



OTONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura o Tihitōtonga 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 2 Diary:

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

29 May	New Entrant – Cohort 4 – Starts School
30 May	School Cross Country
	BOT Meeting
02 Jun	Hui a Kura
05 Jun	King's Birthday – SCHOOL CLOSED
06 Jun	Rugby Tackle 5's
13 Jun	Central Schools Cross Country
	Perform Educational Musicals Performance
16 Jun	Hui a Kura
20 Jun	BOP Cross Country Championships
23 Jun	School Disco
27 Jun	COLOUR FUN RUN
	BOT Meeting
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 5

Kia Ora Koutou,
Dear Parents & Caregivers

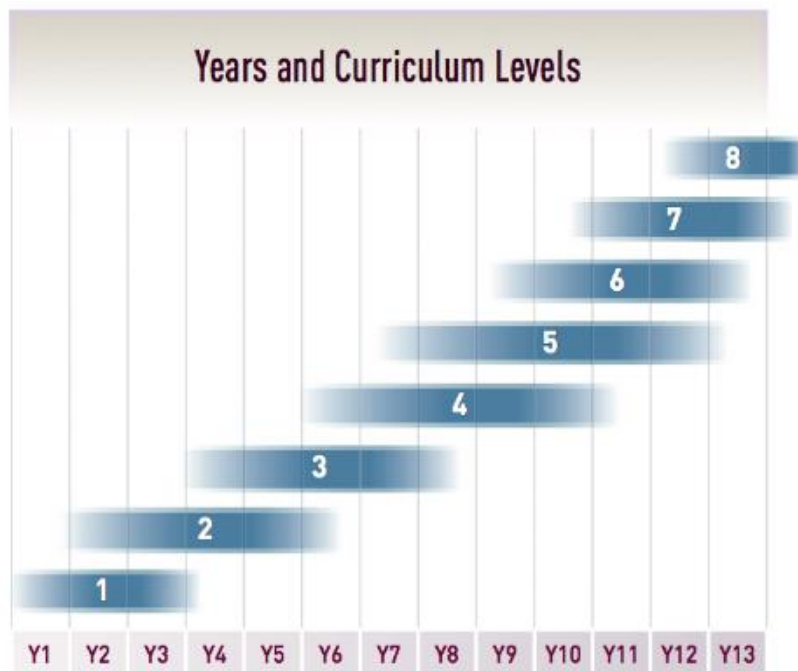
Mid-Year Reporting On Progress And Achievement

The PaCT (Progress and Consistency Tool) is a tool designed to help teachers make dependable judgments about students' achievement that can be used to track **progress** in reading, writing, and mathematics.

Most students will receive a PaCT Progress Report for reading, writing and maths by the end of this week. Some students (mainly in Year 0/1) will not receive PaCT reports and their judgements on some of the aspects have not been confirmed. Remember that the NZ Curriculum allows 2 years for students to settle into school and 2 years per curriculum level.

If you have any further questions about this reporting, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher first, the Ako leader or Mr Carrington who is our AP for Curriculum.

At the Otonga Progress Plan (OPP) meetings in two weeks time, parents will have an opportunity to discuss learning progress with the student and teacher. Progress plans will be updated and shared on SeeSaw on Friday 2nd June 2023. The SeeSaw Platform sits alongside these as the evidence for learning.



Reading Your Child's Mid-Year 'PaCT' Curriculum Progress Reports

The student progress reports provide comprehensive information about a student's achievement and progress in relation to the NZ Curriculum that is useful for conversations about student learning.

Our mid-year reports for 2023 consist of a Curriculum Progress Report for reading, writing and mathematics. The diagrams below will help you to read this report and gain an understanding of the curriculum level your child is working at in these areas.



1a highlights the whisker **I** and shows your child's current achievement. This is also stated in **1a**.

1b highlights the solid grey line that indicates the expected NZ Curriculum level of students as they move through their schooling from Level 1-5.

