

# ŌTĀHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu

**WEDNESDAY 9th April 2025**



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**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 ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

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

*Ko Tokatoka te maunga*

*Ko Waioara te awa*

*Ko Kaipara te moana*

*Ko Ngā Hau e Wha te waka*

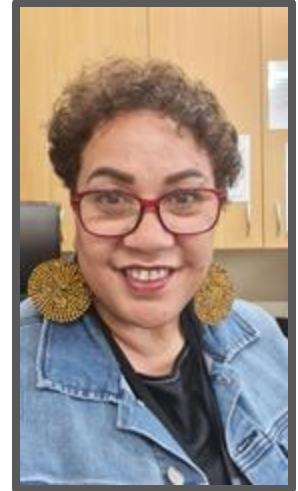
*Ko Te Uri O Hau te hapu*

*Ko Ngāti Whātua te iwi*

*Ko Te Otuhanga te whare*

*Ko tumaki tuarua ko te kura takawenga o Ōtāhuhu*

*Ko Lorraine King toku ingoa*



Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa.

Kia ora! My name is Lorraine King, and I am one of three Associate Principals here at Te Kura Takawenga o Ōtāhuhu. My role is school organisation and learning support. I assign teacher aides to support teachers and students with their learning in classes. I also oversee the sustaining and integrating cultural (tikanga) and practices within our kura. I work closely with external agencies who support our students and whanau. Finally, I am the proud Syndicate Leader for Kowhai Syndicate.

This is our second newsletter of 2025. Our school newsletter will come out every Week 5 and Week 10. We want you to read these so you can see the amazing things our students have participated in. A Newsletter is just one way we will keep in contact with you throughout the year. I encourage you to check out our Facebook page as well.

Our highlights for the second half of Term 1 have included, Celebrating our school attendance, OIS Night Markets, Student Council & Leadership groups, preparing for Sports Camp, AIMs and starting Project Wy. Furthermore, the specific teaching and learning in specific subjects with classes and providing a service in our Ōtāhuhu community.

Attendance - students need to be at school everyday unless they are genuinely sick. If your child is away from school, teachers will be in contact with you to see when your child will be returning to school. We care about your child. Whanau you need to contact the school if students are absent and if you need our support with getting your child to school, come in and talk with the leadership team.

We have high expectations for behaviour. Everyone has the right to feel safe in school. 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 - we are here to help but will not put up with unacceptable behaviour.

# FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Lateness - We are concerned with high numbers of students who are late for school. Whanau, we need your support in getting students to school on time.. Teachers are in classes from 8:30am and form time starts at 8:45am. If a student arrives after 8:45am they are late. We understand life can be challenging. If you need our support please contact your child's teacher or come in and talk with leadership team.

In the second half of the term, students have enjoyed having different teachers for specialist subjects. Students are engaged in their learning and it is great to see specialist subjects share learning on our OIS FaceBook page. Whānau check this out!

This term we have provided more opportunities for student leadership. We have OIS Ambassadors, Curriculum Leaders, Pastoral Leaders, Cultural Leaders, Kotahitanga Leaders and Sports Leaders. We had an overwhelming response of applications from students. The leaders will share their ideas', promote and support their council roopu. Congratulations to all those who were chosen as leaders.

We are all kaitiaki or guardians of our environment. Therefore, we are all responsible for keeping our school environment tidy and clean. If we see rubbish pick it up and put in the bin. Our school looks aesthetically pleasing, warm and welcoming, to all. We need to keep it this way. Reminder - 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 towards the end of 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!

Te Kura Takawenga o Ōtāhuhu is my tūrangawaewae! I stand proudly on this whenua and our kura, knowing this is the kura for tāmariki to *Thrive!* I love working here with committed, hard working staff. We are here to provide your tāmariki with the best education journey as a Year 7 and Year 8.

Let's continue working together to make Te Kura Takawenga o Ōtāhuhu '*The Best Place To Be!*' To all our students have a safe and restful two weeks holiday. We look forward to our students safe return on Monday 28th April by 8:30am. Kia maia, kia manawanui, kia aroha!

