

OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu

WEDNESDAY 21st August 2024



Celebrating the Olympics. Students from each class were flag bearers for their chosen country.

Our school newsletter - communicating with our school community

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NEWSLETTER 21/08/2024

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 ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy start to Term 3. Thank you to the teachers for their hard mahi both in the class and outside the class, for their planning and organising and running the many extra activities.

The Olympics have been an important event globally. We have integrated it with our learning.

In Math, one of the focus areas has been working with decimal numbers. The Olympics use the decimal system to decide on the gold, silver or bronze medals. In swimming, we have seen that the difference between first and second place has been two hundredths of a second!

Our focus value has been PASSION. Again, this was evident in the many Olympians who worked tirelessly at their own passion to succeed in their sport. We encourage all our students to find their own passion and persevere at achieving whatever they would like to achieve. This is passion!

This term, we have switched from the focus of Social Science to Natural Science. Students have differentiated between the 4 strands of science (Physics, Chemistry, Planet Earth & Beyond, and the Living World). We are focusing on the Living World this term.

Students read and write descriptive reports and read articles on how insects, particularly bees play an important role in our lives, which shows all learning is integrated.

Teachers continue to read aloud in their classes and the students all have library books which they are expected to read. Please play an active role in your child's learning and understanding. Please ensure that you have conversations about what they are learning at school.

The best thing that we can give our children is TIME!

We look forward to seeing you around the school, and hope that you enjoy being part of the OIS whanau.

Nga mihi

Verna Ernstzen
Associate Principal
Otahuhu Intermediate School



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 3 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 22 nd July	Start of Term 3
	Thur 25 th July	NZOC Ambassador: Richie Paterson
2	Tue 30 th July	Revolution Tour
	Thur 1 st August	Project Wy starts
3	Wed 7 th August	AAIMS Hockey Boys
	Fri 9 th August	Mini-Olympics
	4 th – 10 th August	Cook Island Language Week
4	Wed 14 th August	SWZ Girls Netball
5	Tue 20 th August	SWZ Boys Netball
	Thu 22 nd August	AIMMS Girls Netball
	Fri 23 rd August	Character Dress up Day
	19 th – 23 rd August	Tongan Language Week
6	Mon 26 th August	Teacher Only Day
	Tue 27 th August	AAIMS Boys Netball
	Wed 28 th August	Tongan Fakataha and Vasega Samoa Fono: 6pm-7pm
	Fri 30 th August	Daffodil Day
	Fri 30 th – Sat 31 st August	Project Wy Rotorua Mud Run
7	Tue 3 rd Sep	AAIMS Cross Country
8	9 th – 13 th September	Camp Adair Sports Camp
9	Mon 16 th September	Teacher Only Day
10	Tue 24 th September	AAIMS Rugby League
	Fri 26 th September	Last day of Term 3 – school finishes at 3pm

Teaching and Learning Focus for Term 3

Values: Passion through the focus on the Olympics

Reading: Non-fiction texts, articles,
Teacher Read Aloud
Sustained Silent Reading (SSR)
Book Week: Character Dress up

Writing: Exposition/ Transactional writing: Descriptive Report writing; Explanation writing; Vocabulary; Sentence Structure

Mathematics:

Number skills: Fractions. Percentage, Decimals, Multiplication, Division, word problems

Strand: Measurement

Science:

Topic: The Living World
How does MRSGREN sustain life

Specialists/ Technology:

Visual Art: Indian Ink and Acrylics

Health and P.E: Emotional Resilience and Te Whare Tapawha

Semi-Specialisation:

Te Reo
Sign Language
Careers
Geography

WELCOME

Miss Rosalina Autagavaia *Health & PE Teacher*



My name is Rosalina Autagavaia. I am of Samoan and NZ Irish heritage. I am Mangere born and bred and the daughter of two teachers. I was drawn to teaching through the acts of service, opportunities and connections that are established in the learning environment. My connection to OIS was first established as a child, where my father began his teaching career. OIS holds a special place in his heart and the connection through people is still evident today. My family background has shaped the kind of teacher and leader I hope to be. I am the oldest of eight children and a loving aunty to some very cool little people. I enjoy travelling, sport and spending time with loved ones when I am not at school. I have had the privilege of coaching rep teams, school teams as well as managing a range of teams through my passion for sports

Prior to my start at Otahuhu Intermediate I worked as a middle leader at Wesley College and Aorere College and began my teaching career at Southern Cross Campus. Through my time in these schools, I've found a passion of mine curriculum development and improving lifelong participation in physical activity. I am excited to be able to do this at Otahuhu Intermediate as a specialist teacher of Health and Physical Education while overseeing sport here as well.

I look forward to this new season of learning, opportunity and growth teaching health and physical education to the students of OIS.

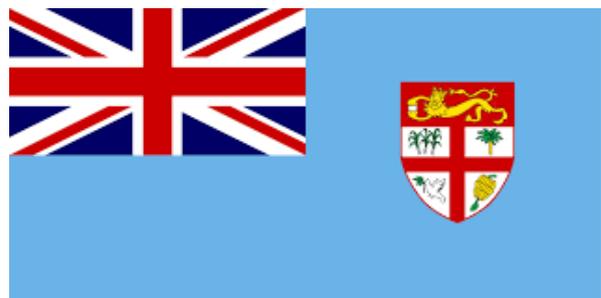
WELCOME

Mrs Gazelle
Room 7 Teacher

My name is Ranita Gazelle. I am born and raised in the beautiful Island of Fiji. I earned my Bachelor of Arts Degree and Graduate Diploma in Teaching from The University of Fiji. I have taught at many secondary schools in Fiji in the past six years where I gain gained good skills and knowledge in building children's learning . I love travelling and socialising with others.

My teaching philosophy is very simple, "Students do not care how much you know, until they know how much you care". I show my caring by forming relationships with my students and trying to help them find their dreams and strengths. Teaching is very rewarding, and it gives me a sense that I am making the world a better place one student at a time.

I look forward to working with the staff and students here at OIS.



WELCOME

**Mr Andy
TEACHER AIDE**

Malo e lelei ! My name is Andy Sulaki. I am a proud Tongan. I enjoy playing sports, listening to music and most importantly spending time at my church as a youth advisor. I love being here in OIS. I am learning and using my passion and skills to help students reach their potential and hopefully their dreams someday.

“It is our choices that makes us who we are far more than our ability” Harry Potter.



**Mr Paula
TEACHER AIDE**



My name is Paula I'm of Tongan descent. I love to watch and play all sorts of sports. I love spending time with family and friends. In my spare time I like to go to the golf driving range, watch movies, play pool and play board games. I am one of nine siblings.

OIS Mini-Olympics

OIS students got behind the support of our NZ athletes who competed at the Olympics in Paris, France. On Friday 9th August, we held our own Mini-Olympics.

What an awesome day we had! Each class chose to learn about their own Olympic country. Everyone dressed in their country's colours, carried their flags and had so much fun competing against each other. Students and classes were awarded medals for their costumes, enthusiasm and participation. The OIS value of PASSION was well and truly on display.



OIS Mini-Olympics

Student leaders set up the school, where the Olympic values of Excellence, Respect and Friendship were reflected. Countries competed at sponge relays, noodle javelin, memory games, chopstick balance relays, 3-legged races and balloon relays. Countries represented were Japan, Italy, Great Britain, Tonga, Jamaica, USA, Canada, Samoa, France, China and Australia.



NZ Olympic Committee Ambassador Richie Paterson



We had the absolute privilege of having NZOC Ambassador Richie Patterson come and speak to our students.

Richie was incredibly inspiring and his stories about his successes and failures were truly engaging. Thank you, Richie, for showing us the Olympic Values of RESPECT, FRIENDSHIP AND EXCELLENCE. You have inspired us all to keep showing up!

Well done to three of our Student Ambassadors for looking after Richie while he was with us.



Revolution Tour visit



A massive thank you to The Revolution Tour who came and spoke to our students. We enjoyed your positive interaction with the audience and the important messages you shared with us about looking after our wellbeing and asking for help. In today's world we sometimes get caught up being our own harshest critic...remember everyone is awesome!! Be your biggest cheerleader!



Congratulations

At the end of last term, we had Student Led Conferences. Thank you to the whānau who completed our survey. The three winners of the \$100 Pak n Save vouchers were: Kezia Fa'aofu Rm 8, Feleti and Mataio Tamua Rm 9, Jordan Vahai Rm 12.

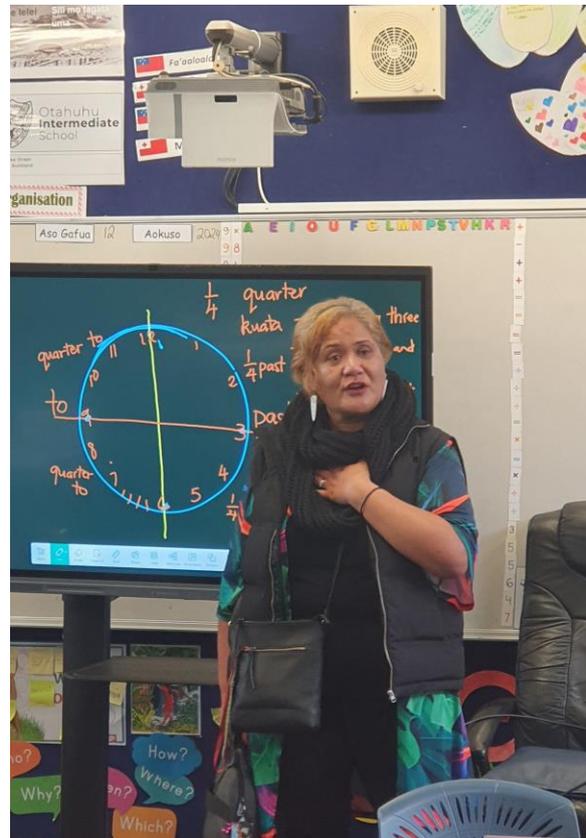
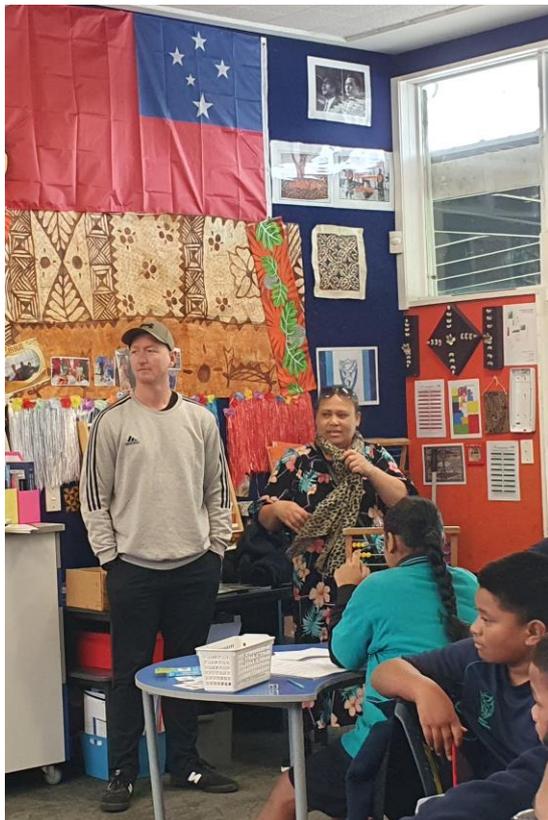
At the end of Term 2 Attendance Assembly, we acknowledged all of our students who had been at school every day in Term 2. Congratulations to Shreya for winning the \$50 prize. We had another prize draw for all students who have been at school every day so far **this year** (Term 1 and 2). Congratulations to Jane for receiving the \$100 prize.



Cultural Activities

Visitors from Hasting for Bilingual enrichment classes

It was a great pleasure to have our visitors from Reo Moana and the teachers from Te Kura o Kimi Ora in Hastings, come to visit our Enrichment classes, Vasega Samoa and Tongan Kalasi. They enjoyed the wonderful experiences with our teachers and our students. Thank you Kalasi Tonga and Vasega Samoa.



Cultural Activities

Cook Island Language week

NZ recognises the many cultures of the Pacific –Moana Kiwa. We are proud to acknowledge and celebrate our Cook Island community. The students dressed in their cultural clothes and showed their entertaining dance skills. Teachers dressed in the Cook Island cultural dress too. Students enjoyed a shared lunch of traditional, authentic food.



The RTLB Cluster 9 is based at our school. These teachers were taught about the Cook Island culture by one of our ex-staff members, May Tamati. The RTLB staff made their own tivaevae. Well done RTLB for showing the value of RESPECT towards other cultures.



SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

We are proud of our student ambassadors who show leadership around the school. The Kaitiaki support the staff by carrying out 'student duty' in their own time. They help to ensure that all the students are safe and happy during break time



Well done to these awesome humans for stepping up and choosing to be one of our leaders! Tu Meke!!



We also have leaders from each syndicate. Congratulations to all the leaders at OIS.

Sports Activities

OIS have an enthusiastic team of sportspeople who train twice a week in preparation for a big competition against other schools in a variety of sporting activities. They will attend Sports Camp at Camp Adair from 9th – 13th September. Thanks to Jax, Johnny and Miss Autagavaia for preparing the team.



On Thursday, 15th August, OIS Sports Camp Team received their special uniform at a presentation ceremony with whanau.



Sports teams

Boys and Girls Hockey

On Wednesday 7th August 2024 our boy's hockey team were invited to play in the Auckland Interzone Championship. As they placed 3rd in their tournament, when a team is unable to attend from our zone, we were elevated to that spot. What an honour and lifetime experience to play at the amazing North Harbour Hockey Stadium. Whilst no games were won, the boys did pull off a draw and certainly were not easy to beat by any team on the day. Exhausted, they were heard to say "that was fun" and "that felt good".

Our school values were shown even amongst physical contact and challenging decisions.



OIS Girls represented at the South-West Zone hockey tournament with passion, pride and MASSIVE teamwork what a day! We had such an amazing cheerleader squad of whānau and team spirit when able to watch each other's games. A huge day of non-stop hockey. These wahine toa all played 120 min, some 140mins. All teams had to play 3 games back-to-back so 60 mins without a rest, just change over time.

ACTIVITIES AROUND SCHOOL

Reading and comprehension is one of the key foundations to learning. Everyday teachers *read aloud* to their class. This term teachers are reading novels and students are encouraged to extend their reading mileage by reading their own novels. Parents need to take an active role in taking an interest in their child's learning. We look forward to our Character Dress Up Day where students and teachers will dress as their favourite character.



Chess is available in the library during break time on Monday and Friday. We are fortunate to have Javier, one of our Teacher Aides run these interesting sessions. Javier can teach chess as well as challenge the students at this game. One of New Zealand's Women's Chess Champions was a past pupil of our school. Sadly, she passed away last year. Her mother still teaches chess at our Recreation centre every week. This is another great opportunity to play chess.

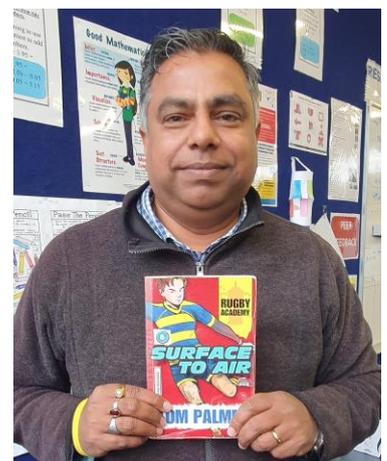
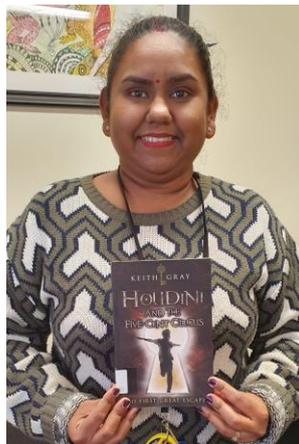
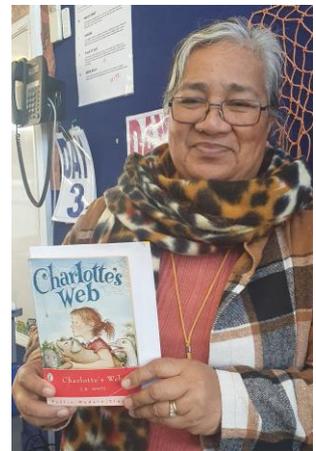
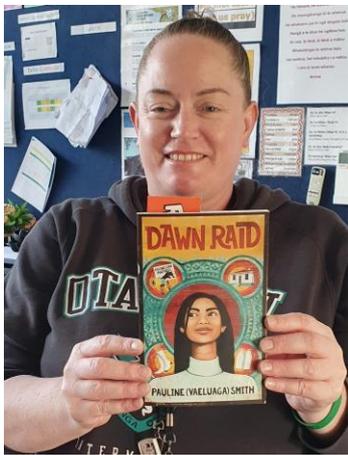
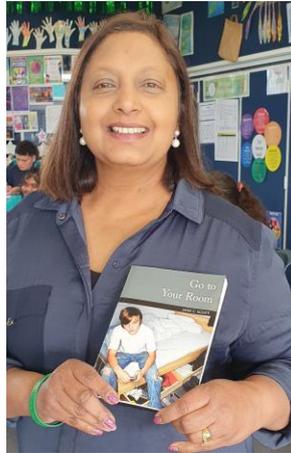
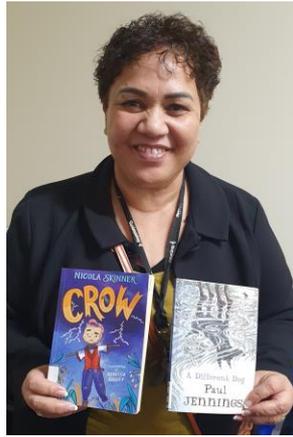
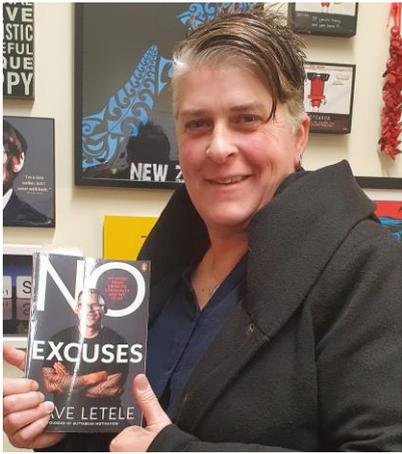


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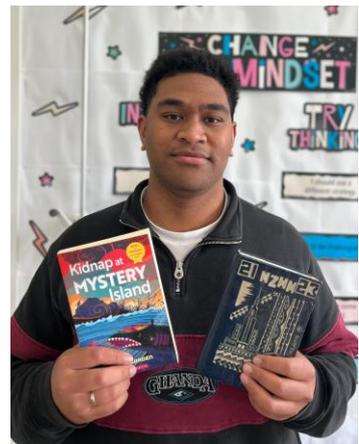
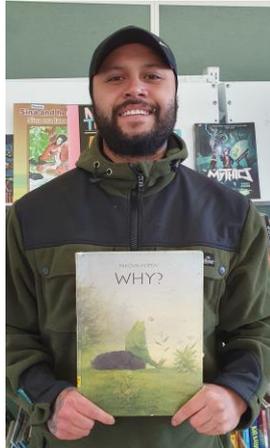
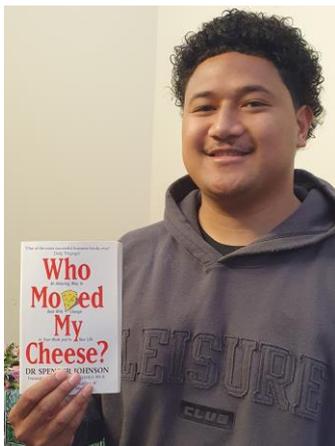
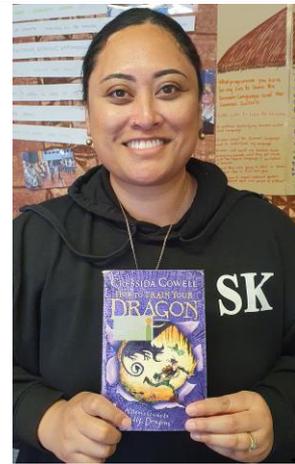
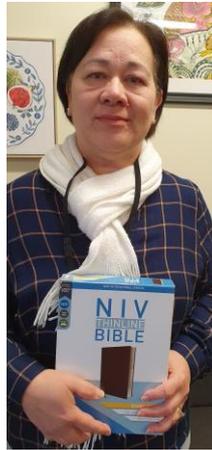
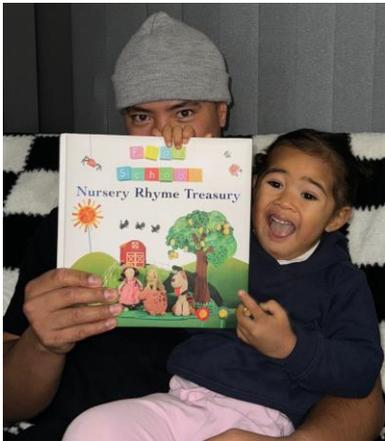
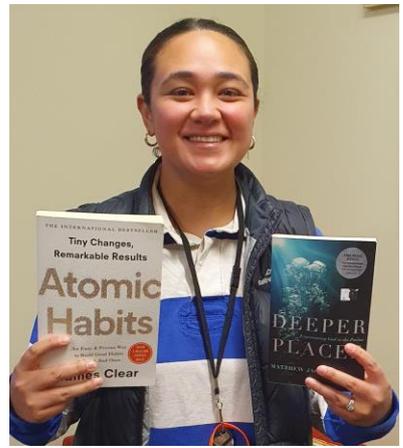
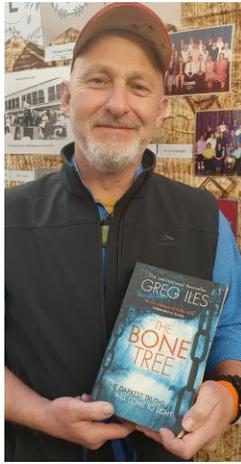
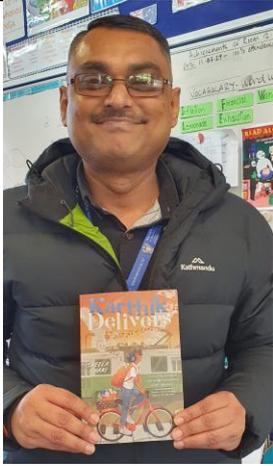
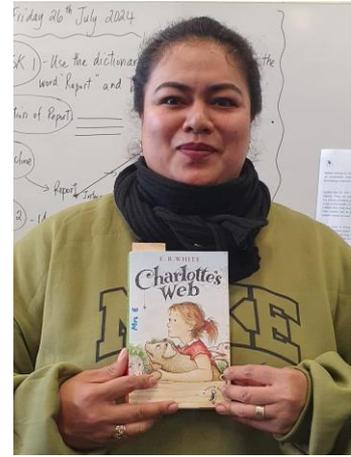
Lofa was chosen to represent the U13 New Zealand Maori Rugby League team where she participated in the Kotiro Tournament in Rotorua during the school holiday break. Besides training for school and her club, Lofa trained every week for 9 weeks leading up to this tournament. She played against clubs from all around New Zealand. Her team won all the challenging games and were the victors of the tournament. This is another example of students showing their passion for their chosen interest. Congratulations Lofa.



