



Events Calendar

Tuesday 23 May
Year 7 & 8 Technology

Friday 26 May
Teacher Only Day

Monday 29 May – 12 June
Swimming Classes

Monday 5 June
Queens Birthday

Thursday 8 June
Cross Country – Waikaka
1:30pm

Wednesday 14 June
Eastern Cross Country
leave school at 11:00am

Friday 23 June
Southland Cross Country

Wednesday 28 June
Gore High School Open Night

Monday 29 June
Young Leaders Day (Dunedin)

Friday 30 June
School Reports sent home

Principal Report

We had our first "Keeping Ourselves Safe" lesson with Fenton Herrick yesterday. This is an exceptional programme that discusses some uncomfortable subjects in a very non-threatening and safe way. It is very important that we talk to our children about ways that they can keep themselves out of harm's way so please ask your children what they talked about with Fenton and have a discussion around the topics that arise. We will also be addressing some of the lessons in class without Fenton and if you are interested you can access the programme on the NZ Police website.

Next Tuesday the year 1-6's will be visiting Waikaka School to begin work on a virtual learning trip. This is a programme that allows the students to experience activities and places that a real field trip may take you without having to travel. It is the first time that we have taken part in one of these activities so we are really excited to be involved in the experience.

The phone tree will be different this year. If there are any changes to the regular school day you will receive a text message from Lisa Vincent with the details. This way everyone will get the same message and there will be no confusion, so if the weather is inclement keep an eye on your phone.

Please remember that next Friday is a Teacher Only Day and so the newsletter will be sent home on Thursday.

Mrs Yvonne Catherwood

Junior Room Report

Hi parents,

I hope you have stayed warm over the last few days and are prepared for the winter chill that is on the way.

This week we had Constable Fenton join us to talk about Keeping Ourselves Safe, focusing on using the right terminology when talking about our bodies.

I will be continuing with this unit focusing on our feelings and personal information we should not share online.

We have also enjoyed having Pat from Enviro Southland in to work with us. We discussed the water cycle and how our environment is affected by pollution and flooding.

Miss den Boon

BOARD OF TRUSTEES VACANCY

Otama School

Board of Trustees

Casual vacancy for an elected trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Lisa Vincent
Chairperson Board of trustees
Otama School
12 McBain Road
RD3 Gore 9773

PTA

As you know the PTA are fundraising to replace the playground. Buying ready-made equipment is extremely expensive so they are planning to build equipment such as forts and towers from scratch. They would like to get some feedback from families as to what would be good to include in the design of the playground. They would like each family to have a discussion around this and create a plan of the design you would like.

SCHOOL EGGS ORDER

If you would like some of our fabulous eggs please contact the school and leave your name and contact phone number, we will be in touch when we have a full dozen \$4 per dozen

SPORTS INFORMATION:

FLYERS ARE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE