



# OTAUA SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

Term 1, Week 7, 21 March 2018

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Dear Parents and Whanau

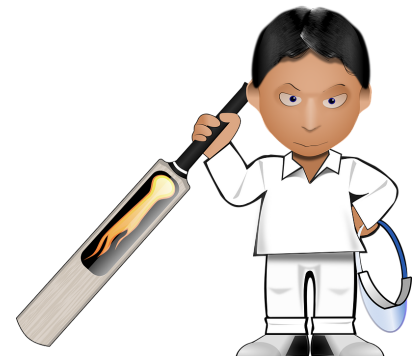
Thank you for your support with our Paid Union Meeting tomorrow. Those children remaining at school will be supervised by Mrs O'Regan and me. We still have 58 children yet to return slips. Repeat notices have gone home today.

### Rippa Rugby

A big thanks to Ms Smith and the parents who took our year 5 /6 teams to the Franklin tournament in Pukekohe on Tuesday. All teams were involved in finals and all teams were placed. A huge achievement! Great photos on Class Dojo School Story.

### Kiwi Cricket

This is scheduled for Friday - weather permitting. We have 80 kids going. Two teams will be at Waiuku Primary with Mrs Pavletich, four will be at View Road with Ms Smith and two will be at Sandspit with Miss Saunders. Please ensure your permission slips and bus money are in by Friday morning. We are asking everyone to contribute to the bus although we may need to transport some year 7 / 8's to Sandspit by car. The \$4 doesn't cover the cost of a bus to Waiuku and back - the school subsidises.



## BOT

Our meeting scheduled for the 26th has been re-scheduled for the 29th March.

## Olympic Ambassador

Today we welcomed Brooke Neal - a New Zealand Black Stick - to our school. She is part of the Olympic ambassador's programme and will be playing in the Commonwealth Games next month in Brisbane. She talked with our children this morning about Olympic values and what it means to represent your country.

## Teacher Aide

This week Mrs Grace TeKani started with us for 14 hours per week from Monday - Thursday. She has spent this week, and will spend next week, familiarising herself with classes and teachers before settling in to a regular timetable. We are lucky to have her!

## Coming Events

6th April	Interzone Swimming
11th April	School ANZAC Service 10.30am
11th April 1pm	Grandparents / Grandfriends for Room 1, 2 and 3
12 April	Our Commonwealth Games Day
13 April	Gardens Celebration Morning Tea
	Last day of Term 1



## Easter Break

Tuesday 3rd April is a school holiday

## Electives

We had our first session last week and all went well. We are having to move this to Thursday block 3 this week because of the union meeting and Kiwi Cricket day.

## PTA

Advance notice AGM Monday April 30th (first Monday back after the holidays).

## PTA Raffle

We have seen a great response to this. Funds raised go to the camps. Could we have all tickets / books back at school by Monday 26th March, please. Remember - there are still house points available for donations to the raffle prizes.

## Nits

As in all schools, nits are on the rise at the moment - especially in the juniors. A special 'nit notice' was sent home on Monday.

Kind regards, **Carol Graham**

## School Soccer

A big thank you to Leisha Falconer (Austin Scott's mum) who has offered to act as Otaua School co-ordinator for junior soccer. Once Leisha has been contacted by the Waiuku organisers there will be more information regarding registration. Thank you must also go to Mandy Clark who has been our co-ordinator for several years despite her boys not playing in this league any longer.

## Childrens Cake Decorating Class

Franklin Cake Decorating Club will be running a morning where your child or children can come along and learn some basic cake decorating skills. This morning is aimed at children aged 6 to 12 years old.

Date Wednesday 18th April

Time 9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue Waiuku Lions Station, Belgium Street, Waiuku

Cost \$25 per child.

Please note we can only take a limited number so contact us ASAP Trish 027 224 0380, [aams@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aams@xtra.co.nz), Raewyn 09 236 4779, 021 031 3344, [johnraewyn@yahoo.com](mailto:johnraewyn@yahoo.com) Or for more information check out our facebook page.

## sKids Holiday Programme

At our holiday programme at Sandspit Road school we make sure there is plenty to do to keep children occupied. We have fun activities with exciting trips planned. To view our flyer and to book please visit [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz), click on parent login. For more information please call Vinita 021 058 0185 or email [sandspit@skids.co.nz](mailto:sandspit@skids.co.nz). We also do after school care with pick up from Otatau School.

## Waiuku Junior Rugby Club

We are looking for girls aged 9 and 10 this year to form a Waiuku girls team, who will play Rippa (not tackle) in Countie's very first girls only competition. At this stage we are looking at games being played on a Friday night. Interested players need to complete a registration form online at [www.sporty.co.nz/waiukurfc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/waiukurfc), click on the green writing at the top right hand side "junior registration". Any questions contact Sharna 021 420 817 or Toni 027 650 8770.

