



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: 13th September 2023

Newsletter No: 29

Term 3 Diary:

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

13 Sep CBOP Winter Sports Field Day
15 Sep MIGS Gymnastic & Trampoline Competition
19 Sep Rip, Grip & Whip Mountain Bike Event
21 Sep Y3 Ako Ruru – Whakaue Marae Maketu Trip
22 Sep Y5-6 Bike Safety Eke Haumarua **Ends**
Hui a Kura 11:45am-12:20pm – Hosted by Room 5 Ako Tui
Last Day of Term 3 – School closes at 3pm

Term 4 Diary:

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

9 Oct New Entrant Cohort 7 Starts School
13 Oct Y3 Ako Ruru – Ngakuru School AG Day
17 Oct Whānau Hui at 6pm in the school staffroom
21 Oct Hui a Kura 11:45am-12:20pm – Hosted by Room 6 Ako Tui
23 Oct Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
31 Oct Book Week – Book Swap Day
2 Nov Book Week – Book Character Parade 9:15am
3 Nov Hui a Kura 11:45am-12:20pm – Hosted by Room 7 Ako Tui
13 Nov Teacher Only Day (TOD) – School Closed
17 Nov Hui a Kura 11:45am-12:20pm – Hosted by Room 8 Ako Tui
21 Nov Rotorua Primary Schools Ahurei
30 Nov Celebration of Learning Day
1 Dec Road Patrol Fun Day
Hui a Kura 11:45am-12:20pm – Hosted by Room 4 Ako Tui

Term 4 Diary Continued...

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

6 Dec Y6 Ako Korimako Graduation Assembly 5pm
12 Dec Leadership Assembly 11am-12pm
14 Dec Last Day of Term 4 – School closes at 3pm

Term Dates 2023:

Term 3: Mon 17th July – Fri 22nd September

Term 4: Mon 9th October – **Thu 14th December**

(Labour Day – Monday 23rd October)

(Teacher Only Day (TOD) - Monday 13th November)

New Entrant – Cohort Start Dates 2023:

TERM 4 Cohort 7: Mon 9th October

Cohort 8: 1st Day of Term 1, 2024 (TBA)

Term Dates 2024:

Term 1: Tue 30th January – Fri 12th April

(Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6th February)

(Good Friday – Friday 29th March)

(Easter - Monday 1st April)

(Easter - Tuesday 2nd April)

Term 2: Mon 29th April – Fri 5th July

(Teacher Only Day (TOD) – Friday 31st May)

(King's Birthday - Monday 3rd June)

(Matariki - Friday 28th June)

Term 3: Mon 22nd July – Fri 27th September

Term 4: Mon 14th October – Mon 16th December (TBC)

(Labour Day – Monday 28th October)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – TERM 3 WEEK 9

Kia Ora Koutou - Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to our Parent Volunteers

As we are just coming to the end of another exciting season of sports, we want to take a moment to celebrate the true heroes of our sporting community - the parent volunteers. Without your dedication, enthusiasm, and support, our sports and other programs would not be possible.

From coaching and organising events to driving athletes to practice and cheering from the sidelines, your role as a volunteer is invaluable. It's not just about winning games; it's about teaching our young athletes valuable life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and resilience.



Here's how your contributions are making a lasting impact:

- **Role Models:** By volunteering, you become positive role models for our young people. They see the importance of giving back to the community and the joy of contributing to something greater than themselves.
- **Building Character:** Sports and games are more than just physical activity; they're a platform for character development. Your guidance helps mould our tamariki into responsible, respectful, and determined individuals.
- **Whanaungatanga:** Parent volunteers foster a sense of community. You bring families and friends together, creating a support system that extends far beyond the playing field. You create fun and enjoyment.
- **Learning Opportunities:** Volunteering provides a chance for personal growth and skill development, from coaching to event planning and organisation.

If you're not already involved, we encourage you to consider volunteering in some capacity. Whether it's coaching, assisting with organising events, managing, or simply cheering on our teams, your participation is always welcome.

