



# OTAUUA SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

Term 3, Week 1, 25 July 2018

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Dear Parents and Whanau

Welcome back to term 3 at Otaua School. Now that we are back at school we get some sunshine!

We have a busy term planned yet again. While your children are on holiday, the term break is "non-contact" time for teachers and most of it is spent on preparation/working and admin paperwork. Please see the dates for your calendar section in this newsletter.

### Technology

Dates for this term 23 July; 06 August; 20 August; 03 September; 17 September.

### 10yPP

This has been signed, sent back to the MOE for their signatures and returned to us. We are in the process of engaging a Project Manager to look at the projects we have planned. (Rooms 7, 5, 6 to begin with).

### Parent Interviews

We have scheduled these for **Wednesday 25 July**. Notices were sent home confirming times yesterday. If you didn't receive one, and were expecting to, please let us know.

### Cross Country

Term 3 is traditionally the term Cross Country is done in. Group Day for Year 4-8's is set for Tuesday 21st August. Our school one is scheduled for Thursday 2 August, giving us plenty of leeway for a savings day should it be needed and extra training time for those who qualify for group day.

Every year we receive lots of notes excusing students from CC training. It is really no different to the running around the playground at break times. I realise that CC is not everyone's favourite thing but all we ask is that an effort is made. Please try not to "buy into" excuses unless the reason is absolutely genuine as some of them definitely are. Please send all relevant notes to us here at the office. Thanks.

## Afternoon Pickups

Lots of our children are picked up by their parents/grandparents at the end of the school day. If you come before 2.25pm, please avoid the deck areas outside Rooms 1,2 & 3 as it can be disruptive for the classes that are in there.



### Bus

I have had a meeting with the bus children and sent a notice home yesterday outlining our "sign and return procedure which will be instigated this term for poor behaviour on the school bus. There is no excuse for unacceptable language or actions on our school bus. This will only affect a small group of children as the majority are fine.

Mrs Kelsey and I are attending a bus network meeting this Thursday at which the MOE representative will outline any changes to the routes as we know them. Please be aware that the bus company has requested a slight fee increase to cater for the increased fuel prices. Once we know more, I will pass the information on.

## Fees

We have a small group with outstanding technology, bus and/or camp fees. We have paid these on your behalf. If you have not paid yours, we would appreciate payment as soon as possible, please.

## Possible strike action

You will have heard that the Primary Teachers' Union is considering strike action for August 15th. The length of this (whether 3 hours or a full day will be decided on by early next week.) I will forward any information to you as it comes our way.

## Dates for your diary

**Please note that information about some of the happenings listed will be sent home closer to the event.**

Wednesday 25 July	Parent/teacher conferences
Friday 27 July	School assembly 8.40am

Monday 30th July	BOT meeting 6.30
Tuesday 31st July	Year 7/8 netball tournament
Wednesday 1 August	Australian English test Youthtown sport starts
Thursday 2 August	School Cross Country 1pm
Friday 3 August	Kahurangi Dance Theatre 1pm
Monday 6 August	Year 7/8 tech
Tuesday 7 August	Year 5/6 Netball tournament
Wednesday 8 August	Youthtown MNSSA testing year 8's
Thursday 9 August	MNSSA testing year 8's
Friday 10 August	MNSSA testing year 8's Year 3/4 netball tournament School assembly 8.40am
Tuesday 14 August	Australian Maths test
Wednesday 15 August	Possible strike action
Thursday 16 August	Rooms 1,2, 3 & 7 Waiuku Pantomime.
Friday 17 August	Electives start
Monday 20 August	Year 7/8 tech Otaua Mixed Netball tournament
Tuesday 21 August	Group Cross Country (Awhitu Regional Park)
Wednesday 22 August	Mathex evening (Year 5-8)
Thursday 23 August	Savings Day GCC
Friday 24 August	Electives
Wednesday 29 August	Nest Consulting Parent Evening year 5-8 (Puberty talks)
Thursday 30 August	Nest Consulting - working with year 5-8 students
Friday 31 August	Daffodil Day - yellow mufti day Electives
Monday 3 September	Year 7/8 tech
Wednesday 5 September	Youthtown

Friday 7 September	School assembly 8.40am
Monday 10 September	X-Man in school (all week)
Monday 17 September	Year 7/8 tech
Friday 21 September	Electives
Friday 28 September	"Spring Fling" preparation End of term 2
Saturday 29 September	Spring Fling

Kind regards

Carol Graham

## Friday Lunches

Please remember that there are **NO FRIDAY LUNCHES** for term 3. We do not have any facility to provide lunch for your child if they bring in an order.



### Note this Date

Otaua Junior Netball Club will be holding their annual fundraising Mixed Netball Tournament on **Monday 20th August** from 4.30pm at the Waiuku Netball Courts.

## Term 3 Invoices

Invoices for term 3 bus fees, term 3 / 4 manual fees for year 7 / 8s, including any outstanding fees were sent home today. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Kelsey. If you would find it easier to set up an automatic payment to cover these fees please let us know.

