



OTAMA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Little Footprints - Big Steps

Term 3 Week 1

Newsletter

Friday, 27 July 2018

Principal Report

Kia ora,

Welcome back! We've kicked off the term with a busy week. It's good to see everyone back at school and feeling so eager to learn.

On Wednesday, we took the bus to the Riversdale Arts Exhibition. We were able to learn about some of the art on display – the cakes (with individually created petals) were a highlight. It was great for us to see the mixed media works, which included glass, ceramic, metal, photography, paint, fabric... the list goes on. The exhibition is open until Sunday, and each student has some art on display, so pop in and have a look. Thank you to Mrs Thomson for taking us to Riversdale and back.

The pump shed had some delays and is not yet complete. I am confident that there will be minimal disruption while this is being completed over the next few days. In more exciting news (as I'm sure you've heard) our playground is finally here! The progress in the build over a few short days has been fantastic, and we are all buzzing about it. We just have to remember to stay off it until it's ready, otherwise we are going to end up with a very wonky playground. We are in the process of arranging a fun community day to celebrate the occasion – we will send out more details as soon as everything is confirmed.

Environment Southland has invited the students in Year 6, 7, and 8 to attend a stream study and Aquavan day at Waikaia School next Friday the 3rd of August. We will be leaving just after nine and returning just before three. Mrs Lawrence will be at school to have a fun day with the students who remain. If any parents would like to join us, you would be most welcome. It would be great if a parent or family member could take a car of students and join us for the day – please let the office know if you would like to join us.

Congratulations to **Kewene**, who was named the Most Promising Player for the Matura 4 Square B Grade rugby team. Well done!

Congratulations also to:

Christopher M, for helping others and being prepared to share his learning with the class. Well done!

Nicole, for becoming increasingly persistent in her learning. Well done!

Have a great weekend.

Samuel Smith



Congratulations to Kewene Donaldson who received the award for the Most Promising Player for the Matura 4 Square B Grade rugby team. We are very proud of you, Well done!



Otama Hall Society AGM, at Otama Hall 8pm, Tuesday 7 August. Come along to take part in the management of our district facility.

Events Calendar

**Tuesday 31 July
Year 7 & 8 Programme**

**Friday 3 August
Year 6, 7 & 8 Enviroschools -
Waikaia**

**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.**

Community Events

MINIBALL Term Three & Four 2018

Miniball for the 2018 year will commence on the week of 10th September 2018 & end the week of 30th November 2018 .

This will be played at the Archer Basketball Stadium, Avon Street, Gore.

A Grade will be played on Monday nights approximately from 3:30 – 6:00pm

B Grade will be played on Tuesday nights approximately from 3:30 – 6:30pm

C Grade will be played on Thursday nights approximately from 3:30 – 6:30pm

Times will be depending on entries.

All correspondence will be via e-mail.

The cost is \$30.00 per player.

All players must wear a mouthguard

Each team must provide one referee and the committee will provide referees to assist all the games.

Schools will need to do score bench duty as rostered.

Any child from Year 3, 4, 5, & 6 can play in a school team.

The draw will be sent out to schools one week prior to starting and will be on our website

www.esba.org.nz

PLEASE CONTACT OTAMA SCHOOL OFFICE, IF YOU REQUIRE AN ENTRY FORM

Please complete the entry form and return to the secretary by email by Thursday 20th August 2018.

ESBA is finding as many coaches as they can to help with this season so if you do require one please contact me as soon as possible.

Thanks Heaps

Colleen McKinnel
Secretary 027 600 ESBA



Southland Hug a Rig Day
11th August 2018 12.30pm to 3.30pm

Celebrating 10 Years of
Taking people with special needs, & lifelong medical Conditions
For a Ride in a Big Rig, Classic Car or Hot Rod
Venue: Hokonui Rural Transport, Aparima Street, Gore

For more info: Check out our Facebook page : Southland Hug a Rig
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