



OTONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura o Tihitōtonga 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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Date: 13th June 2023

Newsletter No: 18

Term 2 Diary:

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

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| 13 Jun | Central Schools Cross Country
Perform Educational Musicals Performances
OPP – Goal Setting Meetings 3:30-6:45pm |
| 16 Jun | Hui a Kura |
| 19 Jun | Y2 Ako Kiwi - R11 Library/Museum Trip
9:30-11am
Y2 Ako Kiwi - R12 Library/Museum Trip
12:30-2pm |
| 20 Jun | BOP Cross Country Championships
Y6 Ako Korimako - R21 Canopy Tours
8:30am-12pm
Y2 Ako Kiwi - R13 Library/Museum Trip
9:30-11am
Y2 Ako Kiwi - R14 Library/Museum Trip
12:30-2pm |
| 21 Jun | Y6 Ako Korimako - R20 Canopy Tours
8:30am-12pm |
| 22 Jun | Y6 Ako Korimako - R22 Canopy Tours
8:30am-12pm
Y5 Ako Kārearea – R19 Te Paepaehakumanu
Government Gardens 9:30am-11:30am
Y4 Ako Kereru – Te Puia Trip 9:45am-12:30pm |

Term 2 Diary – Continued...

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| 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
(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:

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| 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 8

Otonga School Community Collaboration June 2023

This survey is designed to offer you, our school community, an opportunity to be involved in the future direction and development of our school strategic plan.

You will be asked to respond to some statements about the learning culture and environment of our school.

We encourage you to add comments which will help us gain a better understanding of your thoughts and feedback. This will be collated and included in the school newsletter when received.

The Statement of National Education and Learning Priorities (NELPs) has informed this consultation. These are issued under the Education and Training Act 2020. The NELP must be consistent with the objectives for education. These are: helping children and young people to attain their educational potential; preparing young people for participation in civic and community life and for work, and promoting resilience, determination, confidence, creative and critical thinking, good social skills and the ability to form good relationships; and helping children and young people to appreciate diversity, inclusion and Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Your responses will provide a clear indication of our current strengths and areas for development.

On completion, you can opt in to be placed in the draw to win one of two \$50 gift vouchers. There is also a class prize for the room that has the most returns. **Survey closes 22 June.**

Please notify your teacher if you have completed the survey. The link will be sent via email and SeeSaw.



Matua Matt Sheard in Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap'

See our talented music teacher Matua Matthew Sheard in Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap' at the [Shambles Theatre](#) from June 11 to June 24. [Tickets available from Eventfinda.](#)

"It would be a criminal act to miss out"

- [Rotorua Daily Post - Review: Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap at Shambles Theatre](#)



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



**OTONGA
BEFORE SCHOOL CARE**

Otonga Primary School Hall

For further details, contact us:

Leandri - 027 348 7707

HELPERS NEEDED - SAUSAGE SIZZLE Thursday 29th June

We need 3-4 more people to help prep and cook sausages for the sizzle on **Thursday 29th June between 9am-12:30pm**. We would appreciate any help that you could offer – even if it was a 30min - 1hr interval.

If you can help at all please leave your details with the office or message us at on the Otonga School Facebook page. Thank you!



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!



Otonga School

PAJAMA PARTY DISCO

Friday 23rd June

Year 1-3
5.30-6.30

Year 4-6
6.45 - 7.45

\$2 ENTRY



Chips - \$1
Glow Sticks 3 for \$1
Chocolate \$2
Sausage Sizzle \$2



Please remember your permission slip on the night.

AUTHORSHIP – Hokey Pokey

In Room 03 we have been learning to start with the action in our stories, we call them sizzling starters. This week we made hokey pokey, enjoy these examples from Room 3 describing their experience of making hokey pokey.

Rebecca Scott, Y4-6 Literacy Co-ordinator

Hokey Pokey

The hot caramel bubbled as the sugar and golden Syrup boiled. It was crunchy and hard on the outside, it was so yum. It smelled like caramel it tasted like a crunchy caramel bar. When Whaea Nadia cut it it cracked apart like a meteor crashing down to earth. Making Hokey Pokey was fun!

