



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: 26th July 2023

Newsletter No: 22

Term 3 Diary:

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

24-26 Jul	Y1-3 Crossing Education
28 Jul	Hui a Kura 11:45am-12:20pm – Hosted by Room 2 Ako Kererū
2-4 Aug	Y5 Ako Kārearea - Marae Noho
3 Aug	CBOP Interschool Amazing Race Planting Day – Trees for Survival
8 Aug	R11 Robotics Museum Course 9-10am R12 Robotics Museum Course 10:30-11:30am
9 Aug	School Photos with PhotoLife
10 Aug	Y3 Ako Ruru - Rippa Rugby in Schools Y4 Ako Kererū - Science Roadshow at RIS Y5-6 Tennis in Schools – Give Tennis a Go R13 Robotics Museum Course 9-10am R14 Robotics Museum Course 10:30-11:30am
11 Aug	Y1 & 4 Tennis in Schools – Give Tennis a Go Hui a Kura 11:45am-12:20pm – Hosted by Room 1 Ako Kererū
17 Aug	Y1 & 3 Tennis in Schools – Give Tennis a Go
17-30 Aug	Life Education
18 Aug	Y2 Tennis in Schools – Give Tennis a Go
21 Aug	New Entrant Cohort 6 Starts School
24 Aug	Rugby 9's
25 Aug	Rotorua Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge Hui a Kura 11:45am-12:20pm – Hosted by Room 3 Ako Kererū
28 Aug	Y5-6 Bike Safety Eke Haumarū Starts Y4 Ako Kererū – Museum Trip

Term 3 Diary continued:

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

29 Aug	Y6 Ako Korimako – RIS Orientation Visit 9am-12:30pm BOT Meeting
1 Sep	Y4 Ako Kererū – Museum Trip 9:30-11:30am
6 Sep	Wig Wednesday – Child Cancer Fundraiser
8 Sep	Hui a Kura 11:45am-12:20pm – Hosted by Room 11 Ako Kiwi
9 Sep	Quiz Night
13 Sep	CBOP Winter Sports Field Day
15 Sep	MIGS Gymnastic & Trampoline Competition
22 Sep	Y5-6 Bike Safety Eke Haumarū Ends Hui a Kura 11:45am-12:20pm – Hosted by Room 5 Ako Tui Last Day of Term 3 – School closes at 3pm

Term Dates 2023:

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 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 3 WEEK 2

Kia Ora Koutou - Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have worked hard over the holidays on a number of property and maintenance tasks and our school has never looked as good as it does now.

Site Works Room 15 - footings under Room 15 have been repaired as well as drainage. Concrete with channel drain has been installed making this space more accessible. We will soon look at building shade sails and then astro turf here. Ramps to the back of Room 9 and 10 have provided ease of access.

The required **roofing replacements** and repairs have been done.

Playground Edging - this has been replaced at the '10 yr old' and new soft fall supplied in all playgrounds.



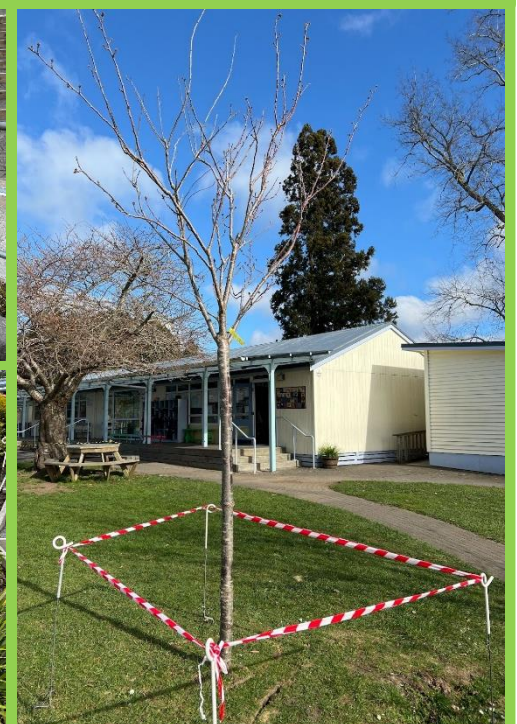
Maintenance - Thank you Mr G Caretaker for getting our school site looking fantastic again. It is awesome to have you. You have definitely made your mark. The flagpole is in operation again after many years and the wood eyesore next to the turf is gone at last. The paths, wall and sides have all been water blasted. (Thanks Whaea Nikki (Assistant Caretaker) too.



