

OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu

MONDAY 16th OCTOBER 2023



Preparation for the 60th Jubilee Celebrations!

Our school newsletter - communicating with our school community

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NEWSLETTER 16/10/2023

THIS IS THE NEWSLETTER OF:

NAME: _____

ROOM: _____

*Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, Talofa Lava,
Taloha, Kia Orana, Ni Hao, Buenos Dias, Chao, Malo Ni, Habari Dobar Dan,
Namaste, Salam, Mauri*

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Respect, Personal Responsibility, Passion

OUR SCHOOL VISION

EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

OUR SCHOOL PEPEHA

Ko Tainui te waka

Ko Hoturoa te tangata

Ko Waikato te iwi

Ko Te Manukanuka o Hoturoa te moana

Ko Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu te kura

Ko Te Huarahi o Nga Waka te whare

Tihei mauri ora

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora

Welcome to Term 4. This is an exciting and busy time for our students. There are only nine weeks left of the 2023 school year. I can't believe how quickly the year has gone by.

We have already had our first week back at school, and the students have got straight back into their learning and getting ready for our major Term 4 event; Ōtāhuhu Intermediate's 60th Jubilee. It is exciting to think that our current students will play a part in the celebrations! We hope the memories they help create will be something they look back on fondly later in life! Our 60th Jubilee is happening this Friday 20th October and Saturday 21st October. This is the link you will need to register your involvement in this very special event <https://forms.gle/fYYuQCjCxrdsxC4x8>

I would like to remind whānau once again of the importance of students attending school every day. At the end of last term, we acknowledged the students who had been at school every day for the term, we had 30 students. There are only six students who have not missed a day the whole year. We do not have time to waste, please ensure your child is coming to school every day and on time! Some of our students say they are late because they have slept in because they were up late the night before, help them make great lifelong habits now...get them to sleep early.

A reminder that next Monday 23rd October is Labour Day and there is no school on that day. Looking ahead on Monday November 13th there is a Teacher Only Day. School is closed on that day as all staff are involved in professional development. Students need to stay at home on that day.

I look forward to seeing you all later in the term at the Student Led Conferences. More information about these will go home later in the term, but please ensure you book this in your diary now. Student Led Conferences will be 8am until 8pm on Thursday 7th December.

Have a great week everyone!

Tanya Brook
Tumuaki/Principal

FROM THE SYNDICATE LEADER - KOWHAI

MRS LIU

What is my role at Otahuhu Intermediate School?

I am the Syndicate Leader of Kowhai Syndicate. I am also the class teacher of 30 students in Room 6. I also lead the Tongan Cultural Group in the school and have enjoyed doing storytelling as an extracurricular activity during Break times at school.

My favourite events at Otahuhu Intermediate School

Leading the Tongan Cultural Group has always been my favourite activity to do. I admire how the students are so passionate about participating and performing their cultural dances.

The things I need to work on

I need to spend more time with my family. I am also aware of my health and fitness to be a more active teacher every day. I am so happy that my students are helping and encouraging me to join them with activities that motivate us to be happy and successful with our learning.

The things I love.

I love singing, listening to country music, playing the ukulele and guitar, acting, cooking, dancing and watching movies. I love my seafood. Finally, I just love chilling with the Tongan ladies, laughing, and best of all sharing bible verses that enhance our spiritual lives.

My favourite place to be in the world

My favourite place to be in the world is my family house in the village of Manuka in Tonga. As they say "There is no place like home!" It is the house my husband and I built and raised our six beautiful children before we moved to New Zealand.

Some information about me

I was born and raised in Tonga. I migrated to New Zealand with my family in 2004. Teaching is my passion. I taught in Tonga for 21 years. I thought I could have a different career pathway here in New Zealand but still found myself enjoying teaching. I have taught at Otahuhu Intermediate School since 2009 and still am loving it here.



FROM THE SYNDICATE LEADER - RIMU

MR RADROLE

Ni sa Bula Vinaka!

First and foremost, I would like to acknowledge GOD for his grace and mercy. I am indeed grateful and blessed to be part of this school.

What is my role at Otahuhu Intermediate School?

I am honoured to be the Rimu Syndicate Leader and proud to be part of an awesome and talented group of teachers and students. My role is to coordinate with the team, record, and update information and be the voice of our Syndicate.

My favourite events at OIS?

