

17th August 2011
Kia Ora

I hope you enjoyed your extra loooooong weekend and made the most of some extra labour at this busy time of the farming year. The weather as it is and was, certainly provides some interesting starts to the day, trying to determine the extent of the weather conditions and if it is safe to open and run buses. I apologise if there was some confusion on Monday morning, as we initially said we would be opening later than normal. This as you know we changed to being closed for the day, due to updated road conditions coming in. However the radio was a little slow in getting the message from the person taking the calls to those in the studio. For your future reference I also put messages on our facebook page, website and now on twitter (if you use that) after the calls have been made to the radio stations. All going well this usually happens by 7am.

Thank you very much to all those who made it down to the mid-year BeHAGs last Thursday. It was great to see so many families taking part in this important part of the learning process. If you were not able to make it, your child's teacher will contact you in the next few days to arrange an alternative time. Thanks again.

Until next week, Go the Stags!!

Ka Kite

Ben Witheford
PRINCIPAL



New on the interweb thing...

On school facebook page, photos from the two snow days. We are now on twitter, our user name is @otautauschool, follow us. Don't forget to 'like' us on facebook, facebook.com/otatatutau

Coming Events

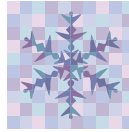
- 18th Aug Poly Fest
- 18th Aug BOT Meeting
- 19th-23rd Aug Life Education Bus visit
- 23rd-25th Aug Year 3 & 5 Camp
- 29th Sept Dramarama Red Carpet event
- 7th Oct Term 3 ends
- 8th Oct Otautau School fundraiser
- 25th Oct Term 4 starts

ROOM 7

It's Cold

In lambing last year, it was snowing and raining. Freezing rain soaked everything, Puddles froze over. The hot rain melted the cold white snow. Puddles grew bigger as the snow melted and the rain grew stronger.

By George



The sun slid down behind the mountains. The frosty night crept up the mountains. We were gliding up to the top of the mountains in the chair lift.

By Zack

The sun was gone, and the clouds were out. Snow was hitting the grass and me as I walked. My fingers were frozen like an ice cube, and my gumboots were full of snow and hail. I was freezing. The path was slippery with ice, my lips were frozen. I was soaked, the huge white blanket covering the ground was not helping.

By Bailey Youngman



It's Cold

Looking from the truck at trees with all white snow on them make me shiver. Once I steered onto the thick white snow I could already picture myself

freezing in the bush. I threw on my hunting gear and then headed in. My feet froze really fast. Taking big breaths I blew out steam from my mouth. Every creek I saw was frozen. My hands were numb I couldn't feel them anymore.

By Te Aranga Hohaia

It's Cold

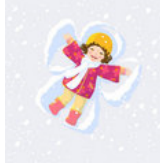
Stomping outside in the fog and hard frosty ground, I rush to the letter box with numb hands and feet to thump it open. Quickly I grabbed the mail and ran back to the warmth, that's when I knew winter was here.

By Josh



COLD

The twinkling snow froze the tips of my fingers, as I once again fell into the thick, white paint like snow. The snow looked harmless, but it felt like it had turned my bones to dried ice.



More and more blanket like clouds, drifted past the ski field, they made my vision on what was coming ahead very fuzzy.

By Anna McCracken

Text Absences

You can text the school with a message. Type otau then space then your message. Send to 3255 Remember to put reason for absence

The next Board meeting is Thursday 18th August in the school staffroom at 7.30pm. As usual you are all welcome to attend

OTAUTAU SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

8TH October 2011

Tickets on sale 22nd August



Rugby, music, meat on a spit
WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE INFO!!!
Tickets \$30



Tomorrow sees are first ever entry into the annual Polyfest event. There are 35 children representing the school all of whom have been practicing hard for most of the year under the expert eye of Tania-Rose Taikoko. Photos and video will be posted on line before the end of the week.

Eh?

A know-it-all bloke in a suit went into a pet shop: "I want a goldfish for my daughter." The pet shop guy said, "Do you want an aquarium?" Know-it-all: "I don't care what star sign it is."

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Keas

Keas is a group for boys & girls aged 6-8. We meet at St Andrews Scout Hall on Tuesday at 3.30pm. We welcome you to come along and see what activities we do. We are currently looking for leaders in all groups - Keas, Cubs, Scouts & Venturers. Please contact Julie 027 8445759

Otautau Playcentre

Welcomes any new families to the area. We are open Monday and Thursdays 9-12pm. Situated at 100 Main St, next to petrol station. First 3 sessions free. Come and enjoy learning alongside your children. More information Ph Michelle 225 8529

Otautau Playcentre

'The ultimate Quiz Night'

Tues 23rd August at 7.30

Otautau Hotel

\$20 per team - 4 per team

Quizmaster: Gerry Forde

Come join us for night of fun and entertainment.

This is a fundraiser to replenish the bark in the playground.

BBQ SAUSAGES On Thursdays there are BBQ Sausages for sale @ \$1.50 each. Please fill in the slip below and attach your money.

Name:

No of Sausages:.....