



Principal Report

It's all go around here at the moment. We are gearing up for Beach Ed day tomorrow and it looks like the weather is going to be very nice. We will make sure that we have the hats available to the students and that we have sunscreen with us. The students will need their togs and a towel and a wet suit if they have one. They will also need some warm clothes to put on after they get out of the water, their morning tea and lunch and some water. We will drop them off at home around 4:00pm ish.

We also have Tough Kids in Invercargill next Wednesday. We will have the same travelling arrangements as Beach Ed day. The students will need to get to school around 7:45am so that they can be away by 8:00am. We will drop all the students off at their home after the event and they will be back around 3:00pm - if not a little sooner. We will provide the hats and sunscreen again and the students will need appropriate footwear, clothes, water and food for the day. The postponement day for this event is Thursday 7 December and the organisers will contact us by 1pm the day prior if the event needs to be held on this day.

All the staff have been working on student reports over the past couple of weeks and these reports will be sent home next Friday. Overall student achievement is very good at Otama School and our students have a strength in reading. We have had a school wide focus on writing in the past few years and this has resulted in an improvement in student achievement in this subject. Our maths achievement is strong, but if parents would like to help your children in this area a great way to do it is help them learn their basic facts. The younger students need practice adding and subtracting one and two digit numbers and the older students need practice with their multiplication tables.

Remember, we would like the details of any items for our Otama's Got Talent evening by Monday 11 December so we can put together a programme. The event itself is on Wednesday 13 December at 7pm and due to the nature of the show there will not be an open dress rehearsal during the day as we have done in the past. We ask that each family bring a plate for the supper afterwards.

Mrs Yvonne Catherwood

Junior Room Report

What a beautiful week we have had. With all this warm weather and the students watering the plants, the school garden is looking fantastic. Lettuces are growing great and are ready for picking, so pop into class if you would like one. Our sweet peas are also growing with some lovely flowers now in bloom. Students have also been helping themselves to the ripe strawberries and they are looking and tasting amazing.

This week I have been working with students on assessments as well as writing their reports. Mrs Pascoe has been teaching the Junior class and has been doing some neat Dr Seuss book studies. The kids are really enjoying doing a variety of activities as well as continuing with their end of year concert items.

We are all looking forward to tomorrow's Beach Education trip to Kaka Point. Make sure students have a variety of clothing for both the hot and cold weather. For those parents that are coming along, you may also be required to be in the water so make sure you have packed your togs and/or wetsuit and towel.

We will see you bright and early tomorrow.

Miss den Boon



We have four lettuces ready to pick out of the school garden, if anybody would like one.

Events Calendar	
Friday 1 December Beach Ed	Friday 8 December Reports Out
Tuesday 5–Friday 8 December Year 7 & 8 Camp	Wednesday 13 December Break Up
Wednesday 6 December Tough Kids (Year 3-6)	Thursday 14 December Last Day of Term 4
Thursday 7 December BOT Meeting 6:30pm	

First Aid Kit Fundraiser

A big thank you to those who returned forms and contributed towards the fundraiser, Otama School PTA.

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

Gore Aquatic Centre
LEAPING FROGS SWIM SCHOOL

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 lessons, includes pool entry. Excludes compulsory swim cap.

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30 NOVEMBER

SBS ST JAMES THEATRE

TICKETS \$20 - INCLUDES SWEET TREATS AND LUCKY SEAT GIVEAWAYS!

Tickets available at Sweet Southern Mess Boutique on Irk Street or door sales are available from 7.30pm on the night

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 15th Jan
Closing Ceremony: 10.30am Thurs 18th Jan (Final pick-up at 12pm)

GUDDY

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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WILD MAN CAMP 2017

FOR FATHERS & SONS

WHEN!
1st - 3rd 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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REFLECT!

EXTENDED END-OF-YEAR BOOST

WHEN!
Friday 8th - MONDAY 11th 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 - everything 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!

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