

Apologies to all, due to Otahuhu's power cut on Friday, we were not able to print Week Eight's newsletter.

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Students

Another week has come and gone and there are more changes happening related to COVID-19 Omicron on the way. Just when you think you have it all sorted, another announcement comes along. However, each announcement brings new initiatives to help us return back to the normal way of life (as we knew it).

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers, whanau and students who joined Tuesday's COVID-19 Information evening with the OIS Leadership Team and Auckland Health professionals. The zoom focused on the school's processes and procedures that are currently in place to keep our school as COVID free as possible. We also acknowledged all our parents and caregivers for notifying us of positive student and household contact over the last 5 weeks. Thank you for also supporting us by providing medical certificates to justify your child's absence, as well as those who have provided evidence of negative RAT test results. We have really appreciated the positive attitude shown by our OIS community during this pandemic. Special thanks to Su Askwith (ADHB Starship Community Nurse), Dr. Laurell Totone (Mangere GP), Christina Hunt & Karyn Ne'emia (Alliance Health) for joining us and sharing their expertise related to health matters raised during the zoom session.

We are all very excited to see our student numbers increasing every day. From our low of 120 students to our high of 247 students this week. We are looking forward to the remaining 90 students returning over the next week as the Auckland numbers continue to decrease. Our aim is to have all our 335 students back before the end of term 1.

Have a fantastic weekend.

OIS Leadership Team

Brent Woods, Grace Gemmell & Lorraine King

We are on facebook now - <https://www.facebook.com/>

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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM 1

WEEK NINE

Tuesday 29 March
Board Meeting
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Wednesday 30 March
Arts Therapy
Life Changer
Self Workshop

WEEK TEN

Tuesday 5 April
Community Info Zui
5.30pm

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
Holiday
Friday 15 April 2022

School Holidays
16 April—2 May

OIS Expectations during COVID-19 Omicron:

- ◆ If your **child is unwell**, please keep them home and get them tested and ring the school.
- ◆ 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) and bring it to school.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Absent from school (not medical related), please ring the school and leave a message.

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.

Once again, we thank you all for everything you are doing to keep everyone in our OIS community safe.

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COMMUNITY INFO ZUI
TUESDAY 5 APRIL @ 5:30PM

Understanding NZ Curriculum for Yr 7 & 8

Meeting ID: 871 3321 9987
Passcode: OIS

Ōtāhuhu United Football Club

SUNDAY 27th MARCH 2022

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 playground.

Southern Districts Hockey "Have-A-Go"

Kolmar Sports Centre Papatoetoe

Saturday 26th March 9am-10.30am

The Have-A-Go are for any kids who want to play this season to come and have an open play of hockey with some of the SDHC kids coaches. They'll have a ball, and be able to register for the seasons at any of these sessions. Season Fees 2022: \$80.

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