The different cultural group performances in Term 1. The celebration and acknowledgement of the unique cultures in the school through Language Week celebrations, and the prime of it all is the Haka Waiata syndicate performances and chants.

The things I need to work on:

To encourage students to continue to embrace and be proud of who they are, their identity and their culture.

The things I love

I find immense joy in teaching and inspiring our tamariki to be their best selves, both academically and athletically.

Favourite place to be in the world

As they say "Home is where the heart is" so it's no surprise that Fiji is my favourite place to be. There is no place like home.

Some information about me

I am an Taukei or an indigenous Fijian and have a family of four. I had been teaching in Fiji for twelve years before being blessed with an opportunity to travel to a small island in the pacific, Niue to continue my journey as a teacher.

In April, 2019 we left Niue for the land of the long white cloud, Aotearoa. I began my journey here at OIS in 2020 and it has been a wonderful teaching and learning experience.

Looking forward to what the future holds.

Vinaka vakalevu and God bless.



FROM THE SYNDICATE LEADER - KAURI

Teaching is more than imparting knowledge,. It is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts; it is acquiring understanding”

Bienvenidos a todos, Kia Ora, Malo e Ielei, Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Namaste, Fakalofa lahi atu, Bula vinaka and warm greetings to you all, my name is Gabriela Bailey, Year 8 Teacher at Otahuhu Intermediate School, and Syndicate Leader in Kauri Syndicate. I am very honoured to be a part of this amazing educational community, consisting of a team of highly dedicated staff and passionate learners.

A little bit about myself:

Originally, I come from Peru, a country located in South America. I was born in the capital city Lima and moved to the beautiful Aotearoa with my parents and siblings back in February of 1997. Like many of you, language, culture, tradition and heritage are very important to me, aspects of my identity that I am very passionate about and proud of.

Some of my passions and interests include spending quality time with whanau and friends, traveling, watching movies, attending cultural events, and the list goes on. However, for me, family is always number one, alongside faith in God. I have three children - my eldest daughter Nayra is ten years old, followed by my daughter Malia who is five and my son Elijah, my youngest child, who is currently four. My husband Karl is of Tongan and New Zealand European heritage and it is safe to say, he is one of my biggest supporters and my best friend.

Having the opportunity to teach, interact and create memories with the wonderful tamariki of OIS, are some of the most rewarding and valuable experiences one can have. My main focus as a teacher is to build strong, positive and genuine relationships with my students as well as developing effective partnerships with their whanau. Helping my students reach their full potential, identify their strengths as learners, and achieve their academic goals across the curriculum are definitely my top priorities as an educator. I sincerely hope that through my work, I am inspiring my students to become the best version of themselves.

Muchas Gracias!



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

We love having your children here at school! They bring a happy smile and energy! Whilst we know that some days we have appointments, family events and celebrations, we feel sad when students miss out on school unnecessarily, so we wanted to share these facts with you:

If your child misses:	That equals:	Which is:	And over 13 years of schooling, that is:
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

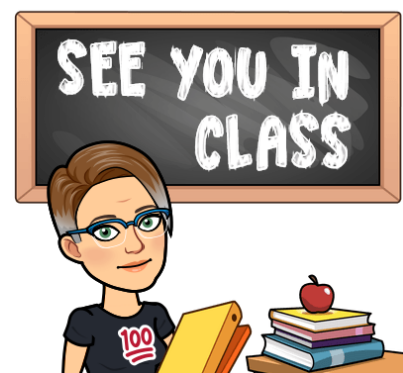
“How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won’t affect my child...”

If your child misses:	That equals:	Which is:	And over 13 years of schooling, that is:
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 mins per day	1 hr 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years

Not only does lateness affect a child’s education, but it also has an impact on our office staff, who need to meet with these students and adjust the morning register. This takes them away from completing other important tasks that benefit our students.

Instruction starts at **8:45am** each day. But classes are open at **8.30am** each day. All students must arrive at school before then to prepare for the day.

Please do your absolute best to ensure your child arrives at school on time. Get in touch with us if you have special circumstances, so we are aware of what is happening for your whānau.



