



Events Calendar

Tuesday 7 November
Year 7 & 8 Technology

Thursday 9 November
Hui (Senior Room, day trip)

Friday 17 November
Pet Day – at Knapdale

Friday 1 December
Beach Ed

Wednesday 6 December
Tough Kids (Year 3-6)

Thursday 7 December
BOT Meeting 6:30pm

Friday 8 December
Reports Out

Wednesday 13 December
Break Up

Thursday 14 December
Last Day of Term 4

Thank you to families who have returned photo order forms. We require the remaining to be in ASAP please, so I can get them to Mr Horrell.

Principal Report

Next Monday night myself, Miss den Boon and the families of Abbey and Casey will be attending the Rotary sponsored Young Achievers dinner that is held at the end of each year to celebrate the achievements of our year 8 students moving on to high school. We get to share their abilities in all aspects of school life and formally acknowledge the contribution they have made to our school. It is always an enjoyable evening that we all look forward to.

The staff have decided not to go ahead with the overnight stay in the Catlins next Thursday night. The reason for this is that we had a number of students who were unable to attend and we are extremely busy this term with all the events that are scheduled. The senior class will still be attending the Enviroschools Hui at Curio Bay during the day and will return that afternoon. Mrs McBain is helping to provide transport for the day, and if any other parent would like to attend they are most welcome and just give us a call. Please note that because there is quite a distance to travel for this, Mrs McKee will be leaving from school at 7:15. She will return around 4:00pm and will drop the students off at their homes. Please fill out the permission form for this trip and return it at the beginning of next week.

I know all of you will join me in congratulating Miss den Boon in her appointment to Edendale School in 2018. She has been a delight to work with and has made a huge contribution to the education of the students in her class. We wish her well for the future.

Mrs Yvonne Catherwood

From the Board

The Board of Trustees would like to take this opportunity to inform parents and the community about what will be happening with the staffing of Otama School in 2018. As you know our roll is down a bit at the moment and so the staffing entitlement from the Ministry of Education has been set at one full time staff member (the principal) and one part time staff member (principal release teacher) for 2018. This unfortunately means the junior teacher position will cease to exist. However we are delighted to announce that Miss den Boon has been offered a teaching position at Edendale School in 2018. The board is working towards appointing a new principal and this has already been advertised. The roll of our school has a history of shrinking and growing and we know that with the support of our community we will continue to provide an outstanding education for our children in the future.

Lisa Vincent (BoT chairperson)

Junior Room Report

Hi Everyone,

We have had a productive week with all the students working hard on their various tasks.

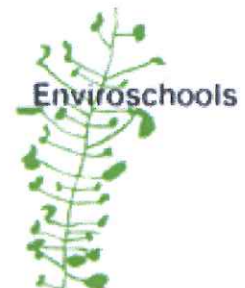
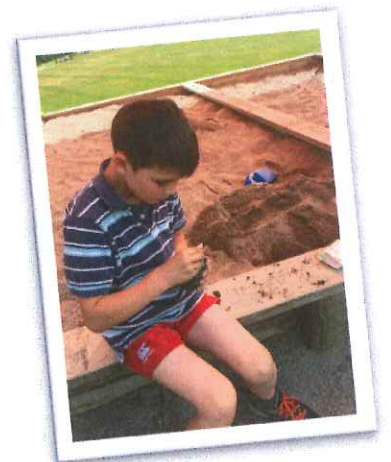
There has been some great research and discussion going on about whether or not we should have zoo's and writing a persuasive text to share their points of view. We have also been working on statistics two days a week and the students are really enjoying it. Of course counting smarties and jelly beans is always exciting. I have been really impressed with how quickly the younger students are picking up on using tally charts and making simple bar graphs.

We have all been out in the garden this week, planting up new seeds to sell at pet day and planting up our garden beds. A big thank you goes out to Jean and Angus Hamilton for donating a scoop of soil to the school. We have already been using it to top up our garden beds.

