

OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu

WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2024



**Students enjoying skipping as part of
daily Kori Tinana**

Our school newsletter - communicating with our school community

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NEWSLETTER 28/02/2024

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

Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Ni Hao, Buenos Dias, Chao Malo ni, Namaste, Bonjour!

E nga mana, e nga reo, tena kotou katoa

Ko Aoraki te maunga
Ko Tairei te awa
Ko Takutimu te waka
Ko Nga Tahu te iwi
Ko Tanya Brook ahau



Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa.

Kia ora! My name is Tanya Brook, and I am the Tumuaki/Principal here at Ōtāhuhu Intermediate.

I hope you have all had a great start to 2024 and that you are as excited as your child is about what the 2024 school year will look here at Ōtāhuhu Intermediate. This is our first proper newsletter for 2024. Our school newsletters will come home every term in Week 5 and Week 10. We want you to read these so you can see the amazing things our students have participated in. Newsletters are just one way we will keep in contact with you throughout the year. I also encourage you all to check out our school website and our Facebook page.

Over the school holidays it was very busy here. We had a lot of awesome property work happening around the school. We have had new guttering and down pipes put up to replace the broken ones, some rooves have been repaired and more will be replaced during the next school holidays. We had the school buildings cleaned so they look beautiful. The playground was repaired at a cost of well over \$50,000 and the kids are enjoying being back on it! Most importantly the block of classrooms which were out of use for most of last year due to flooding damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle are back up and running with students back in them! The classrooms look great and this year this is where the Rimu Syndicate is.

Our school vision statement "Excellence for All" along with the school values of Respect, Personal Responsibility and Passion underpin everything we do here. Your kids will hear lots about these throughout the year! Along with these our other key school expectations are Attendance, Lateness and Uniform.

We want and need our students at school everyday, in correct uniform and by 8.30am. Formtime starts at 8.45am BUT it's great to be at school by 8.30am to be able to be set up successfully for the day. Remember school finishes at 3pm.

Your child should be at school everyday unless they are sick. If they are sick, please contact your child's teacher or the school office. This year if your child is away the teacher will be contacting you on the first day to check in. Please remember if there is anything the school can do to support you with supporting you to get your child to school then please let us know. Contact the office and we'll do our best to help.

The first four weeks of school has gone by very quickly! We have already had opportunities for the students to feel the special culture that it is Ōtāhuhu Intermediate. This year there are a few changes to how we are doing things here. We believe that we have kept the heart of what makes Ōtāhuhu Intermediate special – that is 'he tangata', it is the people. Some of the changes include new staff, a new timetable and having composite classes ie. Year 7 and 8 classes.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We also have two bilingual enrichment classes, they are the Kalasi Tongan taught by Mrs Liu, and the Fasega Samoan taught by Mrs Tariu. Our intention is to have these classes become our first bilingual classes opening in Term 4 this year. The bilingual pathway is an exciting journey for our staff, students, aiga and community to be on.

In this newsletter there will be a brief introduction to the Leadership Team and the new staff who have started with us this year. Throughout the rest of the newsletters over the year we will introduce the rest of the staff.

In each newsletter we will have the term events calendar. Make sure you are aware of the events and see which ones you can come along to and support your child and the school. We have some great events coming up this term. On Friday 1st March (this Friday) we have our first Syndicate Spirit Day. Students are allowed to wear mufti on this day and wear the colours of their syndicate. We will be having some fun activities happening throughout the day to support the students continue to learn more about their syndicates and each other. These types of days are not only a lot of fun but continue to support all of here at OIS build a culture of manaakitanga and passion for our school! On Friday 15th March 4.30pm-7pm we have our first ever OIS Night Markets. There will be more information going home about this closer to the day. But we need your support to make this event rock and roll! The money raised from the Night Markets will go toward activities for the students. We also have a School Social on Friday 5th April 6pm-8pm.

Communication is key between school and home. It should be a partnership to help support the kids. We only have our students for eight terms so there is a need for real urgency in what we do here. Part of this is engaging with you, our student's whānau. So, let's keep effective lines of communication open – remember our school is OUR school. Please check us out on our Facebook page and our school website.

We look forward to seeing you around the school, we hope you enjoy becoming part of the OIS whānau.

