



OTAMA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Little Footprints - Big Steps

Term 3 Week 2

Newsletter

Friday, 3 August 2018



Principal Report

Kia ora,

Today some of us are visiting Waikaia School for the Enviroschools event. I am looking forward to sharing some photos and news with you in next week's newsletter. We will be leaving just after 9am and the event ends at 2.30pm, so it will be a long and action-packed day.

A belated thank you to the McBain family and the Whyte family (including Christopher, Nicole, and Christopher) for preparing the site for the new playground over the holidays. Thank you also to Dave Evans for graciously loaning the equipment and helping with the site preparation. We really appreciate your help. The playground is nearly ready and it's looking good. It will be a challenging one with a variety of uses, so I am looking forward to getting it up and running!

I am excited to inform you that on Friday the 17th of August, we are having a Fair Day to celebrate the opening of the playground. We have invited Funshine Early Learning Centre to visit us in the morning from about 10.00am until about 10.30-10.45am. Our Otama students have been buzzing about ideas for the day! At the moment, we are planning calf feeding, bubble blowing, face painting, sand pit play, and a sausage sizzle/BBQ. All members of the Otama community are welcome to visit, and we'd appreciate any support or ideas for the activities. We have even invited *The Ensign* out to document our day!

At the moment, in class, we are preparing speeches. Otama School has taken over the organisation of the Southland Interschools Speech Competition, and the Grand Final will be held at Otama Hall on September 14th. To get there, students need to succeed in their school competition, then their cluster competition (three/four other local schools – we're grouped with Te Tipua, St Peter's, and Longford Intermediate), then the area final (the whole of Gore/Eastern Southland), before finally reaching the Grand Final. I am passionate about public speaking and the benefits of developing these skills are well-documented. My aim is for Otama students to be relaxed, flexible, and expressive as they share their speeches.

The Otama School Board of Trustees will be holding their first meeting of the term on 9th August at 1pm in the school staffroom. This meeting is open to the public and visitors are most welcome.

You may have heard that a nationwide strike action is scheduled for Wednesday 15 August. Otama School will not be closing as a result of this action – School will be open as normal for an exciting day of learning.

Congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 leaders, **Heremaia, Nicole, and Christopher** for being positive and inclusive role models at school this week. Well done!

Have a great weekend.

Samuel Smith

Events Calendar

Tuesday 7 August
Year 7 & 8 Programme (Knapdale)

Thursday 9 August
BOT Meeting 1pm

Friday 10 August
Life Ed (Knapdale)

Tuesday 14 August
Year 7 & 8 Programme (Waikaka)

Friday 17 August
Playground Opening Day

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.

**Otama Hall Society AGM, at Otama Hall 8pm, Tuesday 7 August.
Come along to take part in the management of our district facility.**





Community Events

MINIBALL Term Three & Four 2018

Miniball for the 2018 year will commence on the week of 10th September 2018 & end the week of 30th November 2018 .

This will be played at the Archer Basketball Stadium, Avon Street, Gore.

A Grade will be played on Monday nights approximately from 3:30 – 6:00pm
 B Grade will be played on Tuesday nights approximately from 3:30 – 6:30pm
 C Grade will be played on Thursday nights approximately from 3:30 – 6:30pm
 Times will be depending on entries.

All correspondence will be via e-mail.

The cost is \$30.00 per player.

All players must wear a mouthguard

Each team must provide one referee and the committee will provide referees to assist all the games.

Schools will need to do score bench duty as rostered.

Any child from Year 3, 4, 5, & 6 can play in a school team.

The draw will be sent out to schools one week prior to starting and will be on our website

www.esba.org.nz

PLEASE CONTACT OTAMA SCHOOL OFFICE, IF YOU REQUIRE AN ENTRY FORM

Please complete the entry form and return to the secretary by email by Thursday 20th August 2018.

ESBA is finding as many coaches as they can to help with this season so if you do require one please contact me as soon as possible.

Thanks Heaps

Colleen McKinnel, Secretary 027 600 ESBA

Southland Hug a Rig Day
 11th August 2018 12.30pm to 3.30pm

Celebrating 10 Years of
 Taking people with special needs, & lifelong medical Conditions
 For a Ride in a Big Rig, Classic Car or Hot Rod
 Venue: Hokonui Rural Transport, Aparima Street, Gore

For more info: Check out our Facebook page : Southland Hug a Rig
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