Finally, it is with a mixture of sadness and excitement that I must inform you all that this will be my last term at Otama School. I have been offered a position at Edendale School for 2018, teaching the year 5 class. I am pleased to be staying in the area and that I will still be able to see you all at different events.

Enjoy the weekend.

Miss den Boon



Thank you so much to Mr Angus and Mrs Jean Hamilton for their kind donation of soil for our enviroschools project. Very much appreciated from the children and teachers.

To all Parents

We have one scrap bucket going home to families on a weekly basis. This is only for families that do not have animals that they feed their scraps to. There is a note attached explaining what can/can't go in the bucket.

The Waikaka Arts & Crafts **41st Annual Exhibition** opens on Friday 10th November at the Waikaka Centennial Hall. The guest artist is Simon Morrison-Deaker from Queenstown. Tickets only \$15 – available at the door. The Exhibition runs from Saturday 11th to Thursday 16th November, 1pm – 5pm with Wednesday 15th being our late night (1pm – 8.30 pm.) Hope you can make it!

Camp Columba – Parent-child Camp
(on our website)



LEAPING FROG SWIM SCHOOL and the SHARK SQUAD present the

Chocolate FISH

Christmas Carnival

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER
From 6.00pm Entry \$5^{PP}

Come along and join the fun. Lots of races for the whole family!
Every swimmer gets a chocolate fish for being part of the fun.
Entry Forms available from the Gore Multi-sports Complex entrance counter.
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Entries must be in by Tuesday 14 November 2017.

LEAPING FROGS SWIM SCHOOL
Gore Aquatic Centre
SHARK SQUAD

Phone: 03 203 9128
Wayland Street West, Gore
www.goredc.govt.nz



Northern Southlands
"Cycle and Celebrate"
Cycle Race and Market Day

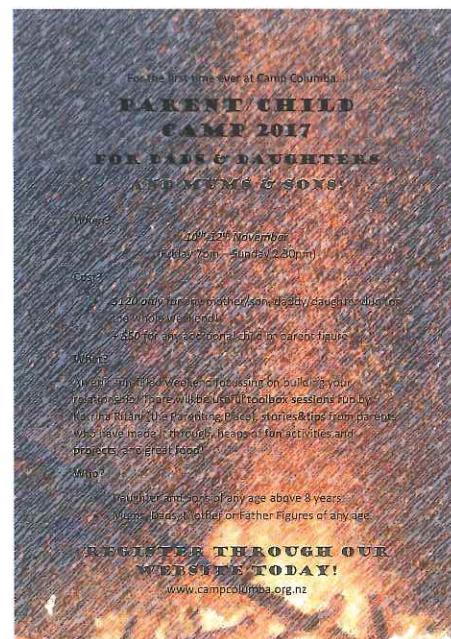
CYCLE and CELEBRATE

Saturday 11th November 2017
15km bike ride from Five Rivers to Lumsden
11am start for ride & market day

Market Day
Face Painting
Live music

Cycle Race from Five Rivers

www.cycleandcelebrate.co.nz



For the first time ever at Camp Columba

PARENT/CHILD CAMP 2017

FOR DADS & DAUGHTERS AND MUMS & SONS

When: 10th-12th November
Friday 7pm – Sunday 2.30pm

Cost: \$120 only for the mother/son/daddy/daughter duo (or \$140 for the family)
\$50 for any additional children in care of parents

What: We'll run 100+ workshops focusing on building your relationship. There will be several toolbox sessions run by Marina Ryan (the parenting expert), stories & tips from parents who have made "through heaven's fun activities and projects and great food!

Who: Mother and sons of any age above 8 years
Dads, Dads & Dads on Father Figures of any age

REGISTER THROUGH OUR WEBSITE TODAY!
www.campcolumba.org.nz

Please note the time for the Chocolate Fish Carnival and Ribbon event has a 4.00pm start, NOT a 6.00pm start as stated on the poster. Entry forms for this are on the school website.