



OTAMA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Little Footprints - Big Steps

Term 3 Week 4

Newsletter

Friday, 18 August 2017

Principal Report

I hope you have all been enjoying the more pleasant temperatures in the past few days and it now feels like spring is just around the corner.

Next week leaders of Eastern Southland schools will be meeting to develop a shared vision for the development of the Eastern Southland Community of Learning (CoL). This initiative involves all of the schools in Gore and the smaller schools that feed into the Gore High Schools. The CoL has been in the pipeline for a while now but as it is a very large CoL (13 schools) getting momentum has been a challenge. Communities of Learning are currently being formed around the country to improve collaboration between schools with the benefit of improving student achievement throughout their learning pathways from year 1 through to year 13. There is quite a process to go through before a CoL is fully up and running, but it is hoped that the Eastern Southland CoL will be ready to go at the beginning of 2018 with all of the teaching leadership positions being filled.

This year we have continued to work closely with the students who are below their expected levels in writing. Both classes have been working with an accelerated literacy learning initiative which has produced some good results in student progress. We are now very happy with student achievement in writing with the majority of all the students now achieving at or above the national standards in writing.

Mrs Yvonne Catherwood

Events Calendar

Tuesday 22 August
Year 7 & 8 Technology

Wednesday 23 August
Return Fundraiser Order Forms

SCHOOL EGGS

Otama School have eggs for sale. Please phone our office to order your eggs and we will let you know when we have a full dozen.
\$4 per dozen, thank you.

Junior Room Report

What an awesome week we have had!

This week the students have been earning math dollars and receiving magic words throughout the week to try and find treasure. They have all really enjoyed taking part in Maths Week and being able to take different math quizzes throughout the week, too.

We have got different sports coming up this term and next term. It would be great to get students involved with these.

We have had a few students away this week with colds and feeling unwell. Please ensure you are all keeping warm and eating healthy.

Enjoy your weekend,

Miss den Boon



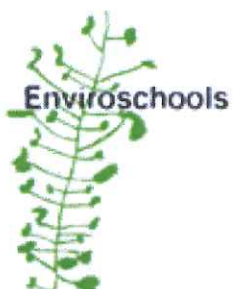
The children helped celebrate Miss den Boon's birthday by baking her an awesome looking birthday cake, well done to the senior room and Mrs McKee!

School Fundraiser

People in the community who haven't been approached and wish to order pies, please phone the school (2081829) and we can organise a list for you.

Parents please return your order forms by the 23 August, with money so we can get prompt delivery. We will contact you when the pies arrive for collection.

Please make any cheques out to Otama School Fundraiser, thank you.



Thank you to everyone who provided milk containers for the childrens worm juice project. We have now received plenty and are very appreciative.

Sports Notices

Touch Rugby

Touch rugby will be starting up again in Term 4. Registrations are open and I need to have confirmation from parents before I ring schools to organise teams.

Games will be held at Newman Park, Gore on Wednesdays, starting Wednesday 18 October, running for 7 weeks. Games will be played between 3:30pm and 6pm and a \$20 fee for each player applies.

All students can play, year 0-8.

If your child wishes to play, please contact me before Wednesday 23 August by email sanne@otama.school.nz or phone the school office.

Miniball

Miniball for the 2017 year will start this term on Tuesday 12 September and continue into Term 4. Games will be played between 3:30pm and 6:30pm. The cost is \$20 per player.

Year 3 - Year 6 students can play.

If your child wishes to play, please contact me before Wednesday 23 August by email sanne@otama.school.nz or phone the school office.

I will need to arrange extra players from outside schools so I need to know numbers asap.

If you are interested in coaching the miniball team, please let me know.

Well done to Jaemes Ward for making the Southland under 48kg rugby team, we are all very proud of you Jaemes!



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