Gareth Cunliffe
Principal



2023 Leavers and New Enrolments for 2024

Please let us know if your child/ren will **not** be returning for 2024 or if you know of any **new enrolments** for 2024. You can do this by emailing otonga@otonga.school.nz. This notice does not apply to our year 6 leavers.

2024

Last Day 14th December 2023

Please be advised that our last day of school this year will be Thursday 14th December. School will finish at 3pm as usual on this day.

Notice of TOD on 13th November 2023

There will be a Teachers Only Day on Monday 13th November. School will be closed on this day.

We take Play Seriously!

Ako Kiwi Year 3

We are learning about shapes and we made different 3D shapes to see which were the strongest. We experimented with pouring water into pipes to see how fast it would come out again.



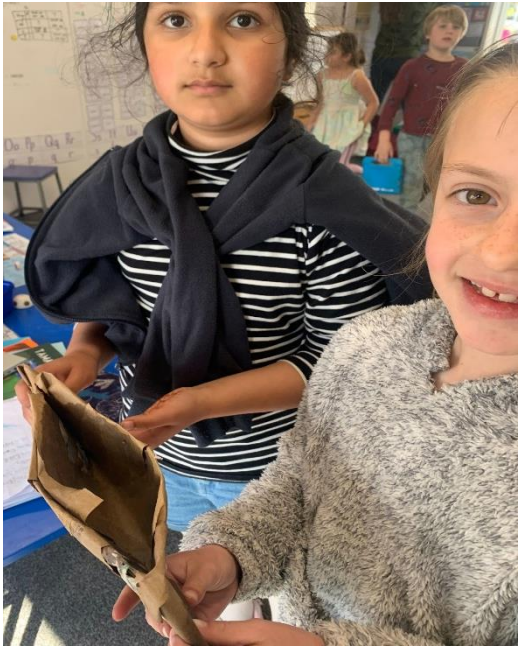
We played on the giant seesaw at the lakefront during our field trip and practised adding people and removing people to see if we could make it level.



We are in the process of crafting waka using paper machè to re-enact the Te Arawa voyage to Aotearoa.



Creating play from bread crates.



Wig Wednesday



Nau mai ki te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Welcome to Māori Language Week

The theme is Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori - making the language stronger.

At Otonga, tamariki are given opportunities to learn te reo through the web-based tool 'Wai Ako' and learn of the local history with the support of our Kahui Ako (COL). Teams have visited areas of cultural importance and enjoyed learning experiences in and out of school.

We have thriving kapa haka groups in the junior and senior areas and school wide waiata fortnightly. We have been very fortunate to have tauira from Rotorua Intermediate to teach the haka to the senior kapa haka rōpū.

This week for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, we are holding daily competitions for our tamariki to enter and win prizes. Teachers also have access to these rerenga korero to share with their class. You can use these with your tamaiti/tamariki as well.



Ngā rerenga kōrero mō te wiki

I pēhea te mutunga wiki?- How was the weekend?

I pēhea te rā? - How was the day?

I pai/pārekareka/miharo/hōha/pouri te mutunga wiki.

The weekend was good/fun/ amazing/ boring/ sad.

Ka rawe! Excellent!

Ka aroha! Sorry to hear that!



TE WĀ TUKU REO

MĀORI

MĀORI LANGUAGE MOMENT

This Thursday at 12pm, we will have waiata kura (school waiata) that will be shared on this website. Whānau, if you are doing anything exciting this week to celebrate Māori Language Week, you can post a pledge here in our Otonga group <https://www.reomaori.co.nz/132932>.

Some useful sites to help with your reo development are:

Māori Dictionary - <https://maoridictionary.co.nz/>

Kupu - <https://kupu.maori.nz/kupu>

Opaki TV - <https://www.maoritelevision.com/shows/opaki>

Karawhiua a, kia pai te wiki! Give it a go and enjoy the week!

Whaea Arihi aharvey@otonga.school.nz



Cancer Society Daffodil Day

We are thrilled to announce that Te Kura o Tihīōtonga raised an impressive **\$364.40** for the Cancer Society on Daffodil Day! This awesome achievement is a testament to the incredible generosity and community spirit that defines our school.