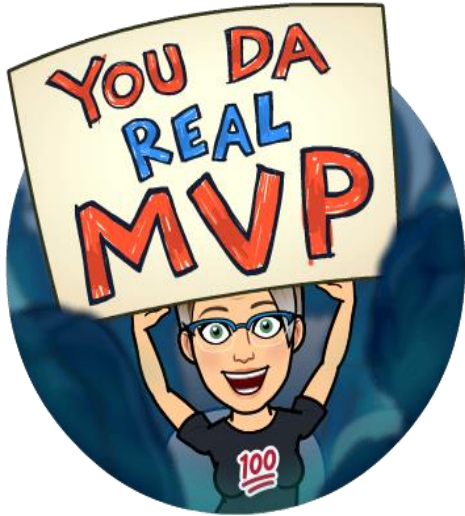
TERM 4 CALENDAR

WEEK	DATE	EVENT
1	Fijian Language Week	
2	Fri 20/10+Sat 21/10	60 th Jubilee Celebration
3	Mon 23/10	Labour Day – No School
	Thurs 26/10	Zone Boys Volleybal
	Fri 27/10	Zone Girls Volleyball
5	Tues 7/11	Zone Touch Girls/Boys/Mixed
	Thurs 9/11	HPV Dose 2 Yr 8's Boostrix Catch Ups Yr 7's
6	Mon 13/11	Staff Only Day – No School
	Thurs 16/11	HPV Dose 2 Catch Ups Yr 8's
7	Wed 22/11	Zone Athletics
	Thurs 23/11	School Disco 6pm-8pm
8	Fri 1/12	Hansel + Gretel NZRB Ballet Whole School Trip
9	Thurs 7/12	Student Led Conferences 8am-8pm
	Fri 8/12	Backflip Against Bullying NZ Tour
10	Tues 12/12	Block 2 + 3 Prizegiving
	Thurs 14/12	School Fun Day Trips
	Fri 15/12	Last Day of School - Ends 12pm



THANK YOU!

A huge shoutout to our friend Gurmit from Pita Pit. He dropped in 20 new sports balls for our tamariki! We know these will definitely be used and appreciated. Thank you for our yummy lunches and for your very kind gesture! Pita Pit rocks!!



Many Thanks!



really appreciate!



THANK YOU!

We would like to thank our student leaders who are our new OIS Kaitiaki Force. These students are out and about at break times being amazing kaitiaki for all students. They spot students who are doing great things, and will support the adults by mentoring students to make good choices.

Thank you Mrs Bailey for this great initiative.
You guys rock!



ARTICLES



MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK 2023



Ngā mihi o Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori!

Ngā mihi nui to all kaiako, whānau, and akonga who celebrated throughout the week and showed whatumanawa (passion) for Te Ao Māori.

The students were able to wrap up Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori celebrations with some beautiful portrait photos and a delicious kai!

Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori!



SYNDICATE SPIRIT DAY

Wednesday 20th September was Syndicate Spirit Day. This was organised and run by Mrs Bailey and the Student Council. This year we had a major competition between the syndicates with their excellent chants, all so different and fun. The next big challenge was a netball game between students and staff. Students made sure the staff knew how fit and skilled they were by the big difference in the score. Thank you Mrs Liu, our fabulous Goal Shoot for at least putting one goal in for the staff!





MOANA PRODUCTION OTAHUHU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Twenty six Honours Badge students were privileged to attend the Ōtāhuhu Primary School production of Moana on Wednesday 20th September.

Amazing cultural performances, singing by students and a truly Ōtāhuhu proud version of the story. We didn't know Maui attended OPS!!

Thank you Ōtāhuhu Primary for inviting us along. It was awesome!! Also to Miss Brook, thank you for offering us this experience

