

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

We have three Otago University College of Education students completing placements in our school at the moment. Lisa Clark - Room 2, Jordan Reedy - Room 4 and Jason Fraser - Room 5. We always enjoy having students training to be teachers with us - it is a wonderful example of ako - reciprocal learning.

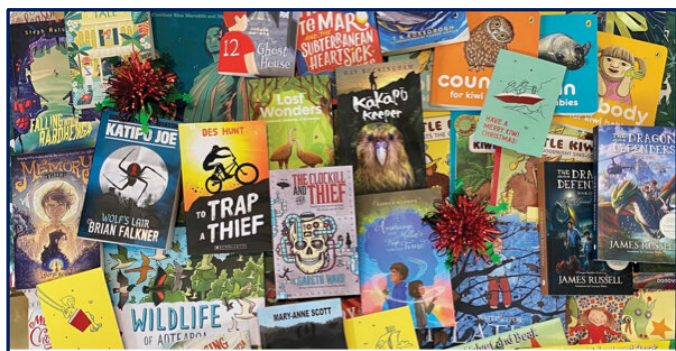
We are again being affected by staff illness and with the ongoing shortage of relievers are at times left with no option but to split a class across other classes in the school. As much as possible we try to keep students within their team i.e. juniors or seniors and send 2 or 3 students together to a class. We are doing our best to keep classrooms open, and as much as possible minimise disruption. We really appreciate the support our teachers and teacher aides provide for learners across our school and the flexibility of our students in these times of change.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Today is Outdoor Classroom Day. Year 6 students have been involved in planting at Fossbender Park with staff from the ICC Parks and Reserves. Other classes will have been making the most of engaging in some outdoor learning in the reserve and/or around our school grounds.

The Juniors are excited about their trip to Omaui next Tuesday and are very grateful to whānau members who are accompanying, without your support trips like this are not possible. Please remember to check that your child/ren has all that is required.

DONATE A BOOK - KIWI CHRISTMAS BOOKS



Once again we are collecting donations of **brand new Kiwi books** to gift to families in Southland who are struggling to afford Christmas presents for their kids.

Please consider buying an extra book or two next time you are shopping or ordering books online and add it to the **donation box at our school library**. Picture books, chapter books, middle grade, young adult, fiction or non-fiction — we'd love them all!

All books will be distributed to families through Family Works Southland so all books donated in Southland stay in Southland.

Your donation of brand new books will put smiles on the faces of many vulnerable Southland kids this Christmas. No need to wrap books. Your support is most appreciated.

This year you can also purchase **gift cards** through the website and donate a book on behalf of someone else. They make ideal presents for staff/colleagues/friends/family—please do check them out!

<https://shop.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz>

Donations close on Monday, December 11th.

You can read more here: www.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz

CRICKETERS!



Jack and Kurt from Cricket Southland with our budding cricketers and the new cricket sets presented to us from Cricket Southland. This year we have had a record number of students signing up for cricket - over 60 pupils. No doubt this new equipment will get plenty of use!

PLAY WEEK 6-12 NOVEMBER

Play Week Aotearoa 2023 is a celebration of play and its value to tamariki, whānau and communities across Aotearoa. This year's theme is 'Play is Everywhere'.

Check out the Sport New Zealand website - <https://sportnz.org.nz/playweek/about-play-week/> for a raft of ideas and information and have some fun playing!

NEW RIVER ESTUARY

New River Estuary Forum Meeting is being held this Saturday the 4th of November from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Invercargill Public Library Meeting Room on the second floor. The meeting will provide an update of what has been happening over the past year, share the findings of a survey and discuss possible future projects and next steps.

COMING UP

Mufti day and obstacle course gold coin fundraiser for low vision - an event being organised by 2 of our Year 5 students Tasman Wandless and Sam Arthur.

The 10th is a busy one with the Halloween themed school disco that evening as well.

I understand tickets are selling fast for the Taste of Otago House and Garden Tour on Sunday 12th November. Don't be disappointed, get your tickets from Ziffs or the Four Square.

Sausage Sizzle 16th November - another date to mark on your calendar. All proceeds to Chat Bus, with the Parent Group matching dollar for dollar.

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



WELCOME



Welcome to Harrison and Angus Prue who have transferred to Otatara School. We hope you enjoy being part of our learning community.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Max Templer who was awarded his Level 2 Leaders Badge at assembly last week.

VALUES CERTIFICATES

Manaakitanga

Harry Harper

Ako Award

Pierce Febery

OTATARA CALENDAR

07 Nov	Junior School Omaui Trip
10 Nov	Mufti Day Fundraiser - Sportswear
10 Nov	School Disco – Halloween
12 Nov	Parent Group Fundraiser - 'Taste of Otatara'
17 Nov	Teacher Only Day
14 Dec	Term 4 Ends - Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
31 Jan	Term 1 Starts for 2024

ROAD PATROL

Monday 06 November to Friday 10 November 2023

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Stephanie Scarlett	Sharon Livingstone
Tuesday	Cherie Wooscock	Cherie Woodcock
Wednesday	Helen Stewart	Michelle Lange
Thursday	Becky Nyhof	Becky Nyhof
Friday	Jennifer Paton	Jennifer Paton

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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

03 November - 2.10pm Junior Assembly

10 November - 2.00pm Whole School Assembly

We hope you can join us to celebrate our learning.