Nga mihi nui

Lorraine King  
Tumuaki Tuarua

# 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 TWO 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 28th April - Friday 2nd May	First day of term two Life Education
2	Mon 5th May - Fri 9th May	Life Education
3	Fri 19th May	Pink Shirt Day
4	Wed 25th May	Yr 8 HPV Immunisations
5	Tues 27th May  Fri 30th May	Trees for Survival  Kahui Ako Conference (No school for students)
6	Mon 2nd June	King's Birthday (Public Holiday)
6	Fri 6th June	School Social 6pm -8pm
8	Tues 17th June	Student led Conferences 8am - 8pm
8	Fri 20th June	Matariki (Public Holiday)
9	Mon 23th June Fri 27th June	Sports Camp - All week
	Fri 27th June	Last day of Term Two - school finishes at 12.30pm

# IMPORTANT 2025 DATES

TERM	DATES	NO OF WEEKS	HOLIDAY/OTHER
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

## Matariki 2025 - Māori New Year



# 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	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	Teretia Baraniko
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	Ruth Hapuku
Caretaker	Tim O'Niell
Groundsman	Zac Stephens



• CLASS OF •  
**2025**

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES BRIEF

Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Ni sa bula vinaka, Namaste, Kia orana, la Orana, Taloha ni, Talofa, Kia ora tatou.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Otahuhu Intermediate School we would like to welcome all the new families who have joined our school this year. OIS is a friendly whanau focused school with an open door policy.

We also welcome back to our Year 8 students. You are now our leaders and it's great to see you taking this responsibility seriously and supporting our Tauira in learning about the OIS values.

What is a School Board of Trustees?

School boards are responsible for the school's performance and ensuring that all legal requirements are met.

The board

- is accountable for student achievement
- sets the vision and 'strategic goals' for the school
- ensures the school complies with legal and policy requirements

We meet once a month on the third Tuesday of each month and parents are welcome to come along and observe these meetings if they wish.

Our current board comprises a mix of parents who currently have children at OIS and who have already progressed to Otahuhu College, as well as our Presiding Member Chris France, Associate Principal Teaching and Learning Mrs Ernstzen and our Tumuaki Miss Brook.

Please say hello if you see us around the school!

On a day to day basis the Board delegates responsibility for the school to our Tumuaki Tanya Brook who is doing a great job at making OIS the place to be!

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES BRIEF

The Board is focussed on improving outcomes for our students and this reflected in our strategic goals. Lifting student achievement in reading, writing, and mathematics is a key priority.

As we approach the end of Term 1, we would like to acknowledge the effort our families are making to support all children to attend school on time every day.

We would also like to commend the Leadership Team who are participating in various fun challenges in assembly when attendance is above 90%. This initiative has engaged the students and provides fun and lighthearted entertainment that the children clearly look forward to. Well done to everyone!

You may have noticed that the school has a lovely new stone wall in the entrance and we are working on upgrading and improving the school environment. It's looking wonderful, and thank you to the students who have taken on responsibilities to tend to the gardens and water the hibiscus flowers by the school office.

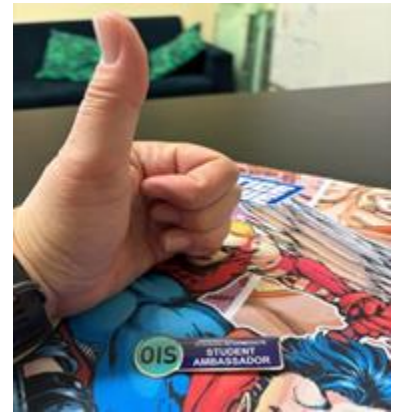
Thank you to all the staff and students for your mahi making the recent Night Markets a huge success. This fundraising event will help the school to provide fun events and experiences for the students later this year, including the Year 8 Graduation.

Lastly we thank you for your support in parking on the road to ensure a safe environment for our Tamariki.