Nga mihi

Tanya Brook
Tumuaki
Ōtāhuhu Intermediate



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

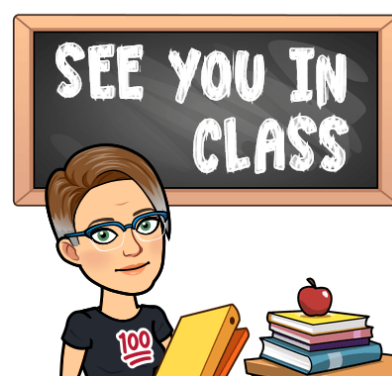
“How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won’t affect my child...”

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 1 2024 CALENDAR

Please note that there maybe some new events that need to happen at late notice due to unforeseen circumstances. However, we will do our best to update the term calendar regularly.

WEEK	DATE	EVENT
1	Monday 29 th January	Auckland Anniversary Day – NO SCHOOL
	Tuesday 30 th January	Whānau Day First day of school for OIS 2024
2	Monday 5 th February	Staff Only Day – NO SCHOOL
	Tuesday 6 th February	Waitangi Day - NO SCHOOL
3		
4	TIMETABLE STARTS	
5	Wednesday 28 th February Friday 1 st March	OIS Kids Talanoa with Miss Brook Syndicate Spirit Fun Day (students to wear their Syndicate colours)
6		
7	Friday 15 th March	OIS Night Markets 4.30pm-7pm
8		
9	Thursday 28 th March	Photolife – School Photos
	Friday 29 th March	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
10	Monday 1 st April	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
	Tuesday 2 nd April	Easter Tuesday – NO SCHOOL
	Friday 5 th April	School Social 6pm – 8pm
11	Friday 12 th April	Last Day of Term One – school closes at 12.30pm

LEADERSHIP TEAM 2024

MISS TANYA BROOK TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

Kia ora. I am Tanya Brook, the proud Tumuaki of Ōtāhuhu Intermediate School. I have been a teacher for over twenty-two years and I started here at OIS on 31st July 2023. I am enjoying getting to know more about this awesome school and the great community that is Ōtāhuhu. Our kids are great, and it is the kids that we serve in this very privileged position of working in a school! I hope to see you around during the year!



MS LORRAINE KING ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL: ORGANISATION/LEARNING SUPPORT

Ko Lorraine King toku ingoa.
Ko tumuaki tuarua.

Ko Te Kura takawenga o Ōtāhuhu
Kia ora koutou,

I love singing, listening to music, watching plays, listening to inspirational speakers, Warriors fan, love the NRL, Rugby, Netball and reading inspirational biographies. My whānau are my world and my purpose to keep working hard and to keep learning more. I enjoy working with our whānau and seeing our tamariki at OIS be the best that they can be!

LEADERSHIP TEAM 2024

**MR PIERRE BUYS
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL:
PASTORAL CARE**

Kia ora my name is Pierre Buys. I am a South African born kiwi, living in New Zealand now for 17 years. My previous role was at Sacred Heart College, where I was the Year 8 Dean and 1st XV manager. My great passions in life are sport especially rugby and running, plus spending time with my friends and family. I am excited to be here at OIS and can't wait for the year to come!



**MRS VERNA ERNSTZEN
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL:
TEACHING+LEARNING**

I am originally from Cape town, South Africa, where I taught at a high school, teaching Science and Biology in my second language, Afrikaans.

I am married and have 3 wonderful adult children. I love travelling and have travelled half-way across the world, going home to SA many times. I have been teaching at Ōtāhuhu Intermediate for nearly 3 decades and I absolutely love this school and community! He tangata, he tangata, he tangata, my extended whānau and my faith is the most important to me.

NEW STAFF 2024

This year we welcome new staff to the OIS whānau. We hope you get the most out of your time here and enjoy the exciting journey that lies ahead.

MR JACK CORMACK ROOM 3 TEACHER

Hi I am Mr Cormack the proud teacher of Room 3. I enjoy listening to music, spending time with my friends and family, eating out, spending time with kids and animals, reading and of course teaching and learning. Many of my best friends I met whilst at intermediate school, this is one of the many reasons I believe this is such an important time in the lives of our tamariki. I look forward to seeing you around the school!



MISS MARY AKE ROOM 6 TEACHER

Malo e lelei, my name is Miss Ake, and I am a first-year teacher here at Ōtāhuhu Intermediate School. I am a proud full Tongan and hail from the mighty villages of Houma and Ha'ateiho! I really look forward to serving our students and community here and providing students the best educational experience possible!



