

**Otorohanga South School**  
**Newsletter No. 1 – Thursday 1st February 2018**

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**COMING EVENTS**

February	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Waitangi Day
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	South Swimming
	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	COPS Swimming
March	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lower & Upper Junior Swimming
	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Gala

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**WELCOME BACK**

We enjoyed getting together as a whole school after morning tea yesterday to whakatau our new teachers and students after a hot summer break. The enthusiasm was everywhere as we met new students and had some fun to kick off the year.

Please come in and meet teachers when you can before and after school to ensure we have top information sharing in order to give our students the best possible year of learning.



We welcome our new teachers for this year, Abby Murphy in Room 4, Saphrine Witbrock in Room 5 and Genevieve Jones in Room 7.

A warm welcome to our new students and families:

Kayl Lentfer, Briearn McDonald-Tuaupiki, Lillie McFarlane, Kyla Philip, Braxton Robinson, Jazmin Tait, Pippa Tipene, Stephanie and Paula Tumolva, Huia Clarke-Takiari, Sasha Greenbank, Indy Davies, Meili Follas, Alyssa Jones, Jeremiah Bourke, Savannah Storey and Monique Wallis.  
Nau mai haere mai ki Otorohanga South School.

**CONDOLENCES**

It is with great sadness that we share with you that Mr Dennis Hole our part time teacher in the Year 5/6 team, passed away suddenly during the holidays. We will miss his great ukulele teaching and our condolences have gone to his family during this time.

*Shawn Gielen*  
*Principal*

### GALA RAFFLE BOOKS HOME SOON

Raffle books will come home with students in Years 4 – 8 very soon. Let's see how many raffles we can sell to support our major fundraiser the Gala. Try to be the top student seller for an awesome prize. If you need more books enquire at the office.

### ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Please ensure your child gets to school with enough time to be ready for the start of the day. Ideally this time is between 8.30am and 8.50am. Students who turn up earlier than this time are not in any way supervised and must remain at the bus shelter area until the first bus arrives at approx. 8:25am.

### The staff details are as follows:

Shawn Gielen	-	Principal		
Gillian Dampney	-	Deputy Principal / Release		
Angela Nield	-	Senior Teacher	R1	Y7/8
Rebekah Cosgrove	-	Teacher	R2	Y7/8
Georgina Glenn	-	Teacher	R3	Y7/8
Abby Murphy	-	Teacher	R4	Y4/5/6
Saphrine Witbrock	-	Teacher	R5	Y4/5/6
Briar Dampney	-	Senior Teacher	R6	Y4/5/6
Laura Rumbles	-	Senior Teacher	R12	Y3/4
Roanna Mahutonga	-	Teacher	R7	Y3/4
Genevieve Jones	-	Teacher	R14	Y3/4
Faith Miller	-	Teacher	R8	Y1/2
Christie Millin	-	Teacher	R9	Y1/2
Mary Kenealy	-	Senior Teacher	R10	Y1/2
Ann Easter	-	Assistant Principal	R11	Y1/2
Karen Bell	-	Release Teacher	R11	Y1/2
Tiana Connolly	-	Teacher	R13	
Barbara Jones	-	Release Teacher	R4/Soft Tech	
Calida Brunton	-	Technicraft Teacher	Hard Materials	
Christine Melville	-	Technicraft Teacher	Food and Fabric	
Sandra Rattray	-	Librarian/Enrolments Officer		
Jody van der Hoek	-	Office Manager		

#### Mainstream Teacher Aides:

Lou Crum, Andrea Grainger, Tanya Edwards.

#### Room 13 Teacher Aides – Special Education:

Christine Mitchell, Angie McPhee, Tahereh Norozi Iranzad

Marita Moore	-	Cleaner
Adrin Norozi Iranzad	-	Caretaker
Dayna Keyte	-	Cleaner

### TERM DATES FOR 2018

<b>TERM 1</b>	Finishes on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>TERM 2</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December

## **VOLUNTARY SCHOOL DONATION**

Payment options:

- cash or cheque at the school office (NO Eftpos available)
- internet payments direct into our bank account
- automatic payment into bank account

When making online payments please include your child's initial and surname and what the payment is for. You can abbreviate this to make it fit.

Account Details:

Oto South BOT

010391 0023110 00

Your support is hugely valued.