# School Councils - Leadership

Ōtāhuhu Intermediate Student Ambassadors for 2025. We look forward to see these student represent and tautoko our Kura with RESPECT, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY and PRIDE! Tu meke to Karii (Rm 3), Enilya (Rm 5), Rowleta (Rm 2), Kalita (Rm 9) and Arianna (Rm 6).



Congratulations to these students for being part of our five Leadership Councils for 2025. The five councils are Curriculum, Cultural, Pastoral, Sports and Kotahitanga. Well done to you all for demonstrating our value of PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY! We are looking forward to seeing what you do in and outside of the classroom.





# Leadership



## Cultural Leaders



## Kotahitanga





# OIS Night Markets 2025

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our staff and students. The generosity of our student's whānau was very humbling. The amount of food, desserts and drinks was mind blowing. We appreciate your support and loved the part you're playing in your child's time with us at OIS! Malo aupito, fa'afetai, shukriya, ngā mihi and thank you!





# OIS Night Markets 2025





# KOTAHITANGA - SERVICE

Thank you to these awesome students who were showing service at our Night Markets.

Kotahitanga students education our community in recycling.

Thanks you tidy kiwis, you were epic!!





# TONGAN BILINGUAL CLASS: LUPE-KAFA Ò LOTO - TONGA ÒTĀHUHU TERM 1

Times flies by so quickly and as they say, “Time waits for no man”.

We want to thank our parents and whanau for the amazing support that you have provided in all the activities that we did as a team. We are fortunate to have you on board for everything we do. Malo áupito e ngaue lahi!



Here are some of the highlights and learning from this term. Every subject taught in class is taught in both Tongan and English!

**Literacy:** We learnt about narrative writing as well as explanation writing this term. We were able to use the ‘hamburger model’ to identify the structure of each type of writing. Not only that, we researched, watched video clips (using our new TV that has been installed in our classroom. Thank you, Miss Brook!) We organised the information into paragraphs, rewrote facts and ideas in our own words and lastly, drafted our writing. We proofread, edited and published our finished compositions. We were also able to add similes, metaphors and personification to our sentences to make our writing more interesting and exciting. We also read, write and presented in Tongan.



Lupe-Kafa ò Loto-  
Tonga Òtāhuhu  
Kalase has had 100%  
attendance for 7 days!  
It was *Hot Chips* for  
lunch! Let's do it for the  
last week of Term 1.

# TONGAN BILINGUAL CLASS: LUPE-KAFA Ò LOTO - TONGA ÕTĀHUHU TERM 1 - ROOM 5

Mathematics: Math was exciting as well! We loved using materials and equipment to do hands-on activities. We translated the numbers into Tongan and learnt how to read them. We enjoyed using our Chromebooks to do warm-up activities such as Rockstar and YesIkan, and Mad Minute chart. We have learnt about Basic Facts and Place Value. We were learning how to read and write whole numbers as well as decimal numbers. We learnt some strategies to add and subtract whole numbers. Identifying our math goal is encouraged which will develop students to become independent learners. They feel safe in our learning environment to ask questions and learn from their mistakes. Malo e ako fanau!



**Our other cool subjects:** Kalasi Tonga has the privilege in Term 1 to attend Science, Visual Arts and Physical Education. These subjects involve moving amongst classes for learning. During the week in our form classes, we have Hauora, Te Ao Maori, Service, PB4L and Korero Mai. These subjects allow our fanau ako to learn about our whenua, tangata and demonstrate our school values at all times.



# Term 1 - ROOM 12

Term 1 has been an exciting and productive term for Room 12! Students have been engaged in various activities across different subjects, developing new skills and broadening their knowledge. Here are some of the highlights from this term:

**Literacy:** Students have been actively improving their reading and writing skills. They participated in sustained silent reading (SSR), read-aloud sessions, and explored both fiction and non-fiction texts.

**Mathematics:** This term, we covered a range of mathematical concepts, including, Place Value and Basic Facts. Students also learned about decimal numbers, multiplication tables and the four operations in Math; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Problem-solving skills were emphasised through word problems and real-life application.

**Sports and Fitness:** Our students actively participated in various sports and fitness activities, including soccer, tag, volleyball, netball, cross country run, and skipping. These activities helped improve teamwork, coordination, and overall physical fitness.