Flora - You may have noticed that we have planted a new maple 🍁 outside Room 4 and a cherry 🌸 near 22. The best plant find these holidays was a lovely pohutukawa to mark Matariki. I spotted it at the Government Gardens nursery and couldn't resist buying it! The council ordered one too many for the Lakefront development so their loss is our gain. Thank you Aaron Fisher for transporting it.

Mr G has planted new shrubs in and around the landscaped garden by the 'Otonga Luge'. We are talking to our students about showing Kaitiakitanga and staying out of these gardens at all times to give these plants a chance to grow. At Otonga School we pride ourselves on our beautiful grounds and are very fortunate to be able to learn in such a fantastic environment.

Ngā mihi nui
Mr Gareth Cunliffe



New School Website

Last week we launched our new School Website: <https://www.otonga.school.nz/>
We are still making a few tweaks but it is looking great. Please have a look.



Learning at Otonga School - Otonga School

During the last week of Term 2 our staff presented 'Learning at Otonga School'. It was a pleasure hosting you to inform and celebrate all that we do for our tamariki's learning!

It was fantastic to hear the overwhelmingly positive feedback from whānau who attended.

Once again, thank you to our Teachers. What a great team we are!

As promised, the presentation is available on our new school website [here](#).



WALKING, BIKING AND SCOOTERING

Benefits:

- Light exercise boosts health and emotional well-being
- Tamariki arrive at school ready to learn
- Helps tamariki learn road safety skills
- Increases independence
- Creates healthy transport habits that are kind to the planet
- Is a fun, low cost activity that can be done with friends and family
- No parking hassles



For more information on walking or biking around Rotorua visit:
rotorualakescouncil.nz/sharedpathnetwork

Tips:

- Pedestrian crossings are the safest place to cross the road
- Never call children over from the other side of the road
- Getting off your bike and walking across the road is safer
- If you have not walked or biked to school before try a practice run in the weekend

80% of primary school students say they would like to bike to school



DRIVING

- Be prepared to see children walking and biking
- You must stop for people using pedestrian crossings
- Plan your route so you don't have to U-turn or do 3 point turns using driveways on roads with school traffic
- Don't wait for carparks. Park up the road, or arrange to collect your child after 3.10pm when there is less traffic congestion



Reduce your speed to 30km in school zones



PARKING SAFELY NEAR SCHOOLS

Before and after school are busy times for everyone. Parking rules help to protect our tamariki. Drivers who park illegally put children at risk. Please be considerate of residents and other families when parking.

You can be fined for illegal parking if you:

- Park across or within 1 metre of a driveway
- Park on a pedestrian crossing
- Park on the footpath or verge
- Park on yellow lines
- Double park

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

OTONGA

Before & Aftercare

OASCP changes to OSP from 26 June 23

Before care
\$8
per hour
7:15am to 8:15am
BREAKFAST INCLUDED

Leandri - 027 348 7707

Aftercare
One child \$9 per hour
Two children \$8.50 per hour
Three children \$7.50 per hour
3 pm to 5:30pm
AFTERNOON TEA INCLUDED

Sharon - 0274 866 148

info.otonga@osprograms.co.nz

Please contact Leandri for the Before care and Sharon for Aftercare. Leandri will be taking all after hour calls. Thank you.

OTONGA SPORTS & COMPETITIONS – Registrations Now Open:

2023 Rotorua Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

This extreme off road running event takes place on **Friday 25th August** at Lakes Ranch. Year 3-6 boys and girls are invited to compete in this exciting and fun event.

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 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. This is available under 'Notices' on the SchoolApp or on SeeSaw.

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



Golf Fluro Fun Day - Year 1 to 6

This event is open to year 1-6 boys and girls.

Event Date: Tuesday 29th August 2023

Venue: Rotorua Golf Club

Time: 9:00am to 11:30am

Cost: \$5 per player

This is a fun day out to learn new skills and enjoy a day out with your friends! Teams of 4 students, Fluro Dress-up, Great Spot Prizes.



Please read the registration notice for this event, which includes important information on the format for the day, what to wear and bring etc and how to register & pay via Kindo. This is available under 'Notices' on the SchoolApp or on SeeSaw.

