING MEETINGS

We will be holding Otonga Progress Plans and 3Way Goal Setting Meetings with you and your child on:

**Wednesday 7th June 3:30-6:45pm - last booking at 6:30pm**

**Thursday 8th June 3:30-5:30pm - last booking at 5:15pm**

**Tuesday 13th June 3:30-6:45pm - last booking at 6:30pm**

Please log in at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/y2qea> to book your interview or scan the QR code.

Please note Room 20 will book directly with Mr Doyle on different days.

 School Interviews



## SCHOOL FUN RUN

Last Friday we launched our School Fun Run for 2023. Your child will have been given a letter and a sponsorship booklet to bring home. Please follow the instructions and create a profile and share, share, share! The class which creates the most profiles in the first week will get to run first on the event day. We hope you'll support our school and students in fundraising for shade sails and astroturf.

*Mr Neil Carrington, Assistant Principal*



**COLOUR FUN RUN**  
**Tuesday 27th JUNE**



## AUTHORSHIP

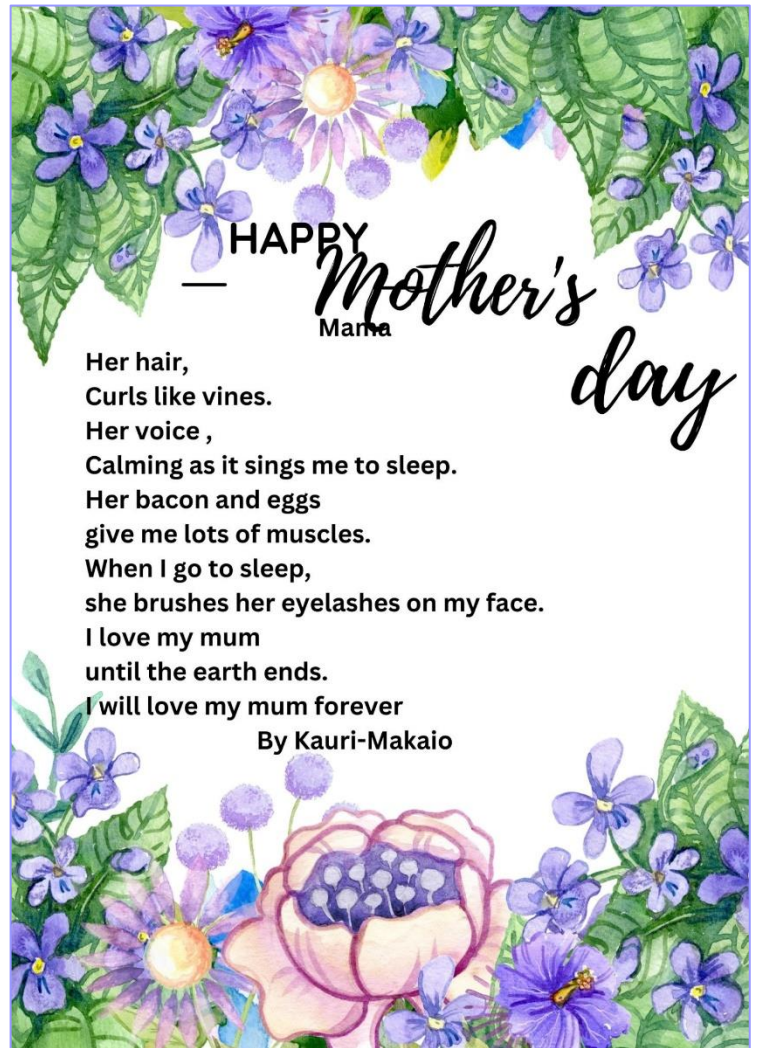
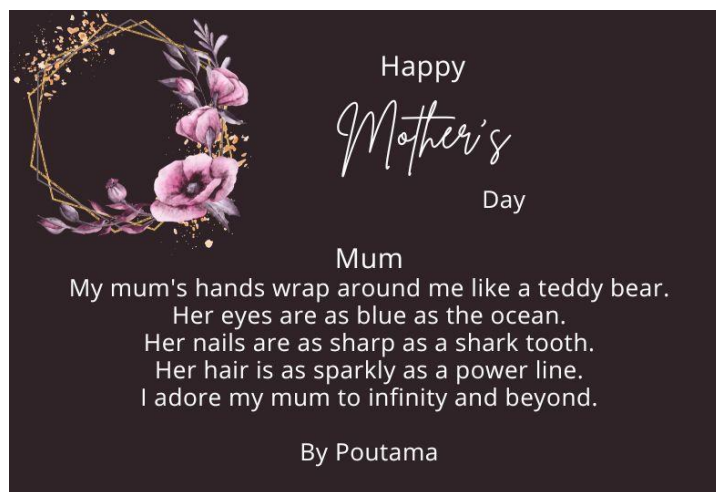
The 'Authorship' approach to teaching writing follows the Te whare tapa whā model.