### **Donation for the Whole Year:**

1 child = \$60.00

2 children = \$90.00

3 + children = \$100.00

## **PAPER/PORTFOLIO FEE**

Please pay this to the office at your soonest convenience. This is a vital component in supporting our resource provision this year. \$15 per child.

**CAR PARK & AFTERNOON PICK UP** Walking pace only please. The quick drop off zone has a **1 minute limit**. Use parking area if waiting longer than 1 minute or wishing to come into school. Please avoid double parking and expecting students to run between cars to get to you. Please do not use the driveway into the school. This is for staff/taxis and freight. Please make every attempt to have your child picked up by 3:10pm at the latest. Students can become concerned when pick up is delayed. Please ring ahead to inform the office in the rare event that you will be delayed in picking up your child.

**SWIMMING** Reminder to all parents that it is swimming season and that children are required to bring Togs to school as this is part of our Curriculum. Your child must have a note from a caregiver to excuse them from this activity. Too many people drown in New Zealand each year to ignore swimming instruction opportunities.

**HEADLICE** This is an ongoing problem at this time of year. There will be a full school headlice check in the next few weeks. Simple precautions such as not sharing towels at swimming; not using others' sunhats and keeping hats separate; vigorous brushing daily of the hair; girls wearing their hair tied up, all help to prevent headlice. If discovered please treat immediately to prevent the spread. Treatment is available free of charge from your child's family doctor. Please do not be offended if you receive a letter informing you that your child has headlice.

**JEWELLERY** (bangles, necklaces, anklets, rings) are not considered appropriate for school. Ear rings (other than studs) are most unsuitable for school due to danger in play and should not be worn. Studs, sleepers & watches only. All other piercings and facial make up, are deemed to be inappropriate for school time.

**PARENTS COLLECTING CHILDREN DURING SCHOOL TIME** Should you require to collect your children early please write a note to the teacher, or if unanticipated contact school by phone.

Should there be legal non access restrictions regarding your children please advise school in writing - unless there is a non-access order both parents have equal rights.

Picking up children for Special Appointments All children are to be collected from the office or classroom. For safety reasons children will not wait at the gate to be picked up by parents.

**BUSES** All bus children will be picked up from South School between 3pm & 3.20pm. Each bus group will be guided by a senior bus warden. In the mornings all buses will deliver the children to South School as in the past.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Chairperson: Mr David Brown

Staff Rep: Georgina Glenn

Members: Mr Sandy Katipa-Maikuku, Mrs Anthea Tata, Mr Ephriam Emery

**STATIONERY LISTS** Classes will have received their stationery lists. We would appreciate you buying the required stationery as soon as possible. The Junior School has stationary available to purchase.

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS** Every Thursday there will be a school newsletter on green sponsored paper, given to the oldest member of the family. Please check your child's bag. It is also uploaded to the school's Facebook page. Be sure to 'like' our page to help keep you up to date.



**SCHOOL TIMES** School starts each day at 9:00am, interval 10:40 to 11:00am, lunch 12:30 to 1:25pm, end of day (for the children) at 2:55pm.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE** If your child is going to be away then please phone the office, or text 0279110819 stating child's name and reason for absence. If you get the answer phone then please leave a suitable message. Unexplained absences are passed onto the Truancy Officer to investigate. It is a Ministry of Education requirement that a reason for absence is recorded on the electronic roll, if no reason is given the absence is classified as unjustified.

**SCHOOL ARRIVAL** 8:30 am. Except for those students on early buses children should arrive at school between 8:30 and 8:50 in the morning. This enables teachers and students to prepare for the day.

**ROAD CROSSING** We have a patrol crossing across Te Kanawa Street (SH 31). This means that we can stop traffic for 20 minutes morning and afternoon opposite the Glendon Place walkway. Please encourage your child to use this crossing.

**WALKING TO SCHOOL** Children should use the footpath and patrolled crossings. All classes will be going over basic safety rules - buses, bikes, pedestrians. You can help by following up basic safety rules.

**BIKING TO SCHOOL** Cycle helmets are compulsory. We strongly advise students using scooters to wear helmets also. Do not let your child bike to school unless they put their helmets on

in an approved manner. Children generally do not have sufficient road knowledge skills to ride to school until they are eight years old. For your child's safety we recommend they do not bike to school until they are 8 years old.

