

13th December 2011

Kia Ora

This is it... the last newsletter for 2011.

My thanks to you all for your efforts in making the swimming programme happen. Actually getting 10 lessons to happen within an 8 day window was a big ask on a number of fronts, not the least being energy levels of children and staff. It has, well done, thank you to Raewyn who coached everyday and coordinated the timetable.

Yesterday you should have received a note outlining some details for the various events happening on Thursday, Friday and Monday. The forecast is not being kind to us so I have built in some cancellation times for each event. Should the weather not be suitable a decision will be made AT this time, please do not ring up prior to that time to see if it is on. We will post the decision on our web and Facebook pages. The note that came home yesterday is also posted online.

Friday the 9th you will have received your child's end of year report. Two points to be made. If you have any questions about the information contained within the report please make a time to catch up with your child's teacher. It's better to get it clarified now, than wonder what it meant over the Christmas break. Second point, any feedback about the report layout, in particular the new graphic is gratefully received, send me an email or give me a call.

See you over the next few days, hopefully we can get these end of year events off the ground.

Ka Kite

Ben Witheford
PRINCIPAL

PBA Grand Prize Winners...

Congratulations to the winners of our positive behaviour grand prize draw.

Bonnie Shaw	Maegan Clark
Sam Allen	Jackie Ladbrook
Tadi Magura	Garett Flack
Aimee Paterson	Jacob Best
Kenzie Shaw	James Watson

Consolation Prizes

Westpac Bags	Amelia Cameron
Morgan Strachan	

Swimming Pack

Andre Burnett	Emily DeClifford
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Hat set (Bike Helmet and Otautau School Cap signed by Dan Cater)

Tim Lawry

The next Board meeting is Thursday 15th December in the school staffroom at 5.30pm. As usual you are welcome to attend.

Staffing for 2012 #1...

With the vacancy created by Kerry moving north the following appointments were made. Miss Emma Hunt now has a permanent position. Mrs Deborah Sunshine was appointed to a 12 month teaching position.

We are in the process of advertising for our newly created position for the seventh class. This appointment will be made just before Christmas.

Staffing for 2012 #2...

Below you will see the structure for classes in 2012. On Friday you will receive a note advising your child's classroom and teacher for 2012. You will also get a copy of stationary lists for 2012. We have worked hard to keep the price of these reasonable. Ross and his team at Paper Plus in Winton will be stocking all our stationary requirements, including in pack form, i.e. walk in tell Ross which class/es your child/ren are in and he will get the right packs, pay and you're out. Stationary shopping in 5 minutes, it couldn't be easier. These can also be ordered online go to www.paperplus.co.nz/backtoschool then put Otautau School in your school name. This applies to pack orders only. A link to this site will be on the school website, as will a copy of this list. This will not happen till 17th Jan when you can order a pack for the appropriate Room/Teacher. Delivery will be free. If you have questions about any of the above, please contact me.

Teacher	Room Location	Class	Class Numbers
Dianne Davidson	Room 7	Year 7 & 8	26
Emma Hunt	Room 2	Year 5, 6 & 7	25
Jill Hodgson	Room 3	Year 4, 5 & 6	24
Deborah Sunshine	Room 8	Year 2 & 3	23
To Be Confirmed	Room 5	Year 3 & 4	21
Bernardette Crawford	Room 6	Year 2	20
Jane O'Neill Brown	Room 4	NE	17

School Picnic - BBQ

FOS will be providing students with a **free sausage and ice block** on our Picnic Day on Fri. We will also be running our BBQ/Canteen where extra sausages \$1.50, meat patties \$2.50 drinks \$1 and assorted sweets can be purchased.

If you are able to help us with the BBQ/canteen on the day we would appreciate it very much.

Touch

The Final Whistle blew on our 2011 Touch Season and even with swimming and the uncharacteristically hot weather (not complaining) all teams put their best foot forward. With slaps on the backs, or high fives it has been great seeing the kids not only develop their ball handling skills but also their sportsmanship skills from our 5 year olds through to our seniors.

We would like to thank all the parents, coaches, and seniors who all played their part with Otautau School entering 8 teams and about 80 kids participating and having a go at touch.

Coming Events

15 th Dec	BOT Meeting
15 th Dec	Triathlon
15 th Dec	H2O fight
16 th Dec	School Picnic
19 th Dec	Prizegiving

FOS

For those parents/caregivers who do not want to enter our baking competition on Friday 16th. We would accept any donated baked goods to sell on our stall.

Thank you

Julie Quinn - President

Friends of the School Committee are hosting a baking stall and a Christmas Treats Challenge at the Otautau Main Street Christmas Party.

THE CHALLENGE IS: Make the Best Tasting Christmas Treat.

The latest recipes or the great classics - all will be accepted. To be in to win the Champion's Prize entries need to be presented as a gift (with a piece left out for judging) and entered (cost of entry \$2) at our stall outside Dave Clapps shop between 5pm-5.30pm on Fri 16th Dec.

Our Principal, Ben Witheford has willingly offered his services as judge on the night. The baker of the best entry will be announced at 7.30pm. The competition is open to all ages and we encourage everyone to have a go. We also welcome gift shoppers to our stall. Contestants gift packed baking will be sold to the public alongside some of our parents own baking.

THERE WILL BE NO SAUSAGES TOMORROW

Appropriate for those wanting Santa to turn up...

One day God was looking down at Earth and saw all of the misbehaving that was going on. So he called one of His angels and sent the angel to Earth for a time.

When the angel returned, he told God, 'Yes, it is bad on Earth; 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not.

God was not pleased. So He decided to e-mail the 5% that were good, because he wanted to encourage them, and give them a little something to help them keep going.

Do you know what the e-mail said?

Okay, I was just wondering, because I didn't get one either.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Santa Photos

5.30 - 7pm at Fridays Christmas street party. Photos to be taken by a professional photographer. \$5 per photo at the Museum.

Otautau Tennis

There will be no tennis this Friday afternoon

The Otautau Community Swimming Pool - Roster

If you are unable to do your duty please arrange to swap with someone else on the roster..

Any questions please contact Colin Lawry, President.

Wed 14	M Strang 2258138	L Bekhuis 2258507
Thur 15	S Burnett 2258917	J Flett 2258207
Fri 16	S Paki 0277758528	D Magura 0272601048
Sat 17	S Knapp 039319960	J Youngman 225 8080
Mon 19	J Campbell 2258210	Caregiver S Tagg