**Cultural Activities:** Room 12 was involved in cultural events, including performances for the Holi, Eid and other cultural activities. Our students took pride in representing different cultural groups through music, dance, and storytelling.

**Service:** Room 12 visited the Otahuhu Salvation Army opposite Murphy Park to donate food items and helped with cleaning and gardening. The students worked together to support the community, learning the value of kindness and teamwork. It was a rewarding experience for all.





# ACTIVITIES IN CLASS

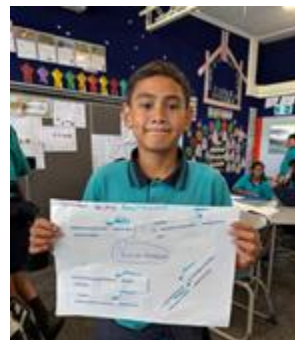
When I grow up, I want to be just like you Mrs Liu. Our Tongan Queen, teacher extraordinaire doing her magic with our student! You're a legend Mrs Liu! ❤️



**BOOKS**  
aren't just made of  
**WORDS...**  
they're also filled with  
**PLACES**  
to visit and  
**PEOPLE**  
to meet.



In Literacy Room 12 are learning to identify the nouns in a sentence. They had to replace them with a pronoun to avoid the repetition of nouns and to help writing flow smoothly.  
Room 10 has been learning about Cause and Effect. This helps with their explanation writing, one thing leads to another! Great work!





# ACTIVITIES IN CLASS

OIS Students had to understand, explain and test Isaac Newton's three Laws of Motion through vocabulary and drawing diagrams. The students have been outside where the laws of motion have been tested in a games of dodgeball and flying paper rockets. OIS scientist in action.



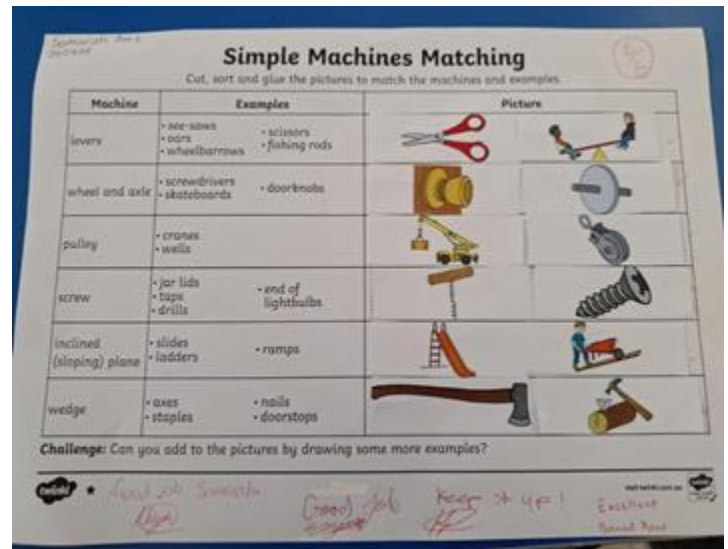
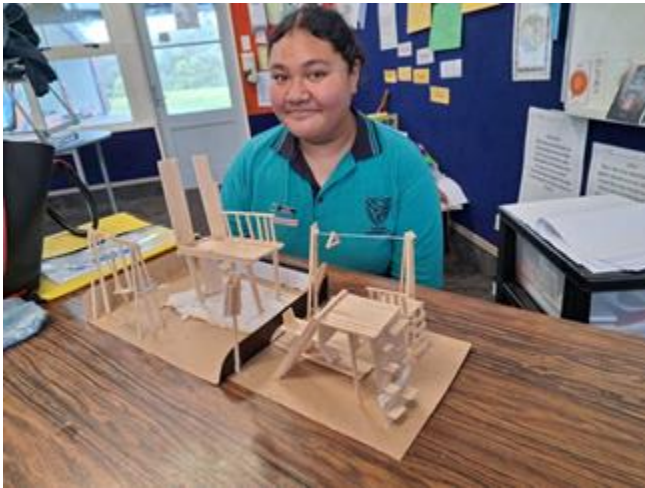
Visual Art with Mr T this term. Visual Art students are working on prints, using a variety of methods which combine drawing, stencil and colours.





