

# ŌTĀHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu

**WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2025**



**OUR BEAUTIFUL HIBISCUS OUTSIDE OUR RECEPTION!**

**Our school newsletter - communicating with our school community**

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# NEWSLETTER 26/02/2025

## 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 Taieri te awa  
Ko Takitimu te waka  
Ko Ngai 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 2025 and that you are as excited as your child is about what the 2025 school year will look here at Ōtāhuhu Intermediate. This is our first proper newsletter for 2025. 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.

We are very excited to have as you part of our school for 2025. We only have your children, our students for eight terms so we need to have a sense of urgency - we must hit the ground running.

2025 sees some new changes and sees some things stay the same. What will always stay the same are the high expectations around ATTENDANCE, LATES, UNIFORM and BEHAVIOUR. We will not budge on these. Students need to be at school everyday, on time, in correct uniform ready to participate and contribute effectively.

We do not condone negative behaviour. School is a place where everyone has the right to feel safe. Behaviour is something that you as a whanau play a significant part in. If your child displays undesirable behaviour then you will be asked to come into school to meet us to talk about your child's behaviour. Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated - I want to make that clear right now.

Attendance - students should be at school everyday unless they are genuinely sick. We are serious about this. Condoning absences when your child should be at school does not help your child at all. If your child is sick, please let us know. We will be following up more effectively with unknown absences this year. If we ring you when your child is absent from school it is because we care about your child, not to be annoying.

Greetings



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Lates - being on time to school is important because it supports setting students up for a successful day. Our first bell rings at 8.30am and then form time starts at 8.45am. If a student arrives after 8.45am they are late. Sleeping in or being dropped to school late are not acceptable reasons.. Please support your child to be at school on time. We do however understand that life happens. Please let us know if your child is going to be late. If you need support getting your child to school, let us know, we are here to help.

This year we have thirteen form classes. Every teacher is a form teacher. We now do specialisation across the school which means all teachers teach a 'specialist' subject to more than one class. This means all students move from class to class to different teachers. This is part of what we are doing to set our students up better so they feel more confident when they move onto high school.

We have some exciting new subjects as well. We have Literacy and Math. We also have Science, PE, Visual Art, Food Technology (Cooking) and Rangahau Taiao. These subjects we believe will support engagement and motivation from the students as well as providing lifelong skill. I'm looking forward to seeing the students becoming Mathematicians, Literacy experts, Scientists, Artists, Chefs, Sportspeople, Chefs and Environmental Warriors. Our students will be curious in their learning and our teachers will support their curiosity!

A quick reminder about some of our key expectations. We pick up rubbish we see around the school, we don't litter. It is up to all of us to keep our environment clean and tidy. We do not allow gum, lollies or fizzy at school.

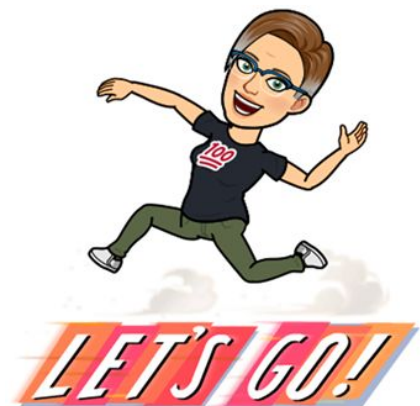
Mobile phones are to be handed into the office each morning and then collected at the end of the day. Students do NOT keep their phones on them during the day. Please see our mobile phone policy which is further on in this newsletter.

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!

I love working here at OIS alongside a fabulous and hard working staff. We feel very privileged to serve our community. We look forward to seeing you around school over the year. Join us on our journey of being better than we were yesterday.

Nga mihi nui

Tanya Brook  
Tumuaki



# 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 ONE 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	Mon 27th January	Auckland Anniversary Day - NO SCHOOL)
	Tues 28th January	Whanau Day First day of school for OIS 2025
2	Thurs 6th February	Waitangi Day (No School)
	Fri 7th February	Staff Only Day (No School)
4	Wed 19th February	6:00pm-7:00pm Whanau Talanoa
5	Wed 26th February	School Newsletter goes home
6	Wed 5th March	Syndicate Spirit Day - Please note that this is a new date
7	Fri 14th March	4:00pm-7:00pm OIS Night Markets
9	Mon 24th March	Staff Only Day (No School)
10	Thurs 3rd April	School Photos - Class and Individual
11	Wed 9th April	School Newsletter goes home
	Fri 11th April	Last day of Term One - school finishes at 12.30pm

# IMPORTANT 2025 DATES

TERM	DATES	NO OF WEEKS	HOLIDAY/OTHER
1	Tuesday 28th January - Friday 11th April	11	Mon 27/01 - Auckland Anniversary Day Thurs 6/02 - Waitangi Day Fri 7/02 - Staff Only Day (No school) Mon 24/03 - Staff Only Day (No school) Fri 18/04 - Mon 21/04 Easter and Fri 25/04 - ANZAC Day (in holidays)
2	Monday 28th April - Friday 3rd July	9	Fri 30/05 - Kahui Ako Staff Only Day (No School) Mon 2/06 - King's Birthday Fri 20/06 - Matariki
3	Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September	10	Mon 25/08 - Mid Term Break (No school)
4	Monday 6th October - Friday 12th December	10	Mon 27/10 - Labour Day Fri 14/11 - Staff Only Day (No school) Last day of school Fri 12/12

# STAFF 2025

POSITION	NAME	SUBJECT
Principal	Tanya Brook	
Associate Principal: Organisation/Learning Support	Lorraine King	Kowhai Syndicate Leader
Associate Principal: Teaching+Learning	Verna Ernstzen	Rimu Syndicate Leader
Associate Principal: Pastoral Care	Pierre Buys	Kauri Syndicate Leader
Room 1	Pio Bankien	Math
Room 2	Sital Kumar	Literacy
Room 3	Priya Prasad	Math
Room 4	Marjorie Nathaniel	Science
Art Room	Richard Tornquist	Visual Art
Room 5 - Lupe Kafa o Loto Tonga I Otahuhu	Sela Liu and Mele Vailanu	Literacy/Math
Room 6	Rosalina Autagavaia	Physical Education
Room 7	Rachel Oliver	Rangahau Taiao
Room 9 - Fatu o le Alofa I Otahuhu	Ruta Tariu	Literacy/Math
Room 10	Ranita Gazelle	Literacy
Room 11	Mary Ake	Literacy
Room 12	Navneet Kumar	Math
Food Tech	Aileen Lamositele	Food Tech
Classroom Release Teacher	Lineni Vaotangi	
Classroom Release Teacher	Gabriela Bailey	

# STAFF 2025

POSITION	NAME
Learning Support Co-ordinator	Robina Rihari
Teacher Aide	Johnny Puleanga
Teacher Aide	Mau Toa
Teacher Aide	Andy Sulaki
Teacher Aide	Paula Kafalava
Social Worker	Jessie Johnson
Health Nurse	Amy Herath
Accounts Manager	Sherry Lauese
Admin Manager	Shantal Puleanga
Office Manager	Jackie Talagi
Shop Manager	Diane Tufuga-Mika
Caretaker	Tim O’Niell
Groundsman	Zac Stephens



• CLASS OF •  
**2025**

# CONGRATULATIONS

A massive well done to Ghianna Angi from Room 6 who took part in the recent Softball Nationals Tournament which was held in Palmerston North. Ghianna played in the Auckland Under 13's Girls team. Ghianna got a home run hit and played extremely well over the duration of the tournament. The team played very well and came third overall.



# DAY ONE 2025

Our first day of school for 2025 was Tuesday 28th January. It was awesome to see so many of our students and their whanau at school on Day One.

We welcomed the Year 7's and new Year 8's and their whanau into school with a powhiri. There was also a sausage sizzle for the whanau who stayed for the morning. It was a positive way to start the home-school partnership for 2025! We look forward to seeing whanau and the community around our school throughout the year!





