



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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Date: 21st June 2023

Newsletter No: 19

Term 2 Diary:

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

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
23 Jun	School Disco
27 Jun	 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:

TERM 3 Cohort 5: Mon 17th July
Cohort 6: Mon 21st August
TERM 4 Cohort 7: Mon 9th October
Cohort 8: 1st Day of Term 1, 2024 (TBA)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – TERM 2 WEEK 9

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Otonga School has, as usual, been a hive of activity over the past week.

Our OPP Meetings were attended by the majority of parents. This is a good opportunity to celebrate progress and achievement as well as set new learning goals for the next half of 2023. Remember that you have a number of ways to contact your teachers if needs be.

Many keen tamariki are taking part in our Winter sports codes and having fun while doing so. It is so awesome to see our children playing in teams with their friends and experiencing success while doing so.



Teachers have also been undergoing PLD on [Te Mātaiaho](#), The NZ Curriculum Refresh. This, along with the [Aotearoa NZ Histories](#) is the beginning of more new learning for us. The teaching staff have embraced this and so you can look forward to seeing this rich learning come to the fore in Term 3 and 4.



Community Collaboration Survey results are coming in nicely and we will be collating the results and then looking forward to celebrating these with you as well as next steps.

Please check out our [new school website](#). It is still a work in progress but looking good so far!



You're invited! We warmly invite all our Otonga parents to join us for an **information evening on Wed 28th June at 6pm** to learn more about the fantastic learning we do at kura.

Please RSVP to kweller@otonga.school.nz by Friday 23rd for catering purposes. See you there!

Thank you to our parents who appreciate and respect us as people, value what we do for our children, and trust us as professional leaders. It is much appreciated. It is this partnership and people like you who make all of our hard work worthwhile in creating the best learning environment for your tamariki.

Gareth Cunliffe



A poster for the 'Learning at Otonga Primary' information evening. The background is light blue with a grid pattern. At the top, there are icons of a book, a pencil, the school logo, and a cartoon boy. The title 'Learning at Otonga Primary' is in a large, dark blue, cursive font, followed by 'Wednesday 28th June 6pm' in a similar font. Below the title, the text reads: 'We would like to invite you to an informative session about Learning at Otonga Primary! This is a fantastic opportunity to communicate about our learning programs across our kura and what we offer at our school'. The poster lists several topics: 'NZ Curriculum/Mātaiaho Curriculum Refresh and our Local Curriculum', 'Learning Progressions Framework (Understanding Progress) as the Formative Curriculum/Learning', 'Otonga Progress Plans, SeeSaw and PaCT as Assessment for Learning', 'Learning Through Play Pedagogy (P-BLOT) Tool', and 'Learning across each Ako Team as well as other initiatives (Te Reo and Structured Literacy etc)'. At the bottom, it says 'Please RSVP to kweller@otonga.school.nz by Friday 23rd June (catering purposes)'. There are also icons of a pencil, a ruler, a book, and a cartoon girl on the sides.

SCHOOL FUN RUN

Not long to go now Otonga! Keep up those fundraising efforts up! Remember the class with the most money raised gets pizza and the individual who raises the most money gets to be Principal for the day!!!

Mr Neil Carrington, Assistant Principal

**Tuesday
27th JUNE**



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!



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 or after 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 info.otonga@osprograms.co.nz



LOST PROPERTY

Please check out the lost property in the Lost Property shed, beside the school library. All items will be out on display for parents and students to view each day next week (weather permitting). Any clothing still here at the end of the term will be donated to families in need, in Rotorua.

