

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Students

Another week has come and gone under COVID-19 Alert Level 3 Step 2. Once again we have seen a reduction in the numbers of students attending OIS regularly. We began with 117 students attending when school re-opened and yesterday we were down to 73 students attending. We did expect there to be a drop off in numbers over the weeks as we worked our way down to the end of year. As mentioned previously, our 'social butterflies' have come and gone, as they realised that some of their other friends would not be returning to school. Also that during these COVID times there are different pressures and strains put on families which we all need to prioritise. We would like to thank all our parents and caregivers for being so supportive and respectful of the OIS Board of Trustees and Leadership Teams decision to maintain the OIS Bubble.

Government's Announcement

This week the Prime Minister informed us that we would be moving in to our new 'Traffic Light System', which is exciting as we work our way back to normality before Christmas. The Minister of Education highlighted that there would be no changes to schools in Auckland, and the expectation of the Government would be that Auckland schools would continue to operate as planned. We were all very pleased with this announcement, as it meant we could continue to focus on keeping our staff, students and community as safe as possible without making any more changes.

Honours Badge Celebrations

On Wednesday we were able to celebrate our honours badge students who had presented their merit cards at the end of term 2 and beginning of term 3. Their honours badge celebration was meant to be in Term 3 Week 5, which was the week after we went in to our 107 day Auckland lockdown. So it was nice to have an opportunity to acknowledge these wonderful OIS leaders and role models.

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and whanau that attended our 'Honours Badge Celebration Drive Through'. It was wonderful to see you all and to be able to celebrate your child's wonderful achievement. Special thanks to Whaea Grace and the staff for making this celebration event possible.

We are aware that we have a number of other students at OIS who were on the verge of collecting their last merit cards to achieve their honours badge. Unfortunately we will not be processing anymore honours badge in 2021. We congratulate all our honours badge students and those that almost got there. Remember - It is not always about the reward but the journey you took to achieve your goal.



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Term 4 Week 8 Organisation

Our focus this week will be handing out students second written reports, class and technology prizegiving awards, students stationery and collecting in the school's devices.

There will be **no more online learning this week** because we will be collecting in the school's devices throughout the week. Please check out the timetable below for the times to drive through and collect your child's second written reports, class and technology prizegiving awards (if receiving), your child's stationery, as well as return the school's device.

Our classroom teachers will be available during their class allocated days and times to see you and your child during the drive through pick up/drop off process.

The procedure will be for you and your child to drive into the school and stop outside the hall entrance way.

Your child's class teacher will deliver your items to you and then collect the school's device (if you were given one).

Tuesday 7 December - Kauri Syndicate

- ◆ 9.00am - 10.00am Room 9
- ◆ 10.00am - 11.00am Room 10
- ◆ 11.45am - 12.45pm Room 11
- ◆ 12.45pm - 1.45pm Room 12

Wednesday 8 December - Kowhai Syndicate

- ◆ 9.00am - 10.00am Room 5
- ◆ 10.00am - 11.00am Room 6
- ◆ 11.45am - 12.45pm Room 7
- ◆ 12.45pm - 1.45pm Room 8

Thursday 9 December - Rimu Syndicate

- ◆ 9.00am - 10.00am Room 1
- ◆ 10.00am - 11.00am Room 2
- ◆ 11.45am - 12.45pm Room 3
- ◆ 12.45pm - 1.45pm Room 4

Friday 10 December

- ◆ **9.00am - 11.00am** Available for anyone that couldn't make the days allocated to Syndicates.

NOTE: Class teachers will not be available at this time.

SCHOOL DEVICES

We would like to get all of our school devices returned by the end of week 8.

It is important that we have these all back so we can do a stock-take on our devices in preparation for 2022.

If your child's device has been damaged or broken in anyway during COVID-19 lockdown, the school has accepted that this may happen, however, we still need to get these devices back for our stock-take and insurance purposes.

Term 4 Week 9 Organisation**Monday 13 December****Counties-Manukau Sports Camp Presentations - 9.00am to 11.00am**

The procedure will be for you and your child to drive into the school and stop outside the hall entrance way.

Miss Silipa and Jackie will present your child with their sports certificate and sports camp hoodie

Wednesday 15 December**2021 Prizegiving Drive Through - Performing Arts Awards & Cultural Awards - 10.00am onwards**

Prize winners will be notified next week by the teacher in-charge of the award.

You will also be allocated a time to attend.

The procedure will be for you and your child to drive into the school and park your car.

Parents, caregivers, whanau and student will then sit under the marquee by the hall entrance way while your child is presented their award(s).

After the award is presented, you will be able to have photos in the hall foyer and then outside the school's whare.

Thursday 16 December**2021 Prizegiving Drive Through - Academic Awards & Leadership Awards - 10.00am onwards**

Prize winners will be notified next week by the teacher in-charge of the award.

You will also be allocated a time to attend.

The procedure will be for you and your child to drive into the school and park your car.

Parents, caregivers, whanau and student will then sit under the marquee by the hall entrance way while your child is presented their award(s).

After the award is presented, you will be able to have photos in the hall foyer and then outside the school's whare.

Friday 17 December**Teacher Only Day - No school for students****REMINDERS:**

- Please have your child at school by 8.30am.
- School begins at 8.30am and finishes at 2.00pm daily.
- Please drop off and pick your child up at the front gate.
- Please do not enter the school grounds unless you are needing to come to the office.
- If you come into the school grounds, you need to be fully masked and scan in or sign the register at the office entrance way.
- If your child has a school device and attending school, they need to bring it back for their learning at school.
- If your child is unwell, please notify the office immediately.

STUDENT ABSENCES:

If your child is unwell, they must stay home. During Alert Level 3 Step 2 we are requesting that parents/caregivers provide us with a medical certificate stating that their child is fit to return to school.

Once again, this is about ensuring that everyone in the 'OIS Bubble' is kept safe.

NOTE: If a child returns without a medical certificate, they will be sent home.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:

Due to lock down in term three our celebration assembly for Honours Badges in week 5 was put on hold. Level 3, phase 2 Covid style we managed to finally celebrate these students who were supposed to receive their Honours Badge last term.



Savannah, Nisheet, Siosaia R6



Sohaila R3, Christina R3, Victoria R4



Saimone R11 / Joseph R10



KIA KAHA!

Congratulations to Deana R7, Shreya R8, Zaki R3 and Almaaz R1 for Achieving their Double's Honours Badge!