



**OTAMA**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Little Footprints - Big Steps*

Term 1 Week 3

# Newsletter

Friday, 23 February 2018

## Events Calendar

Tuesday 27 February  
Technology

Thursday 1 March  
Athletics

### Hokonui Militaires U12 Marching Team fundraising

Nicole McBain is doing extremely well with her Marching, they are fundraising towards the 2017-2018 season, including New Zealand Championships in Hamilton.

They are selling bags of cookie time,

1 bag (20 cookies in a bag)  
\$20.00.

Orders need to be in by 26  
February 2018

please phone Rowena for orders,

Home: 208 9418

Cellphone: 027 2103161

## Principal Report

Kia ora,

Our Athletics Day is fast approaching – on the first of March, we will be heading to Waikaka School to compete in our events. Although our preparations have been hampered by the weather, we have managed to get some coaching around every event.

In exciting news, the Otama School Board of Trustees has purchased ten Chromebooks for student use. This will replace the leased ones which are being sent back in March. Each student Year 4 and up will have their own Chromebook, which will allow them to collaborate and access the curriculum in new ways. I am looking forward to sharing my knowledge of IT with the school community.

Today we had our first kapahaka and hui session. We are looking to learn new waiata to sing when we come together at this time, and the students have been doing research to find some songs that they enjoy and would like to share. I awarded two certificates to students who have excelled this week.

Congratulations to...

**Jack**, for going above and beyond in his writing efforts. Well done!  
**Jamie**, for working hard independently to improve her handwriting. Well done!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Samuel Smith

### Athletics Day

If you could let the school know, we need a volunteer with a trailer to take the high jump mat to Waikaka for Athletics Day. It can be taken over the day before and stored at Waikaka School if this suited better.

There will be morning tea for sale to the adults. Bottled water is able to be purchased and there will be a sausage sizzle for lunch, \$2 sausage and bread, juices \$2 each.

All competitors for the 800m (8 year olds and up) must be here by 8:15am. We will be starting promptly.



## Notice to Parents

If you have an old long sleeve shirt available at home for your child to bring to school to use as their paint shirt would be much appreciated, thank you.

## Community Events

GORE MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS

DREAMWORKS

# SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig

BROADWAY JUNIOR COLLECTION

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire Music by Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions  
Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford  
"I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond  
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australia).  
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

TICKET

SBS ST JAMES THEATRE GORE

### 5th-8th April 2018

**JUNIOR TRAIL RIDES**

## WAIKAIKA SCHOOL FAMILY TRAIL RIDE

3-4 MARCH 2018  
Glenora Station, Piano Flat Road, Waikaka

**JUNIOR TRAIL BIKE RIDE**  
Specially designed for riders 11yrs and under  
Suitable for the whole family  
REGISTRATION FROM 9.00 AM and TRACKS OPEN FROM 10.00 AM  
\$20 entry per day (under 15yrs)  
\$10 entry per day (under 10yrs)

**FREE OVERNIGHT CAMPING**  
Make the most of this 2 day event and spend happy nights  
Saturday night overnight tenting on a lovely site  
\$100 lunch available to subsidise both days

Waikaka School  
FAMILY TRAIL BIKE RIDE

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION DETAILS:  
www.mtshires.co.nz  
Waikaka School Family Trail Ride  
Ngali Barwick 027 495 8033 or Tina Munn 027 62 9915

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## Junior Wanderers Football Club

Are you aged 11 this year, or up to age 16  
Come and enjoy a team sport, make new friends and have a lot of fun  
Football is for girls and boys  
Registration day: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 5:00 - 6:30pm  
at the St Peters School Hall.  
You can also register online at MyCOMET [www.tiny.cc/mycomet](http://www.tiny.cc/mycomet)  
Our website is [www.tiny.cc/jw](http://www.tiny.cc/jw) or you can find us on facebook  
[www.facebook.com/JuniorWanderers/](http://www.facebook.com/JuniorWanderers/)  
Or email [juniowanderers@gmail.com](mailto:juniowanderers@gmail.com)

# Children's Day

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – 1-4pm  
MLT Events Centre  
Gore Multisports Complex  
ALL FREE!

All children must be accompanied by a caregiver  
normal pool and ice rink rules apply\*

#ChildrensDayNZ

Put tamariki first

Children's Day  
[childrensday.org.nz](http://childrensday.org.nz)

TE RĀ O NGĀ TAMARIKI  
CHILDREN'S DAY

## LEUKAEMIA AND BLOOD CANCER NZ FUNDRAISER WAIKAIKA

Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge

Come and join us for these events

11.00 am	12.00 pm	3.00 pm	4.00 pm	5.00 pm	8.00 pm
<b>Massive Workout</b> Join Kaz for a workout \$10 pp Boys in Level 2 gear participating!	<b>Street Market</b> Raffle Tickets Boot Sale & Stalls Chocolate Wheel Hot Food Car wash	<b>Raffle Drawn &amp; Head Shave</b> Find out the raffles winners Charity head shave Auction	<b>Dog Derby</b> Spectators \$2 pp \$5 a family More information to come	<b>Live Music</b> Come and enjoy some live music! Meal tray raffles	<b>Sit Back &amp; Relax!</b> Special mystery cocktails at the pub!

**FOR THE KIDS...**

- old fire truck rides \$7
- police car, tractor, truck rides \$2
- face painting \$2
- bouncy castle \$2

If you can't make the day...  
but you'd still like to help a great cause, you can help online to make a donation. Just go to [www.firefighterscibc.org.nz](http://www.firefighterscibc.org.nz) and press DONATE!  
Do a team search for Waikaka. Thank you for your contribution!

Four local volunteers (the brigade members) are participating in the Sky Tower Stair Challenge 2018. Help them raise much money for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ

SATURDAY 17 MARCH ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2018

Main Street Waikaka  
EVENTS STARTING FROM 11AM

Boot Sale and Stalls \$20pp  
To book your stall phone: Tiffany  
Pymonaka on 027 3922953