

Otātara School

Newsletter Thursday 23 February 2023

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

MAHI TAHI - WORKING TOGETHER

Thank you to all those parents who supported our Mahi Tahī evening on Monday night and apologies that we were not able to use the microphone as I know people at the back of the Community Centre struggled to hear. Thankfully the microphone has been located again!

Below are some of the key points from our speakers:

Jenni McCrostie talked about the Alert programme, a self regulation analogy related to engines used across the school

<https://www.alertprogram.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Whats-All-This-Talk-About-Engines-English-version.pdf>

Miles, our Chatbus counsellor outlined his role in the school and how he can provide support to students and families. He introduced a breathing technique which he will post of the Chatbus South Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/ChatbusSouth>

Lyn Sanderson, our health nurse, reminded us about the importance of sleep and keeping bedtimes consistent as late nights can cause fatigue and throw sleep schedules off for days.

- 1-3 year olds need 12-14 hours sleep and naps of 1.5-3.5 hours
- 3-5 year olds need 11-13 hours sleep
- 5-12 year olds need 10-11 hours sleep

Lyn's other piece of advice was to allow your child/ren to learn from natural consequences unless there is a safety issue involved. For example, if a child goes outside in the rain with no coat on after being told to wear their coat they will hopefully learn from getting wet to dress more appropriately next time.

SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY CYCLONE GABRIELLE

Tomorrow, Friday, we are having a gold coin donation mufti day and non-perishable food item drive to provide support for families and schools affected by the devastation brought about by Cyclone Gabrielle. Students are asked to please put food items in one of the crates at the entrances to the school. These crates will be dropped off by one of our fabulous parents to the collection depot.

Thank you in advance for supporting this very worthy cause, every little bit will help these communities.

WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES

We would like to invite new families to our school to an afternoon tea this Sunday 26th February from 3.00pm-4.30pm in the staffroom at school.

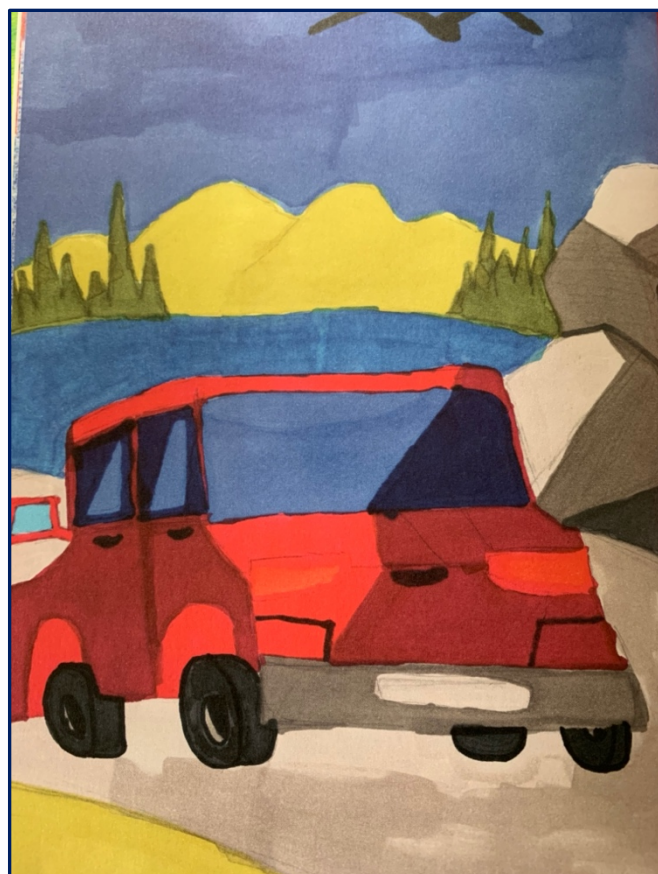
Some of our Parent Group and I will be there to answer any questions you may have regarding the school or take you on a wander through classrooms.

We hope you can pop in and have a casual cuppa and biscuit with us, this is a great opportunity to meet other new families.

Children are welcome to enjoy a play in the playground during this time.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to ex-student Ciara Donnelly who recently had a piece of her artwork published in the student journal Toitōi.



SCHOOL SIGNS

A big thank you to Daniel Monteath for his superb painting and rejuvenation of our large wooden roadside school signs.



SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Weather permitting we hope to have our school athletics on Monday so if you are available to help please let Jena know - jena@otatara.school.nz. Timetable for events is as follows:

Time Approx	8 Yr Girls	8 Yr Boys	9 Yr Girls	9 Yr Boys	10 Yr Girls	10 Yr Boys
9:35	60m	60m	Shot Put	High Jump	Discus	Long Jump
10:10	Discus	Long Jump	100m	100m	High Jump	Shot Put
10:45	High Jump	Discus	Long Jump	Shot Put	100m	100m
11:20	100m	100m	Discus	Long Jump	Shot Put	High Jump
11:55	Shot Put	High Jump	200m	200m	Long Jump	Discus
12:30						
1:00	Long Jump	Shot Put	High Jump	Discus	200m	200m
1.35	RELAYS					

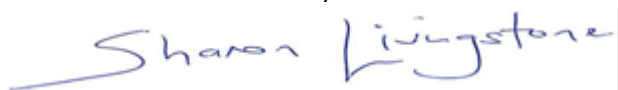
Note: 800m and 1500m, and any final field throws and jumps needed, will be held during school time.