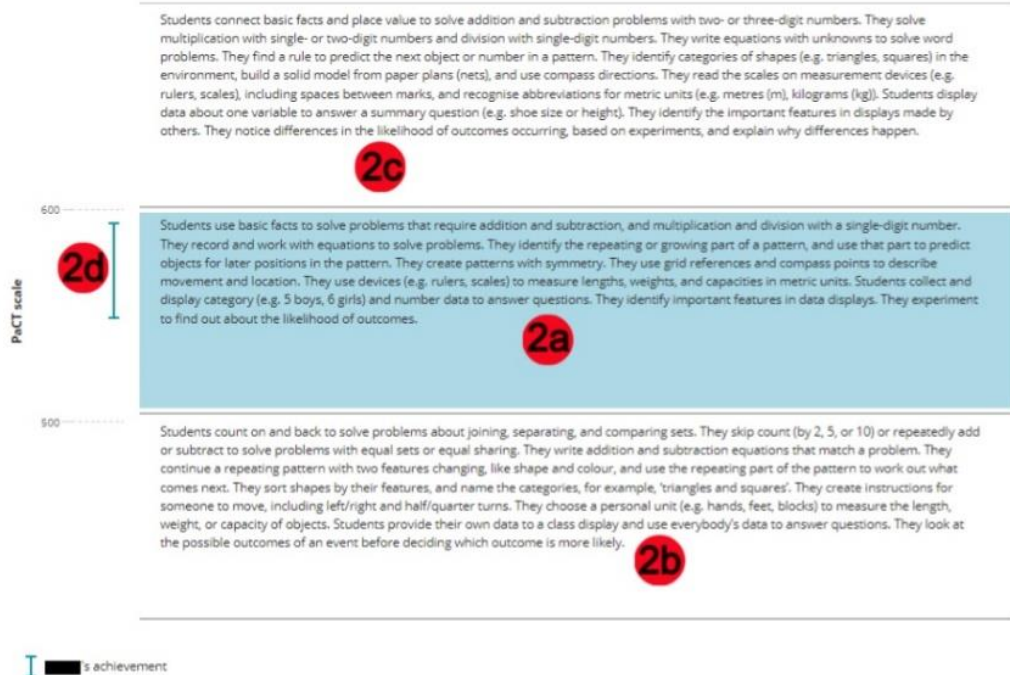
1c highlights the scale that is associated with a 'best-fit' curriculum level. When a judgement is made, a score is generated indicating the curriculum level a child is working in.

The Progress and Consistency Tool uses this score to generate a summary of what students can typically do at this level and some of the learning behaviours teachers would have observed from a student when making a judgement.

2a describes the child's learning behaviours and how they may approach different learning tasks
2b indicates skills and knowledge already mastered and the section above - **2c** is an indication of their possible next steps
2d indicates where in the level your child is working - the higher up in that band your child is, the closer to achieving the next curriculum level they are

Describing progress: Mathematics

Short descriptions have been written to summarise what students can usually do when they achieve at different parts of the PaCT scale. The table below shows the descriptions for the part of the scale where [redacted] is achieving.



Enjoy the rest of your week.

Kind regards
Mr G Cunliffe

MUD KITCHEN DONATIONS NEEDED

Help Us Cook Up Fun! Donate Your Old Hardy Kitchen Equipment for Year 2 Ako Kiwi's Mud Kitchen! We kindly ask for your support in donating any old, hardy kitchen equipment you may have laying around. We're specifically looking for pots, pans, containers, utensils, and other items that can withstand the joys of outdoor cooking. Your generous donations will enable our students to explore the wonders of food preparation while fostering their imagination and teamwork skills. Please drop off your contributions at the school office. Let's join together and make Year 2 Ako Kiwi's Mud Kitchen a place where memories are created, skills are honed, and friendships are forged. Thank you for your support!



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



**OTONGA
BEFORE SCHOOL CARE**

Otonga Primary School Hall

For further details, contact us:

Leandri - 027 348 7707

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - Tuesday 30th May 2023 (Postponement date: Thursday 1st June)

Timetable

10:30am-12:30pm – Senior and Middle school

11 year old boys and girls
10 year old boys
10 year old girls
9 year old boys
9 year old girls
8 year old boys
8 year old girls
7 year old boys (Middle school)
7 year old girls (Middle school)

Age as of Term 2, Thursday 27th April 2023

First 8 boys and first 8 girls in the ages 8-11 will be recorded and first 6 will be entered into inter-school cross country (2 reserves). First 3 in all ages will receive a place certificate. These will be presented when all runners have returned, time permitting.

Timetable

1:30-2:30pm – Junior school

Year 2 boys
Year 2 Girls
Year 0/1 Boys
Year 0/1 Girls

First 3 in all year groups will receive a place certificate. These will be presented when all runners have returned.



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

Keep up the great work sharing your child's School Fun Run for 2023 profile! Every little bit helps towards fundraising for shade sails and astroturf for our school.

