



OTAMA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Little Footprints - Big Steps

Term 4 Week 7

Newsletter

Friday, 30 November 2018

Principal Report

Kia ora,

Thank you all for getting your forms back so promptly. I am currently liaising with the Marine Studies Centre and accommodation providers regarding our trip – I will have some concrete plans by Monday afternoon. I am really looking forward to the trip.

Things at Otama School have been very busy lately, and we have had a very successful year. A lot of thought has gone into whether we have an end-of-year performance this year, and I've decided that it's not feasible to create a high-standard programme this year, given our timetable and obligations. Instead, I will direct a longer-length production in the middle of next year as part of our Arts programme. We will integrate all aspects of a production into our learning and share our end result with you.

At the moment, the teaching staff are working hard on preparing end-of-year reports for our students. We think of these reports as a gift to you, so we are taking the time to make sure we get everything right. We will send these reports home in the last week of school.

Congratulations to

Christopher McBain, for showing leadership and positivity in his actions.

Ian Bakeua, for demonstrating a positive attitude to learning.

Nicole and Christopher designed and created working clocks during their technology lessons at Longford Intermediate. Very impressive!

Have a great weekend.

Samuel Smith



Events Calendar

Tuesday 4 December
Year 7 & 8 Programme

Wednesday 5 December
Tough kids
Postponement day
Thursday 6 December

A reminder that school photo order forms are due back to school by 3 December, so I can get them to Geoff Horrell, thank you.

Good luck to Nicole and her marching team (Hokonui Militants), who are participating in the South Island Championships.



A family are looking for a minimum 2 bedroom house to rent. If you have something available or know of anything, please phone Angus 021 159 5125 or Kayla 027 244 7050, thank you.

Community Events

The Southland District Council Holiday Programme is gearing up for action in 2019.

Send your kids along for games, sports, crafts, new friends and more!

- Children aged 5-12
- \$8 per child per day
- 10am-3pm

This year, we have added more FREE buses to make the programme easier to get to. Check out the calendar below to see when we will be in a town near you! **Bookings are essential as spaces are limited.**

Gore Multisports Complex Christmas Hours

The ice rink will be open on **Saturdays and Sundays only, 2.00pm – 4.00pm**, from 8 December until Christmas and 5 to 13 January and **CLOSED 24 December 2018 – 4 January 2019.**

The Gore Aquatic Centre and MLT Event Centre Christmas Hours are as follows –

24 December	10.00am – 6.00pm
25 & 26 December	CLOSED
27 – 31 December	10.00am – 6.00pm
1 & 2 January 2019	CLOSED
3 – 6 January	10.00am – 6.00pm
7 January	normal hours resume

Gore Multisports Complex Holiday Programme Registration Form is on the school website
www.otama.school.nz



GO PLAY DECEMBER & JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

STADIUM FUN
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday between 16 and 27 January (over 2 weeks)
 3.00pm - 4.00pm
 • Laser Tag \$10 per person, 30 minutes
 • Soccer darts \$5 per person, 20 minutes
 • 2000 Ball Bowling \$10 per person, 20 minutes
 Holiday Canteen. Above activities can be purchased with a voucher as a discounted holiday combo.

CRAZY DAYZ
 Thursday 17 January | 9.00am - 3.00pm
 Tuesday 22 January | 9.00am - 3.00pm
 Laser tag, station games, Nerf gun ball, soccer darts, sea view, holiday meals.
 \$29 per child - registration essential.

WET 'N' WILD
 Tuesday 15 January | 1.00pm - 3.00pm
 Thursday 24 January | 1.00pm - 3.00pm
 Midway, bumper cars, pirate boat, cowboy-ride.
 \$8.50 per child - registration essential.

INFLATABLE FUN
 Weekdays 1.00pm - 5.00pm
 Saturdays and Sundays 1.30pm - 5.00pm

SHARK SQUAD CAMP
 Fitness, technique, teamwork, leadership and games, even the chance of a new day camp.
 Enquire for more information - registration essential.
 Monday 21 January - Tuesday 22 January
 10.00am - 3.00pm

SHARK SQUAD TRAINING
 Monday 7, Wednesday 9, Friday 11 January
 9.00am - 10.30am and 3.00pm - 4.30pm
 Enquire for more information - registration essential.

SKILLS CLINICS
 Tuesday 8 January | 10.30am - 12.00noon
 \$15 per 30 minute session - registration essential
 • Badminton - 10.30am - 11.00am
 • Basketball - 11.00am - 11.30am
 • Football - 11.30am - 12.00noon

LEAPING FROGS SWIM SCHOOL
 Monday 7 January - Friday 11 January
 Lessons Swimmers 4-6 Years Safety
 Monday 12 January - Friday 18 January
 Lessons Swimmers
 Monday 21 January - Friday 25 January
 Lessons Swimmers
 \$45 per child per week* (5 lessons)
 *10% discount on year on and week when booking for one month. Includes pool entry.
 Book now, spots limited.

GORE MULTISPORTS COMPLEX
 GORE AQUATIC CENTRE | MLT EVENT CENTRE | ICE SPORTS SOUTHLAND
 Off Robertson Street, Gore | 03 203 9128 | multisports@goredc.govt.nz

Gore Out of School Music 2019
 Group music tuition for school kids, Tuesdays from 3.30-6.30pm

Introduction to Music 5-7 yrs
 Violin 5+ | Singing 6+ | Ukulele 6+
 Recorder 6+ | Fife 7+ | Theory 7+
 Speech & Drama 7+ | Guitar 8+
 Percussion 8+ | Cello 9+ | Flute 9+
 Piano/Keyboard 9+ | Clarinet 9+ | Cornet 9+
 Saxophone 9+ | Bass Guitar (Advanced) 9+

Email gosmclasses@gmail.com or pick up a registration form from Gore Public Library or Rockleigh Jeweller
 NB only one intake for the year, enrollments close 21 January

Free Family-Friendly

MOVIE

THE STAR
 THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

SBS St James Theatre
 21 December | 2pm

Optional donation for Tear Fund's "Room at the Inn" Christmas Appeal for Syrian Refugees