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

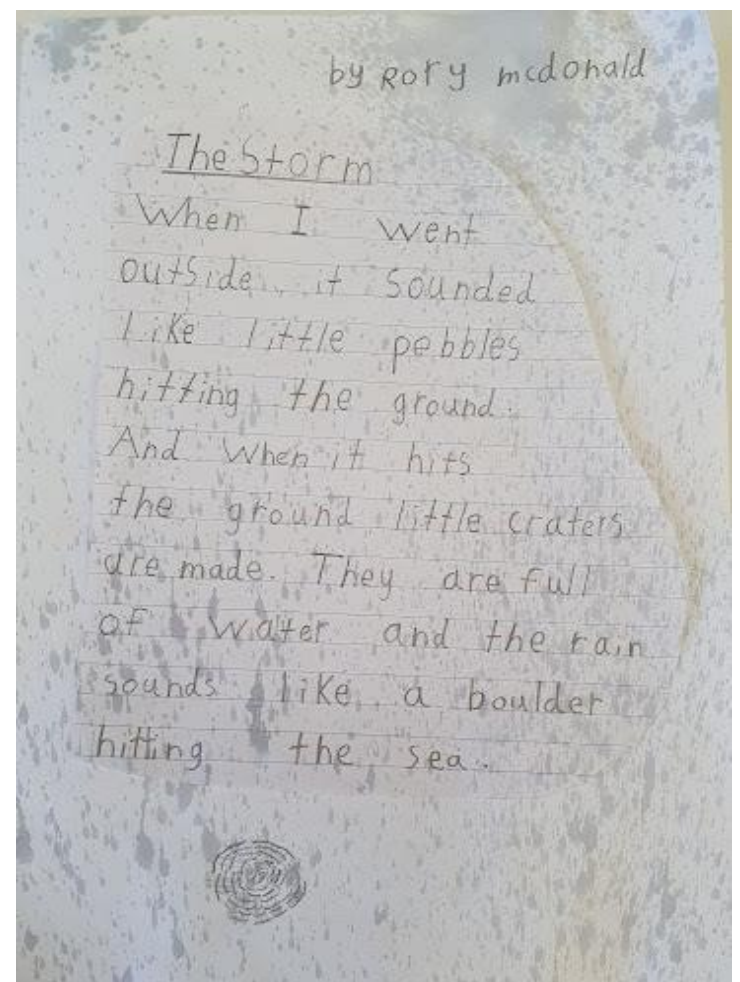