Please note adults will need to take children to and from the event, plus each team must be accompanied/supervised by an adult throughout the duration of the event.

Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by 9am Friday 18th August.
(No late entries will be accepted).

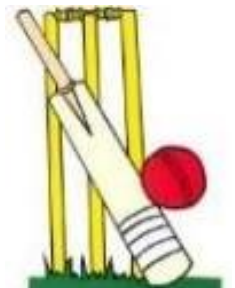
Cricket – Term 4

Incrediball Cricket (Year 3 to 5):

- Games held **Thursday, 3:45 pm till 5 pm** (approx.) at **Smallbone Park**, Devon Street.
- Starts on **26th October** through until **14th December 2023**
- **Cost is \$35 per player.**
- Incrediball teams are **required to have a coach and someone to score/umpire.**

Harrow Hardball Cricket (Year 4 to 6):

- **HARD** cricket ball, wooden bats and protective gear (helmets, gloves, batting pads etc) are used.
- Suited for children who have already played Incrediball Cricket or who have well-developed hand-eye coordination.
- Begins on **27th October** until **14th December 2023** and **resumes in late January 2024** (2024 start date tbc).
- The cost for hardball cricket is **\$70 per player** for the whole Summer 2023-24 season.
- Teams are **required to have a coach and someone to score/umpire.**



Please read the registration notice for this event, which includes important information on what to wear, when games will be played etc and how to register & pay via Kindo. This is available under 'Notices' on the SchoolApp or on SeeSaw.

Registrations need to be completed via KINDO by 9am Friday 8th September.
(No late entries will be accepted).

AUTHORSHIP – Room 18

Through our authorship approach to writing our students are guided 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.

Mānawatia a Matariki from Room 18. Please enjoy our poems inspired by Matariki.

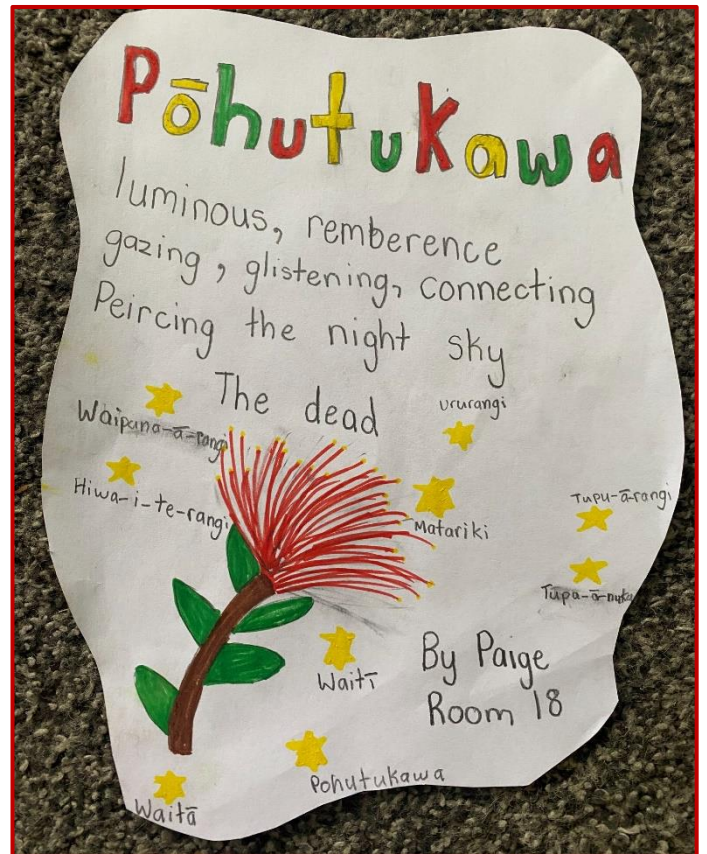
Rebecca Scott, Y4-6 Literacy Co-ordinator



MATARIKI

Spiritual, productive,
Leading, gathering, signalling
Shining across New Zealand's night sky,
Cluster.

By Jason Pont.



MARKUS

Hiwa-i-te-rangi

bright, hopeful

Wishing, hoping, thinking

wishes are very bright

stat

MATARIKI

Guiding, beautiful.
Lighting, attracting, fortelling.
Speaking stories to family.
Spiritual night sky.

