



**OTAMA**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Little Footprints - Big Steps*

Term 3 Week 4

# Newsletter

Friday, 17 August 2018

## Principal Report

Kia ora,

Today was our fantastic Otama School fair day! I am so proud of our students who were enthusiastic guides for our younger visitors. We had a great turnout, with parents, grandparents, supporters, teachers, and pre-schoolers from the district, and from Funshine Early Learning Centre. Ashleigh Martin from *The Ensign* visited and took some photos, so we are looking forward to seeing ourselves in print.

Thank you to everyone who helped us today. Mrs Vincent brought some calves out for us to feed. Mr Salter and Mrs Spikin donated face paint and food for our BBQ, as well as being our head chef for the day. Mr and Mrs Whyte donated meat for our BBQ as well. Mrs Allan, Mrs Carter, Mrs Lawrence, Mrs McBain, Mr and Mrs Miller, Mrs Pouwhare, Mrs and Mrs Salter, Mr Solari, and Mrs Thomson joined us and supported us during the morning as well. Our Otama community showed their passion for our school community today. We had approximately 18 pre-school visitors, and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I am looking forward to future opportunities to work alongside our younger friends.

A special thank you to the Butlers at Riversdale Meats for graciously donating their time and resources in preparing the donated meat for our BBQ. Your sponsorship of Otama School is greatly appreciated.

A belated thank you also to Mrs McBain and Mrs Vincent for collecting and dropping off a carload of students during the Waikaia Enviroschools field trip.

This is turning into a bit of a *thank you* issue of the newsletter, and I also need to acknowledge the support of everyone who helped to prepare our playground over the weekend. In particular, the McBain family and the Whyte family, who brought the heavy gear needed for the bark. Thank you everyone.

We are so grateful for all the support we have received, and I would hate to miss anyone out. Please do let me know if I've forgotten to acknowledge any of your support in the newsletter. We have so many helpers here, and I do want to acknowledge you all.

I am feeling very optimistic about the future. With our new playground, new connections, and existing support and resources, we are well placed to continue providing the best opportunities for our students.

Next week, I will be taking our speech finalists to the cluster final which will be held at St Peter's in Gore. Our finalists will be chosen on Monday afternoon at our in-class competition. Students have been given time in class to work on their speeches, but some finishing touches and practice over the weekend might be a very good idea.

Congratulations to **all of our Otama School students** for being great leaders today. Thank you all!

Have a great weekend.

Samuel Smith





## Events Calendar

Tuesday 21 August  
Speech Contest - Cluster  
St. Peters College (To be confirmed)

Tuesday 28 August  
Year 7 & 8 Technology

**Please contact us, if you know of a three or four bedroom house to rent, for a family who are moving to the area.**

**Phone 208 1829 thank you.**