A big shout-out goes to our dedicated whānau and our amazing ākonga for their enthusiasm and efforts in making this fundraising event such a success. Every contribution, no matter how small, will make a significant impact in supporting those affected by cancer. Ka pai rā tēnei mahi!

Thanks to Whaea Amy for dropping off the heavy bucket full of our donations, to the Cancer Society and Aratika Cancer Trust on Ranolf Street last Tuesday.

Whānau Hui

Kia ora e te whānau,

A hui will be held next term on **Tuesday 17th October** to form a group and to discuss our objectives for our tamariki. Please attend if you are interested in being a part of this group or want to lend your support. For a copy of our last hui' minutes (22/08/23), request by email and I will forward to you.

Can you help? Our kura also needs the services of a kaikorero and a kaikaranga to represent us when our kaumatua and kuia are unavailable. If you know someone who can tautoko us, please make contact. Ngā mihi maioha. Whaea Arihi aharvey@otonga.school.nz

Kua raranga tahi tātou he whariki mō āpōpō. Together we weave the mat for future generations.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

PhotoLife has emailed parents their child's unique Key Code, for you to go online to view and purchase 2023 School Photos. If you did not receive your child's Key Code, please contact the school office.

PhotoLife

PhotoLife are offering free school delivery, this offer expires at **Midnight on Sunday 17th September**.

If you have any queries regarding orders/photos etc, please contact PhotoLife directly via enquiries@photolife.co.nz.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS

Recall and Stocktake of Class Reader Kits:

Due to a considerable number of missing books from 'Reader Kits' all School Readers (this includes Structured Literacy kits) are being recalled this week. A stocktake of all Reader Kits in the Resource Room will take place next week 18th to 22nd September (week 10, Term 3). It would be a great help if Parents/Caregivers and Pupils could search at home for any Otonga School Readers (the school stamp will be inside the front cover). If any are found please return to the school Library asap. Thank you for your assistance in helping to recover missing books. Reducing losses will save the school money if we do not have to replace resources.

Overdue Library Books:

Please check at home and in school bags for overdue Library books! Today there are more than **150 books** due back at school! If children have any books outstanding next week they will not be able to borrow a book for reading during the school holidays. Reminder lists will be sent to classrooms this week. Thank you.

Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**



OTONGA SPORTS & COMPETITIONS – Registrations Now Open:

Touch Rugby – Term 4

GRADING Day will be held **Saturday 14th October** and the **competition starts** at the Westbrook fields **from 3:30pm on Tuesday 17th October** for **Years 5-6** and **Wednesday 18th October** for **Years 1-4**. There is a Touch Rugby registration fee of \$25 per player payable upon registration.



Please read the registration notice for this event, which includes important information on when & where 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 Wednesday 20th September.
(No late entries will be accepted).

Rippa/Rip Rugby – Term 4

The Bay of Plenty Rugby Union will be running a 6-week module for year 0-6 Rippa/Rip Rugby in term 4, **starting on Thursday 26th October 2023**. These are mixed teams of girls and boys. Games will be held at Kaitao Intermediate on Thursday afternoons from 4pm.



Please read the registration notice for this event, which includes important information on when & where 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 22nd September.
(No late entries will be accepted).

Futsal – Term 4

Futsal, 5-a-side competition with rolling substitutions will run for seven weeks starting 29th October to 10th December. Games will be played at the Rotorua Girls' High School Arena, 251 Old Taupo Road, Rotorua. Available to Year 5 & 6 students.



Please read the registration notice for this event, which includes important information on when & where 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 22nd September.
(No late entries will be accepted).

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.

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 2019

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.

