

Otorohanga South School Newsletter No. 1 – Thursday 7th February 2019

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COMING EVENTS

February	Friday 22nd	South Swimming
	Wednesday 27 th	COPS Swimming
March	Friday 1 st	Lower & Upper Junior Swimming
	Friday 8 th	Gala



WELCOME BACK

We enjoyed getting together as a whole school after morning tea on Monday 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 our teachers when you can before and after school to ensure we have all of the information we need in order to give our students the best possible year of learning.

We welcome our new teachers for this year, Cheryl Hickford settling in as our new assistant principal, Carmen Rust is in Room 2 and we welcome back Mr Andy Bruce in Room 3 and Kerry-Anne Absalom in Room 14.

A warm welcome to our new students and families: Libby, Sally and Pippa Hickford, Alicia Hutching, Amelia Laws, Casius and Shyla Te Wano, Hannah Court, Sage and Harmony Sandison, James Joyce, Jashan Singh, Luke Paterson, Nevaeh Rawiri, Tamai Tuheke, Teina Goodin, Tyrese Conroy, Wairoa Stafford, Xavier Moreland, Jillian Rangitakatu, Luke Joseph-Kawhena.

Nau mai haere mai ki Otorohanga South School.



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. Do you want to be involved in our awesome Gala committee? Contact the school 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
Carmen Rust	-	Teacher	R2	Y7/8
Andy Bruce	-	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
Kerry-Anne Absalom	-	Teacher	R14	Y3/4
Faith Miller	-	Teacher	R8	Y1/2
Christie Millin	-	Teacher	R9	Y1/2
Mary Kenealy	-	Senior Teacher	R10	Y1/2
Cheryl Hickford	-	Assistant Principal	R11	Y1/2
Karen Bell	-	Release Teacher	R11	Y1/2
Margaret Miller	-	Teacher .6	R13	
Christine Melville	-	Technicraft Teacher		Food and Fabric
Calida Brunton	-	Technicraft Teacher		Hard Materials
Barbara Jones	-	Release Teacher		Tech
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
Tahereh Norozi Iranzad	-	Cleaner
Dayna Keyte	-	Hall Cleaner

TERM DATES FOR 2018

- TERM 1** Finishes on Friday 12th April
TERM 2 Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July
TERM 3 Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th September
TERM 4 Monday 14th October to Friday 18th 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 next week. 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

Members: Mr Sandy Katipa-Maikuku, Mrs Anthea Tata, Mr Ephriam Emery, Jo Harty, Ben Connolly

STATIONERY LISTS Classes will have received their stationery lists. We would appreciate you buying the required stationery as soon as possible.

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. Subway prefers orders to be placed online at www.subway.co.nz or if using a mobile phone, through their app. If you do not have access to these methods, envelopes are available from the school office and orders will be taken in the art bay by Room 2 on Thursday mornings before 9am.

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. 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 during Terms 1 and 4. 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. 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 & Guitar Tuition

Mad Cow Drums are pleased to make the following offering to students of Otorohanga South School who want to learn to play drums or guitar in 2019!

Lessons will be on Monday afternoon at 3.00pm. Lessons commence Monday 11th 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!

PIANO TUITION

Carolyn Hill (ATCL) will not be conducting music lessons at South School this year. She will be available for music tuition at her studio at 149 Otewa Road Otorohanga, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. There are limited vacancies. All existing and new pupils please phone 021 1695970 to confirm a day and time. Adults welcome.

NETBALL

NNZ Coaching Framework (Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty)

Level: CCA 1 Latest Module's

PCC 20th Feb SELECTING 6th March

PPC Planning 27th Feb 13th March

TEAM CULTURE 20th March ATTACKING FUNDAMENTALS 3rd April

BER 10th April

SKILLS ANALYSIS 1st May

DEFENCE 15th May

SHOOTING 22nd May

ALL MODULES TO BE HELD AT THE WAIKATO UNIVERSITY 6 - 8PM

COST: \$25 PER MODULE

REGISTER HERE; <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/92872>

SQUASH

The Otorohanga Squash Club is running squash juniors during term 1 on Thursday from 3.30 commencing 7th February. The introductory offer is \$30 for the term includes fun games, fitness, coaching and ladder challenge. Join the club for a key tag for court access and to play in our tournaments or junior interclub during 2019. Suitable for boys and girls ages 11-18 contact Cheryl Clark 0275094720 if you have any enquiries.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS

English Language Partners New Zealand are offering one-to-one home tutoring. To book a class please contact Ellena Butcher, Rural Coordinator – Ph: 07 8532188 - M:0275622991 – E: ellena.butcher@englishlanguage.org.nz