Mr Neil Carrington, Assistant Principal



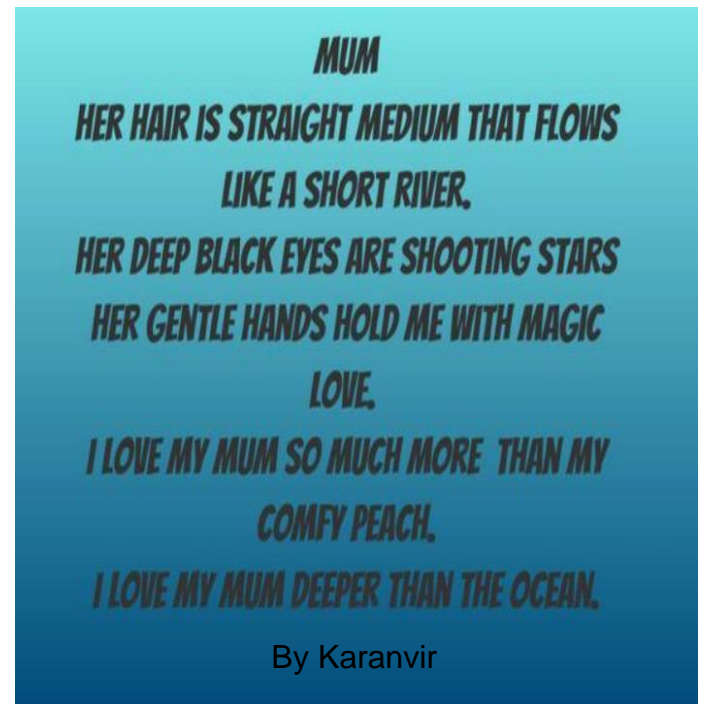
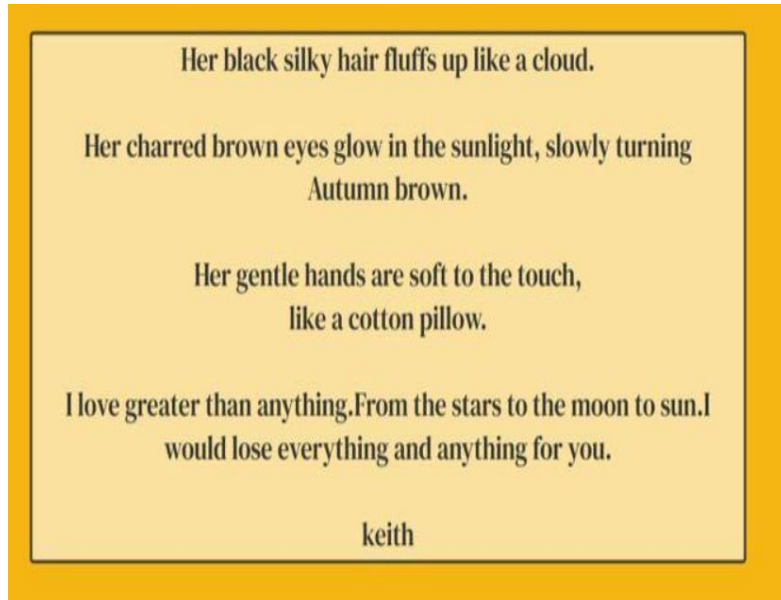
COLOUR FUN RUN
Tuesday 27th JUNE

AUTHORSHIP

Through the authorship approach our teachers are helping to guide students to produce rich, vivid and sincere writing in which they have stretched to communicate with passion and precision, across the curriculum. Most importantly our learners are intrinsically motivated, connected to self, environment and to society.

Please enjoy Room 22 beautiful pieces this week. They have been learning to activate nouns to help visualise words.

Mrs Rebecca Scott

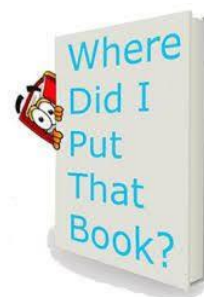


Awesome Authorship

LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

Overdue Library Books:

Reminder lists will be circulated to Borrowers this week. Please also return any school readers you may find at home. Thank you everyone for your assistance in keeping overdue books to a minimum.



Scholastic Book Club:

Issue 4 brochures will be circulated to classrooms this week and orders close on **Tuesday 6th June**. Offer 4 is packed with many new titles, with a range of books on special offer (look for the red button displaying the price).

Ordering Online: All information for Parents/Caregivers is on the Scholastic website www.scholastic.co.nz. 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).


Book Club LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

 GET IT ON
Google play

 Download on the
App Store

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



OTONGA SPORTS & COMPETITIONS – Registrations Now Open:

Golf Fun Day

Available to **year 1-6** boys and girls. Held on Wednesday 21st June 2023 at Lake View 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 player

Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by 3pm Wednesday 14th June.
(No late entries will be accepted)





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 Rotorua 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



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

Enquiries & Help – Phone: 0800 565 565 or Email: 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

DONATE CLEAN, EXCELLENT
CONDITION OR NEW PYJAMAS

OR

MAKE A DONATION SO WE
CAN PURCHASE NEW
PYJAMAS

MAY / JUNE 2023

**PYJAMA
DRIVE**

IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S REFUGE



Soroptimist International Rotorua





CHRISTOPHER EVEREST
PRESENTS

SOUNDS OF HOME

Featuring works by NZ Composers:
Ritchie, Young, Paine, Farguhar,
and more...

ROTORUA

ST LUKES ANGLICAN CHURCH

7:00PM 27TH MAY

ADULTS \$20 - CONCESSIONS \$10

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR OR AT: 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



Central Kids

We all grow together

Ka tūpu kotahi tātou

Jackson Park Kindergarten

HOURS AND FEES

Monday - Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm

ALL TAMARIKI WELCOME
2 years - school age

\$5 per hour (after
government entitlements)
+ extra support available

ENROL NOW!

We have spaces available for your
tamariki to start right away.

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Nau mai, haere mai
Call in and see us today!



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LEARN TO MARCH



Whether you're aged 7, 27 or 57, marching could be the sport for you.
Come along and take part in our free Learn to March Programme.

No experience needed and no obligation to join.

Register your interest today for more details.



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