**SCHOOL LUNCHES** If your child has healthy food and drink everyday it's good for their attention, behaviour and sets them up for learning. We encourage students to have healthy lunches consisting of sandwiches, fruit, veges and low sugar content snacks. Lollies, fizzy drinks and large packets of chips etc are not seen as nutritional snack options. Get your child off to a good start with breakfast every morning.

Subway lunch is available each Friday. Orders are taken on Thursday morning. Order envelopes are available at the office, this shows the choice and cost.

Very few children go home for lunch. We keep a list of these children. There is no problem if it is regular. If your child only goes home occasionally please provide a note. We do not want children strolling around town during the lunch hour.

**SCHOOL CLOTHING** Collared polo shirts are available @ \$32 each. Round neck T-shirts are \$28 each and polar fleece tops are also available at \$44 each for sizes 6 - 14. Please order at the office. Hats are also available. These items can be viewed at the office. All clothing should be named so that we can return lost property promptly.

**SUNHATS/SUNBURN** Reminder to all that in summer we have a No Hat No Play Policy. All children must wear a hat outside. All classrooms have their own supply of sunscreen, which children can apply before going outside.

**DENTAL THERAPISTS** If you wish to attend a family dental appointment with your child/ren please phone 021487914 to make an appointment. Alternatively you can phone 08008255833 (0800 TALK TEETH) and ask for Mobile Dental Unit 10 in your area.

**SPORTS GEAR** – Students are able to bring their own **clearly named** sports gear to school if they wish. We provide a wide range of equipment for break time and class lesson usage. We would like to have this option available for students and stress that is at their own risk and they must take full responsibility for storing and caring for the equipment. Please ensure gear is named and that you as the parent are aware of equipment your child may be bringing to school. Unnamed gear will be taken by the teacher and returned to the child at the end of the day.

### **BOOKCLUB**

Scholastic Bookclub order forms will come home from time to time. If you wish to order and pay by credit card you may now do this online at [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz). Just select Otorohanga South School, select your child's class, enter their name and enter your order. If you are paying by cash or cheque please make cheques payable to 'Scholastic NZ Limited'. If purchasing as a gift for your child, write your name and contact number on the form and we will contact you directly when the items arrive.

### **MAD COW DRUMS – Drum Tuition**

Mad Cow Drums are pleased to make the following offering to students of Otorohanga South School who want to learn to play drums in 2018!

Lessons will be on Monday afternoon at 3.00pm. Lessons commence Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. The cost per student is \$11.75 + GST/week. The lesson dates will run in conjunction with the school term.

Please feel free contact Glenn on 021 2020269 to confirm a spot and get more details.

A drum kit is available for hire.

Please note there is no requirement for a drum kit to begin these lessons!

If a student misses a lesson there will be no refunds on that lesson as the fee covers his or her placement for the term.

### **PIANO TUITION**

Carolyn Hill commences music tuition on Wednesday 14th February. The lessons are held in the hall during the lunch break. Could existing pupils bring their music and any new students can contact her on 07 873 7589 or 021 1695970.

### **JUNIOR CRICKET**

Cricket for Boys and Girls

No experience needed

Years 3 - 8

Softball and Hardball options

No equipment needed

Heaps of Fun

#### Softball Cricket

Years 3-5

No cost

Wednesday 21st Feb, Wed 28th Feb, Wed 7th March, Wed 14th March

5:15pm-6:30pm at Otorohanga Domain

Email: [otojuniorcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:otojuniorcricketclub@gmail.com) to register

#### Hardball Cricket

Saturday competition 9am-12pm (10th Feb-31st march)

Years 5-8

No experience needed

Club gear/equipment available for use

\$40 sub for the term

Email: [otojuniorcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:otojuniorcricketclub@gmail.com) to register

**PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATIONS WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED THIS WEEK FOR ALL HARDBALL PLAYERS.**

Any enquiries, please contact Otorohanga Junior Cricket Club

### **GIRLS CRICKET COACHING**

For any girl who wants to give cricket a go, no experience needed. Coaching skills for girls in a fun and friendly environment.

Where: Jansen Park, Hamilton

When: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Time: 10am – 11am

Girls are welcome to stay and watch the action as the senior NPL starts at 11am.

Contacts:

Andy: [hcawomenscricket@gmail.com](mailto:hcawomenscricket@gmail.com) - 0212982561

Dean: [thatdeanguy@gmail.com](mailto:thatdeanguy@gmail.com) - 0212672801