NEW STAFF 2024

MRS PRIYA PRASAD
ROOM 9 TEACHER

My name is Priya and I'm from the beautiful island of Fiji. I have been in the teaching fraternity for the past 12 years. Currently, I am teaching Room 10 students at OIS. I believe that not all the children are the same, but they are unique and acquire skills differently. This year, I aim to uphold the numeracy and literacy skills so that our lifelong learners can sense the world around them.



MR MAU TO'A
TEACHER AIDE

My name is Veimau To'a but everyone calls me Mr Toa or Mau. I have a young family and am a proud Dad to four children. I am a proud Tongan and enjoy dance and music. I am excited to be a part of the Ōtāhuhu Intermediate family. I intend to get stuck into all the different activities we offer here, and demonstrate to our kids that there are better choices out there!



NEW STAFF 2024

MR NAVNEET KUMAR
ROOM 12 TEACHER

Hi, I am Navneet Kumar. I am from the beautiful Island of Fiji. I had been a teacher in Fiji for the past 21 years and started teaching at OIS on the 15th February 2024. I am a teacher in Room 12 and looking forward to working together in a positive learning environment. My hobbies are, playing soccer, listening to music, driving and reading. Hope we all will have a great time working together.



**Nau mai,
haere mai.**

welcome to our place.

2024 STAFF LIST

POSITION	NAME
Principal	Tanya Brook
Associate Principal: Organisation/Learning Support	Lorraine King
Associate Principal: Teaching+Learning	Verna Ernstzen
Associate Principal: Pastoral Care	Pierre Buys
Room 1	Marjorie Nathaniel
Room 2	Rachel Oliver
Room 3	Jack Cormack
Room 4 – PE/Health Specialist	Faith Silipa
Art Room – Visual Art Specialist	Richard Tornquist
Room 5 – Kalasi Tonga (Tongan Enrichment)	Sela Liu
Room 6	Mary Ake
Room 7	Charlotte Wilkinson
Room 8	Pio Bankien
Room 9- Vasega Samoa (Samoan Enrichment)	Ruta Tariu

2024 STAFF LIST

POSITION	NAME
Room 10	Priya Prasad
Room 11	Mele Vailanu
Room 12	Navneet Kumar
Teacher Aide	John Puleanga
Teacher Aide	Sarah Buckwell
Teacher Aide	Jeremy Chandra
Teacher Aide	Mau To'a
Office Manager	Sherry Lauese
Office Guru	Jax Talagi
EWiS Manager	Shantal Puleanga
Caretaker	Tim O'Niell
Groundsman	Zak Stephens
Resource Room	Jane Cork
Shop Manager	Dianne Tufunga-Mika



• CLASS OF •
2024

DAY ONE



Day One 2024!
WOW!
What an awesome turnout on our first day of school for 2024, (Tuesday 30th January) from our new Year 7 students and their whānau. It was great to see so many whānau here to tautoko (support) their tamariki. Our Year 8's did a great job welcoming our new whānau to Ōtāhuhu Intermediate. As Miss Brook said after the powhiri, our school is OUR school. So whānau, please take as many opportunities as possible to come into school! We are looking forward to seeing you all throughout the year. 2024...let's go!!

DAY ONE



**Nau mai,
haere mai.**
welcome to our place.



Welcome

DAY ONE



BRING IT
ON 2024



OUR PLAYGROUND

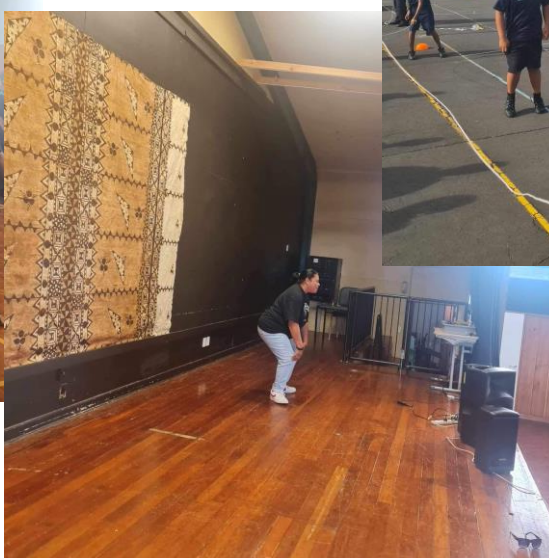
Over the years the school playground had become very tired and broken in many parts, last year we needed to close it because it just wasn't functional anymore. Miss Brook decided enough was enough and we had someone come into school over the Summer Holidays and fix it up. The playground has basically had a whole new revamp and it looks awesome! They may have removed the tires, but the addition of the climbing wall and the new hanging down wooden parts are awesome! The playground has been swarming with students each break time trying out the new equipment and making the most of a playground that is looking brand new and most importantly is safe for our students!





