

Welcome Back to School!

Kia ora koutou ngaa whaanau o Te Kura Takawaenga o Otahuhu
Greetings to all our families of Otahuhu Intermediate School

Ko Tainui te waka
Ko Hoturoa te tangata
Ko Waikato te iwi
Ko Te Manukanuka o Hoturoa te moana
Ko Te Kura Takawaenga o Otahuhu te kura
Ko Te Huarahi o Nga Waka te whare
Tihei mauri ora

I start with our school pepeha as I believe it is important to acknowledge the area we are blessed to be a part of. For both terms 1 and 2, our school has been studying our local history so hopefully your child/ren have been sharing this with you.

It is my pleasure to be the Acting Principal for this term. With my new role there have been other changes within our school:

Mrs Ernstzen (R3) will be Acting Associate Principal
Miss Oliver (R2) will be Acting Syndicate Leader
We also welcome Mr isikeli Tafea to Room 3 as the teacher for this term.

We are fortunate to have wonderful staff who are supportive of their colleagues and of our amazing students and their whaanau. We are all looking forward to working together as a united team to ensure the best outcomes for all. I was privileged to attend Mr Woods powhiri at his new school, Taupo Intermediate. It was a lovely occasion, and I was impressed by the whole school, both students and staff, singing and doing actions of their local Ngati Tuwharetoa waiata.

THANK YOU/KIA ORA:

To all the whaanau and staff who attended our ANZAC service on Tuesday
Project Wy whaanau and staff for your commitment to trainings Thursdays and Saturday mornings. We wish you all the best for the 10km event in Rotorua next Saturday.

There are a few upcoming events, however I would like to mention our Community Evening on Tuesday 9 May 6.00pm to share our plans for Bilingual class/es in 2024. At this stage we are looking at classes for Tongan, Samoan and Maaori however all are welcome to attend.

We are all very excited about this term and look forward to having you all on this journey with us.

Ngaa mihi nui

Grace Gemmell

Acting Principal

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS:

Open 8.30-9.30am

Tuck shop—Break 2 Orders to be made
in the morning or during break 1

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

TERM 2—WEEK 2

Wednesday 3rd May

Tupu'anga Mentor Groups - Block 4 & 5

Tupu Maia—Block 4 & 5

Life Changers Empowerment—Y7

Friday 5 May

PROJECT WY—Rotorua

FACEBOOK:

We have a school facebook page—
Otahuhu Intermediate School.
Reminder to check for school updates!



ANZAC Day is a special day for our country to commemorate. OIS has played its role in ensuring that our students would be part of this important memorial day celebration. A wreath was laid at the ANZAC headstone by our student councilors. The choir sang two hymns, and we led the National anthem. Students who attended will receive a 'service' merit card which goes towards achieving an Honour's Badge.

We would like to thank the students and whanau for their *passion and respect* in turning up to the ANZAC Dawn service at 6am on a beautiful but very crisp morning. Thank you to the teachers and their whanau for attending the service too and a huge thanks to the chefs who prepared the delicious hot breakfast and ANZAC cookies which everyone enjoyed after the service. A big thank you to the Student Council for organizing the event.

We always appreciate our community involvement in the various schoolwide activities. This year is special because it is our 60th jubilee year. The school belongs to you, and it is important that you participate our various activities with your children.



THANK YOU TO OUR CHEFS FOR ANZAAC DAY BREAKFAST!