



Otorohanga Primary School

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Get connected with us on [parentteachercalendar](#)



Coming Events...

Celebration assemblies	Fridays 2.15pm
Electives begin	Tuesday afternoons
School Athletics - 10.30—1.30ish	4 November
Maniapoto sharing evening 6pm Child care available	8 November
BoT meeting 1:45	16 November
Welcome back Whaea Catriona	21 November
Float preparation	28 November
Talent Quest	Week 9

Celebrating Success & Caught Being Good

Te Hanairo, Tahkneda, Brooklyn T, Trevajay and Nevaeh

Special Mention

Diwali competition winners: <i>Narnia, D'Angelo, Nevaeh, Lilashqui, Jake, Brooklyn T, Cayden, Lisa, Unique</i>	Welcome to: Tauira Wallace: Rm 4 Capri Huirama: Rm 5 Shaanin Harema: Rm 4
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Principal Award: Ngapera & Chontae for welcoming our Math school leaders to their meeting.
 Dream Team (Room 5) - settled so well with the changes that have taken place for them over the course of the year.

Lois' Principal Piece

Dear Parents/Whanau/Caregivers

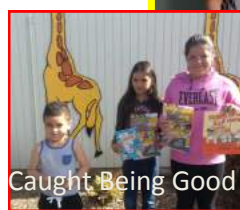
The end of year is looming faster than we would like, it's November tomorrow - week 4!!! Electives begin, athletics is our main focus, softball is being introduced, hats must be worn, water is required regularly to keep us hydrated, sunscreen is a must and learning is imperative.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Whaea Tahereh and the Banga triplets for sharing their knowledge, food and Indian dress with us so we were able to understand the reason behind the Diwali celebration. We had a 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class for a Diwali colouring in competition. They are on display in the foyer.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on Friday at our athletics day. Please come down with an encouraging and cheerful attitude, kai, sun umbrella (we hope) and a blanket.

Also on Tuesday 8 November, next week, we have a community information evening. Light supper, tea and coffee will be available after the meeting. Childcare will be available in the library **6pm**.

Lois



**KEEP
CALM
AND GO
DREAM
TEAM**



**Dream
TEAM**



Paisley Art



Rylee



Narnia



Aaliyah



Quincey-Lee



Chris



Kalyx



Jacob



Kaylee



Jade



Logan



Travis

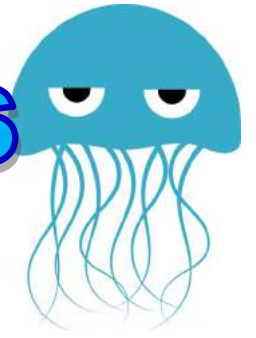


Nevaeh

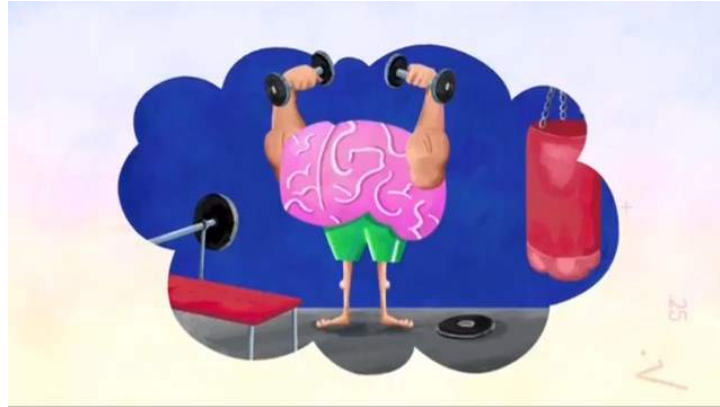
Dreamteam (R5) created this art which was inspired by Diwali. They used a paint background then created the paisley with pastel. The originals are on display in the classroom. Come in and have a look.



Deep Sea Divers



All about our brain...



My brain has millions of neurons. Neurons are in my brain and they can help me think. Tahkned

My brain is made up of millions of neurons. Keira

My brain works so hard. I like to run and I like to walk slowly too. Lisa

Katie said that it is OK to make a mistake. Dallas

Mojo never gave up. He made a mistake and he kept on trying and trying and then he got an idea. Unique

Mojo and Katie were talking. Katie said, "it's OK, don't give up if you make a mistake." Mariah

Your brain is like a muscle. Neurons can help you with challenges. There are a million neurons in your brain. Karlos

Neurons make people learn like learning how to ride a bike and a motor bike. Ihaka

Neurons help my brain learn. Kasius

Notices of Importance

NetSafe's advice for parents

While the Harmful Digital Communications Act offers some protection for internet users, it's important parents do not rely on it alone to help their child adopt safe and secure online behaviours.

With the launch of NetSafe's new service nearly here, it's a great time to talk to your child about their lives online. NetSafe's top five tips to help protect your child online are:

1. **Keep it private:** Ensure your child keeps their profile and online friends private and are careful about disclosing personal information and photos.
2. **Keep it friendly:** Ask your child to think about the potential consequences for themselves and other people for every video uploaded, comment posted, photo shared or email and text they send.
3. **Keep it online:** Ensure your child only ever meets online friends for the first time in the company of you or trusted adult
4. **Keep it locked:** Make sure your child's device uses a PIN so when it is lost or stolen it can't be used to auto-sign into their online profiles. Encourage your child to use strong passwords and to change them frequently – and reinforce they should not share them with anyone except you.
5. **Keep it real:** Reinforce strong, positive personal and societal values and behaviours online. Most importantly help build resilience in your child in case they come across anything upsetting online.

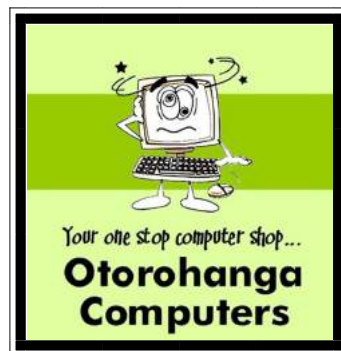
The other important thing for your child to know is that NetSafe can help young people and families if they encounter cyber-bullying. NetSafe can be contacted on 0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723) or emailed on queries@netsafe.org.nz.

Connect Smart has developed tips and guides to help people and businesses protect themselves against common cyber security threats like phishing and ransomware. Check them out at www.connectsmart.govt.nz and while you are there take the 'How Cyber Smart are you?' quiz.

OPS Athletics Club resumes

Wednesday 2nd November at 5.45pm .
Otorohanga College
We will be catering for 2 -13 year olds. Parent help requires.

Any questions please contact Lydene Hayes 027 235 8691



Please tear off and return to school so your child(ren) get a chance to go into the draw. Please write clearly.

I intend to be at the Maniapoto Pact Trust and Otorohanga House Information evening **Yes / No**

I would be keen to hear about budgeting / housing / food parcels / counselling

I will require childcare for _____ (number) children.

I intend to support my tamariki on Friday 4 November with athletics

Yes / No

I am aware that my child (ren) requires a hat during terms 4 and term 1 or they must play in the library or under the 2 dedicated trees.

Yes / No

Name of my/our child/ren for the ice block draw