By Hunter Bedford



Hot Hot Hokey Pokey

The hot golden and gooey substance bubbled while we were all struggling to get to the front to see it boil, Whaea Nadia poured the baking soda in, it expanded and turned white it smelt pungent of caramel. She poured it in a pan it looked like the hot lava pouring out of a volcano, we left it to cool. We came back and saw it, it was hard like a rock and it looked tan in colour. Whaea Nadia cut it up. We got one piece each and took a bite it was the texture of pumice and it tasted like caramel. It was hard on the outside and soft on the inside. It was the best hokey pokey I had ever tried.

By Teddy Sharp

Crunchy Hokey Pokey

The hot caramel gurgled as it cooked on the extremely hot stove. It was crunchy and sticky and tasted like coffee and it sizzled and smelt like brown sugar. We made hokey pokey with Whaea Nadia. It taste weird in my mouth it was sticky and crunchy. I will make it myself with some help but when I'm older I will make some for my own kids.

By Carly Perham

THE HOT HOKEY POKEY

The hot caramel bubbled and smouldered for four minutes on the hot stove. When the baking soda was poured in it expanded so BIG. It smelled like maple syrup on a pancake. It turned hard like a rock. At the end we got to eat it. When we ate it I felt so happy.



By Benjamin Pahl



Awesome Authorship

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)



CALLING ALL YOUNG PERFORMERS! JOIN KAPA HAKA FUN AT OTONGA SCHOOL!

Are you ready to experience the vibrant rhythms, exhilarating moves, and captivating Māori culture? Look no further! We're thrilled to announce the start of our kapa haka program, specifically designed for our awesome students in Years 1 to 3!

When: Every Wednesday during lunchtime

Time: 12:30 – 1:00 pm

Location: Otonga School Hall

Our incredible instructors, Whaea Sheena and Whaea Adelle, will be leading the way as they introduce your children to the beauty and excitement of kapa haka. This unique opportunity is open to all Year 1-3 students who are eager to explore the rich traditions of our Māori heritage through song, dance, and storytelling. Whether your child is a seasoned performer or simply curious about kapa haka, this is the perfect chance for them to learn, grow, and have an absolute blast! The benefits of kapa haka extend beyond cultural appreciation; it also promotes teamwork, self-expression, and confidence-building.

Calling for Whānau Support

We firmly believe that the success of our kapa haka program relies on the wonderful support and involvement of our Whānau. If you're passionate about preserving our cultural traditions and would like to contribute in any way, we invite you to get in touch with our dedicated kapa haka coordinator, Whaea Sheena. **Email:** ssearle@otonga.school.nz

By reaching out to Whaea Sheena, you can offer assistance, share your expertise, or even express your interest in attending performances and cheering on our talented young performers. Your involvement will help make this kapa haka journey truly unforgettable for our students.

So, let the rhythmic beats and vibrant chants bring joy and unity to our Otonga School community! We can't wait to see our little stars shine as they immerse themselves in the magic of kapa haka. Noho ora mai.

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

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

RGHS Childcare Trust

Spaces available now for
over two years olds
Hours 7:45 to 5:00
Ph: 07 347 7488
Email:
rghschildcare@extra.co.nz
15 Miro Street, Westend

- * Quality childcare at an affordable price
- * All kaiako fully qualified
- * Community based not for profit centre
- * Play based learning



After School Painting, Illustrating and Mosaic Classes With Janet Keen

Thursdays: 3.30pm to 4.30pm or 4.35pm to 5.35pm. Enrolling new people now. Ages 7 and upwards welcome. Adults at kids prices. 374 Clayton Road, Rotorua. Text Janet on 027 3513887 for more details.
Email: janet@jkeen.net

Lost Cat



Sophie

Not seen since the afternoon on the
4th of June around Wychwood
Crescent.

Friendly and inquisitive, may be
hiding in garages or sheds.

**PLEASE CALL US AT
0210441421**

A fundraiser event

WOMEN IN OPERA CONCERT

Includes

Concert | Light Luncheon | Auction

18.06.2023 | 12PM NOON | LONGFORDS ESTATE

TICKETS \$50 INCLUDES CONCERT, LIGHT LUNCHEON
LIMITED TO 100 TICKETS
TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED NO LATER THAN 11TH
JUNE

For TICKETS
efcarrington@gmail.com



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!**



**Pasifika IN THE BAY TRUST
PRESENTS**

PASIFIKA FESTIVAL IN THE BAY 2023

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**SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER
FROM 10 AM
MOUNT MAUNGANUI COLLEGE**

**PERFORMANCES
ACTIVITIES
FOOD**