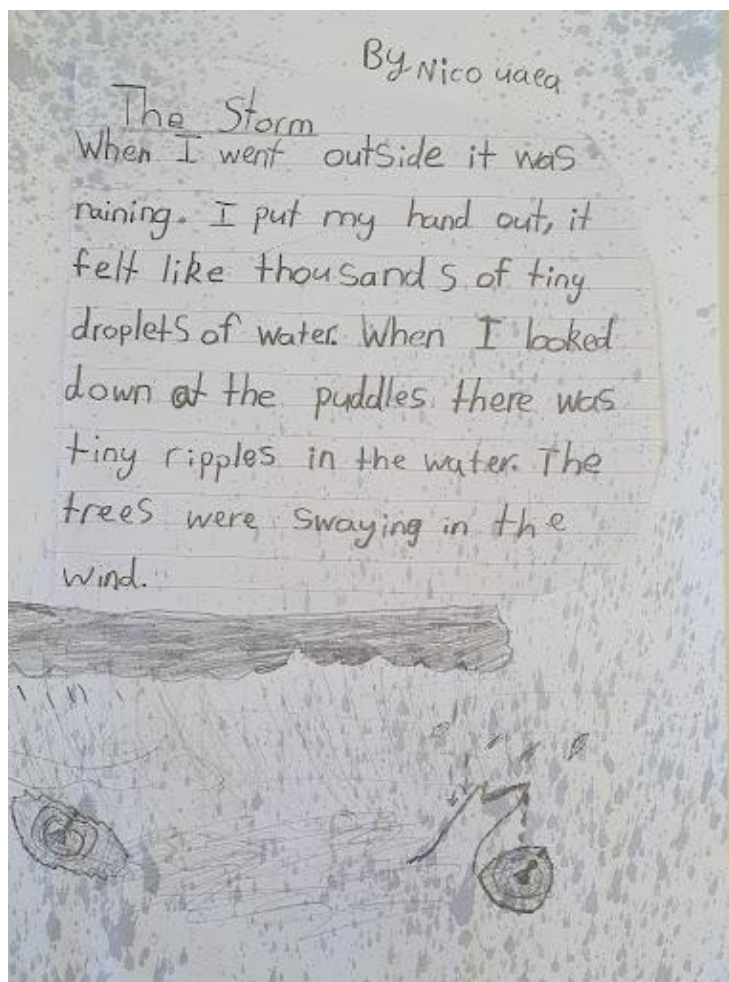
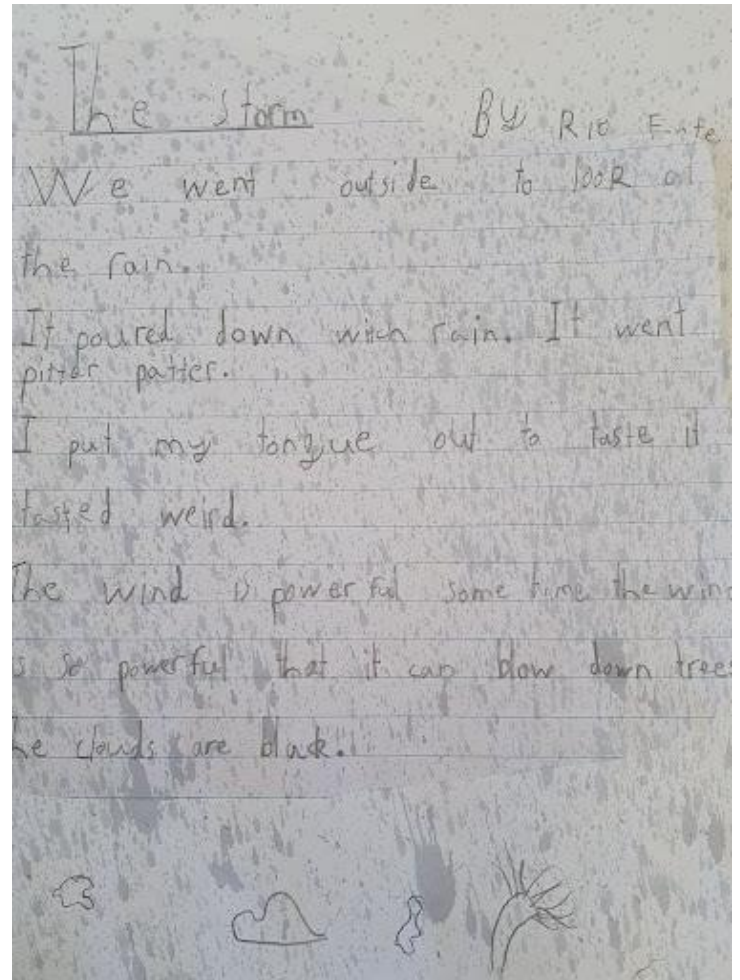
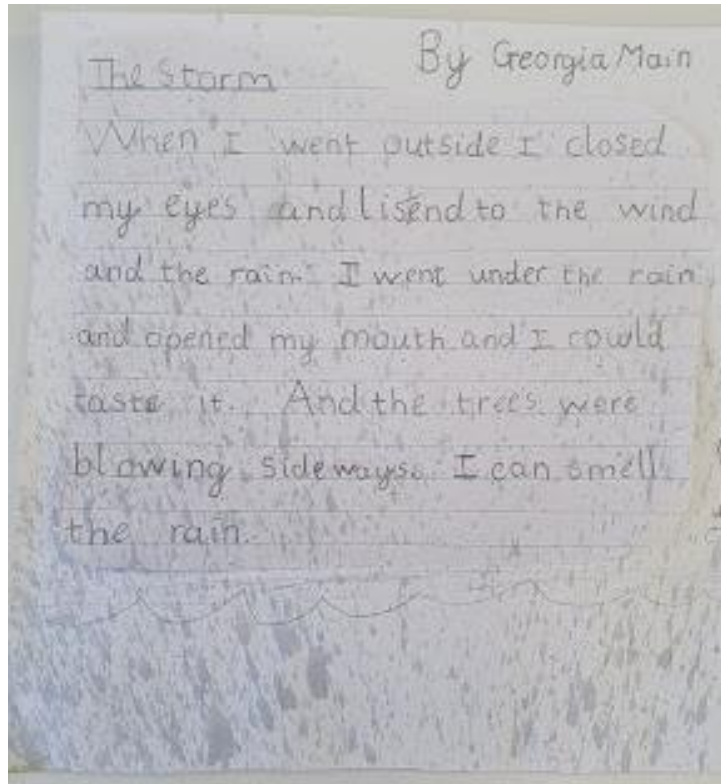