KORI TINANA

This year we have introduced our Kori Tinana (Fitness). There are three rotations – Just Dance in the Hall, skipping or another activity on the courts and tabata or running on the field. Each morning the students in their syndicates do 20 minutes of fitness to get their minds and bodies rocking and rolling for the day! Just Dance and skipping seem to be the biggest hits so far! Check out our students AND staff getting into it!



TABLOID SPORTS



COMPETITION



Another exciting change we have implemented this year is our Tabloid Sports afternoons. This involves mixed groups of students in their syndicates playing against each other. That means the students have other students from their syndicate in their group for this activity. There are different activities the students participate in including, volleyball, ki o rahi, turbo touch, capture the flag, rounders etc. This is a great way for students and staff to demonstrate our school values through competition. Syndicate pride on the line 🧡💛💚

A massive shout out to our staff for their energetic participation, and to Miss Silipa and her Sports Monitors for the organisation mahi.

TABLOID SPORTS



RESPECT



ROOM 2 INQUIRY LEARNING

Integrated inquiry learning at OIS.

Maths, literacy, science, life skills, careers and teamwork.

This all culminated in some yummy cupcakes.

We enjoyed reflecting on what we did well, what we could do better and who we wanted to give a gratitude cupcake to.

Tino pai Room 2!





Learn by **DOING**.



ROOM 2

ROOM 2 INQUIRY LEARNING

Another busy day learning about kaitiakitanga, caring for our environment. Working with Kate from Auckland Council and the Trees for Survival programme.

We are getting our plants ready and strong for the next step which is river restoration on farmland.

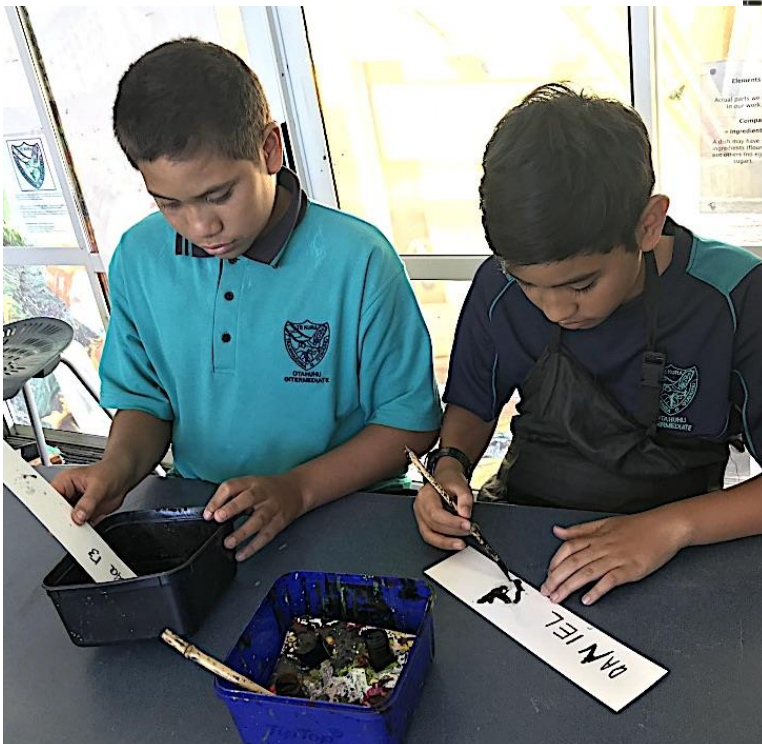
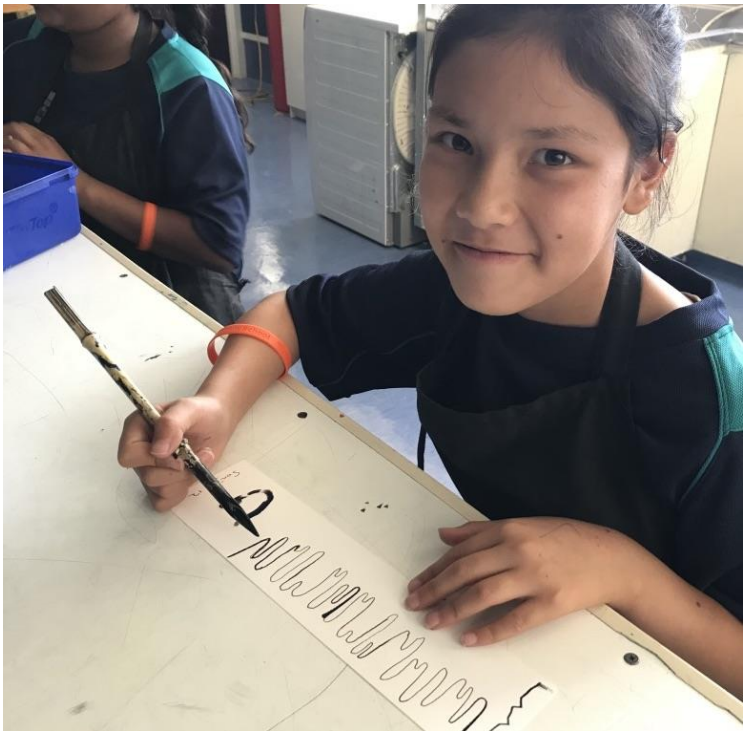
Lots of teamwork, measuring, observation and questioning.