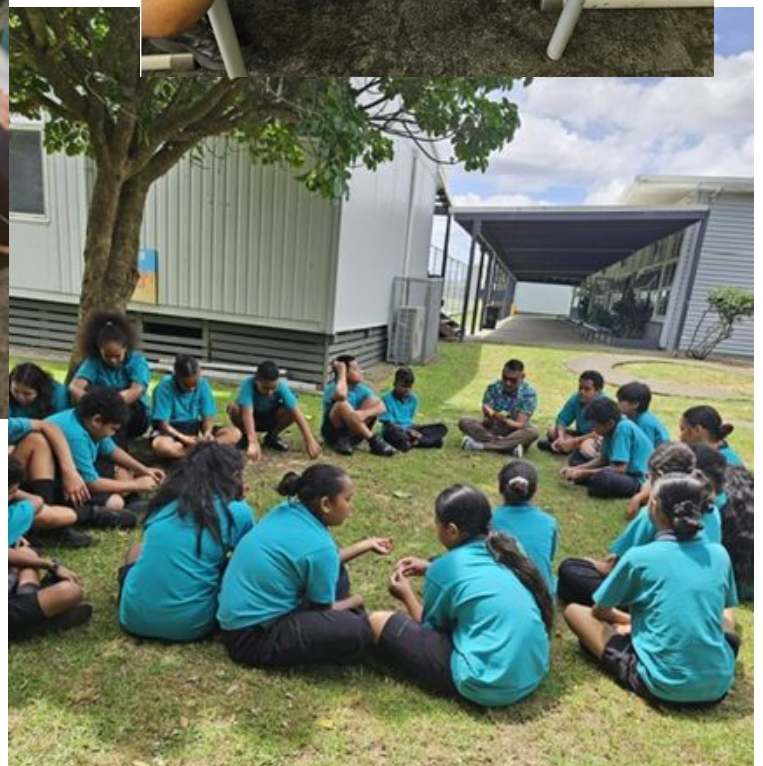
**Nau mai,  
haere mai.**  
*welcome to our place.*

# ACTIVITIES IN CLASS

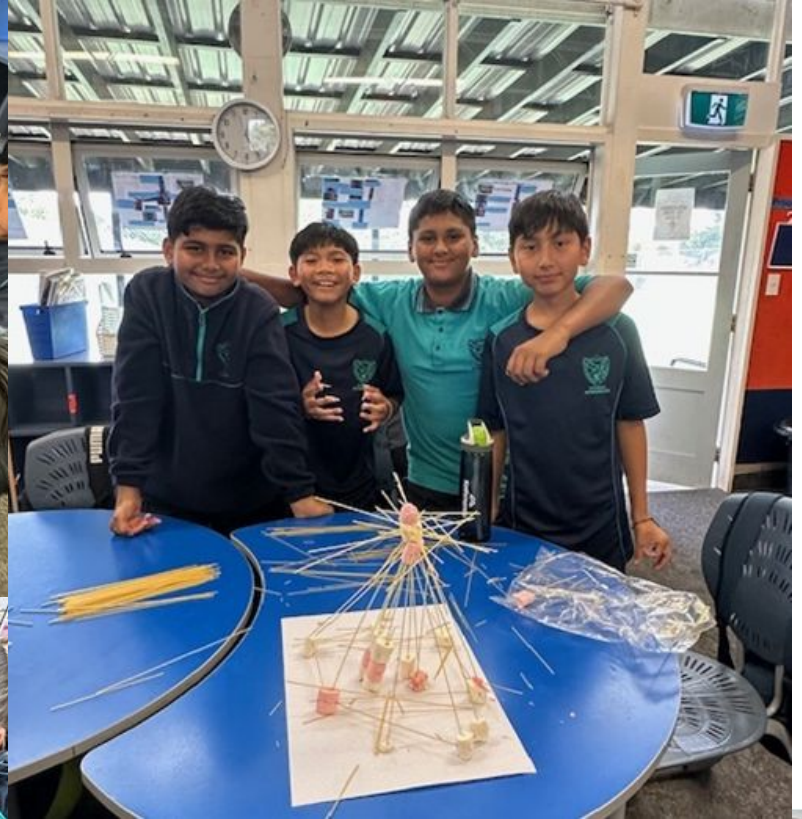
At the beginning of the school year our teachers have invested a lot of time in building positive relationships with the students in their class. What follows are a variety of photos of some of the activities that have been happening in classes around the school. A massive shoutout to the students for sharing about themselves and for working well independently and with others in their classes!