Please remember your permission slip on the night.

AUTHORSHIP – Room 1

Room 1 is learning to notice and record small details in their experiences. We went out and watched the storm outside our classroom. We watched, smelt, felt and thought about the storm. Then we wrote our thoughts, sketched, then sprayed with dye!

Rebecca Scott, Y4-6 Literacy Co-ordinator



LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS

Perform Education Music Show – Story Quest

On Tuesday 13th the whole school had the opportunity to attend a Perform Education Musical Show 'Story Quest'. This was a great performance, very entertaining, fun, engaging and interactive with the children. The Actors' energy & enthusiasm was inspiring & showed the children that books can come alive in your imagination. A real hit with both students and staff.



Gratitude Stars for Matariki

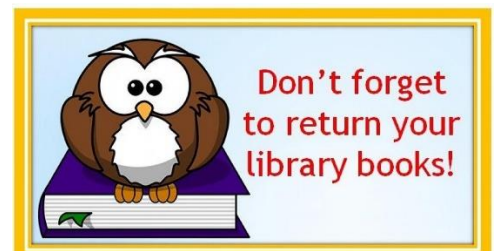
We had a busy day in the hub yesterday, with over 20 children colouring in their Gratitude Stars for Matariki. They first coloured them in, then thought about what they are most grateful for. "Family", "My Teacher", "The Library", and even "My Mum" (for giving me WiFi). 😊



Overdue Library Books

'Overdue Borrower' reminder lists will be circulated to classrooms this week, if your child comes home with a reminder, please encourage them to return the book asap. If children have an overdue book, they will not be allowed to borrow a book next week for reading during the school holidays. Thank you.

Mrs Atkinson, Library Manager



2023 Rotorua Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

Cost: \$35 per student (includes bus & event entry)

Course: 1.5km for school years 3 & 4 and
3km for school years 5 & 6

Entries Close: Friday 11th August at 9am

Please [click here](#) to read the registration notice for this event, which includes important information on what to wear and bring, when to arrive at school in order to catch the event bus on time, how to register & pay via Kindo and the 'Waiver & Release Statement' which needs to be agreed to in order for your child to compete.

Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by 9am Friday 11th August.
(No late entries will be accepted).

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Kia ora Otonga After School Care Programme whanau,

After 32 years your after school care programme is changing hands! This panui is firstly to say thank you for your support and to let you know “it will be business as usual.” Our long- serving supervisor, Sharon Mear, and our newer assistant supervisor, Karen Hansen-Daniels, will continue to lead the daily programme with the help of our high school student staff.

Leandri van Staden from Otonga School Programs (before school and holidays) will take over the business from Monday June 26th. The last week of term 2 will give us a chance to hand over to Leandri who is also accredited and experienced in this mahi.

OASCP has been a special part of the community since inception and has enjoyed the support of three principals: Reg Nimmo, Linda Woon and now, Gareth Cunliffe, not to mention hundreds of families. I would also like to acknowledge Jean Gittins who was our original supervisor. The programme has a proud record of service to the Otago community. This panui is going to over 80 families currently. However now is the time to fully retire and happily hand the baton to Leandri.

All fees owing as of the end of day on Friday June 23rd must be paid into the existing bank account:

Otonga After School Care Programme 06-0413-0313961-00
Sharon will have all outstanding accounts available to you. Please check with her. The phone number will remain the same: 027 486 6148

From the last week of term onwards (Monday June 26th) fees will be paid to: Otonga School Programs
ANZ account: 06-0413- 0950290-00
Leandri will have information for you in the Otonga School weekly panui.

I'm very grateful for the opportunity to have connected with so many wonderful people and to have helped you and your whanau with the care of your tamariki in after school hours.

All the very best to our awesome school, to you and yours.

Nga mihi
Robyn Cowley
robyn.cowley@xtra.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



Sorooptimist International Rotorua

HOLIDAY ARTS ACADEMY

**TWO WEEKS OF ARTIST-TAUGHT HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES FOR CREATIVE 8-12 YEAR OLDS**

Week One: 4 - 7 July

- **Tuesday 4th July:** Bring and Bling
- **Wednesday 5th July:** DIY Dye
- **Thursday 6th July:** Potatoes Potatoes
- **Friday 7th July:** Take a walk on the Wild side

Week Two: 11- 13 July

- **Tuesday 11th July:** Bug Inn
- **Wednesday 12th July:** Try- Dye
- **Thursday 13th July:** Maskariki
- No programme on Friday 14th July for Matariki

Let's get creative!

There will be outdoor games during lunch, lots of extra activities, and freestyle art making every day!

JULY 2023
Taught by local artist Jane Rotherham

Runs Tuesday to Friday
9am - 3pm each day
12:1 Supervision Ratio
Cost: \$30 per child, per day
Materials provided

Sign up online:
www.artsvillage.org.nz/HAA
or visit us at the village!

 The ARTS VILLAGE

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

Missing Cat



This is Lady. Lady went missing sometime on Saturday afternoon 17 June from Springfield area. She is estimated to be between 12 and 18 months old. She has been chipped, is very much loved and very very missed. She is very shy of people she doesn't know and may be hiding from something that frightened her. Could you please check your sheds and garages.

Please contact me on 0276331284 if sighted

TE PŌ KITAKITA

A MATARIKI CELEBRATION



Thursday 13th July,
5:30pm - 8:30pm

Art Activities, Music, Stories, and Kai.
Celebrate Matariki with us!



Central Kids

We all grow together

Kā tūpu kōhāhi 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.

CONTACT US



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



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