# ACTIVITIES IN CLASS

Young Scientist have been at work on simple machines. Students have peer-reviewed each others ideas. We have seen awesome pieces of work with wheels, axles, pulleys, inclined planes and levers. Here are some of the working models of their playgrounds from Enilaya (Room 5), Zoya (Room 6) and Aliyah (Room 6). Well done Girls!



# ACTIVITIES IN CLASS

Rangahau students have been designing 3D gardens. This takes some time to do. Check out their miniature model gardens.



Room 7 has been learning about the service of veterans in our community. One of the questions which arose was could we visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum to see the heroes of our past. Heroes are not just humans but also our animal friends. Our local museum exhibits many examples of these heroes over a wide range of time. Thank you to our whanau who supported this kaupapa!





# SERVICE

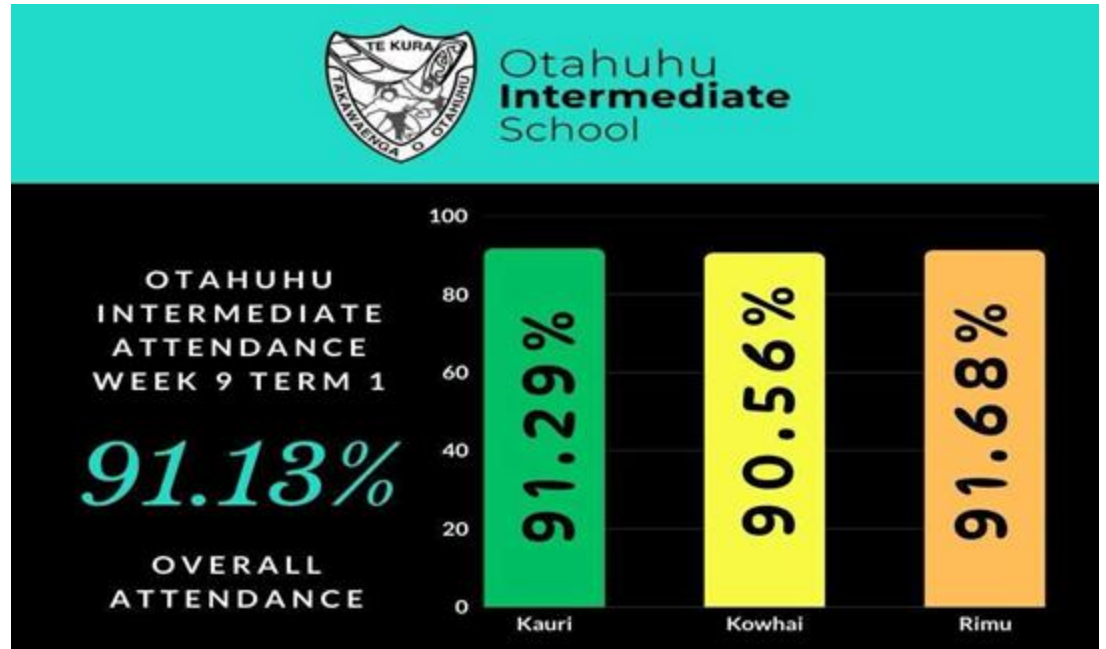
As part of our curriculum's hands-on learning approach and to support the theme of Service Room 3 went to Kiddos Childcare Ōtāhuhu. The students helped through planting, weeding and cleaning up the environment. This not only enhanced the centre's environment but also taught students valuable lessons about responsibility, teamwork and caring for our surroundings. Planting and weeding helped create greener, more inviting space for the children and whānau of Kiddos Childcare. Thank you to the students of Room 3 and Mrs Prasad for making a positive difference in our community.





# WELL DONE!

Attendance for week 9 was over 90% so that meant something extra fun for our staff and students at assembly. Friendly competition between Rimu, Kowhai and Kauri. Thank to our fabulous teachers!!



