

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: 20th September 2023

Term 3 Diary:

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

21 Sep Y3 Ako Ruru – Whakaue Marae Maketu Trip 22 Sep Y5-6 Bike Safety Eke Haumaru **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**

(Labour Day – Monday 23rd October)

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

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)

Term 4 Diary:

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

New Entrant Cohort 7 Starts School Y3 Ako Ruru – Ngakuru School AG Day Whānau Hui at 6pm in the school staffroom Hui a Kura 11:45am-12:20pm – Hosted by Room 6 Ako Tui
Labour Day Public Holiday - School Closed
Otonga PTÁ Meeting 6pm Śtaffroom – All Welcome!
Book Week - Book Swap Day
Book Week – Book Character Parade 9:15am
Hui a Kura 11:45am-12:20pm – Hosted by
Room 7 Ako Tui
Teacher Only Day (TOD) - School Closed
Hui a Kura 11:45am-12:20pm – Hosted by Room 8 Ako Tui
Rotorua Primary Schools Ahurei
Celebration of Learning Day
Road Patrol Fun Day
Hui a Kura 11:45am-12:20pm – Hosted by
Room 4 Ako Tui
Y6 Ako Korimako Graduation Assembly 5pm
Leadership Assembly 11am-12pm
Last Day of Term 4 – School closes at 3pm

New Entrant – Cohort Start Dates 2023:

TERM 4 Cohort 7: Mon 9th October

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – TERM 3 WEEK 10

Kia Ora Koutou - Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to thank you all for the positive support we have had this term in order to keep our children learning, being active and having fun.





I hope that you get a chance to spend some quality time with your family over the holidays, and we look forward to seeing you all at the start of Term Four on Monday 9th October.

Gareth Cunliffe Principal

2023 Leavers and New Enrolments for 2024

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

Last Day of School for 2023

Please be advised that our last day of school this year will be **Wednesday 13th December**. School will finish at 3pm as usual on this day.

Lost Property

It's the end of term again and we have lots of lovely clothing items that would dearly love to return home. There are some good quality jackets, a bike helmet and lots of Winter hats. Please claim these by this Friday, it would be a shame to send them off to charity. All clothing will be displayed each day this week (weather permitting).

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.

Otonga Progress Plans OPPs

These will be updated and shared on Google Docs (through a link in SeeSaw) as a reporting to parents tool by the end of the week. OPPs are available throughout the year. Progress Plans focus on values, dispositions, aspirations for the student, goal setting and progress according to Learning Progression Framework (LPF).

PTA News for Term 3

The PTA would like to thank you all for your help and support in our term 3 fundraising endeavours, the chocolate extravaganza and disco.

The profits from both have been approved by the PTA as a collective to be spent on the following:

- Year 6 leavers medals and tea towels.
- Large outdoor loose part resources for all ako to use through their learning through play.
- The purchase of a school licence for the use of the 'Read & Write' software, a literacy support tool. (This software will go on all the students' chrome books and support a wide range of tamariki, especially those with dyslexia and learning needs.

As a PTA, we believe the purchases on the above items support a wide range of students across the board as well as being in line with the Otonga School's strategic plan (curriculum goals).

If you would like to join the PTA or are interested in how we are supporting the tamariki in our kura, please join us





at our next meeting on Thursday 26th October at 6pm in the Otonga School staffroom.

We take Play Seriously! Ako Kereru Year 4

Pirate Play - Kereru Ako (Year 4) has been continuing their learning theme of 'Journeys' into the world of *Pirates!*





Over a few weeks classes researched using reading skills about the history of pirates. We discovered the parts of the world where pirates roamed (mapping), the different roles pirates had on their ships (organisation), they discovered the types of ships, weapons and

food pirates had and what the life of a pirate was like, including severe punishments! Students also learnt about some

interesting characters who became famous pirates. They shared their learning with the rest of their class using drawing, writing and presenting skills.

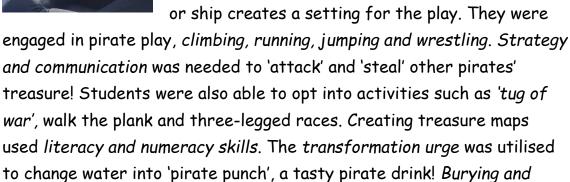




Outside Play sessions using the Magic Box led into writing imaginary stories titled 'The day I joined a Pirate Ship' and 'stranded on a desert island' motivation for writing is much higher when playing and acting out is done as a pre-writing activity.



