

ŌTĀHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu

Friday 15 August 2025



At our AIMS Marathon Fundraiser.

Our school newsletter - communicating with our school community

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NEWSLETTER 15/08/2025

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

"Excellence for All"

On Saturday 26 July, we had our very first AIMS Fundraising Marathon event held at our kura. Mr Buys ran 110 laps around the school field. He demonstrated determination, perseverance, discipline, and being an awesome role model for our students. All money raised is supporting our AIMS team to travel down to Tauranga later in the term. This is the first time we have gone to AIMS. We want to thank all our students, staff and whānau who supported Mr Buys on the day. *It was great to see our school community come out to support.*

Attendance is a major goal for OIS and showing up is important because it provides our students with the knowledge and skills to succeed. We want our students at school every day. If your child is absent, please contact the school office. We want all students to come too school!

Right now, we are seeing commitment in action. As you read this, a group of our students will be representing their syndicates in the final of school speeches Good luck to all those representing and participating in the final.

This term we will also be hosting the APPA Year 7 and Year 8 Tongan Speeches and the APPA Rehu Tai Cluster with us, Papatoetoe and Kedgley Intermediate.

There is so much to be part of—but we must *be here* to be part of it. Our kura thrives when our students are present, when our whānau are involved, and when we all step up with no excuses.

Let's keep showing up. Let's keep striving for excellence.

Ngā mihi nui,

Lorraine King

Associate Principal - Kowhai Syndicate Leader, Organisation and Learning Support.

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 THREE 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
6	Monday 18 August - Friday 22 August	Tongan Language Week 19/08/ - Rehu Tai Speeches
7	Monday 25 August	Mid Term Break - No school for students
7	Tuesday 26 August – Friday 29 August	Book Week 27/08 - APPA Tongan Speeches 29/08 - Character Dress Up Day 28/08 - Daffodil Day
8	Monday 1 September – Friday 5 September	01/09 - 05/09 - AIMS Games (All week)
9	Monday 8 September – Friday 12 September	09/09 - SWZ League Boys 12/09 - Year 6 Taster Day for Contributing Schools
10	Monday 15 September Friday 19 September	Maori Language Week 19/09 - Art Exhibition - All welcome in Hall 9am - 4.30pm 20/09 - Last day of Term 3 finish at 12.30pm

TERM	DATES	NO OF WEEKS	HOLIDAY/OTHER
4	Monday 6 October - Friday 12th December	10	06/09 - Term 4 - First day at school Mon 27/10 - Labour Day Fri 14/11 - Staff Only Day (No school) Last day of school Fri 12/12

AIMS FUNDRAISER MARATHON

On the 26th July, Mr Buys started running at 10am and running until 2pm, completing 110 laps of the school field! Demonstrating our school vision of EXCELLENCE and being a great role model for our students! A massive thank you to the students and the whānau who showed up to support this fundraiser for the AIMS Games. A huge shout out to the staff who ran and supported Mr Buys, we appreciate you. It was awesome to see our school community supporting each other.



AIMS FUNDRAISER MARATHON



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FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Room 12 students making fried rice masterpieces. Food Tech isn't just about making food, it is also about working with others and then eating the kai with their class mates. Tumeke Room 12!



School Social

On Friday 1st August we had our school Social. It was awesome to see so many of our students make great childhood memories with their friends. Although Mrs Ernstzen didn't show us her championship winning hip hop moves, we saw plenty of dancing from students and staff!! Thank you Mr DJ Sam for bringing the vibes all night. Awesome music and your very cool lights.