VISUAL ART

Specialist Classes have now started!

In the Visual Art Room, students are investigating India ink using bamboo reed pens. This looks deceptively simple for a drawing method as using both dry and wet paper makes different effects that students need to learn how to control.



**THIS IS WHAT OUR KIDS
ARE ABOUT**

**HAPPY, SMILEY AND
ENTHUSIASTIC!**

BILINGUAL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Tapa / Ngatu cloth in Kalasi Tonga.

The students in our Tongan Enrichment class which is called Kalasi Tonga are developing their focus on making large-format Tapa designs. Mrs Liu is showing an example to Room 5. These students are now at the stage of making their own designs before preparing their actual transfer method to replicate the Tapa (Ngatu) design.

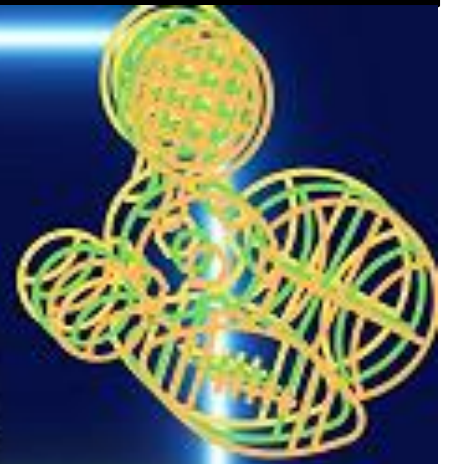


Showing respect in Fasega Samoa.

This week Fasega Samoa demonstrated one of Otahuhu Intermediate's school values RESPECT and what this looks like in the Samoan culture. This included wearing lavalava during lotu and during school learning time, It is great to have Vasega Samo and Kalasi Tonga as part of OIS this year!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

School Spirit



OIS
INVITE YOU TO OUR
SYNDICATE
Spirit Day

DRESS IN SYNDICATE COLOURS
ALL DAY SPORTS & ACTIVITIES
CLASS WITH BEST ATTENDANCE
WIN MUFTI DAY!

MAKE SURE TO DRESS
APPROPRIATELY FOR SPORT

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

9AM - 3PM

(09) 278 6421 OR
OFFICE@OTAHUHUINT.SCHOOL.NZ



IMPORTANT NOTICE

OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE

NIGHT MARKETS

FRIDAY MARCH 15TH

4.30PM-7.00PM

ALL WELCOME!

WE WILL BE ON THE SMALL FIELD!

COME ON DOWN FOR SOME GREAT KAI!

**EACH CLASS WILL HAVE IT'S
OWN STALL OF GOODS TO SELL**



MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS FUN EVENTS FOR THE KIDS!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Students may bring their mobile phones to school, but **MUST** hand them in at the start of the day to the Office Manager's office ensuring their name and room number is on the paper provided. Students must also ensure they collect their mobile phones at the end of the school day from the same place.

