



**OTAMA**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Little Footprints - Big Steps*

Term 3 Week 6

# Newsletter

Friday, 31 August 2018

## Check out our Camels



## Principal Report

Kia ora,

This week has been a very busy one. I travelled to Queenstown for a two day conference focused on goal-setting and coaching for staff and students. I am looking forward to using my learning to help our students meet their goals. One of the most interesting topics was feedback, and the importance of giving others the opportunity to respond to your thoughts. When you see things from another person's point of view, you can begin to understand their decision making processes.

For the rest of the term, Mrs Lawrence is on leave. I will be teaching fulltime, and am really looking forward to being in the classroom more often. I have planned to use this opportunity to begin integrating flexible and independent learning using Google Classroom. Google Classroom allows teachers to set assignments and expectations for a period of time such as a week. By the end of the term, I hope that our students are able to manage their time effectively to ensure they complete tasks with specific deadlines. I will begin next week with a (re)introduction to Google Classroom and timetabling.

Thank you to Mrs Lawrence for your hard work. Your baking and cooking lessons have filled the students' minds with enthusiasm and filled their stomachs with tasty treats. We look forward to seeing you again next term.

Good luck to **Christopher McBain** for the upcoming Central and Eastern Area Final of the Southland Interschools Speech Competition. At the time of writing, a venue is yet to be confirmed - confirmation is expected by Friday afternoon. I am looking forward to seeing Christopher represent us at this high level of the competition.

Have a great weekend.

Samuel Smith



## Events Calendar

Tuesday 4 September  
Year 7 & 8 Technology

Thursday 6 September  
BOT Meeting 7pm

Friday 14 September  
Grand Final Speech Contest  
(Otama Hall) 6pm

**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.**

## Hall News

At the recent Otama Hall Society AGM, Bruce McLeod was elected Chairperson, with Gerard Watson as Vice-Chairperson. Rosemary Innes continues as Treasurer and Kathy Martin is now the Secretary. Kathy will take the hall bookings phone 208 9916.

We are continuing with maintenance tasks to keep our hall a welcoming and pleasant place to use. Funds to assist with this include your rates money, hire fees and a possible contribution from the Rural Domains' Board.

The next hall booking is for September 14, for the Southland Interschools Speech Contest Grand Final.

We thank Bob Miller for his continued dedication to the hall upkeep and the lawns.

A working bee will be held Oct/Nov to spring clean the hall and grounds.

## Community Events

### Touch

I have attached information for touch this season. If your child/children are interested, please let me know and I may be able to get them in with another school, thank you.

### Gore Primary & Intermediate Module - Information

Gore Primary School Venue: Newman Park, Gore Games will be played between 3.30 pm and 6pm on Wednesdays

**\*\*Times may change subject to team entries\*\***

Grades: Mixed only in Year 1/2, Year 3/4, Year 5/6, Year 7 and Year 8

Fees: \$20 per player

Format: 7 weeks of competition, plus a catch up day if required

First Games: Wednesday 17th October 2018

Catch up day: 5th December 2018 (Catch up day, if required)

Entries Close: Friday 28th September 2018