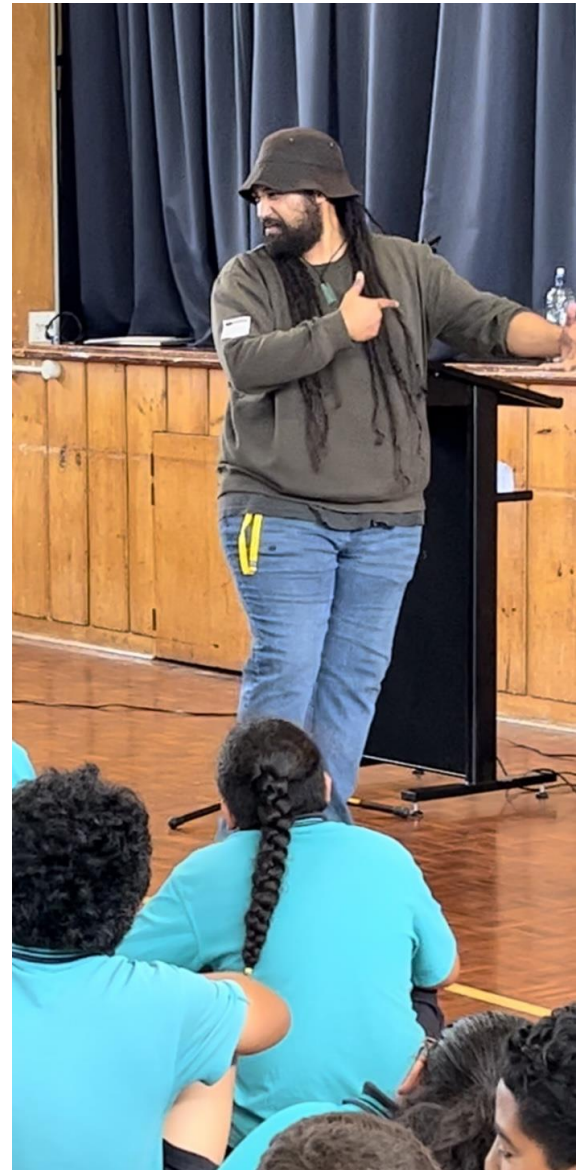


TEKAHU ROLLESTON OIS VISIT

On the last day of Term 3 we were very privileged to have had Te Kahu Rolleston come and visit us at school.

Te Kahu is an incredible spoken word poet who is in hot demand. He was fantastic and he ensured our students were engaged.

Te Kahu shared with us some of his personal spoken word favourites. You can tell through his spoken word that he is very passionate about where his whanau come from. He then asked students to share a word that they wanted Te Kahu to make up a spoken word piece on the spot. He did an incredible job with these including a spoken word about snakes and the word circumference!



Te Kahu was incredibly relatable and inspiring for both students and teachers.

Auckland Middle Schools Art Association Exhibition 2023

Congratulations to the students whose work is selected for display in the AMSAA showcase of middle school age-group art for the Auckland district.

This show will be on from Sat 28 Oct – Sun 5 Nov at Silo6 in Wynyard Quarter (most western section of CBD downtown wharves).

These are the students who have worked displayed in this exhibition.

R1 Harley

R3 Jessie, Fatima, Niha

R4 Uaite

R7 Tarnae

R8 Kamal, Avni

R9 Rayssa

R11 Rachael

R12 Sia





CONGRATULATIONS!

On the last day of Term 3 we acknowledged the students who have been at school every day this term. Well done to all of you!

We also made sure the students who have been at school every day this year were also celebrated!! There are only six of these students. But we know this time next year there will be way more.

The 100% students for the year have a lunch date with Miss Brook in Week One next term. To be at school every day shows resilience and perseverance! We are so proud of you all!



IMPORTANT NOTICE

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Information about school planning and reporting processes

I am providing this information to encourage your interest in looking at our current strategic and operational planning, and to get involved in our future planning, as we review what we currently do. This can come in the form of attending school events we organise during the year for whanau and aiga or even popping into school and seeing me, Tanya, the Principal.

Under the Education and Training Act 2020, a new planning and reporting framework came into effect on 1st January 2023. Regulations that set out the details of the new framework have now been made.

Here at Otahuhu Intermediate we have already started looking at the current strategic plan and are seeing what we can and need to do better. Please keep an eye out for further details as Term 4 continues and as we continue to review the current plan and set the new one for 2024! We intend to get feedback from whanau at our Term 4 Student Led Conferences. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me and we will ensure you can be involved.

Tanya Brook - Tumuaki

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OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE *Jubilee*



OPEN DAY
FRIDAY 20TH OCT 10AM - 2PM
BRUNCH
SATURDAY 21ST OCT 11AM - 3PM
OIS HALL

MAKE SURE YOU SAVE THE DATE NOW!