SOUTHLAND SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPS

Otatara School had five students compete in the Southland School Swimming Champs last weekend. Thank you to Caroline Rain for managing the team.

Congratulations to the following students on their placings.

Backstroke Boys age 9-10

1st Tasman Wandless

Butterfly Boys age 9-10

2nd Ted Duncan

3rd Theodore Paganelli

Freestyle Boys 9-10

3rd Tasman Wandless

Breaststroke Boys 9-10

3rd Theodore Paganelli



The swimmers represented Otatara School with pride showing determination, enthusiasm and support of each other.

'Chasing Dreams With Hannah'

Mufti Day Fundraiser
Sportswear Theme

Friday 10 November

Gold coin donation

Blindfolded obstacle course



Updates and information on
'Chasing Dreams with Hannah' Facebook page

SBS BANK TOUR OF SOUTHLAND

The SBS Bank Tour of Southland started on Sunday 29 October 2023 at the Feldwick Gates, Queen's Park at 12:00pm with the 4.2km Prologue for the 67th Tour.

This year there are 19 teams competing with 114 riders who will ride the eight stages of the SBS Bank Tour of Southland. The event covers all of Southland including Bluff, Invercargill, Winton, Mossburn, Te Anau, Lumsden, Gore and the Remarkables near Queenstown.

A lot of riders have different skills and win different jerseys at the end of the Tour such as; the King of the Mountain (KoM), Under 23 Leader, Sprint Ace, Silver Jersey and the Most Combative. The overall Tour Leader will wear an orange jersey for the first time this year (instead of a yellow jersey) to recognise its sponsor of 11 years, SBS Bank. Every other year that the Tour has been held, the Tour Leader has worn a yellow jersey.

The final day of the Tour is Saturday 04 November when riders will complete a time trial around Winton before riding all the way from Winton to Invercargill for the finish on Saturday afternoon at around 3:00pm.



By Ryan Oosterbroek

HALLOWEEN DISCO

SPOOKY EVENING AHEAD

Halloween Disco

When: Friday 10th November
Where: Otatarā Community Hall
Junior Disco: 6pm - 7pm
Senior Disco: 7.15pm - 8.30pm
\$2 Polaroid Photos
\$5 & \$10 Disco Packs for sale.

Parent help needed. Please text Louise:
027 856 7776



taste of OTATARĀ
 Sunday 12th November 11am - 3pm

Brought to you by Otatarā School Parent Group.

Relax over a few hours appreciating the lifestyle that we enjoy in Otatarā. Explore our native suburbs while strolling through a selection of homes & spring gardens ranging from renovated homes and a barn, through to new builds, an air bnb and our own local hairdressers studio. Tucked away are a few hidden locations throughout the day, rallies and a silent auction. This is a great opportunity to support our local Otatarā School. A Home & Garden tour not to be missed.

12+ locations

Coffee carts & Food trucks + Refreshments

Local artisan stalls

\$30 per ticket. Limited tickets available to purchase from Four Square Otatarā or Ziff's Cafe. Cash sales only.

All ticket sales going towards supporting Otatarā School. We appreciate your understanding that this is a 18+ event to respect entering others homes.

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TASTE OF OTATARĀ AUCTION

If you're interested in any of our Auction item's listed, simply email Otatarasilentauction2023@gmail.com

- Your name
- Phone number
- Item you're bidding on
- Value of your bid

Bids are accepted by email up until 5pm, Saturday 11th November. Auction closes at 3pm Sunday 12 November after our House and Garden tour. Highest bid received at the end of the auction wins.

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#	Auction Item	Sponsored By	Market Value
1	Dalvin Air Purifier	Refrigeration Supplies	\$900
2	Seaviews @ Riverton. 2 nights in a holiday home (Sleeps 8)	O'Connor Family	\$844
3	1 Nights Accom in Superior Queen + Breakfast for 2 @ The Langlands	Invercargill Licensing Trust	\$296
4	30 Minute Local Scenic Flight	Southern Wings	\$330
5	\$200 The Grocer Voucher - 2 items	Pat O'Sullivan Plumbing & Draining	\$200 per item
6	8 Week Boot Camp	Bombshell Fitness	\$350
7	Signed 2023 Southland Stags Jersey	Rugby Southland	Priceless!
8	Return Trip for 2 Adults to Stewart Island	Real NZ	\$440
9	Large or Small Vehicle Full Groom	Executive Car Services	\$483
10	Clita Design Cushion Bundle	Ziff's Cafe & Bar	\$290
11	Echo Show 8	Elm Marketing	\$265
12	Leo Larva Wallhanger	Wrens	\$120
13	Transport World Family Pass (2 Adults, 2 Kids)	Transport World	\$100
14	Ashley & Co Hamper (13 items)	Buster Crabb Ltd	\$420
15	End Grain Chopping Board	Darren Scott Design	\$160
16	Round of Golf for 4 plus Cart	Invercargill Golf Club	\$200
17	Icey - Tek Cooler Bag	Frewza Boats	\$230