The pinnacle of our pirate learning was on International 'Talk like a Pirate Day'. All three classes joined together for a day of song, drama, play and challenges. We warmed up all together by singing Pirate songs and played Pirate games, creating a sense of whanaungatanga. Next children could choose to prepare for pirate fun by constructing weapons, clothing, ships and hideouts. Making huts is a play urge and constructing a 'base' or ship creates a setting for the play. They were







digging play-urges were satisfied in the sandpit, trying to find the pirate treasure. Finally there was a numeracy estimation challenge to guess how much treasure was in a jar... We also gathered around to crack coconuts and try a bit! We needed manawanui to crack them open, then we were rewarded with a pirate feast! A fun, learning experience for me hearties!



Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori

Here is how our tamariki celebrated Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori last week.

Room 12 recited their mihimihi, waiata and morning greetings.



Room 11 read "Battle of the Mountains" and learnt the whakapapa narrative with our buddy class Room 3. \odot







In Room 11 also learnt the stories and meanings behind kowhaiwhai.





Ako Ruru performed the haka pohiri in front of the Waka Taua at the Energy Events Centre.



Room 4 and 8 went on their pepeha walk.









Rotorua Intermediate tauira come to Otonga to teach our ropū kapa haka a haka.





Room 15 skip are counting in 5's in te reo with Whaea April and a group using the sentence structure from a *Wai Ako* lesson "Tokohia ngā tamariki?" "Tokowha ngā tamariki"





And to cap off the week on Thursday, the school stopped at 12pm to sing waiata for Te Wā Tuku Reo Māori (with a salute to the Warriors at the end).

The video versions of all these will be available on our facebook page.

Mauri ora! Whaea Arihi





PLANTING DAY REPORT 2023 Otonga Road Primary School Ventia and Rotorua District Council



Together, we planted 630 native plants, well done!

A lot of growing, nurturing and planning has taken place before planting day. Thank you very much for your effort and commitment to improving our natural environment while also growing our next generation of environmentalists!









100 x Ti Kouka

(Cabbage Tree / Cordyline australis)
Being one of our most konic natives, Ti Kouka trees were an important food
source and weaving plant for early settlers in NZ. It can be found throughout NZ
from sea level up to 600m elevation. Tul and kererü enjoy its fruit in the summer.



150 x Harakeke

Flax grows well in a wide range of habitats and is abundantly found throughout NZ. Its flower stalks can grow up to 4m tall and tui and belibird are especially fond



130 x Karamu

(Coprosma robusta)

Common throughout NZ and easily recognised by its bright orange fruit, Karamu grows up to 6m tail and provides food for birds in winter. It easily self-seeds which makes it a great plant for many restoration projects.



150 x Manuka

(Leptospermum scopartum)

Manuka is a great plant for restoration projects. It is a hardy plant that can live almost anywhere in NZ from Cape Reinga to Stewart Island and from wetlands to dry banks. It also an important medical plant.



100 x Kanuka (Kunzea robusta)

Kanuka looks similar to manuka but is a larger tree rather than a shrub, growing up to 15m tall with be autiful white aromatic flowers in summer. It is a great colonizer and once grown tall, it provides a canopy for smaller natives.



PLANTING DAY SUMMARY:

3 Aug 2023 at Te Putake O Tawa, Tarawera Road, Whakarewarewa, Rotorua 3076

It was a very successful day. Council was very supportive with 3 people there helping to dig holes and work alongside the students. The teacher was very organised and the students were engaged and rearing to go. The weather was perfect and it all flowed really well. The auger was amazing and allowed for ease and speed.

Regan Connor Planting Day Facilitator: Lead Teacher: Amy Garood Number of Students: 20

Number of Teachers: 2 Number of Other helpers:

Weather: fine frosty morning





What is Trees for Survival?

Trees for Survival is a Rotary initiated charitable trust which works with over 190 schools and local communities across Aotearoa New Zealand to grow and plant native trees along waterways and environmentally at-risk sites.

Trees for Survival's environmental education programme provides a hands-on opportunity for students to make a practical difference to their environment as well as learn about conservation, revegetation, wetland restoration, protecting stream water quality and creating habitat for our native wildlife.

'Giveatree' to Trees for Survival

If you would like support our work, you can 'Give A Tree' at giveatree.co.nz This helps Trees for Survival school children to grow and plant more native trees and helps us bring Trees for Survival to new schools and communities.

Follow our journey





With Special thanks to our Principal Partners















Sporting Success

Well done to our students who competed in the Gymsport Competition last Friday. You have all worked so hard over the last couple of months. A big thank you to Krystal Holder for coaching our awesome team.



