



# OTAUVA SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Whanau

Year 5/6 camp next week ....I wonder if they will be so lucky with the weather!

### SCHOODOCS

As promised, this is your login to our Schooldocs site should you want to have a look at our policies and procedures. You will see which are under review for this term if you are interested. Go to [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz) and click Search for your school. The username is otaua (no capital) and the password is 2682.

### HEALTH & PE SURVEY

All schools are required through legislation to consult with the school community every 18 months. Please see this along with this newsletter. The second page is for you to record your opinions and any suggestions/comments you may have at the bottom. There is no requirement to name this and a box is placed in the office foyer for returns. The cut off date for these is Tuesday 29th May.

### FOOTBALL SKILLS

The second session of this was today for each class. Following this we will have four weeks of Rippa Rugby skills. In terms 3 & 4 we will have Youthtown people involved in the school. Term 3 focus is Fundamentals and large ball skills while term 4 concentrates on Athletics. These two terms are funded through Sport Waikato.

### TEACHERS USING DEVICES IN CLASS.

More and more, you will see teachers using their phones or iPads in class. All staff are using the Google applications for planning etc and phones provide quick and easy reference to this on the run. I assure you, they are not Snapchatting or facebooking friends during class time!

## YR 5/6 CAMP

This is scheduled for Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th May. Organisation and planning for this is well underway.

## NZ ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Don't forget "Pink Shirt day" this Friday. If you don't wear something pink, then regular school uniform will be fine.

## NZCER

Joan Hobbs from NZCER has been here this week working with a few of our little people. NZCER is "renorming" the Observation survey that is carried out nationwide as children turn six. This happens every few years using random schools.

## ADDITIONAL DATES

Please add the following to your calendar -

**Tuesday 22 May** - Yr 7/8 soccer tournament

**Thursday 14 June** - Grandparents afternoon (rescheduled from term 1 when we had to postpone this)

**Tuesday 19 June** - Junior Poems (more will come from the junior team when appropriate).

## NZEI CONFERENCE

Mrs Allen and I are going away to the NZEI Rural Schools Conference in Hamilton next week. We will both be away from Wednesday to Friday.

## IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)

We have had a large number of children (particularly in the junior area of the school) affected by an outbreak of school sores. These **need antibiotic treatment** from a Dr and **need to be covered** here at school. The bugs are highly contagious. Please discourage your child from scratching at itchy bites etc so they don't turn into these. Please see the last page of this newsletter for an information sheet.

Kind regards  
Carol Graham

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## ROYAL JELLY SHOW

On Friday 1 June at 11am, the school will be entertained by the Theatre Physical Company with an environmental shows about bees called "Royal Jelly". The performance will cost \$4.00 per child. Please return the slip and money to the school office by Wednesday 30 May.

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Room/s \_\_\_\_\_



## IMPETIGO

(you say, im-pa-ty-go), also know as school sores

Blisters on exposed parts of body, such as hands, legs and face. Blisters burst and turn into a sore with a yellow crust that gets bigger each day. The sores are itchy. The sores spread easily to other parts of the skin. Impetigo is easily spread to other children and adults if they touch the sores.

### What to do

- ❖ Go to the doctor.
- ❖ Check and clean every day.
- ❖ Gently wash the sores with warm water and a soft cloth. Wash the sores until the crust comes off and wash away the pus and blood.
- ❖ Check other children for impetigo. Use any cream from the doctor on the sores.
- ❖ Cover sores with a cloth or plaster to help stop the infection from spreading.
- ❖ Keep your child's nails short and clean.
- ❖ Wash your hands before and after touching the skin or sores.
- ❖ Make sure your child washes their hands often, especially if they touch the sores.

### How are School Sores spread?

- ❖ Fluid or pus from sores gets on other skin. Keep sores clean and covered.

## Time off from School

- ❖ One day after treatment has started (antibiotics) children can return to school but sores must be covered. Check with your doctor or public health nurse.

## What to do if Impetigo gets worse

- ❖ You need to go back to the doctor if any of these things happen:
- ❖ Sores last more than a week
- ❖ Sores become red or swollen
- ❖ Sores have pus in them
- ❖ Your child has a fever
- ❖ The infection may have spread to other parts of the body or blood. Your child may need blood tests and antibiotics.



It is important to take the antibiotics every day until they are finished, even if the impetigo seems to have cleared up earlier. The antibiotics need to keep killing the infection in the body after the skin has healed.

**Please do not send antibiotics to school.** We have checked with the medical centre and they can be given before school, after school and in the evening.

### **Related websites**

Kidshealth (<http://www.kidshealth.org.nz/impetigo-school-sores>)

Developed by the Starship Foundation and the Paediatric Society of New Zealand, the Kidshealth website has information on impetigo and what to do if your child has it.

DermNet (<http://www.dermnetnz.org/>)

DermNet New Zealand Trust's DermNet website has information on impetigo including pictures of the sores.

Health Navigator (<http://www.healthnavigator.org.nz>)

The Health Navigator NZ website helps you find reliable and trustworthy health information and self-help resources.