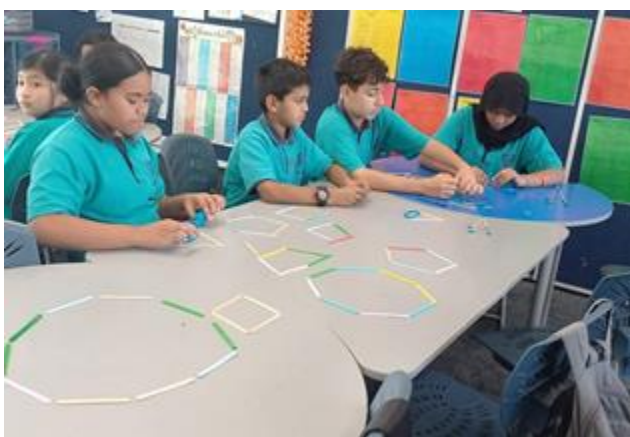
School Social



MATHS - GEOMETRY

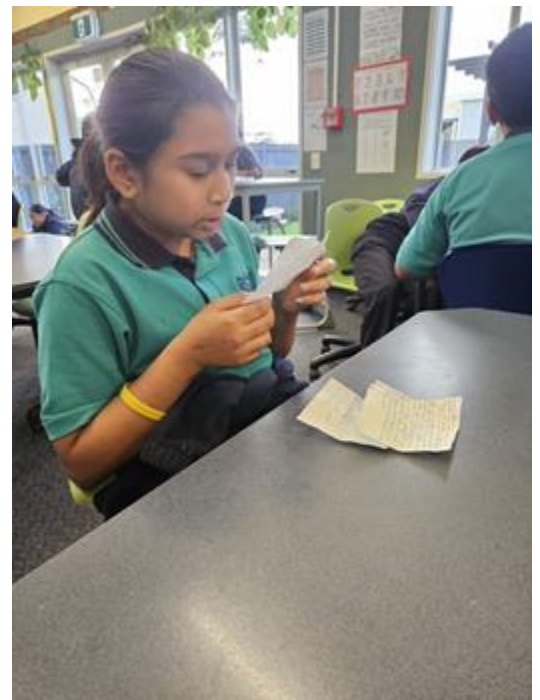
Geometry has come to life!

Room 3 and Room 7 students are building 3D shapes using playdough, tooth picks, and the ice block sticks. They are discovering that Math is building, creating and exploring. The students are transforming abstract geometric shapes into hands-on learning.



LITERACY - SPEECHES

This term every student is writing and delivering a speech in class. The theme for these speeches is “Whenua”. It was great to see Room 10 students practice their speeches in a small group of four. Each student took turns presenting their speech, then the others gave positive feedback and feedforward. Room 10 are excited to be presenting their speeches. Good luck to our speech finalists!



ART - PACIFIC PATTERNS

For the first few weeks of Term 3 in Visual Art, we have been looking at and focusing on patterns relevant to countries from the Pacific Islands. We looked at an artist named Fatu Feu'u and how he uses symmetry as well as symbols relevant to countries in the Pacific as part of his art. We have so many talented artists here at OIS.



STUDENTS VERSUS STAFF

A little bit of fun in the sun at lunchtime. Students versus Staff netball. It was a very competitive game with some awesome athleticism and sportsmanship on display. Our school values of RESPECT and PASSION were definitely on display. It was a close game but the staff were the winners on the day.



Science

Our Scientists have been investigating the states of matter with various experiments. In the changing of a liquid to a solid, success was achieved in making butter. We celebrated by spreading it on warm toast. Next, we will move onto physical and chemical changes of matter.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance matters significantly for students achievement, well-being and lifelong outcomes. Research consistently shows a strong link between regular attendance and academic success. Students who attend school more frequently achieve better results.

We acknowledge and congratulate two classes, Room 5 Lupe Kafa I Loto Tonga and Room 6 for having excellent attendance during the term!!



FATU O LE ALOFA I OTAHUHU - ROOM 9



Talofa lava i le paia ma le mamalu i lenei aso, Malo le Soifua Manuia. Fa'afetai lava ia outou matua ma le fanau i le matou vasega, ma le matou aoga, fa'afetai lava mo le alofa ma le agalelei ia matou uma lava. Fa'amolemole matua o fanau i le vasega 8 amata e fa'atonu outou alo i se kolisi e faigofie le piki o mataupu e fiamanao lou alo e a'oa'o.

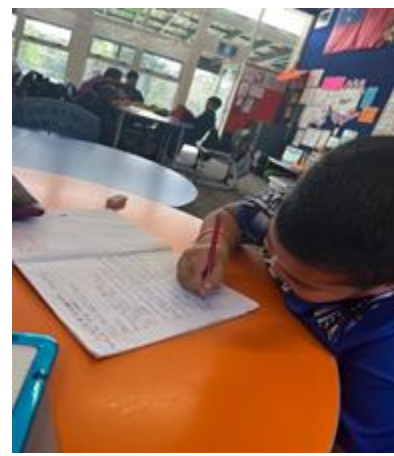
Fatu o le Alofa i Otahuhu has been on an adventure of learning. They explored the world of Matariki which is Mata Ali'i in Samoan, and created names for the stars, the fetu in Samoan. The fetu (star) names they created were similar to the professional picture book - Mata Ali'i. They all enjoyed working in groups and researching information about each fetu as well as sharing responsibility to complete the task together. We had fun planting seedlings in the garden, and checking on them now and then for growth. Our students are truly talented.