# ACTIVITIES IN CLASS



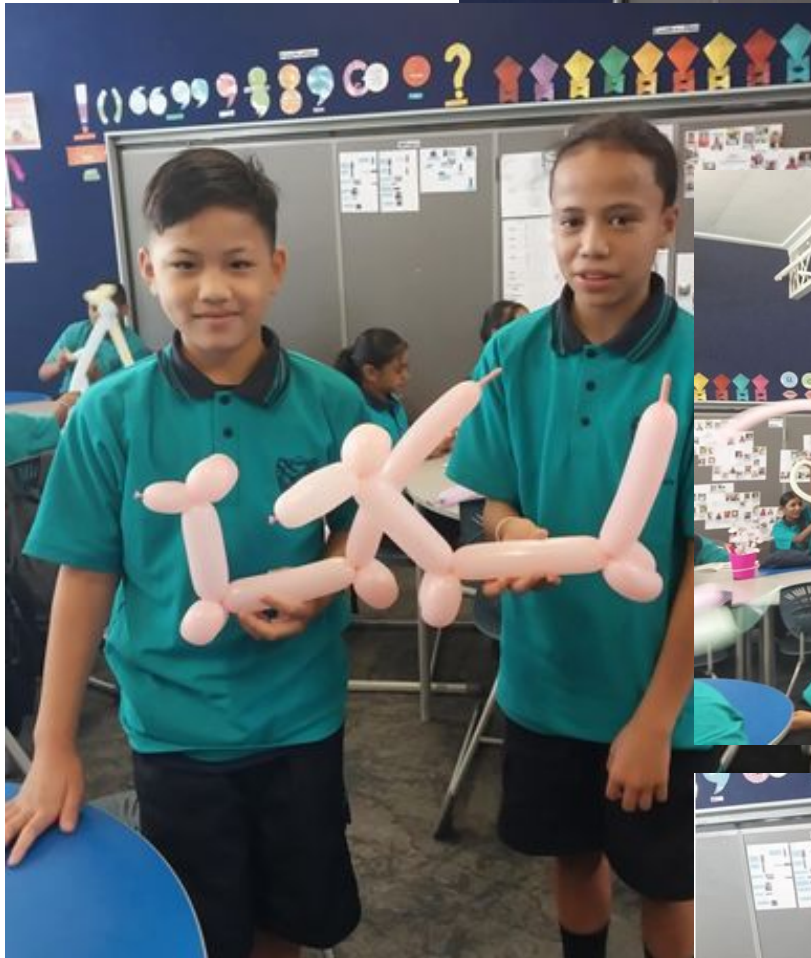
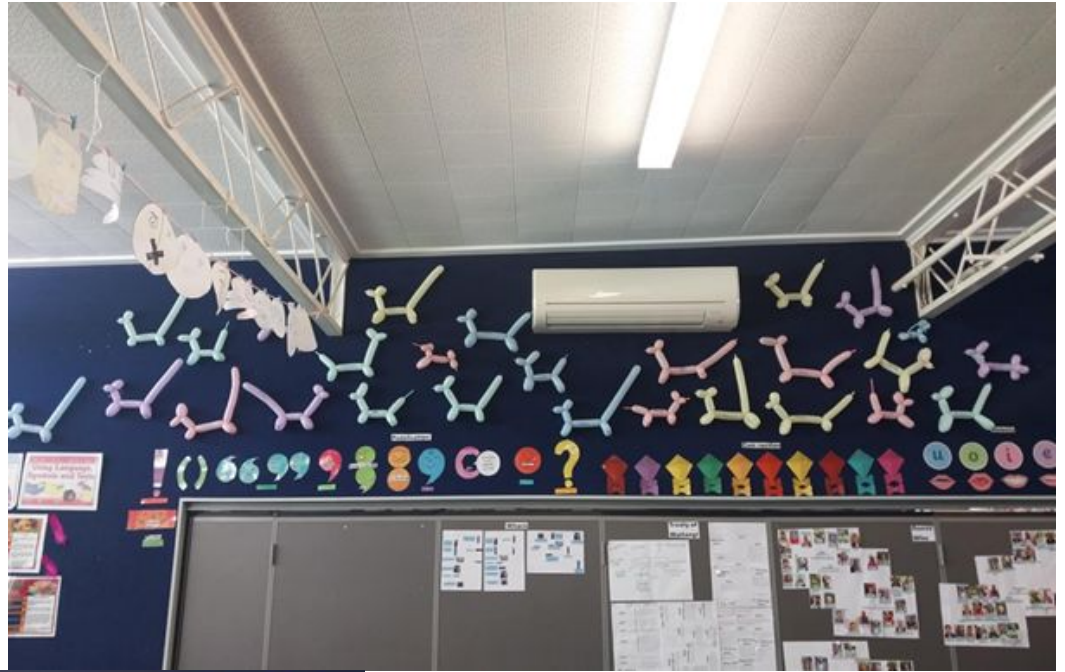
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Room 11 Marshmallow and Spaghetti Challenge!

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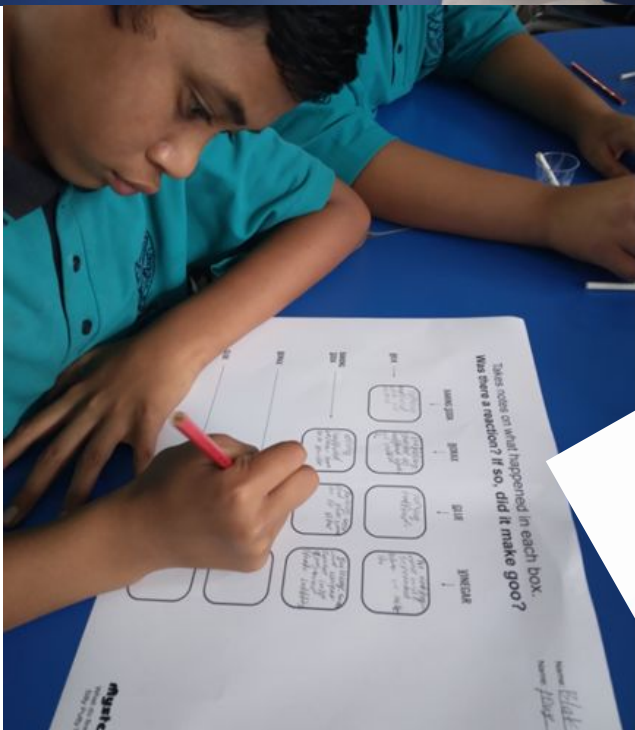
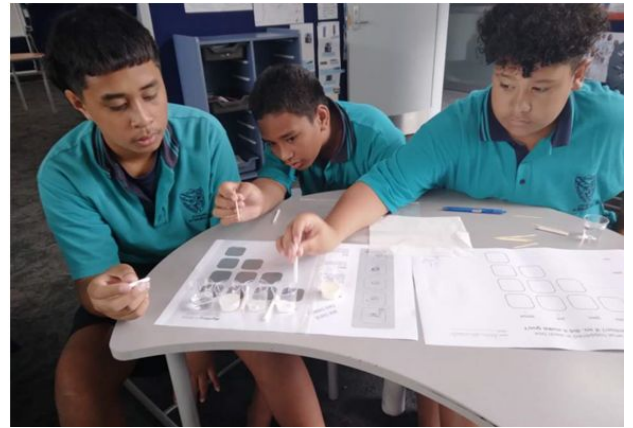
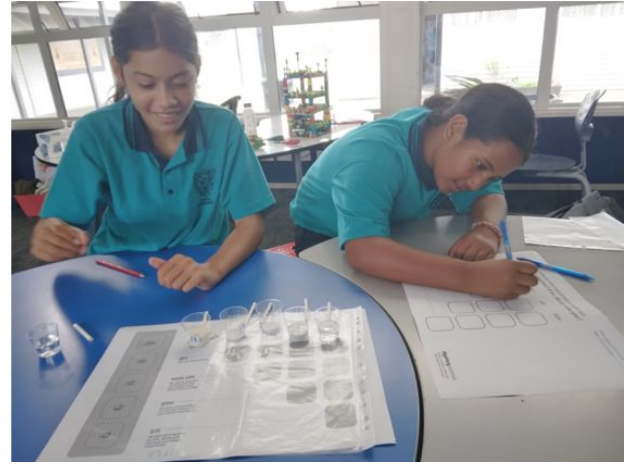
Room 10  
Balloon  
Animal  
Challenge!