Students who have their mobile phones on then during school hours will have to do beautification duties around the school, their phone will also be confiscated and it will need to be collected by a parent or caregiver.

We take no responsibility for stolen or lost mobile phones if students do not follow the rules.

STUDENT'S MOBILE PHONE POLICY



You maybe aware that the The Government has introduced regulations that require all state schools and kura to have student phone rules in use. Rules must be in use as soon as possible in Term 1 2024 and no later than Term 2. Please read our Student's Mobile Phone Policy.

If you have any feedback you would like to provide on this policy please email us at

office@otahuhuint.school.nz

Please provide your feedback before March 7th.



IMPORTANT NOTICE



Otahuhu
Intermediate
School

Breakfast Club

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

**COME AND HAVE SOME KAI
TO SET YOU UP FOR THE
DAY!**

EVERY MORNING FROM 7.45AM - 8.25 AM

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Otago
Intermediate
School



01

YOUR FIRST ONE

Is free! so please look after it. It is part of our school uniform so you have to wear it.

SYNDICATE BANDS

02

YOUR NEXT ONE

If it breaks or you lose it then you can buy one for \$2.00

03

WHERE AND WHEN CAN YOU BUY IT?

You can buy your band from the window next to the tuck shop every morning between 8.15AM and 8.40AM



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please do not come up the school driveway at the end of the school day to collect your child. It is dangerous to have so many cars driving on the driveway while our students AND staff are trying to make their way to the front entrance.

Also, can I please remind you that it is illegal to park on any yellow lines and across driveways. Once again this is incredibly dangerous and illegal.

Our students and staff safety is paramount. The staff and students of Ōtāhuhu Intermediate thank you for your co-operation with this.

**KEEP OUR
KIDS
SAFE**



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 -Ōtāhuhu 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.

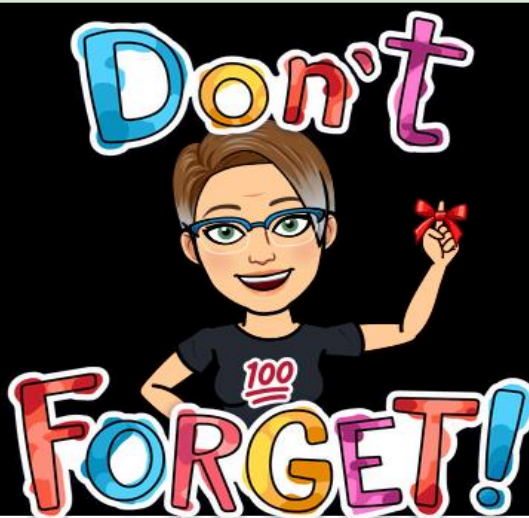
Please **do not** call your child to cross the road before or after school to where you are parked. There is a pedestrian crossing on Luke Street outside the school. Encourage your child to use the pedestrian crossing!

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!

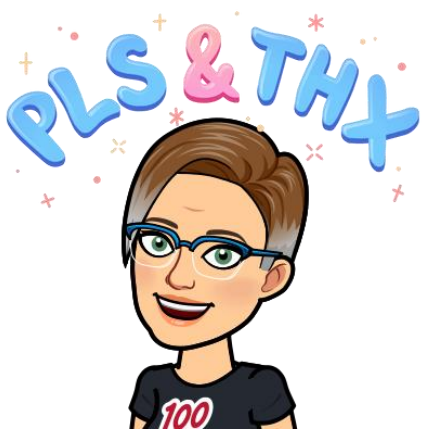
IF WE ARE OUT ON THE FRONT GATE AND WE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING INSTEAD OF RUNNING ACROSS THE ROAD TO GET TO YOU, PLEASE DON'T BE OFFENDED. WE ARE LOOKING AFTER YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY AND WELL-BEING!



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 **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.



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Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu
WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

Have a go at these brain teasers.

1 HAMLET WORDS	2 d o o d l e	3 late n e v er	4 clou
5 lo head ve heels	6 T H A T	7 BED FA ST	8 
9 CAR JACK TON	10 1. GLANCE 2. 3. GLANCE	11 momanon	12 ca se case
13 	14 NINTH	15 C C C C HOLIDAY	16 SKIING



I have received and read Newsletter 28/02/2024

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 \$10 Tuck Shop voucher.

KOWHAI

KAURI

RIMU