

Ōtaki Junior Fundamental Skills Festival 2018



Every November over the past few years the junior students from seven Ōtaki primary schools converge on Ōtaki Domain to mix and play games that help develop their fundamental movement skills using a developmentally appropriate approach.

The schools recognise that children in Year 1- 3 need to develop their fundamental movement skills and have positive experiences, if they are to be successful in mainstream sports as they get older or enjoy physical activity for life.

Children from across the schools are mixed into social groups and participate in a variety of activities such as Seaweed, Duck, Duck, Goose and Rob the Nest. To ensure the festival stays fresh, each year some of the activities are changed. Last year included some old favourites such as sack races, egg and spoon races and everyone's favourite the parachute! Each station is 10 minutes long and every group participates in each station.

Many of the activities are led by senior students from the different schools using a tuakana / teina approach.

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