



OTAMA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Little Footprints - Big Steps

Term 4 Week 3

Newsletter

Friday, 2 November 2018

Principal Report

Kia ora,

Congratulations to Molly Salter and Christopher McBain who, on Tuesday, each presented a programme of drama in New Zealand Speech Board examinations. With my support, they developed their individual programme and will be assessed on their effort and enthusiasm for poetry, drama, books, and impromptu performance. I look forward to hearing about their exam results!

One of my personal goals as the principal of Otama School is to ensure that all of our students have the opportunity to participate in extension activities relevant to their interests. This year, this has included extension dance, drama, and art courses. Next week, a group of students will be travelling to Ewan Allan Honda in Gore to learn about motorbike safety, observe some mechanics in action, and to see what it's like to be part of a business. I am looking forward to hearing how it goes! Thank you to Wendy and Andrew for offering to support Otama School students pursue their interests.

Our school photos have been rescheduled to Monday 12th November – apologies for the inconvenience! Fingers crossed that everyone is feeling well and back at school on the 12th.

Mrs Smith (my mother) has travelled from Nelson to visit for the past few weeks. She loves gardening and has helped us a lot with planting and preparing our gardens. We are very grateful for your support! We are looking forward to the peas, radishes, corn, beans, potatoes, cucumbers, and all the rest. Thank you.

Thank you also to Community Trust South, who have granted us \$1,000.00 to offset the costs of facilitating the Southland Interschools Speech Contest. Running an event like this is a fantastic opportunity, but it comes with significant costs, so this funding has ensured that Otama School students have not missed out on any opportunities this year.

A big thank you to the Otama School PTA also, who have contributed \$10,000.00 toward our upgraded playground. This money has been raised in the community over many years and we are very grateful that we are so well-supported. Thank you.

Congratulations to...

Sophie, for applying different types of thinking to maths problems.

Waiaria, for participating with enthusiasm.

Have a great weekend.

Samuel Smith

Positive Choices Awards

These students have made thirty positive choices, completing their charts:

Congratulations, Christopher W!

Congratulations, Ella!

Congratulations, Christopher M!

Congratulations, Kewene!

Congratulations, Jack!

Congratulations, Molly!

Events Calendar

Tuesday 6 November
Year 7 & 8 Technology


Monday 12 November
School Photos (afternoon)

Friday 16 November
Pet Day

Community Events

The Waikaka Arts & Crafts 42nd Annual Exhibition opens on Friday 9th November at the Waikaka Centennial Hall with guest speaker Jasmine Keir from No 8 Gallery, Centre Bush in attendance. Tickets only \$15 - available at the door. The Exhibition runs from Saturday 10th to Thursday 15th November, 1 pm - 5 pm with Wednesday 14th being our late night (1pm - 8.30 pm.) Admittance only \$5, hope you can make it!

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4 November 2018, 11 am to 2 pm
St Peter's College carparks - Robertson & Kakapo Streets, Gore

SPRING CLEANING OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS? GET RID OF YOUR PRE-LOVED ITEMS AT OUR SPRING FLING CAR BOOT & BAKE SALE!

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With Anna Gorham

PŪAWAITANGA RARANGA - PIKAU Backpack weaving

Learn further techniques of Raranga - Maori weaving with Anna Gorham, taking home your own Pikaui (backpack) after this weekend workshop.

You will learn how to identify harakeke for weaving backpacks and baskets and the process of preparation for harakeke.

You will also learn basic Te Roro-around weaving, a harakeke and waistia.

Please bring your own kumih, a sharp knife, a butter knife and 10 clothing pegs (the ones that you can separate apart). Please also bring a toggle for the handle of the Pikaui eg. Puka shell (optional).

If you wish to stay at the Marae on Friday or Saturday night, Kaka of \$10/night requested. Please let us know!

Fri 9 NOV	7pm - 9pm
Sat 10 NOV	9am - 4pm
Sun 11 NOV	9am - 12pm

\$38 for the weekend plus optional kaka of \$10 per night to stay on Marae

O Te Ika Mārae, (Makaha Marae) McKinnon Road GORE

For more information, or to enrol in this class please phone 0800 111 117 or email enquiries@reap.co.nz

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