**WANT TO FIND OUT?
MORE CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
OR
COME INTO SCHOOL AND ASK HOW TO REGISTER**

We are looking forward to seeing past students, staff and whānau from Ōtāhuhu Intermediate!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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GUMBOOT FRIDAY

Mufti Day

**FRI 3 NOVEMBER
2023**

GOLD COIN KOHA



**TO HELP
SUPPORT
MENTAL HEALTH
IN AOTEAROA**

GENERAL SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS

PLEASE NAME IT

We make every effort to see students' personal items are secure. It would make our task considerably easier and would drastically reduce levels of stress for students if ALL ITEMS – INCLUDING ALL UNIFORM ITEMS, PE UNIFORMS, SHOES, SPORTS EQUIPMENT, JACKETS, JERSEYS, LUNCHBOXES, WATER BOTTLES, BAGS etc. WERE ALL CLEARLY NAMED!!

SMOKE AND VAPE FREE ENVIRONMENT

In accordance with legislation I remind parents/caregivers and students that our entire school and boundary is Smoke and Vape Free.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

Ōtāhuhu Intermediate has an "Open Door Policy". This means that should you have any questions or concerns about anything please do not hesitate to contact us. Don't be a stranger, but pop in anytime you can. We'd love to see you!

If at any time you wish to see any of your child's teachers about something specific please telephone the school to organise an appointment. At times there are bound to be issues that crop up and we encourage you to air your concerns but ask that you speak to the person involved first. If you have done this and feel there has been no success, you are more than welcome to see the Syndicate Leader, the relevant senior staff member or myself.

If you are wanting information on your child's progress, it is advisable to book a time to see the class teacher. This will enable the teacher to give you the time you deserve to have the proper conversation. Classrooms are busy places in the mornings before school and immediately after, and it is not always possible for the teacher to give full attention to your queries if you do not book in advance.

MESSAGES FOR/FROM STUDENTS

We accept there will be occasions when students need to contact members of their family during the school day. With the approval of their classroom teacher, students are able to use a school telephone to do this. Because of the demands of school management and school activities, these calls will be restricted to important matters – not to have forgotten homework, lunch etc. dropped off or to arrange an after school social occasion! If things are forgotten then children will need to learn to accept the consequences for their actions. Likewise, the school accepts with today's busy schedules there will be occasions when parents need to get important messages to their children.

The school will make every effort to forward these messages, if received before 2.30pm. However, the administration staff cannot accept responsibility if a student does not receive a message.

ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school please call the office on 276 6421 or online to our School Website -Otāhuhu Intermediate School, to report an absence before 8.30am.

UPDATE OF INFORMATION

If there have been any changes to the custodial arrangements, change of address, change of telephone number, change of emergency contact numbers, or any other changes we would be very grateful if you would inform us as soon as possible, so our records can be corrected.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Respect, Personal Responsibility, Passion.

LATENESS

All students who are late (i.e. arriving at school after the 8.45am bell) report to the office before heading to class. This is to ensure we keep a track of attendance and student safety. We appreciate your support with this!

MONEY

Money is not to be left in bags, desks or clothing when not being worn. Hand to the office or class teacher for safe keeping. If the procedure is not followed and money is 'lost' or 'stolen' we will not waste any time following up. Owner beware - follow the procedure!

NO!!

iPod, game, fizzy drinks, lollies, chocolate or chewing gum are to be brought to school. If a student has any of these, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day! We look forward to your support with this. AND lunches are provided free to every child so no need to do drop offs.

MOBILE PHONES

If students bring cellphones to school they are left at the office before school and collected after school. If students keep them on them or in bags during the day and they are 'lost' or 'stolen' we will not waste any time in following up. Owner beware - follow the procedures!

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

No medication should be kept in your child's school bag. If your child has antibiotic/medication that needs to be administered during the school day please ensure you have handed it in at the office. No medication can be administered to your child without approval.

VISITORS

Whenever you visit the school please do so via the office so you can be checked in, instead of going directly to the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

The school has a policy of “abuser pays”. Students who carelessly or wilfully damage school property or equipment will be asked to meet the cost of the repairs, or at the very least pay a fair share of the replacement. We hope this will become a rare occasion at Ōtāhuhu Intermediate, however when this does occur, parents/caregivers will receive an explanatory letter and a tax invoice to cover costs. In addition to the fact that schools operate on very tight budgets, we see the development of personal responsibility as an important outcome of our school programmes.

INTERNET SAFETY

We are well aware that the internet is a wonderful educational resource, but we all know there are dangers. As you know, to use the information and communications technologies resources, including accessing the internet at school, students and their parents are required to sign an ACCEPTABLE USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES AGREEMENT. This agreement spells out very clearly what is acceptable and what is not acceptable both in terms of use and internet site access. This is done at enrolment. Students use individual logons and our system records for audit all logons, the date and time of the logon, the location of the computer and a list of all searches attempted and sites accessed. Please discuss with your child the appropriate use of the internet. Teachers also do this on a regular basis.