# ACTIVITIES IN CLASS

Inspired by Science in a Van, Room 7 awere learning about mixing different chemicals to make new substances. The goal was to make different forms of goo. Stretchy, slimey, noisy, bouncy.

Lots of rich observations and conversations. We are all scientists!!!



# SCIENCE IN A VAN

On Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February we were had Science in a Van come and talk to all of our students. They taught us lots of cool stuff about the science of sound! We heard very positive feedback from them about how respectful and awesome the students were throughout the sessions. 🍷 🔬 🧬



# ROAD PATROL

This year we will have more leadership opportunities for our students. Being a Road Patroller is one of them. This is such an important job keeping our students and their whānau safe whilst crossing Luke Street. The 2025 Road Patrollers took part in training so they feel confident when fulfilling this very important role. A huge shout out to Mrs Nathaniel, Paula and Constable Mo for prepping the students so well. We appreciate these students and the service they give our school!



# WELL DONE!



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OTAHUHU  
INTERMEDIATE  
ATTENDANCE  
WEEK 3 TERM 1

93%

OVERALL  
ATTENDANCE



Last year Mr Buys promised the students that if they had over 90% attendance he would get his hair shaved off! Well we reached that target in Week 3 this term so Mr Buys kept his promised and Johnny gave him a haircut!

Well done to the students for making attendance a priority and a special shoutout to Mr Buys for giving the students a great memory!



# WELL DONE!



Our first winners of the Syndicate Spirit Competition for 2025 was Rimu. Well done to Rimu for narrowly beating Kauri!

This is the first time we have had syndicate flags flying on our flag pole.

Let's see how long the Rimu flag will fly!



# WHANAU TALANOA

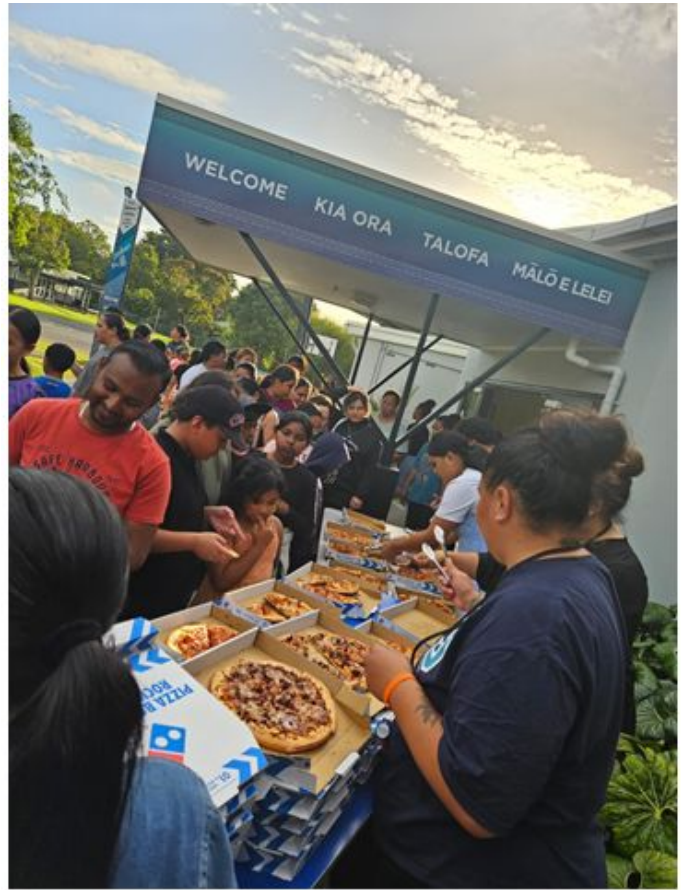
On Wednesday 19th February we had our first Whanau Talanoa for the year. It was awesome to see so many people at this event. The key messages were about attendance, lates and uniform. Mr Buys also spoke about how our school uses PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) to support students be the best they can be. Thank you to everyone who attended, we look forward to seeing you throughout the year!



