

COMING EVENTS

February	Thursday 8th	Gala Meeting 5pm - Staffroom
	Monday 12th	Book Club Orders Due
	Friday 23rd	South Swimming
March	Wednesday 28th	COPS Swimming
	Friday 2nd	Upper Junior Swimming - 11:30am
	Friday 2nd	Lower Junior Swimming - 1:35pm
	Friday 9th	Gala

Creating Healthy Term Time Habits

Homework tips:

- Have a designated space for doing homework
- Avoid sitting in front of TV/or other technology as the distraction can make the process drag out and the lack of focus can make the activity pointless
- Sharing aspects of homework with any adult builds support, accountability and involvement
- Highlight or underline any aspects of homework that are too difficult or hard to understand so that the teacher knows and can do something about it.
- It takes 21 days to create a habit—start now.

We value homework as a supporting activity for learning at school and we want your involvement as parents to be a positive one. If for any reason your child is concerned then do not hesitate to discuss this with the classroom teacher.

Junior School

The Junior School are studying Frogs and Fish this term. If anyone has some tadpoles that we can keep in an aquarium so that the children can watch them grow, please contact the Junior School Teachers or leave a message at the School Office.

Many Thanks The Junior School Teachers.

FROGS & FISH



SCHOOL GALA—Friday 9th March

- Please return your sold raffle ticket butts and money. If you cannot sell your tickets then return them as other people are waiting to sell more.
- **Groceries:** We would like each family to donate 3 grocery items for our popular Gala Grocery raffle. To get a good variety of items for the raffle we suggest children bring items starting with their initials e.g. John David Smith = Juice, dates, soy milk. Please bring your grocery items to the office.
- We need **volunteers** to help on the gala day with manning stalls and activities and cleaning up after the gala. Even if you can only spare an hour, we value your help. If you can help please call the school office - 873 8530.
- Please attend the Gala meeting at 5pm tonight if you can help.
- We need 15 kgs of mince for nachos . If you are able to donate any please drop it off to the school office.
- We all want to have a chance to enjoy the gala with our children, the more helpers we get, the less time each person will be rostered on an activity.

The Gala Committee thank you for your contributions and for supporting South School.

Shawn Gielen,
Principal

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2018 Netball /Soccer Season

It is that time of year when we need to start thinking about winter sports. In order for our students to take up these opportunities we **need** parental support. This involves **coaches, managers, umpires, canteen helpers** and if you are super keen...**committee members**. There will also be opportunities for parents to attend workshops to gain skills/knowledge. A registration form has/will be sent home with your child who has shown and interest in playing a winter sport. **Please make sure registration form is returned to the school office by the date stated on the form.** Any questions/queries please don't hesitate to contact Lou Crum. **Email:** lou.crum@otosouth.school.nz or **Phone:** 07 873 8530.

**After School Care Available
Kiwi Kids Club**

Children are collected from school and transported to Kiwi Kids Club at the Otorohanga Primary School hall. Afternoon tea is provided. Children can swim, play and do their homework.

Open: 2.30pm - 5.45pm

Cost:
One child first hour \$6.00 then \$5.00 p/hr
Two or more children not subsidised \$5.25 first hour then \$4.50 an hour each.
Winz subsidy available for working or studying parents. To enrol your child/ren contact:

Wiggs 021491616

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 to register
Any enquiries, please contact Otorohanga Junior Cricket Club.

Piano & Keyboard Tuition

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

MAD COW DRUMS

Mondays at 3.00pm
The cost per student is \$11.75 + GST/ week.
Contact Glenn on 021 2020269
Please note there is no requirement for a drum kit to begin these lessons.

Hearing and Vision Testing - Thursday 1st March

Vision Hearing Technicians from Rural and Community Services will be visiting our school on the 1st of March.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Catch up screening for children who have not complete hearing and vision checks as part of their B4 school check
- Children absent from previous visit, require re-tests or follow up
- Parents, teachers or others may request a hearing or vision check
- New immigrants
- All Year 7 student's vision only

What tests are carried out?

- Ears
- Audiometry - Hearing test
 - Tympanometry - Middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

- Eyes
- Long distance vision test - Not a complete visual examination, but a simple test

NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

- Notify parents of all test results
 - Enter results on the Ministry of Education data base (ENROL)
- If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a hearing or vision defect, they should let the technician know by leaving a message with the school.



PAY ONLINE

Oto South BOT

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Use student's name as a reference