



OTAMA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Little Footprints - Big Steps

Term 3 Week 10

Newsletter

Friday, 28 September 2018

Principal Report

Kia ora,

To celebrate the end of the term, we are having some community days. Yesterday we travelled to Gore to buy some library books, get a donation of food for the SPCA, visited the SPCA and met the animals, popped in to the library, checked out the art gallery, had a treat for lunch, and visited the birds in the park. Phew! Otama School students are lucky to have such facilities on their doorstep.

Terms one and four are "hat terms". As the weather changes, the risks from the sun increase, so students and staff will be wearing hats outside. At the moment, we are using school hats that are just about at the end of their life-cycle, so we will look into replacing these in the near future.

The Miller family have donated a new hose-reel to the school. Mr Bob Miller and I had a few trials getting the bolts attached to the wall, and a broken drill bit or two, but an SOS call to Rob Miller (with the "heavy machinery") managed to get things sorted. Thank you to the Millers for their ongoing support of Otama School.

Just a note that the water might be off at some points during the holidays, as the pump shed project is (finally!) being completed. Bring a water bottle if you're visiting just in case!

Next term, Otama School will be hosting Pet Day. Mrs Lawrence is liaising with Knapdale School, while our Year 7 & 8 leaders are planning the day. More information will follow as it becomes available.

To end the term, we are celebrating students who have excelled in demonstrating the aspects of CARE (Community, Accepting Responsibility, Respect, and Excellence) which help us to become outstanding citizens.

The Otama School staff have awarded these special awards to the following students in recognition of their efforts this term:

Community: **Jack Kelly**
Accepting Responsibility: **Ella Baynes**
Respect: **Christopher Whyte**
Excellence: **Christopher McBain**

The students nominated a peer for the Peer Success award:

Peer Success: **Ella Baynes**

Well done everyone. Let's keep working toward our goals.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to term four.

Have a nice relaxing time over the next two weeks – if you're around in the holidays, I'm sure our sunflowers would appreciate a bit of water!

Samuel Smith



Events Calendar	Thursday 25 October, BOT Meeting 6.00pm
Tuesday 23 October Year 7 & 8 Technology	Friday 2 November School Photos (afternoon)

Community Events

ATHLETICS GORE



Opening night for the new season begins on the first Tuesday in Term 4, October 16th, 5:30pm at Newman Park. Looking forward to seeing everyone again, new members most welcome! Any queries please contact Vicky Muir 021 265 5712.

After School Art - Riversdale Art Rooms
Creativity with Christine OConnor - Term 4
8years+

3.15pm-4.45pm 4 weeks \$80 all materials
supplied

Monday 15,29 October, 5,19 November

Wednesday 17,24,31 October,7 November

Contact Christine
0272010375/christineoc22@gmail.com

MINIBALL HOLIDAY TRAINING PROGRAMME for YEAR 3-6's

"Come along and learn from two of the best Mitchell Newton our hometown talent & Breaker Derone Raukawa a Breaker & Tall Black"

Players will learn skills, play games, gain information on health while having fun.

Individual ability and age groups will be catered for, wherever possible.

Please email secretary@esba.org.nz for an entry form.

Only 20 spaces each session!!

Session 1:

Date: Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th October 2018

Time: 9am-3pm

Venue: Archer Basketball Stadium

Cost: \$70 per child (includes a T-Shirt)

Session 2:

Date: Thursday 11th & Friday 12th October 2018

Time: 9am-3pm

Venue: Archer Basketball Stadium

Cost: \$70 per child (includes a T-Shirt)

EASTERN SOUTHLAND SOFTBALL ASSN.

Welcome to the 2018 2019 Primary School Season. Pre-Christmas Entries.

All Games played at the Gore Show Grounds.

Games commence Friday 2nd November and run through for 6 weeks 7th December.

Junior games played at 4pm and Senior games at 5pm.

Junior Teams ages 5 to 7 year olds. Play 3 full innings Senior Teams. 8 to 10 year olds Play 4 full innings.

Approx. 9-10 players per team.

All equipment supplied.

Entries in by 22nd October 2018

Grades will depend on ages, abilities and number of teams.

We can make up composite teams from smaller schools or individual children.

We would plan another Town - Eastern T Ball game 7th December. Played in Gore.

Fees. 3 children playing per family \$30.00

Fees. 2 Children playing per family \$25.00

Fees. 1 Child per family playing. \$15.00.

Please email teams to me, Through Messenger, Email. heatherhetaraka@gmail.com. Text 0272334748. Thank you. Heather Hetaraka. Coordinator. ESSA.

Learn to Ride Term 4

We are now taking registrations for the Term 4 Learn to Ride Track block for 2018.

This offers beginner children, aged 10 and up, an introduction to track cycling. Minimum height restriction 130cm.

Starts Wednesday 17 and Friday 19 October, from 4-5pm, and runs until the end of school term. Select either a Wednesday or Friday but not both.

\$85 fee includes, track hire, bike hire, coach and water bottle.

Phone 03 219 9325 or email office@cyclingsouth.org.nz to register now.