Results - Comp 1

Springers

Vault 1st Yasmin Henderson Beam 1st Yasmin Henderson

3rd= Nina Cochrane & Roxanne Coker

Floor 1st Yasmine Henderson

3rd Olivia Morey

Overall 1st Yasmin Henderson

4th Rachel Van Rensburg

6th= Olivia Morey

Teams

1st Otonga Emeralds - Nina Cochrane, Kaylee Coxhead, Yasmin Henderson & Olivia Morey

<u>Flyers</u>

Vault 2nd Ayla-Haze Chase Stone

Beam 1st Carly Perham

3rd Summer Sapwell

Floor 1st= Mackenna Van Der Heydon &

Carly Perham

Overall 1st Carly Perham

3rd Summer Sapwell

5th= Ayla-Haze Chase Stone & Mackenna Van Der Heydon

Teams

1st Otonga Diamonds - Mackenna Van Der Heydon, Carly Perham, Ayla-Haze Chase-Stone & Summer Sapwell

Results - Comp 2

Springers

Vault 3rd Iris Wijaya Beam 1st Selina Zhou

2nd Iris Wijaya

3rd Paige Coxhead

Floor 1st Selina Zhou

2nd Iris Wijaya 3rd Nane Dunn

Overall 1st Iris Wijaya

2nd Selina Zhou 4th Paige Coxhead 5th Nane Dunn

Teams

1st Otonga Sapphires - Iris Wijaya ,Olivia Perrett, Paige

Coxhead & Selina Zhou

3rd Otonga Opals - Aya Tindle, Aniela McLeod &

Nane Dunn

Springers Trampoline

3rd Ayla-Haze Chase Stone

5th Olivia Perrett

Mini Tramp

2nd Ayla-Haze Chase Stone

3rd Olivia Perrett 4th Nina Cochrane 5th Paige Coxhead

Twisters Trampoline and Mini Trampoline

2nd Colin Zhou

Sporting Success Continued...

Jax plays for Ngongotahā rugby club which he has been a part of from the age of 5, they worked really hard all season securing the win in the under 11's category against Whakarewarewa. They also got to go on to the global games 4 day tournament in Taupō which included teams from Australia and they won all their games except for one which they drew. Jax is super proud of his accomplishments this season and can't wait to play next year. Well done Jax!



Garden Club

Thank you to Mr Wood and the 'Garden Club' for their hard mahi maintaining and planting our Community Garden. Mahi nui!





Whanau 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.



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

OTONGA SPORTS & COMPETITIONS – Registrations Now Open:

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.



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LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS

Overdue Library Books:

A BIG 'Thank you' to pupils who have returned overdue books. Unfortunately, there are now 165 books overdue! If children have an overdue book they will not be allowed to borrow a book this week for reading during the school holidays. Thank you.



Recall and Stocktake of Class Reader Kits:

Due to a considerable number of missing books from 'Reader Kits' all School Readers are being recalled (this includes Structured Literacy kits). A stocktake of all Reader Kits in the Resource Room is now underway. 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.

School Holiday Reading:

Please refer to the Rotorua Public Library web site for the Children's Activity programme. Children - Rotorua Library, Te Aka Mauri. Have a safe & happy holiday.

Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager



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.



Issue s 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.

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



Instructions for Reviewers

- 1. Follow the link to each policy.
- Read the policy.
- Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
- Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
- Enter your name (optional).
- 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 <u>review form</u>.

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.



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: boiellem@hotmail.com

Please include your phone number with an email.



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 Kamai 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



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 Schools Twilight

- 9 Holes Ambrose
- 6 Weeks
- Teams of 3 or 4 players, make your own team with mates or School team (players in teams can be mixed from different Schools)
- Team must have a team captain (playing if Intermediate or high School) or a parent.
- Point system over 6 weeks top Ambrose Team, also spot prizes at the end of 6 weeks.
- FREE Entry

Date	Event
Tuesday 17th Oct	Springfield GC
Tuesday 24th Oct	Lake View GC
Tuesday 31st Oct	Rotorua GC
Tuesday 7th Nov	Springfield GC
Tuesday 14th Nov	Lake View GC
Tuesday 21st Nov	Rotorua GC

To register a team or questions: Penny Smith penny.smith@golfnz.org 0274 599 633









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@rotoruabadminton.org.nz

www.rotoruabadminton.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/98ttyTxjgKNJbpM5A



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.

Monday, 25th Sept **GYM CIRCUITS**



It's the first day of the holidays. Have lots of fun on our specialised equipment.

Tuesday, 26th Sept CRAFT DAY Lets get creative

Wednesday, 27th Sept **TEAMS & EQUIPMENT DAY**





Monday, 2nd Oct

GYM CIRCUITS

lt's week 2 of the holidays. Have lots of fun on our equipment







Wednesday, 4th Oct



Thursday, 5th Oct





Bring a plate and enjoy the last day of the Holidays with a shared lunch & in-house movies.

How many can you think of?

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 The ACTIVITES FOR CREATIVE 8-12 YEAR OLDS **a ARTS** VILLAGE



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:** Due oh Due
- 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!