



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

Term 2 Week 1

# Newsletter

Friday, 4 May 2018

## Events Calendar

**Tuesday 15 May**  
Year 7 & 8 Programme

**Monday 21–Thursday 24 May**  
Year 7 & 8 Deep Cove Camp

**Monday 28 May–Tuesday 12 June**  
Swimming Lessons 1.30-2.30pm

**Wednesday 30 May**  
Cross Country (Waikaka)



## Principal Report

Kia ora,

I hope everyone had a nice few weeks with lots of learning and adventure - I certainly did!

An update from last term... somehow Jack was entered in the swimming sports as a competitor from another school! The error has been corrected, so congratulations to

**Jack**, for placing first in the 8 year old boys section!

It has been a busy first week, as always. This term, and into the future, I will be teaching Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and Mrs Jane Lawrence will be teaching on Thursday and Friday. Alongside our regular programme, in the afternoons I will be focusing on Visual Art, while Mrs Lawrence will be focusing on Health (Food).

Some important dates: On the afternoon of Wednesday 30 May, we are having our cross country at Waikaka School. We have already begun training for this. It so happens that cross country is in the middle of our swimming sessions, which begin on 28 May. These will be every weekday afternoon from the 28th May until the 12th June - with Queen's Birthday also bisecting the swimming programme! More information to follow.

Congratulations to...

**Molly**, for working patiently and diligently to complete her artwork.

**Christopher McBain**, for being a supportive class member and for going the extra mile (almost literally!) in cross country training.

Have a great weekend.

Samuel Smith

# Baking with Mrs Lawrence



## Community Events

With Anna Gorham

### RARANGA Maori Weaving

Learn further techniques of raranga maori weaving with Anna Gorham, taking home your own Pikau-Backpack after this weekend workshop.

You will learn how to identify harakeke for weaving backpacks & baskets and the process of preparation for harakeke.

You will also learn basic Te Reo around weaving a karaka and wata.

Please bring your own fork, a sharp knife, a better knife and 10 clothing pins (the ones that you can remove open). Please also bring a toggle for the handle of the Pikau eg. Pua shill/different.

Fri 18 MAY 7pm - 9pm  
Sat 19 MAY 9am - 4pm  
Sun 20 MAY 9am - 12pm

\$30 for the weekend

Mataura School Hall  
Otago 55  
MATAURA

For more information, or to enrol in this class please phone 0800 131 112 (toll free) or 03 236 6008 or email enquiries@reap.co.nz

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### Support Group

#### "Cancer, Coffee and a Chat"

Last Wednesday of the month  
10 - 11 am

Centre for Rural Health Development  
Kakapo Street, Gore

Weds 2nd May, Weds 30th May,  
Weds 27th June

This group is open to anyone living with cancer and/or their carer. Some members may be newly diagnosed while others may be undergoing treatment or have finished treatment.

Cancer Society  
Te Kaitiaki Māhiora  
of Aotearoa

For more information contact:  
Cancer Society Southland  
Ph: 03 210 4108  
Email: admin@south@cancersoc.org.nz

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### AUTISM.nz

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#### Autism Support Group

Come out and get to know other parents, caregivers and professionals in a non-threatening environment

- Share Experiences
- Discuss Ideas
- Learn what resources are available

Location: Calvin Church, 25 Robertson Street, normally in the lounge room, far left

Time: 11am to 12pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

For more information or if you would like specific resources please contact  
Wendy Jenkins - Autism Outreach Coordinator  
03 2182420 022 0200 106  
southland@autismnz.org.nz

### Gore Out of School Music

#### Intro to Music for 5-7 year olds

Tuesday afternoons, May-September  
30 minute class after school during term time

Introducing musical concepts (high & low fast & slow), singing and playing instruments

To enrol email gosmclasses@gmail.com by 10 April with your name & contact details, child's name & age

For more information phone  
Natalie 2.08 9994 or Nicola 02.10 871 8072