



## Events Calendar

**Tuesday 28 November**  
Year 7 & 8 Technology

**Wednesday 29 November**  
Gore High Open Day

**Friday 1 December**  
Beach Ed

**Tuesday 5–Friday 8 December**  
Year 7 & 8 Camp

**Wednesday 6 December**  
Tough Kids (Year 3-6)

**Thursday 7 December**  
BOT Meeting 6:30pm

**Friday 8 December**  
Reports Out

**Wednesday 13 December**  
Break Up

**Thursday 14 December**  
Last Day of Term 4

## Principal Report

The end of the school year is creeping up quickly and we are starting to put the final touches on the items that we have prepared for "Otama's Got Talent." On Monday 11 December we will be holding auditions for any of the students who would like to put their own item in the show. We also need to know the names of anyone from the community who would like to have an item in the show. We will need these names and details of the item by Monday 11 so that we can put together the programme for the night. Please contact Wendy during the mornings if you would like to put your name forward.

Next Friday the students will be going to Kaka Point to join up with Waikoikoi School for the beach education day. Thank you to Alyssa Spikin and Joanne Whyte who have offered to take transport on the day. We will need to be away by 8 am from school so all of the students will need to arrive at school around 7:45am. They will need appropriate clothes and footwear for the beach (it is the south so it will probably be cold) and will need togs, towels and wetsuits if they have them. They will also need some morning tea and lunch as well as some water. We will provide the hats and the sunscreen.

Mrs Yvonne Catherwood

# Junior Room Report

Hi all,

What a fantastic day we had at Pet Day last Friday. Well done to all those students that received certificates, as well as those that didn't. You all made us proud here at Otama School and I congratulate you all on your great behaviour and team work throughout the day. Well Done.

This week we have been working hard on our play and ensuring we are getting all our lines right and are using the correct tone of voice and gestures while speaking. Thank you to all the parents that have been helping the students learn their lines. They have all got them down packed now, which is great. I have also been developing the set pieces and they are coming together nicely.

We have also been practicing our poi and singing for the concert. The students are really getting the hang of these and it is looking good.

The students have been enjoying this beautiful weather. We do have bottles of sunscreen here which students use, but it is also helpful if students put sunscreen on at home before coming to school. If students want to bring their own to school, this is fine. However hats must protect the face, ears and neck, so caps are not suitable.

Enjoy the weekend,

Miss den Boon



## First Aid Kit Fundraiser

Reminder that orders and money are due back by 27 November and cheques are to be made out to Otama School PTA, thank you.

Go Wild About Reading and join the Great Escape with Gore District Libraries Summer Reading Challenge. Come to Gore or Maitua Library to sign up and collect your Challenge booklet starting 1 December 2017.

**ESBA**  
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## Year 5 and 6 Eastern Miniball

Players must be available for tournament 10<sup>th</sup> December, in Invercargill

**Girls Trials**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 4.30-5.30 pm  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2-3pm

**Boys Trials**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 5.30-6.30 pm  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 3-4pm

More times to come

Any questions please contact  
Kylie Aitken 027 600 ESBA




**LEAPING FROGS  
SWIM SCHOOL**

Gore Aquatic Centre

LEARN TO SWIM THESE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

**ENROL NOW HOLIDAY LESSONS**

Week One: 18 - 22 December (swimming / water and boat safety lessons)  
Week Two: 8 - 12 January (swimming lessons)  
Week Three: 15 - 19 January (swimming / snorkelling lessons)  
Week Four: 22 - 26 January (swimming / kayaking lessons)

**\$42.50\* per week, or two weeks for \$80.00**

\*Based on a 5 lesson, includes pool entry. Excludes compulsory swim cap.

Limited spaces - call in or phone 203 9126 to secure your spot today

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Off Robertson Street, Gore    Phone 03 203 9126    www.goreidc.govt.nz

## My Piece of Nature art workshop



Join renowned New Zealand artist and conservationist, Janet de Waft, to create a nature themed masterpiece.

1 - 4pm, Sunday 26 November 2017

**Riversdale Arts**  
Riversdale Art Centre  
73 Newcastle Street, Riversdale  
All ages welcome  
Bookings are essential as numbers are limited.  
Contact @doc.govt.nz / 03 249 to book

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Janet de Waft.    My Piece of Nature    Department of Conservation  
Te Papa Ataturu

Ice Sports Southland Presents...

## Alice in Wonderland on Ice

Gore Multisports Complex



Friday 15th Dec 7pm | Saturday 16th Dec 5pm  
Sunday 17th Dec 12pm

**ADULT: \$10 (16 & over) CHILD: \$5**

Tickets sales on the day from Multisports Complex  
Food Available - Cash ONLY

## REFLECT!

### EXTENDED END-OF-YEAR BOOST

**WHEN?**  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> December  
(Friday 7pm - Monday 2.30pm)

**WHO?**  
All the keen beans aged 14-20ish years -  
leaders and keen-to-be leaders!

**COST!**  
\$50 for the *entire* long weekend - every-  
thing included!

**WHAT!**  
Fun, fellowship, sleeping under the stars, relevant workshops, reflection times, a huge bonfire, food for thought & discussion, mean worship sets, some crazy wide games, and much much more!

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
[www.campcolumba.org.nz](http://www.campcolumba.org.nz)

## WILD MAN CAMP 2017 FOR FATHERS & SONS

**WHEN!**  
1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
(Friday 7pm - Sunday 2.30pm)

**COST!**  
\$120 *only* for any father/son duo  
\$50 for any additional son or father-figure

**WHAT!**  
Some real man-time, featuring: power tools, mud, fire, a spit roast, kayaking, building projects and bacon - you can't go wrong!

**WHO?**  
Men of any size or age - 8 years and over.

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**KIWIANA**  
Summer School Holiday Camps

**Camp 1**

When: 15th - 18th Jan 2018  
Who: Ages 5-9 years  
Early Bird: \$125 (ends 4th Jan)  
Regular Price: \$150

Sign-in: 10am Mon 16th Jan  
Closing Ceremony: 10.30am Thurs 18th Jan  
(Final pick-up at 12pm)

**Camp 2**

When: 22nd - 26th Jan 2018  
Who: Ages 10-13 years  
Early Bird: \$145 (ends 4th Jan)  
Regular Price: \$170

Sign-in: 10am Mon 22nd Jan  
Closing Ceremony: 10.30am Fri 26th Jan  
(Final pick-up at 12pm)

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Or contact us for more info!  
Phone: 03 203 3702  
E-mail: [holidaycamps@campcolumba.org.nz](mailto:holidaycamps@campcolumba.org.nz)  
Address: 89a Kaiwera Road, Pukearu, RD2 Gore 9772.

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