KINDO HELPDESK – Phone 0508 454 636

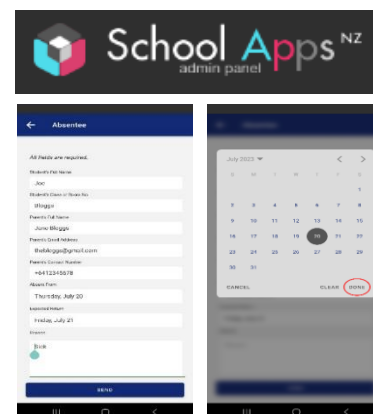
Kindo recommend that if you are having a problem using KINDO either on your computer or on the mobile phone app, that you contact the Kindo Helpdesk straight away. This way you can explain the exact problem you are having and KINDO can troubleshoot the issue while you are on the phone.

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.



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.



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

BOT NEWS

If you would like to view our BOT Minutes, please contact Antonia Magness our BOT Secretary via amagness@otonga.school.nz.



The poster for Tauranga STEM Fest IS BACK! features a vibrant purple and blue background with colorful geometric shapes and bunting. A circular inset shows children engaged in a STEM activity with building blocks and string. The main text is in large, bold, white letters. The event is presented by A STEM WANA TRUST KAUPAPA. The date and time are prominently displayed in a large white bracket. The location is marked with a location pin. The poster lists several sponsors, including Gigabyte, Zespri, Ballance, The University of Waikato, and Sharp Tuthope. A banner at the bottom encourages getting free tickets online.

- A STEM WANA TRUST KAUPAPA -

TAURANGA STEM Fest IS BACK!

SUNDAY 01 OCT 10AM-4PM

FREE TICKETS

DURHAM ST TAURANGA

Get your free tickets online: stemfest.nz

GIGABYTE SPONSORS

Zespri KIWIFRUIT

Ballance

THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Wāikato

Sharp Tuthope LAWYERS

THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS

BAY OF PLENTY

TAURANGA WESTERN BAY COMMUNITY EVENT FUND

HEADLINE SPONSOR

MANAWA ENERGY

MARG'S SWIM SCHOOL
St. Marys Primary School.
Heated Pool

Learn to swim recommences Monday 16 October 2023

Non Confident – to – Confident Swimming and Water safety

Phone Marg. 0274599286

email: boiellm@hotmail.com

Please include your phone number with an email.

EDVENTURE active outdoor holiday programmes

Edventure Young Explorers Camp
(8-12 year olds)
Mon 2nd-Fri 6th October
(2nd week of the holidays)
\$525

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, rock climbing, fire building and cooking, hut building, orienteering, team building and confidence activities, & night activities. Located at the base of the Kaima Ranges at Aongatete Lodge- near Katikati, BOP.

Bus Pick-up/Drop off from Hamilton & Tauranga OR drop-off/pick-up @ Venue

Day & Over-night options available.

For more information:
Todd Burton
todd@edventure.co.nz
0275349949



Click: Edventure Tauranga Facebook Page



BRIDGING CULTURES

A nation-wide project focused on bridging the gap between Māori, Pasifika and Ethnic communities

Join us for a day of local iwi history, community connection workshops, discussions about Aotearoa's multicultural future, and Te Tiriti o Waitangi



Te Māpou Marae
Te Teko
Saturday
09:00 AM
23rd September

Strengthen community and connections
Strategic development on local issues
Connecting, sharing, story telling and learning

Scan the code for more information & registration
Or contact kiaora@inclusiveaotearoa.nz



ROTORUA BMX CLUB

Host have a go day **FREE EVENT**

BMX is for the **WHOLE** family
and not just the kids!

Come along and have some fun
on our track!

The club has bikes, helmets and gloves
to borrow all you need is a long sleeve
top, pants and covered in shoes.

! BRING YOUR MATES !

CATCH YOU TRACKSIDE

SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER
10am till 12



Any questions message us on Facebook
Rotorua Bmx Club

17 Waipa State Mill Road, Rotorua

Wednesday Evenings 4:00pm to 5:30pm
Venue: Rotorua Badminton Hall | 24 Tarewa Place, Rotorua

BADMINTON JUNIORS & YOUTH

Hosted by:



Learn to play Badminton!