### *Te whare tapa whā*

The holistic approach to learning and development provided by Te whare tapa whā allows us to use the unique cultural capital of students to improve literacy outcomes for all - particularly those at risk of underachieving. Learning should not only be about the intellect, but also our physical and social education, as well as our spiritual and mental well-being.

In the writers workshops in Room 21 children have been experimenting with activating nouns to produce these touching poems for Mother's Day. Please enjoy!

*Mrs Rebecca Scott*



# Wonderful Writing



## EPRO8 CHALLENGE

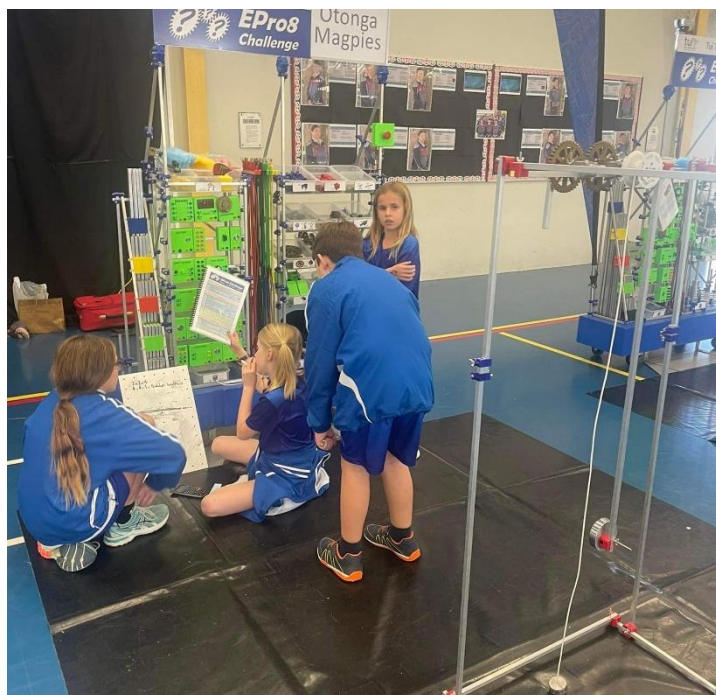
Congratulations to Otonga Magpies Y5 Team, Evie, Violet, Rohan and Nina. They won **1st place** at the Epro8 Inter School Competition last week! A fantastic achievement! Well done on making it through to the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Y5 & 6 Semi-finals finals on Thursday 25th May.

A big thank you parents for your support and to Mrs Bollard the Team Manager for all her organisation.

Epro8 is a competition that involves engineering, problem solving and innovation.

We wish the team the best of luck. Ka rawe!  
We are all very proud of you.

*Mrs Charity Bollard & Mrs Rebecca Scott*







# school banking



First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at Otonga School.

Getting started is easy - just pick up an application pack from the school office, complete the application attached and bring it in to First Credit Union Kawerau Branch along with your child's original birth certificate or passport. If your children are already doing school banking, remember that the school banking is collected on Wednesday each week.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES THROUGH LUNCHONLINE

# Otonga School Lunches

## St Andrews Bakery

Available **Mondays** only



## St Pierres Sushi

Available **EVERY** day

**Pita Pit** Available  
**Tuesdays to Fridays**



[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

Register at: [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://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

**Enquiries & Help – Phone: 0800 565 565 or Email: [info@lunchonline.co.nz](mailto:info@lunchonline.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**

### **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. Are you looking for a unique way to boost your business profile? 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 to take up this exclusive sponsorship opportunity.



## 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, Malfoy Rd. Rotorua \*  
**Fridays 6:30 to 7:20 pm (Beginners) & to 8 pm (colour belts)**

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

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

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**Enrolment /Contact / Information:**  
**Email:** [Taekwondo.Training.m@gmail.com](mailto: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.*







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PRESENTS

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7:00PM 27TH MAY

ADULTS \$20 - CONCESSIONS \$10

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR OR AT: [EVENTFINDA.CO.NZ](http://EVENTFINDA.CO.NZ)



## Whānau Golf Fun Day

LAKE VIEW GC | SUNDAY 4TH JUNE | 9:30AM  
\$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](mailto:sam.kendall@golfnz.org)



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## ROTORUA SCREEN ACTING CLASSES

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INTERMEDIATES 9-12yrs / 3.45pm to 5pm  
COST / \$140 per student for the term (GST incl.)

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