



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

Term 4 Week 4

# Newsletter

Friday, 9 November 2018

## Principal Report

Kia ora,

A big welcome to Bakeua and Ian, and their families, to the Otama School community. Our two new students have had a great transition to our school and are off to a fantastic start. They were made very welcome by the rest of the students.

We had a good time meeting with Funshine at Dolamore Park on Tuesday. This week's focus was "things from trees", so we looked at leaves, flowers, pinecones, and so on. It was nice to see Kereru in the trees and to think about how helicoptering seeds work. Thanks again to Alyssa for her support with transport.

On Monday evening, I will be attending the Young Achievers Awards hosted by the Gore Rotary Club, as Heremaia will be receiving one of the awards at the ceremony. As part of the process, I am preparing a citation to celebrate his successes, which I will share with you after the awards.

Just a reminder that Otama School will be open on any strike days next week.

We are all looking forward to Pet Day next Friday and are hoping for good weather. We have set a postponement day for the following Monday. Please have a look at the information sheets and see how you can help to make the day even more exciting!

Please don't forget school photos are on Monday afternoon – I hope to see everyone at school on the day!

Congratulations to Christopher McBain and Molly Salter for passing their Speech and Drama exams with flying colours! The feedback provided by the examiner was very useful and will help us to prepare for future exams.

As the end of year approaches, the Board of Trustees is thinking about our strategic goals for next year. As always, we are keen to hear about any priorities from the school community, so drop us a line if you have any feedback. We will investigate a more formal consultation method in the coming months.

Have a great weekend.

Samuel Smith



At Dolamore Park  
With Funshine



Events Calendar	
Monday 12 November School Photos (afternoon)	Friday 16 November Pet Day
Tuesday 13 November Year 7 & 8 Technology	<u>Pet Day postponement day</u> – Monday 19 November

## Community Events

**The Waikaka Arts & Crafts 42nd Annual Exhibition opens on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Waikaka Centennial Hall with guest speaker Jasmine Keir from No 8 Gallery, Centre Bush in attendance. Tickets only \$15 – available at the door. The Exhibition runs from Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1 pm – 5 pm with Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> being our late night ( 1pm – 8.30 pm.) Admittance only \$5, hope you can make it!**

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**PŪAWAITANGA RARANGA - PIKAU Backpack 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 and benefits and the process of preparation for harakeke.

You will also learn basic Te Reo around weaving, a korokio and waiata.

Please bring your own bands, a sharp knife, a butter knife and 10 clothing pegs (the more that you can separate apart, please don't bring a single for the benefit of the Pikau eg. Press shirt/shorts).

If you wish to stay at the House on Friday or Saturday night, Rates of \$18/night requested. Please let us know!

Fri 9 NOV 7pm - 9pm  
 Sat 10 NOV 9am - 4pm  
 Sun 11 NOV 9am - 12pm

\$30 for the weekend plus optional lunch of \$10 per night on Friday or Saturday.

O Te Hu Ihaka Marae, (McNab Marae), McKeown Road, GORE

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