DRINK BOTTLES

Students are encouraged to carry water bottles with them in class. A common sense approach and one we will remind all children throughout the term! Your support with this is much appreciated in the form of naming drink bottles and providing them! We encourage all children to drink water regularly throughout the school day.

SCHOOL HOURS

Students are expected to be in school before 8.30am, ready for an 8.45am start. The school day ends at 3.00pm. All students leave school at the end of the day. The Leadership Team are at the front gate every afternoon to ensure the students safely leave the school grounds.

STUDENT AND whānau SUPPORT

We are very lucky to have the services of our very own SWiS and Counsellors. Their roles are incredibly important and are here to support students and whānau (to some degree). Please see the office if you need any information on this.

PARK SAFELY AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

Drivers who stop in the wrong place to drop off and pick up passengers put the safety of children at risk. Please do not park on the yellow lines outside the school.

Please park legally to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed. Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking rules help protect our children and keep them safe. Drivers who park illegally put our kids at risk.

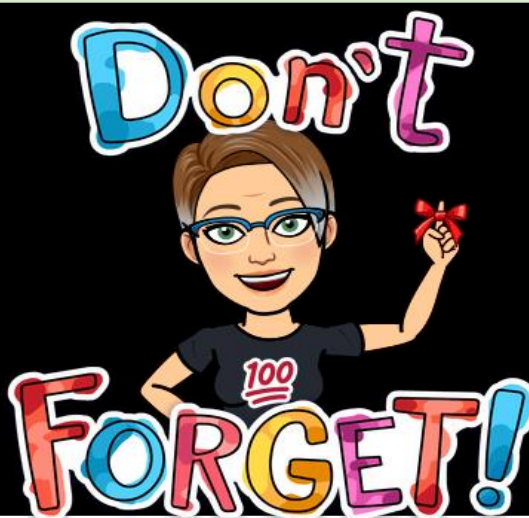
Please **do not** call your child to cross the road before or after school to where you are parked. There is a pedestrian crossing on Luke Street outside the school. Encourage your child to use the pedestrian crossing!

Please also be mindful of your speed, other vehicles and the students if you are using the school driveway to drop off and pick up your child(ren).

HOME STUDY/HOMEWORK

Our stand on home study is that it is useful and helps develop good work habits but can also be a contentious and emotional issue, that can cause much conflict in the home and at school. There is always a wide range of views on the subject with some parents wanting more and others wanting less.

We believe that home study at this level gives students practice at managing their time to do some self-directed learning and therefore, encourage the importance of reading. Reading is crucial in all areas of life. Our children need to learn to read for sustained periods (at least 15 minutes at a time) – so if your child says “I don’t have any homework” hand him/her a good book!



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FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY

PLEASE DO NOT CALL YOUR CHILD ACROSS THE ROAD AT THE END OF THE DAY. WE EXPECT OUR STUDENTS TO USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY!

IF WE ARE OUT ON THE FRONT GATE AND WE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING INSTEAD OF RUNNING ACROSS THE ROAD TO GET TO YOU, PLEASE DON'T BE OFFENDED. WE ARE LOOKING AFTER YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY AND WELL-BEING!



YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO STAY AT SCHOOL ALL DAY!

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY AT SCHOOL THE ENTIRE SCHOOL DAY.

PLEASE DON'T BE OFFENDED IF WE ASK THE REASON WHY YOU WANT TO HAVE YOUR CHILD RELEASED EARLY. COMING TO GET THEM BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY IMPACTS NEGATIVELY ON YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING.





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PLEASE CHECKOUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

'Otahuhu Intermediate School'



Please **LIKE** us so you get to see all the awesome things we are doing at our school. Our Facebook page is also a great way for us to keep you updated with important information.



OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu
MONDAY 16th OCTOBER 2023

Have a go at these brain teasers.

Word Puzzles Brain Teasers

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I have received and read Newsletter 16/10/2023

SIGNED: _____ Parent of _____ Room: _____

Whānau, please **circle** which syndicate your child is in and return this to your child's teacher for your child to be in the draw for a \$20 Tuck Shop voucher.

KOWHAI

KAURI

RIMU