What do  
goggles,  
shaving cream  
and cheezles  
have in  
common?



# Syndicates

As we come to the end of Term 1 2025, we will announce our over all Syndicate winners for Term 1.

Each class has an Excellence Book. Students gain points for their class by meeting school expectations. Points are calculated at the end of each week then handed in to Mr Buys , who then calculates all points to find the overall syndicate winner for the week.

This week it's finding the overall syndicate winner for Term 1 2025 ! It is very close between all three syndicates.

Whānau listen out!

School Values

High Expectations





# PROJECT WY 2025

Project Wy 2025! This is a mentoring programme for our students alongside their families where they develop leadership and key life skills.

What a turnout for our first Project Wy whānau evening. Thank you to the students and their whānau for coming along and engaging so positively. We had 50 students and their whānau come to hear about the programme for 2025. A six week training programme, a holiday programme to learn about leadership and what's on offer and finally an understanding of pathways and opportunities at secondary school level and beyond.



**WELL  
DONE TO  
ALL  
WHANAU  
AND  
STUDENTS  
WHO  
ATTENDED!  
PROJECT  
WY...WE  
ON!!**

# PROJECT WY 2025

On the 28th March on a early Thursday morning at 6am, Project Wy kicked off for 2025 in style. A huge shout out to the 33 whānau who came along to training. That's such a great turnout! Look forward to seeing you every week bright and early on a Thursday morning!





# AIMS GAMES

We had our first AIM Games whānau hui Wednesday 2nd April. It was great to hear about the journey we need to take to get our teams to The AIMS Games in September. This is such a great opportunity for the students involved, and will definitely be a lifelong memory!!



**\$2 tickets!**  
**Purchase**  
**from office!**

 Otago Intermediate School

## EASTER RAFFLE

Get in the spirit of Easter and be in to WIN some egg-citing easter prizes!

- Tickets: Only \$2 each
- Ticket Sales Open: Monday, 02nd April 2025
- Final Day to Buy Tickets: Friday, 11th April 2025 8.30AM
- Payments to be made at the Front Office

Don't miss out – grab your tickets now and be in to win!  
All proceeds go towards supporting our school.  
Hop to it and good luck!

**1**



**2**



**3**



# Last Week of Term 1

## OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE

### Last Week Term One



### Syndicate Spirit Competition

Who will win the Syndicate Spirit Competition for Term One? It is VERY close between all three syndicates! The winning syndicate will get a treat on Friday!

### Attendance

Which student will win the prize for being at school everyday this term!

If your class gets a hundred percent attendance for the week they will have pizza first day Term 2!



### OIS IS THE PLACE TO BE!

We want all of our students at school everyday this week. Just because it is the last week of the term does not mean we aren't rocking and rolling at school!

### Reminder

The first day of Term 2 is Monday 28th April. Students need to be at school by 8.30am

### PLEASE NOTE!

**LAST DAY OF TERM ONE  
FRIDAY 11TH APRIL SCHOOL  
FINISHES AT 12.30PM**





# SOCIAL MEDIA NOTICE

## A REMINDER FOR STUDENTS AND WHĀNAU

PLATFORMS LIKE INSTAGRAM, TIKTOK, SNAPCHAT AND FACEBOOK HAVE A MINIMUM AGE OF 13.

THESE RULES ARE THERE TO HELP PROTECT CHILDREN'S SAFETY AND WELL-BEING ONLINE.

LATELY, WE'VE NOTICED YOUNGER CHILDREN USING THESE PLATFORMS, WHICH CAN LEAD TO ISSUES THAT CARRY OVER INTO SCHOOL.

OUR SCHOOL DOES NOT ENDORSE OR MONITOR STUDENT USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS.

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING DEVICE USE AT HOME AND ENCOURAGING YOUR CHILD TO ENGAGE ONLY IN AGE APPROPRIATE ONLINE SPACES.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR TAMARIKI SAFE, CONFIDENT AND SUPPORTED ONLINE.

## Social media age restrictions

Students must be 13+ to use any of these sites



Here at Otahuhu Intermediate we are increasingly concerned about the impact that early and unsupervised access to platforms like TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, and other Social Media platforms is having on our tamariki.

