

Thursday 29 November 2018 – Term 4 Week 7

Tēnā koutou katoa ngā mihi ki te whānau o te Kura o Otatara
- greetings to all families of Otatara School.

SCHOOL SPORTS



Yesterday, by all accounts, the junior students had a very successful sports fun day with Makarewa. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who enabled this event to be held. Tomorrow is the senior school triathlon. Heats begin at 12.00, please note the times shown are a guide only so it is best to arrive well ahead of your child's scheduled race time.

12:00	Y4 Girls Individual
	Y4 Boys Individual
	Y4 Girls Teams Heat One
	Y4 Girls Teams Heat Two
	Y4 Boys Teams Heat One
	Y4 Boys Teams Heat Two
12:30	Lunch
1:00	Y5 Girls Individual
	Y5 Girls Teams Heat One
	Y5 Girls Teams Heat Two
	Y5 Boys Individual Heat One
	Y5 Boys Individual Heat Two
	Y5 Boys Teams Heat One
	Y5 Boys Teams Heat Two
	Y5 Mixed Team Heat One
	Y5 Mixed Team Heat Two
	Y6 Girls Individual Heat One
	Y6 Girls Individual Heat Two
	Y6 Girls Individual Heat Two
	Y6 Girls Teams Heat One
	Y6 Boys Individual Heat One
	Y6 Boys Individual Heat Two
	Y6 Boys Teams
	Y6 Mixed Team Heat One
	Y6 Mixed Team Heat Two
	Students vs Teachers/Parents

REFLECTIONS

The end of the year provides an opportunity for us to look back and be thankful for people, their talents and contributions. This newsletter expresses some of the gratitude our students feel for aspects of our school, gathered by our Ariki.

Outside of the classroom:

- The playground, the sport shed equipment, a clean environment, the pirate ship, the swimming pool, the scooter track and PALs (Physical Activity Leaders)
- Pieces of wood, building supplies, drums, tyres, barrels and the play pod and children letting us join in for hut building
- We like using the bush and going for walks with Mrs Rodway
- Climbing trees as some schools don't have trees or are not allowed to climb them
- Opportunities to do things we haven't done before
- Pet Day, Kapa Haka, Outreach Singing, Band, Outdoor Education and Year 6 Camp

Inside the classroom:

- Maths because you get to play maths games and learn how to count
- Writing because we get to tell our stories, how we get to choose, and have opportunities to write about our memories
- Drawing in art and building
- Having two teachers
- Passion projects, personal inquiry areas and opportunities for different inquiries
- Investigations and challenges
- Teachers who help us and explain things
- Mixing around and working in different groups throughout the year
- Our new classrooms with clean non smelly toilets and break out spaces to work in

In the words of Mandy Ingber, author and wellness expert - *Have gratitude for all that you have, and you can be happy exactly as you are.*

END OF YEAR

Student reports and learning journals go home next Friday; information about these will be in next week's newsletter. Our end of year dance celebration is **Wednesday 12th December** in the Community Centre, **juniors at 5:30pm and seniors at 6:15pm**, we hope you can join us.

Heoi anō tāku mō ināianeī - That's all for now
Nāku noa nā. - Yours sincerely

Southland Food Bank

Otatara School is working with MoreFM supporting the Southland Food Bank cause '**Pack the Bus**' on Thursday 6th December. MoreFM's bus will be here for 45 minutes and our students will help pack the bus with food items from our community. Please support this cause by donating cans of food that your child can bring to school starting next week, Monday 3rd December.

Thank You

The Parent Group has kindly donated all proceedings from the Disco last Friday to the Year 6 Storytellers Hut build. We are always very grateful for the hard work and generosity of our parents.

Otatara Parent Group Disco Photo Fundraiser

Disco photos are available at the office to view and order.

- Photos \$3:00 each for a 6x4 photo.
- Please make cheques out to Otatara Community Parent Group.
- Correct change only.
- Orders to be in a sealed envelope/bag please.
- **Final day for orders Tuesday December 4th. No late orders will be accepted.**
- Photos will be delivered to your child's classroom the following week.

Road Patrol

Last Tuesday Year 6 students celebrated their road patrol efforts at the annual **Orange Parade**. Around 400 students from Invercargill heard words of appreciation from the New Zealand Police and Mayor Tim, marched up Esk Street and had a free swim at Splash Palace. Well done to all those, including our parent helpers, who have kept our school community safe on Dunns Road again this year.



Safety Vests

Could all Year 6 students please remember to return their safety vest to their teacher/office before the end of the year. Please ensure these are washed ready for re-issue next year.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool subscription for the season is \$60. Your card, fob or phone app from last year will no longer work from now on unless your subscription is paid to the office or via Internet banking. Bank account details are 03 0855 0560871 00, please add your child's name and 'Pool' as reference. Any new users wishing to purchase a fob (\$60 plus a one off payment of \$25 for the fob) or cellphone app access (\$60 plus a one off payment of \$5) please see Noelene in the office.

Pita Pit

The last school lunch delivery for the year will be on Wednesday 5th December. They will start up again on Wednesday 6th February 2019.

Subway

The last school lunch delivery for the year will be Friday 7th December. They will start up again on Friday 8th February 2019.

Sausage Sizzle



Last sausage sizzle for the year is next Friday 7th of December. Orders taken in the Learning Centre from 8:30am. Sausages are \$2 each.

Sports Results

Futsal

Otatara Green played St Theresa's Chargers and won 6-0. Player of the day was Nikita Barclay.

Water Polo



Otatara Oysters played St John's who won 5-6 in an exhilarating final. Congratulations to the team who started the season as beginners and finished as runners up.

Touch

Otatara Yellow played Rimu Hurricanes who won 8-5. Player of the day was Deegan Hedges.



30 November	Senior Triathlon
05 December	Mitre 10 Mega Tough Kids
10 December	BOT Meeting 7:30pm Staffroom
11 December	Year 6 Fun Day
12 December	Dance Celebration
14 December	Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony 1:00pm
14 December	End of Term 4
31 January	Start of School for 2019

School Assembly

07 December **1:30pm** Final School Assembly
14 December **1:00pm** Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony

We hope you can join us for our celebration of learning.



Road Patrol Roster

Monday 3 December to Friday 7 December

Monday	Joanna Erskine
Tuesday	Sarah Hamilton
Wednesday	Hannah Winder
Thursday	Bronwyn Graham
Friday	Megan Labes/Karen Wood

If for some reason you are unavailable on your rostered day please swap with another parent.