**WELL DONE TO  
RIMU WHO  
HAD THE MOST  
PEOPLE  
ATTEND!**



# WHANAU TALANOA



CONGRATULATIONS TO  
OUR TWO \$100 PAK N  
SAVE VOUCHER  
WINNERS!

**SAVE THE DATE**

OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE  
**NIGHT MARKETS**

FRIDAY MARCH 14TH 4.00PM-7.00PM



**ALL WELCOME!**

**WE WILL BE ON THE SMALL FIELD!**

**COME ON DOWN FOR SOME GREAT KAI!!**

**EACH CLASS WILL HAVE ITS OWN  
STALL OF GOODS TO SELL**

**MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS FUN EVENTS FOR THE KIDS!**

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

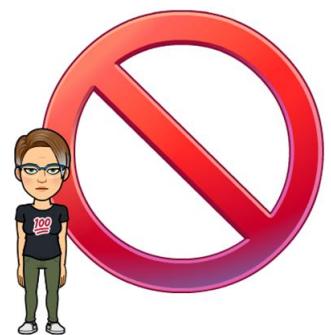
## OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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



# IMPORTANT NOTICE



**NO  
VAPING**

## OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE VAPING RULES

Vapes are strictly prohibited on school grounds. All schools are Vape Free Zones. It is illegal in New Zealand for any person(s) under the age of 18 to engage in vaping. Any student(s) found in possession of a vape and/or vaping on school grounds will be dealt with accordingly by a member of the Leadership Team.

A student found with a vape will complete beautification responsibilities around the school for two days during a break time. This may include removing gum or other ways to keep our school environment clean. If a student is caught vaping a meeting will be arranged with their whanau to discuss the situation. The student(s) will face an immediate 'stand down' period of two days.

We take this matter very seriously, as the health of our students is our number one priority. We have put this policy in place to ensure the safety and welfare of our students, and we appreciate your cooperation in supporting us with these guidelines.

Please note, that we may change these consequences if students continue to choose to not follow the guidelines set out.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

# 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



## 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!

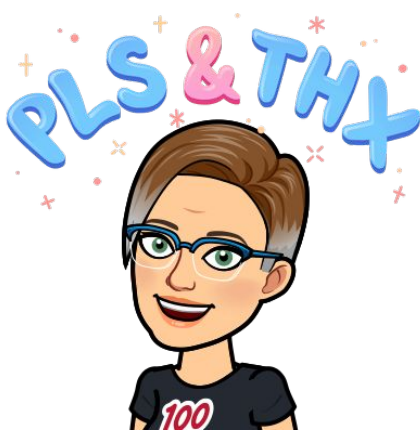
IF WE ARE OUT ON THE FRONT GATE AND WE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING INSTEAD OF RUNNING ACROSS THE ROAD TO GET TO YOU, PLEASE DON'T BE OFFENDED. WE ARE LOOKING AFTER YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY AND WELL-BEING!



## 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.



# IMPORTANT NOTICE



2025 WINTER LEAGUE

# REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

**JUNIORS** 4 TO 8/ 9 TO 12

**YOUTH** 13 TO 19 Y/O

**SENIORS** 16 YEARS +



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it a go

# 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!



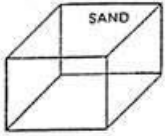
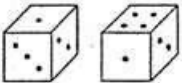

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Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu  
WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2025

***Have a go at these brain teasers***

## BRAIN TEASERS

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I have received and read Newsletter 26/02/2025

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**