HELP NEEDED

Our Board of Trustees needs someone to take minutes at our meetings. We meet twice a term for about 2 hours on a Monday night 7pm-9pm and the minute taker is paid 4 hours per meeting, 2 hours for attending and 2 hours for writing up the minutes.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in please call in and see Noelene or Sharon or drop us an email admin@otatara.school.nz

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



WELCOME



Welcome to our transferring student Dujean Ruatara. We hope you enjoy being part of our learning community.

VALUES CERTIFICATES

<p>Manaakitanga</p> <p>Harpur Kilby Max Packham Edmund Stewart</p>	<p>Whānaungatanga</p> <p>Patrick Doyle Liam Foster Leif Adams</p>
<p>Kaitiakitanga</p> <p>Arthur Horrell Parker Jones Elle Tohiariki Charlotte Rain Freya Gilmour Maddison Sinclair Declan Charlton</p>	<p>Ako Award</p> <p>Ben Holmes Toby Bradshaw</p>

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

24 February 2:10pm Junior Assembly

03 March 2:00pm School Assembly

We hope you can join us to celebrate our learning.

CALENDAR

24 February Mufti Day & Food Drive

27 February Senior Athletics

27 February BOT Meeting 7.00pm Learning Centre

01 March Teacher Paid Union Meeting

Early finish - 1.00pm

07 March Kiwi Zone Athletics

12 March Surf to City

21 – 24 March Year 6 Camp

25 March Southland Athletics

29 – 31 March Life Education – Juniors

03 April BOT Meeting 7.00pm Learning Centre

06 April Last Day Term 1

24 April **Teacher Only Day**

26 April Start of Term 2

ROAD PATROL

Monday 27 February to Friday 03 March 2023

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Stephanie Scarlett	Ange Strachan
Tuesday	Jeremy Holmes	Sharon Livingstone
Wednesday	Susan Weir/ Kerry Driver	Ashlee Nieborg
Thursday	Tracy Jack	Tracy Jack
Friday	Mana/Lauren Harrison	Mana/Lauren Harrison

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.

Otatara House & Garden Tour
coming in Spring!

Brought to you by our Parent Group.
Further details to follow.



INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS
YOUR CORPS INVERCARGILL VIDEO GAMING EVENT
 PLAY VIDEO GAMES WITH 20 OTHER PEOPLE IN THE SAME ROOM

FREE EVENT

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED



Safe Environment
 Heaps of Fun
 Learn New Computer Skills
 Develop Social Skills
 Make New Friends

AGES: 7-12 YEARS
 11:00AM UNTIL 1:00PM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25
 ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND

ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED - REGISTER NOW AT: WWW.YOURCORPS.CO.NZ

OFFICIAL SPONSORS: Invercargill City Council, ILT Stadium Southland, elocitynet

IN ASSOCIATION WITH ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND
 WITH SUPPORT FROM INSERT COIN TO PLAY - CHARITABLE TRUST -

Kylie McGinnis
 BDL PRODUCTIONS
 SOUTH alive
 262 NESS STREET

PICNIC AT THE POD

FREE MUSIC CONCERT
SUNDAY 19 MARCH 1-4PM

Bring your whānau and friends down for a great afternoon of FREE music from Kylie McGinnis, El Scratcho band and more on the day.

Bring along your own picnic blanket, food and enjoy the afternoon.

We will also have Southland based groups showcasing rangatahi (youth) opportunities onsite.



Southland Ski Club grand fundraiser 3 fabulous prizes to be won

The club hasn't raised funds for many years, however a portion of the capital and running costs of NZSk's massive wastewater upgrade are being shared with the clubs who also benefit from the facility. The committee is conducting a very special raffle, with tickets to be drawn under supervision at our AGM on Thurs 30-March.

First Prize



Sponsors: www.southlandskiclub.org.nz www.nzski.com

Other prizes include the following accommodation packages for 1 family*, subject to availability.

2 nights accommodation at the Southland Ski Lodge during the winter season.

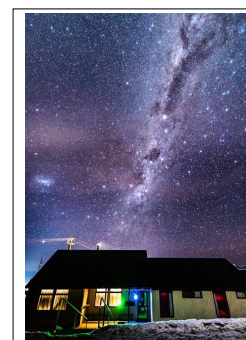
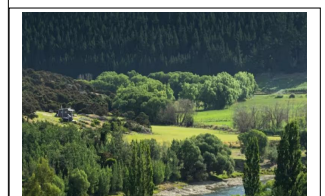


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www.southlandskiclub.org.nz



Up to 3 nights at a riverside bach near Millers Flat.

<https://abnb.me/f9rgYHGOyxb>

* Family means up to 2 adults and up to 3 children.



Southland: it's time for something completely new! The George Begg Festival (30 March – 2 April) is a retro motorsport event like never before. If you've noticed the flags in Invercargill's inner-city, or you've spotted the George Begg Festival exhibit at Invercargill Central, and you're wondering what it's all about, keep reading. Combining the best in classic racing with fun for the whole whānau, there's set to be something for everyone. See motorsport legends like Greg Murphy, Paul Radisich, and Jim Murdoch take to the track; dress up and enjoy the atmosphere of the Kids Zone, retail precinct, and food and beverage vendors; check out live entertainment including festival headliners The Beat Girls and the Trends On The Track best-dressed competition; give little ones a go on the track with the pedal car race; or get amongst the fun of the Begg's Barmy Rally (a scavenger hunt throughout Southland in support of charity Cure Kids) and Studio GB (retro disco at Bill Richardson Transport World).

Visit www.georgebeggfestival.nz for more information and to buy tickets.