While these apps may seem harmless or fun, they expose children to adult content, online bullying, and harmful messaging that they are not yet emotionally or socially equipped to deal with. Even when they are used "just to watch," they shape the way our tamariki see the world and themselves. What starts online often doesn't stay there. We are seeing the flow-on effects here at school - from friendship fallouts to anxiety and loss of focus in class.

We know this can be a challenging space to navigate, especially with older siblings, shared devices, and constant exposure to online trends. But as adults, it's our responsibility to guide and protect our young people as they learn how to be safe, confident digital citizens.

We kindly ask that you continue to:

- Monitor and limit your child's access to devices, especially after hours.
- No unsupervised devices in rooms with doors closed
- Have regular conversations about what they're seeing and doing online.
- Help them understand why some spaces are not safe or suitable for their age.
- Stick to the legal age restrictions as most social media platforms are 13+.

Another good and free idea is to use 'Google Family Link', which works on all platforms/phones. This allows you to block inappropriate sites, require approval for new apps, manage permissions for apps and websites, as well as limit screen time.

# ANZAC DAWN SERVICE

Ōtāhuhu Intermediate School has long had a tradition of participation in the Dawn Service in remembrance of our fallen.

Dawn means starting in the dark and finishing the service as the sun rises. As a school we do opening and closing karakia, hymene, National Anthem and often readings written by yourselves.

It is an honour to be asked to represent and if this is something you are interested in you will gain a lot of mana and pride from the solemn occasion.

Students who participate receive a service merit.

All are welcome, so encourage your family and friends to join us for this event. The date is Friday 25th April 2025. 6am.

You need to be in full school uniform.

We meet in the hall and walk to the cemetery together.

## ANZAC DAY

LEST WE FORGET

Show your school values through remembrance and participation in this years dawn service.

Full school uniform.

Meet at hall 6:10am

Friday 25th April 2025.

Hot drink and cookies to follow service.

All friends and family invited.

Dress warm.

Our students have a special role in the service and your participation would be amazing.



If you are interested...

Pop in and see Miss Oliver to sign up yourself and your family for this event.

This event is during the holidays.



# LAST DAY OF TERM 1 2025

Last day of Term One reminder. We finish this Friday 11 April at 12:30pm. Ngā mihi nui to everyone for your support during Term One.



# 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

## 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

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.

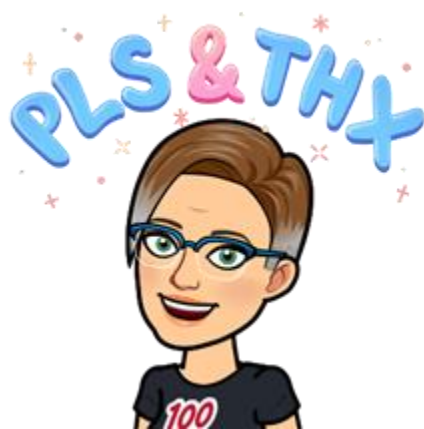
KEEP OUR  
**KIDS**  
SAFE



## 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  
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GET TO YOU, PLEASE DON'T BE  
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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.

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ASK THE REASON WHY YOU WANT TO  
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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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# OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu

WEDNESDAY 9th April 2025

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

1 Get it Get it Get it Get it	2  Jack	3 Somewhere 	4 DOOR
5  READ	6 <b>Blood</b> Water	7 Beeeeeee	8 CANCELL <sup>D</sup>
9 once 	10 Egg Egg HAM	11 Try $\frac{\text{Stand}}{2}$	12 TOWN
13 Nl bumpGHT	14 Aid ← Aid Aid	15 Mill1on	16  3.14
17 ice <sup>3</sup>	18 R O G O N C I K 	19 Think 	20 GROUND feet feet feet feet feet feet
21 1 KNOWS	22 <b>Big Big</b> ignore ignore	23 RAKEN	24 KNEE light light

✂ \_\_\_\_\_

I have received and read Newsletter 09/04/2025

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**