BY SAMMY WU

MATARIKI

Spiritual, guiding,
Gazing, prompting, signalling,
Bringing us all together.
Uniting us.

By Honor



MATARIKI 2023



We take Play Seriously! Ako Kiwi Year 2

Here in Ako Kiwi, we love **Maths!** And there are so many fun **numeracy** play provocations and invitations that we have been doing lately in our classrooms.

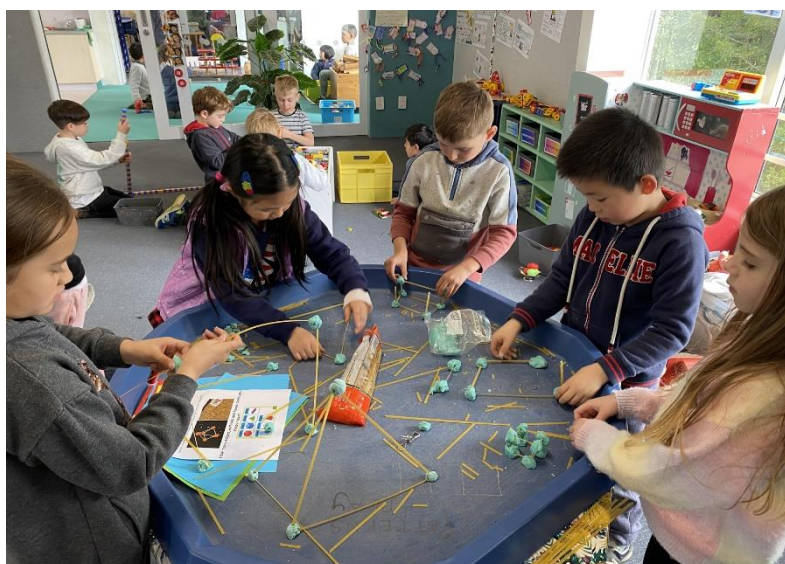
Using playdough, we made **3D shapes**. We had to use our **imagination**s and think of a way to ensure that the **faces** of the shape were flat, creating **edges**. Check out the picture of Lolohea's 3D shape creations.

Room 14 added dried spaghetti to the mix and created 3D shapes this way. We used little balls of playdough to represent the **vertices** (corners) and the spaghetti represented the **edges**. This made it really easy for us to **count** how many there were of each!

We have also been exploring **symmetry** through our play provocations. Below is a picture of Tilly using a mirror to check if the butterflies wings are the same on each side!

Construction is an urge that we are seeing often in Ako Kiwi. Minato, Elijah and Malakai fulfilled this urge by creating a **symmetrical** tower out of wooden blocks - look at how tall it is! Lenny, Jimmy and Damian constructed this awesome home and living space out of magnetic tiles. They used the doll's house furniture to show the different rooms. We love the **collaboration** they used by discussing and negotiating the layout of the house. This is a good example of **loose parts play** where resources can be used for a range of purposes only limited by the child's **imagination**.

Sarah Barnett - Leader Ako Kiwi Year 2



KINDO HELPDESK – Phone 0508 454 636

Kindo recommend that if you are having a problem using KINDO either on your computer or on the mobile phone app, that you contact the Kindo Helpdesk straight away. This way you can explain the exact problem you are having and KINDO can troubleshoot the issue while you are on the phone.

Issues can arise for various reasons, usually they have to do with the web browser (Firefox/Safari/Google Chrome etc) or the app platform (such as Apple iPhone/Android Google Play) being used. Because of this the issues can be quite different and not the same for everyone.



LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS

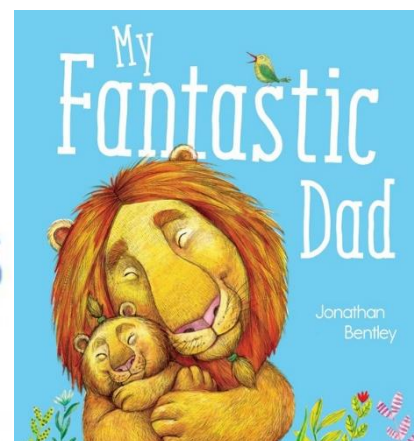
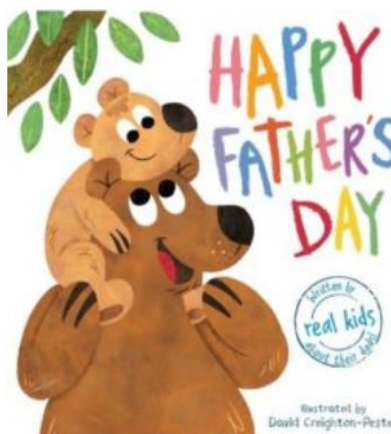
Just a few reminders this week...

