

Otatarā School

Newsletter Thursday 04 May 2023

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

2023 ARIKI

Congratulations to our 2023 Ariki who were presented their badges by Lieutenant Commander Driver at our Anzac assembly on Friday. These students are selected by their peers and teachers being recognised as strong citizens who live by and uphold our school values of manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, ako and kaitiakitanga.

OTATARA SCHOOL ARIKI 2023	
Tōtara - Room 4	Harper McDowall, Max McKenzie
Ponga - Room 5	Robbie Blain, Ava Jenkins-Thompson
Mānuka - Room 6	Harper Thompson, Jackson Nyhof
Akapuka - Room 7	Zoey Lindsay, Patrick Doyle
Ti Kōuka - Room 8/9	Leif Adams, Lilah Thurlow
Pōkāka and Tarata Year 6	Nicholas Hore, Lila Anderson, Cruz Harrison, Freya Gilmour

MID YEAR REPORTS

Later this term we will be sending home a mid-year report as well as inviting whānau to student led/three way learning conversations in the last week of term. Following your feedback from last year the mid year report will be sent home prior to the meeting. We are in the process of reviewing this mid year report to better align it with our end of year written report. It is important to note that this report only provides an overall teacher judgement in terms of mid year progress in the key learning areas of reading, writing and mathematics, as well as an indication on a 4 point scale of how your child is managing as a learner in relation to identified elements of learning. The richness in terms of your child's progress will be shared and celebrated in the student led/three way learning conversations.

Please know that if a teacher feels a child would benefit from additional support they will be in touch with you. You are also welcome to contact your child's teacher at any time to discuss your child's progress.

WELLBEING SUPPORT

A new Te Whatu Ora website provides a pathway to find free support for mild and moderate mental health and addiction issues. <https://www.wellbeingsupport.health.nz/available-wellbeing-support/>

This link provides information about the types of services available.

THERAPY PETS

We have recently joined the Hato Hone St John Therapy Pet programme and will be introducing Karen, an ex parent of our school, and her delightful little dog Kobi to our school after Jump Jam on Friday. Karen and Kobi will spend about an hour a week in our school.



NEW ZEALAND SIGN LANGUAGE

Next week is New Zealand Sign Language awareness week, there are a wealth of online resources to support the learning of sign language

NZSL dictionary- <https://www.nzsl.nz/>

Free online sign language learning -

<http://www.learnnzsl.nz/#/id/co-01>

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND HISTORIES

As part of our ongoing learning about Aotearoa New Zealand Histories, teachers this week discussed people, places, events and taonga that are important in our local area.

We will also be consulting with our community to understand what local areas of learning are important so together we can create significant learning opportunities that allow our students to grow their knowledge and understanding of our area in order for them to continue to contribute and participate.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Jason Whyte the ITL e-learning facilitator has been in our school this week working with our senior students around keeping themselves safe online and looking after their personal and private information.

Netsafe has some useful information to help keep your child/ren safe online

<https://netsafe.org.nz/privacy-settings-on-social-networks/>



Heoi anō tāku mō ināianei - That's all for now

Nāku noa nā. - Yours sincerely

Sharon Livingstone

WELCOME



Welcome to our new entrant Harriet Boyle and also to transferring students Landen and Talia Martens. We hope you enjoy being part

of our learning community.

VALUES CERTIFICATES

Manaakitanga

Lewis Davidson
Phoebe Hodson

Ako Award

Emma Walker
Isla Strachan

OTATARA CALENDAR

06 May	King's Coronation
12 May	Sausage Sizzle
17 May	School Cross Country
18 May	Outdoor Classroom Day
25 May	Playhouse Theatre – Treasure Island
26 May	School Disco
31 May	Zone Cross Country
05 June	King's Birthday
16 June	Southland Cross Country
27 & 29 June	Student led/three way learning conversations
30 June	Term 2 Ends

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

05 May 2:10pm Junior School Assembly
12 May 2:00pm Whole School Assembly

*We hope you can join us to
Celebrate our learning.*

ROAD PATROL

Monday 08 May to Friday 12 May 2023

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Alex Gilmour	Ange Strachan
Tuesday	Lydia Harvey	Lydia Harvey
Wednesday	Helen Stewart	Michelle Lange
Thursday	Brad Packham	Toni Doyle
Friday	Quintin/Kylie Thompson	Quintin/Kylie Thompson

Parent helpers please be at school by 8:20am for the morning patrol and 2:40pm for the afternoon patrol. If for some reason you are unavailable on your rostered day please swap with another parent.

Thank you for helping keep everyone safe

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE 3

The booklet from the Scholastic Book Club was sent home with your child this week. Please have orders in by Friday 12 May. Thank you for your support as each order earns free books and resources for our school.

SUBWAY ORDERS

Subway is available at school on Fridays, orders can only be made online and be in by **Friday morning no later than 8.59am**, head to www.subwayexpress.co.nz, select Otatara school, your child's room number and follow the prompts. Any problems please don't hesitate to contact Beck at Subway on 2141777.

Year 6 Corner

Camp

On 2023, Year 6 at Otatara School went to Tautuku camp. We all had fun and did activities we had never done before. We did abseiling which is climbing down a vertical hill with a rope. We did horizontal bungee which is when you put on a harness connected to a bungee tied to a pole and try to get as far as you can. We created skits and did archery, roasted marshmallows, played spotlight and went kayaking.

This is us playing ping pong.



This is our class chilling in the hall at Camp Tautuku.



This was the biggest zipline I had ever been on.

This is us at archery.



Every single person who went on camp loved it. I can't wait until camp at high school.

This is abseiling it was my favourite.



This is us kayaking in the freezing creek.



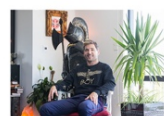
COMMUNITY NEWS



Teen Brain

Navigating those tricky years with your adolescent

James Hargest College - INVERCARGILL
Mon 8th 2022 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Tickets at eventfinda.co.nz



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REEL ROCK 17 ROCK CLIMBING FILM FESTIVAL



Adventure Southland are excited to be hosting the Reel Rock 17 Rock Climbing Film Festival in Invercargill at SIT Centrestage Theatre on Thursday 18th May. Don't miss three heart-stopping new films featuring the year's biggest climbing & adventure stories: a wild expedition on

Nameless Tower in Pakistan; a new cutting-edge route in a massive limestone cave in France; and a journey to Palestine's West Bank to explore the power of climbing to change lives. Presented by The North Face and supported by Black Diamond & Yeti.

General Admission Tickets \$26

Limited ticket available, book now with iTICKET!

<https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2023/may/reel-rock-17-invercargill>