Staff Reading Aloud



Staff Reading Aloud



SCHOOL NOTICE

OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

**CHARACTER
DRESS UP DAY!**



**FRI 23 AUGUST
PRIZES FOR BEST
DRESSED**

**COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE
CHARACTER**



SCHOOL NOTICE

OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE

IMPORTANT REMINDER
MID TERM BREAK

MONDAY 26 AUGUST
NO SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
ALL STUDENTS BACK AT
SCHOOL ON

TUESDAY 27 AUGUST BY 8.30am

SCHOOL NOTICE

OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE

We're proudly supporting

Daffodil Day

..... to help the

1 in 3



New Zealanders who'll get
cancer in their lifetime.

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

STUDENTS TO WEAR
YELLOW TO SHOW THEIR
SUPPORT

GOLD COIN
DONATION

SCHOOL NOTICE

Otahuhu Intermediate

TEACHER ONLY DAY

**MONDAY 16
SEPTEMBER!**

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

**OUR TEACHERS ARE PARTICIPATING
IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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



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

Ka Ora, Ka Ako Healthy School Lunches Programme



The Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches programme aims to reduce food insecurity by providing access to a nutritious lunch in school every day. Around a million lunches are provided each week.

Otahuhu Intermediate is part of the healthy school lunches programme. Meaning that your child will receive free lunch when attending our Kura this year.



IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Road Safety around our school grounds:

Are you planning on dropping off, or picking your kids up from school?



When children arrive at or leave school each day, how you park and drive can protect them or put them in danger.

Plan ahead - sometimes a meeting point further down the road might be a safer option to avoid congestion around the area.

Often drop off and pick up zones can be crowded before and after school, so allow plenty of time for school drop offs so you are not rushed and give the road your full attention.

When choosing to park near a school make sure to park safely and legally. Where and how you park matters – tamariki can't be seen if we park illegally.

If you choose to stop or park illegally you may be fined.

KEEP OUR
KIDS
SAFE



COMMUNITY NOTICE

To the whanau of Year 8 students:

Secondary School enrolments for 2025

Pacific Advance Secondary School and Otahuhu College will be coming to talk to our Year 8 students on Thursday 29th August at 11.40am and 12.15pm. These conversations are important as they will help our Year 8 students as they move onto Secondary School in 2025. Parents are allowed to come along to listen to information about these schools.



McAuley High School 2025 Enrolment

Enrolments are now open for Year 9 students in 2025.

The closing date for preference students is 27 September 2024, the end of Term 3.

Enrolment packs can be collected from the school office, downloaded from our website or you can phone the office to have one posted out to you.

COMMUNITY NOTICE



We'd love to see you at our OTAHUHU studio with evening creative programs and events! Come see us at 9 Moa Street, Otahuhu!

Affirming Works has made a space just for creatives! We have dance opportunities to connect you to encouraging creative artists. Here is our weekly program schedule for this term. Contact us if you' want more info!



FOR
FREE!

KRUMP KLUB WEDNESDAYS

KIDZ & YOUTH: 5:00pm - 6:30pm. ADULTS: 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Learn how to Krump! Our Krump Coaches teach the basics of the Krump dance style, and encourage your child to train, improve and set goals. Opportunities are also provided for kids to compete in exciting Krump tournaments throughout the year!

WHERE TO
FIND US

9 MOA STREET, OTAHUHU
(around the corner from
Otahuhu Primary School)



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!

‘Ōtāhuhu 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.



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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Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu

WEDNESDAY 21st August

Have a go at these Brain teasers.

1. Where does one wall meet the other wall?
2. What question can you never answer yes to?
3. There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What colour are the stairs?
4. A man who was outside in the rain without an umbrella or hat didn't get a single hair on his head wet. Why?
5. What can you keep after giving to someone?
6. You see a boat filled with people, yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible?
7. What can't talk but will reply when spoken to?
8. The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it?
9. What has many keys but can't open a single lock?



I have received and read Newsletter 21/8//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

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