We have a lot of overdue books! Overdue lists went out yesterday. If these could please be returned so your child can choose a new book to enjoy.

Also, this issue of Scholastic closes on **Wednesday 2nd August** if you are wanting to place an order...there are some fantastic Father's Day gift ideas. 😊

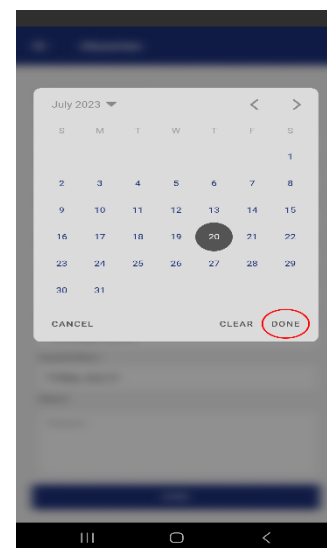
Thank you for your ongoing support!

Miss Gisby, Assistant Librarian



OTONGA SCHOOLAPP - ABSENTEE EMAIL FUNCTION

A number of parents have contacted us to advise that they are having issues with our SchoolApp Absentee function, not being able to scroll down further on the screen to be able to type in a reason for the absentee. It seems this problem occurs if you are using an out-of-date version of our SchoolApp or if you are using an **iPhone**. Please make sure you are using the most current version of the SchoolApp, you may need to go to the Apple App Store or Google Play to download this. If you have an iPhone, when entering an absentee email, you need to select an 'Absent From' Date and click DONE before it will allow you to scroll further down. The 'Absent From' date automatically appears in the box, however you still need to click on this box, select a date and then click 'DONE'. If you have any further problems, please let us know.



PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY

Congratulations to **Aahan Karki** who raised the most funds for our school fun run. He has won the prize of being principal for the day. Also congratulations to Room 2 who were the class that raised the most money. Pizza lunch on its way to you and a week off duties for Mrs Hallier.



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 3 review topics

Curriculum and Student Achievement

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| • Inclusive Education | Board review |
| • Māori Educational Success | Board review |
| • Learning Support | Board review |
| • Learning Support Coordination | |
| • Identify Learning Support | |
| • Gifted Learners | |

COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTICES & SERVICES

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



Taekwondo Term #3/ 2023

Olympic martial art sport (& self-defense)
(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 Westbrook School Hall: Start date: Friday 21st July 2023

Class/Term Otonga School Hall: Start date: Monday 24th July 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 store in lake road Rotorua.

School 1km zones and creating a consistent approach

Our road safety surveys show one of the main reasons families drive is because they don't feel safe letting their children walk or bike to and from school. Research also shows a reasonable walking catchment for primary school students is 1km.

After considering several different approaches to creating safe speeds around schools, a recommendation of a city-wide approach for speed management with 30km/h for local streets and the CBD was proposed.

This approach creates a walkable catchment of 1km for all Rotorua schools which extends the safety and environmental benefits to early childcare education centres and kōhanga reo as well as local shopping areas.

The statistics

Mistakes happen. Speed is the difference between someone being unharmed, seriously injured or killed.

Road safety statistics indicate that more people die on New Zealand roads per head of population than in similar countries.



By working together to create safer roads for all we can have positive environmental outcomes through encouraging the uptake of healthy transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport.

Have your say
For detailed information and maps visit rotorualakescouncil.nz/smp



Scan for more info!



PROPOSED CHANGES TO LOCAL SPEED LIMITS

MAKING ROTORUA STREETS SAFER

OUR STREETS AND ROADS ARE FOR ALL
We want everyone to get to where they're going safely. A small change in speed can make a big difference in saving lives and preventing serious injuries.



What's happening?

Our environments have changed since speed limits were originally set - 93% of Rotorua streets have limits higher than the safe and appropriate speeds recommended.

