

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Students

It has been an exciting week at Otahuhu Intermediate School. We have seen our roll numbers go from 150 students at the beginning of the week to 225 students by Thursday. It is fantastic to have our students and families returning to our school community. Hopefully COVID-19 Omicron numbers in Auckland have hit their peak and we see a rapid decline in number over the next few weeks, so that all our students can return to school and learning.

This term we introduced The Arts Therapy Programme near the beginning of the term. It has continued to operate throughout the term and it is great to see the students engaged in this programme on Wednesday mornings. Last week we began the 'Life Changer' programme for another group of students. Once again it was awesome to see the interaction with our students and the facilitators. We are looking forward to seeing the impact that these two programme will have on the students participating in them.

Support for our students and families during COVID-19 is paramount. We are very fortunate to have our ATWC Social Worker in Schools Savannah Pedofsky working in our school Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Our SWiS provides support and guidance for our students and families. Once again, we are very fortunate to have our two counsellors, Theresa Iloahefaiva and Rachel Roberts from Laidlaw returning. As well as gaining the services of Sheree Anderson from MIT to provide additional counselling for our students and families too. We are certainly blessed to have this support available within our school community.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers and students that attended Tuesday evenings (5.30pm –6.30pm) first 'OIS Information Zui' on zoom which was 'Meet the OIS Board'. On Tuesday 22 March the topic will be related to providing you with COVID-19 Information and answering some of your questions you may have related to school or C-19. We will be trying to have some health professionals available in this session too.

Tuesday 22 March 5.30pm - 6.30pm COVID-19 Information Zui (zoom session)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87133219987?pwd=K28rQ3FxEIRmJZwYXQwNXV5OVdsQT09>

Meeting ID: 871 3321 9987

Passcode: OIS

Hopefully you can join us on Tuesday. If not, stay safe and have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards
Leadership Team

SCHOOL APP - if you were unaware, Otahuhu Intermediate School does have a school app that you can download on to your mobile phones.

1. Just scan the QR code on the newsletter.
2. Tap on the link <http://onelink.to/sb8tvm>
3. The link will take you to **KiwiSchools Connect**. Then press Install, to install the app.
4. Once app is loaded, tap on Open.
5. Then you will see a list of **AVAILABLE SCHOOLS**. Scroll down and select **Otahuhu Intermediate School** and tap on the school name to load it.
6. **KS Connect** will now be loaded on your apps mobile page.
7. If you tap on the **KS Connect**, then the **Otahuhu Intermediate School** information should appear.



OIS Expectations during COVID-19 Omicron:

- ◆ If your child is unwell, please keep them home and get them tested.
- ◆ If your child has been isolating at home, we would like proof of a negative result -CPR test (within 12 hours) or RAT test (the morning of) before they return to school. We suggest you place a piece of paper on a table, write your child's full name, room number and date of the RAT test and take a picture of it. This can then be emailed to your child's teacher. Sick for a day, two, three, please do the same as above before you return.
- ◆ If your child is away for medical reason (not COVID related), then we are encouraging you to get a medical certificate as proof for the school.

We are doing everything we can to keep Otahuhu Intermediate School safe for all. We appreciate that the above 'OIS Expectations' are additional, but these are necessary to keep everyone safe during this RED PHASE.

**2022 Ōtāhuhu United
Football Club**

SUNDAY MARCH 27th

2pm to 4:30pm Seaside Park, Ōtāhuhu

*Come on down and meet some of our
Junior coaches and Committee.
All former, current and new families welcome!*

We will be down at the first field on the left
upon entrance, opposite the park.

Update from the Auckland Transport Metro Bus Team.

Tāmaki Makaurau is at the red setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework.

As Omicron spreads, many bus operators are experiencing staff shortages and service cancellations across bus, train, and ferry services. Although Auckland Transport is working hard to update cancellations in our systems, there may be some occasions when these are last-minute and can't be communicated in time. We recommend checking service updates on the [AT Mobile app](#), [Live Departures](#), or on digital signs at stops and stations.

If you're using AT school Bus.

We are trying our best to make school bus services our priority and run most school bus services to a regular timetable. However, we are expecting to see last-minute cancellations due to the spread of Omicron in the community. Although we're working hard to update cancellations in our systems, there may be some occasions when these are last-minute and can't be communicated in time.

If any bus services do not arrive on time, students will need to find or use alternative transport options.

<https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/journey-planner/>.

We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause.
The Travelwise Team

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM 1**

WEEK EIGHT

Wednesday 23 March
Arts Therapy
Life Changer
Skills Workshop

WEEK NINE

Wednesday 30 March
Arts Therapy
Life Changer
Self Workshop

WEEK TEN

Wednesday 6 April
Arts Therapy
Life Changer
Purpose Workshop

WEEK ELEVEN

Wednesday 13 April
Life Changer
Tribe workshop

Last Day of Term 1
Thursday 14 April 2022

GOOD FRIDAY
Friday 15 April 2022

School Holidays
19 April—2 May

Bell Times

8.45am - Start of day &
Admin time
8.55am - Block 1
9.55am - **Break 1**
10.35am - Block 2
11.30am - Block 3
12.25pm - **Break 2**
1.05pm - Block 4
2.00pm - Block 5
2.55pm - Admin. time
3.00pm - End of day

Uniform and Stationery
Shop Hours
8.30am—9.30am
School Days In the hall.