Wednesdays 4:00pm to 5:30pm
(during school terms)

Age: 8 years to 14 years
(under 8 welcome with parent help)

\$7 per session or
\$50 per school term

Rackets and shuttles provided

For more information contact
Chris - 0273009277 | Talita - 0224704033
Email: club@rotorubadminton.org.nz
www.rotorubadminton.org.nz



The September/October holidays are quickly approaching, and **Otonga School Programs** are now accepting enrolments. Our upcoming program promises to be packed with fun activities, and we would love for your children to join us. To enrol, simply click on the link provided below or reach out to us at info.otonga@osprograms.co.nz or contact Leandri at 027 348 7707 for more information. Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/98ttyTxigKNJbpM5A>








MID ISLAND GYM SPORTS
School Holiday Programme October 2023



Two options available: 8am – 3pm @\$45 per day or 8am – 5.15pm @\$55 per day.
 Drop off any time after 8am, we start the day with a range of fun games, followed by the daily activity.
 During the day the children will get to take full advantage of our great indoor Gymnastics & Trampoline facilities.

We are Ministry of Social Development approved for OSCAR Subsidies.

Application forms for OSCAR must be completed 3 weeks PRIOR to the Holidays commencing.

<p align="center"><u>Monday, 25th Sept</u></p> <p align="center">GYM CIRCUITS</p>  <p>It's the first day of the holidays. Have lots of fun on our specialised equipment.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Tuesday, 26th Sept</u></p> <p align="center">CRAFT DAY</p> <p align="center">Lets get creative</p> 	<p align="center"><u>Wednesday, 27th Sept</u></p> <p align="center">TEAMS & EQUIPMENT DAY</p> 	<p align="center"><u>Thursday, 28th Sept</u></p> <p align="center">BAKING DAY</p> <p align="center">Bake something yummy!</p> 	<p align="center"><u>Friday, 29th Sept</u></p> <p align="center">T- DAY</p>  <p>A day full of activities starting with the letter T. How many can you think of?</p>
<p align="center"><u>Monday, 2nd Oct</u></p> <p align="center">GYM CIRCUITS</p> <p>It's week 2 of the holidays. Have lots of fun on our equipment</p> 	<p align="center"><u>Tuesday, 3rd Oct</u></p> <p align="center">MINUTE TO WIN IT</p> <p align="center">Are you up for the challenge?</p> 	<p align="center"><u>Wednesday, 4th Oct</u></p> <p align="center">COOKING DAY</p>  <p>Sweet or savoury, what will it be.....?</p>	<p align="center"><u>Thursday, 5th Oct</u></p> <p align="center">SKILLS DAY Trampoline & Trapeze</p> 	<p align="center"><u>Friday, 6th Oct</u></p> <p align="center">SHARED LUNCH & MOVIE DAY</p>  <p>Bring a plate and enjoy the last day of the Holidays with a shared lunch & in-house movies.</p>

BOOKINGS ARE NOW TO BE MADE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE.

OSCAR BOOKINGS TO BE MADE AT THE **M.I.G.S** OFFICE

We reserve the right to alter the daily programme depending on the enrolled numbers.

Our programme is for children aged 5-13yrs.

Children need to bring: Morning tea & Lunch, (afternoon tea for 5.15 pick ups) a NAMED water bottle & socks for trampoline use.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE SEE OVER FOR OUR LIST OF TERMS & CONDITIONS.....

Check out our Website for more information or contact us.

Address: Te Ngae Road Rotorua Email: migsholidayprogramme@outlook.co.nz

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





HOLIDAY ARTS ACADEMY

Week One: 26 - 29 Sept

- Tuesday 26th Sept:** Funky Fash
- Wednesday 27th Sept:** Flag DYE
- Thursday 28th Sept:** Balloon Archery
- Friday 29th Sept:** Wool, Weave & Clay Press

Week Two: 3 - 6 October

- Tuesday 3rd Oct:** Land Art Tall Story
- Wednesday 4th Oct:** Boxed Inn
- Thursday 5th Oct:** Dye oh Dye
- Friday 6th Oct:** Lei Land



Let's get creative!

SEPT- OCT 2023

Taught by local artist Jane Johnson-Matua

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!