Rotorua Lakes Council is proposing 30km/h speed limits on some streets. In the urban area these changes will mostly be around schools and the CBD.

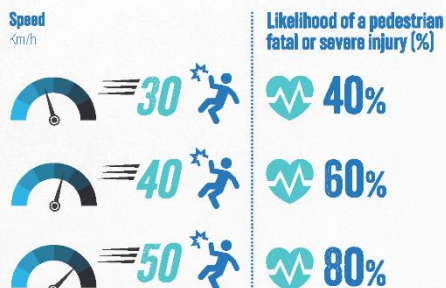
Why?

Safe speeds are a priority issue being addressed at a national level as part of the government's 'Road to Zero' road safety strategy.

Road to Zero sets a target for reducing deaths and serious injuries by 40 percent by 2030. In line with this, Council is developing a ten-year Speed Management Plan to make our streets safer.

We want everyone who calls Rotorua home, and visitors who pass through, to be safe when using our streets and roads. That means we need the right speeds on the right roads.

Survivability of crashes at different speeds



Survivability rates vary significantly based on a number of factors and scenarios. Rotorua Lakes Council takes a preventative approach with respect to the survivability of people walking and cycling. These values were obtained by incorporating pedestrian fatal and pedestrian severe injury data as collated by Scott and Mackie. "Speed/injury risk curves". Mackie Research & Consulting, 2018.

Which streets/roads will have lower speed limits?

Some streets/roads will have a speed change:

- Speed limits outside of schools will be reduced to 30km/h (a legislative requirement).
- Streets/roads that are residential areas where people, especially children, should be able to walk and cycle safely, will be lowered to 30km/h. These streets are called 'Local streets' (Examples of our local streets are Haumoana St, Kea St and Larcy Rd).
- Streets within the CBD will be lowered to 30km/h.
- Speeds may be lowered to 80km/h for rural roads that are straighter and wider or 60km/h for roads that are twisty and narrow.
- Speed limits for streets/roads within Mamaku and Reporoa will be lowered to 30km/h, in line with 'Local streets'.

Many streets will stay the same:

- Speeds on our larger and busier urban streets will remain 50km/h. These streets are called 'Urban connectors' e.g. Sunset Rd, Devon St, Clayton Rd, Tarawera Rd and Fenton St.
- All speed limits on state highways are set by Waka Kotahi. In the urban area, state highways include Te Ngae Rd, Old Taupo Rd and Amohau St. Schools on state highways will have their speed changes made by Waka Kotahi in line with the legislation and the state highway Speed Management Plan.

* Where schools exist on these streets the speed will be 30km/h in the school zone.



How will this affect me?

Because a large portion of journeys happen along our 'Urban connector' roads, trip times for drivers will increase by less than two minutes in most cases.

For example:

A trip from Thomas Cres to Rotorua Library would likely increase by just under one minute.



Calming our streets can help create a different urban environment where people can better share the space with vehicles. Walking and cycling becomes safer and more attractive for all.



OPUS ORCHESTRA

HAIRY MACLARY'S GREATEST HITS

29 Jul **HAMILTON**
Callaghan Academy of Performing Arts
11am

29 Jul **TAURANGA**
Baycourt Addison Theatre
4pm

30 Jul **ROTORUA**
Sir Howard Morrison Centre
2pm

BOOK TICKETS AT opusorchestra.co.nz/upcoming

This concert will be interpreted by a New Zealand Sign Language Interpreter.



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A warm thanks to our concert partners:



The Great Te Aka Mauri Winter Reading Challenge

THE GREAT TE AKA MAURI WINTER READING CHALLENGE

24 JUNE – 31 JULY 2023



The Great Te Aka Mauri Winter Reading Challenge

FOR CHILDREN UP TO 18 YEARS

As you read, track your progress on the map of Lake Rotorua and cross your time off as you go (each marker equals 15 minutes of reading). Read for a minimum of six hours to receive a certificate and to go into the draw to win great prizes. We're encouraging grown-ups to get involved too, so ask them to read to you. It's great fun and counts towards your reading hours. PLUS: if you read more than 12 hours you will automatically be entered into a bonus prize draw!

Please complete [this sheet](#) and return it to Rotorua Library, Te Aka Mauri.

All entries must be returned to Rotorua Library by 5.30pm, Monday 31st July 2023



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
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