



NEWSLETTER

TERM TWO WEEK 5

29 May 2020

STRANGE START TO TERM TWO

What an unusual start to term two. Returning under Alert Level 3 with 25 wonderful students in 3 bubbles for almost two weeks was a lot of fun. They were joined by 5 new students who created a new bubble for 2 days.

Last week we were at Alert Level 2 and we had between 55-62% of our students at school. This week we have seen a steady increase in student numbers each day as our parents and caregivers become more confident regarding the safety of their students during these unprecedented times.

Next week we are hoping to return to 'normal' with all our students returning to school. Our national statistics show that we have minimised the COVID risk. We would really like to get all our students back to school so that we can focus on achieving our academic targets for 2020.

COVID-19 THANK YOU

Thank you to all our parents, caregivers and whanau for their support and assistance during the COVID-19 Lockdown and Alert Level 3 and now Alert Level 2.

Thank you to all our staff for their professionalism, commitment and willingness to regularly contact our families to ensure they were well, safe and that the students had the required learning tools on offer by Ministry of Education.

Once again, this has highlighted the need for all parents/caregivers to ensure all their student contact information is kept up-to-date at all times. Unfortunately some families missed learning devices and hard copy materials because of this.

Together we have got this!

ALERT LEVEL 2 AT OIS

Thank you for being patient as we work through Alert Level 2 towards Alert Level 1.

We apologise for minimizing the number of parents, caregivers and whanau allowed in the school grounds. As you can appreciate we are trying to keep our students as safe as possible.

Where possible we encourage our students to adhere to the social distancing guidelines of 1 metre in classrooms and 2 metres outside the classroom.

Students are asked to take personal responsibility for their action relating to social distancing and to respect other people during this time.

We are very proud of the way that our students have conducted themselves related to these requests.

FAREWELL TO MR. MICHAEL TAN

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Michael Tan for winning a position as Associate Principal at Murray's Bay Intermediate School.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 Lockdown being imposed before the end of term 1 we were unable to notify our community or farewell him in our traditional way. Thankfully we were able to farewell him as a whole school this week.

Mr. Tan was at OIS for a short time, but he made a lasting impression on the staff, students and the community. His willingness to get to know students and families personally and how he celebrated all cultures were two of his outstanding attributes.

We wish him well in his new venture at MBIS.

Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa 2020



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Children's Community Dental Clinic

Free for children 0-17 years

Kia ora,

During COVID-19 Alert Level 2, the Children's Community Dental Service has reopened some of its clinics for children with urgent dental care needs.

We will be in contact with you if your child requires an urgent appointment.

Alternatively, if your child is in pain, or you have immediate concerns about their teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH to speak with one of our therapists.

We are not able to offer routine appointments just yet, but we will let you know as soon as this changes.

This means that your child's routine appointment may be delayed.

For more information, search for 'ARDS' on the Waitematā DHB website.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

The Children's Community Dental Service.







OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

The Board of Trustees of Otahuhu Intermediate School wants to thank all of our parents who have worked so hard alongside your children and our staff to support and continue their really important learning journey during the COVID-19 lockdown. Your support in the learning of your children and their success is so important if they are to succeed and New Zealand is to continue to be the great country it is to live in. We understand that learning at home has been a real test for many homes with limited space and privacy and many other jobs and things that need to take place when you're children would normally be at school. And we are sure that technology has probably been as challenging for you as it has been for the 'olds' on the board! Another fantastic thank you.

It may well be that moving into the future some things about school may be different as we reflect on what worked and what could have been better. We want to learn all about that, and what we can do to support and assist families on that journey. For some students there may be some catching up to do and we want to encourage your support and assistance as we explore every way we can to ensure the educational success of YOUR children at Otahuhu Intermediate. If there is anything about your learning experience with your children over the last weeks you would like to share, openly or privately, we really want to meet and talk with you, or hear from you. You can contact anyone on the board you know in total confidence and discuss this, or simply rock on up to Mr Woods the principal who is always ready for a coffee and to discuss the learning success of your children. Or you can simply write to me as board chair at chris.france@otahuhuint.school.nz.

The board particularly wants to acknowledge and thank all the staff, who have worked incredibly hard to develop, deliver, and support in endless ways so much learning to each and every students who wanted it in many different forms. They have gone way and beyond for your tamariki and the board wants to thank them for that extraordinary effort, they have been outstanding. We have been kept informed on a regular basis about that work, and this continued as children started returning at Level 3. On your behalf we are immensely grateful for the time, love and commitment they have shown all our children, thank you!

Throughout the weeks since we entered lockdown on March 26 the board has held regular electronic meetings with Mr Woods and the dedicated Senior Leadership Team. We are so pleased to tell you of the amazing dedication that Brent and his team have shown in the face of COVID 19. They have been innovative and creative, hard-working and committed, as they have worked through a continuous process to develop online learning for the staff and your children. We are so privileged and lucky to have Brent, the Senior Leadership Team, and the super staff we have at Otahuhu Intermediate.

Finally and by no means last we want to thank the students for their amazing efforts, and the energy and the commitment to their learning that so many of our students have shown. Thank you so much for helping make Otahuhu Intermediate the outstanding school that it is.

We look forward to an opportunity in the future to meet and share the joys and trials of this amazing year with parents, students, staff and anyone who wants to join in!

Kind regards Otahuhu Intermediate Board of Trustees