

# Ōtaki UPDATE



*A monthly newsletter  
from your local council*

## Keep your kids reading over summer

If you want your children to keep up with their reading skills over the holidays, enrol them in the library's summer reading programme.

Children choose a minimum of four books to read during the holidays, then 'report in' to the library to talk about them with a staff member or volunteer. If more convenient, email can be used to report in - see [www.kapiticoastlibraries.govt.nz/kids](http://www.kapiticoastlibraries.govt.nz/kids) for instructions or email [library.events@kapiticoast.govt.nz](mailto:library.events@kapiticoast.govt.nz) and ask. Once they've reported in, children receive a stamp in their Summer Reading Stars booklet and a reward to encourage them to keep reading.

Every child who reads and reports in to discuss at least four books, receives an invitation to the finale party on Tuesday 28 January at 3.30pm.

The programme, supported by Friends of the Library, runs from 16 December 2013 to 24 January 2014 (with a break from 23 December to 3 January). Report in times are from Monday to Friday between 11.30am to 1.30pm.

Register for the programme at the library between 9-13 December (get in quick as places are limited!).



Hannah Snell (6) talks about her book with librarian Viv Bailey at Ōtaki Library.

## Ōtaki Pool is re-opening!

Ōtaki regulars will be pleased to know their pool will re-open on Tuesday 17 December.

The pool has been closed since mid-October so structural work on the roof can be carried out, new flooring put in, and the lane pool repainted and resealed.

"The renovations have gone well and we're looking forward to people coming back to the pool and using the great facilities it offers once again," says Alison Law, Aquatic Facilities Manager.

"Thank you to Ōtaki residents for your patience while the pool has been closed."

In celebration of the pool re-opening, a party for young people will be held on Friday 20 December from 1-5pm with games, prizes, music and inflatables.

For information about Ōtaki Pool opening hours, admission prices, aquafit sessions and learn-to-swim classes, see [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/otaki-pool](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/otaki-pool)

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## New operator for transfer station

Ōtaki's Transfer Station will soon become known by a different name.

The Transfer Station will be closed on Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd December for a new operator to take over the site and will be rebranded as a Resource Recovery Centre.

"It will provide the same services, but the focus will be to divert as much waste from landfill as possible," says Nienke Itjeshorst, Council's Solid Waste Services Manager.

"One way this will be achieved is by customers sorting waste into various streams, so it can be recycled or re-used."

During the closure, waste can be taken to the Otaihangā Resource Recovery Facility, if necessary.