Fatu o le Alofa students always give their time and effort to serve one another, they especially serve by participating as our OIS Road Patrollers. They also start the day with Lotu led by a different student each day. We are truly thankful for their hard work. Mana Moves is the new topic on the block that encourages Fatu O Le Alofa to carry our vision statement 'Excellence for all, and values everywhere we go.



FATU O LE ALOFA I OTAHUHU - ROOM 9

Speeches have been a mission not impossible but possible for our students. They all had the chance to choose a topic that they felt very comfortable to share and present in front of the class. This day was a way for them to show that they could prepare themselves to speak to an audience. Although they knew each other, sharing about something and making sure that their information was convincing, persuasive and correct helped them to speak well. Lumanai, Levon, Corban and Insha enjoyed sharing what they chose before researching more about the actual topic for speeches which was Whenua. Fatu o le Alofa are learning about our Samoan warriors and our Samoan Leaders what skills they have and the values they live by which are Tautua, Alofa, Aiga, Lotomaulalo and Fa'aaloalo.



ART ROOM

In the Visual Art Room, the start of Term 3 has been jam-packed with exciting activities and subjects including Blake NZ Virtual Reality program, the OIS Social, Art, Taha Hinengaro, Te Ao Māori and Careers. We've been exploring a wide range of learning experiences - from understanding how to regulate our emotions, to discovering how we can be kaitiaki (guardians) of our environment. Our theme for this term is Kaitiakitanga, and over the past few weeks, we've really enjoyed learning what it means to be a guardian - not just for ourselves, but for the world around us. School has been fun, engaging, and full of growth, and we can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings!



SPORTS

On days when the weather is wet and windy our AMIS Netball team continue to show up. This was a great example of our students demonstrating PASSION! OIS played against Buckland Beach Intermediate winning the game 23-13. This is part of the Tuesday night Auckland Netball competition at St Johns.



SOUTHWEST ZONE NETBALL

Our Year 7 and 8 boys represented our school at the South West Zone Netball tournament, participating with great enthusiasm and team spirit. They demonstrated our school values and showcased excellent sportsmanship, respect and determination throughout the tournament. Thank you to the whānau who were supporting our boys.



SOUTH WEST ZONE HOCKEY

On the 23rd and 24th July our girls and boys hockey teams put up a great fight against other teams in their respective South West Zone tournaments. They demonstrated the school values of passion, respect and personal responsibility resulting in them being the teams others spoke about. Their enthusiasm was contagious and their hockey abilities were on full display. We are so, so proud of how our students not only played but also how they represented our school proudly. Well done to all students involved on an amazing tournament. A special shout out to Ms Oliver and Miss V for being our wonderful hockey coaches.



GET GROWING!!

You may remember that last term we had a 'Name our garden' competition. Jamie Hendren from the Art Room won the competition and will have this design made into a cool sign to be on display in our new Oke sponsored garden. Jamie got to spend some time working on a wonderful graphic designer today. We can't wait to see the finished product Jamie!



RANGAHAU TAIO

Climate action in learning and practice in Rangahau Taio. Our tamariki understanding the reasons behind and positive choices needed to be kaitiakitanga for te taiao (our environment).

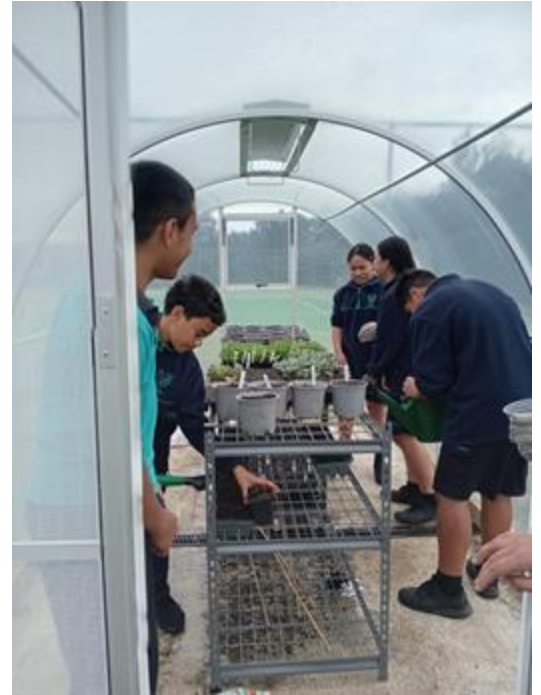
Room 7 exploring healthy and unhealthy ocean ecosystems through Blake VR. We consider what humans do to create pollution and how we can change habits to improve the natural environment that feeds and sustains us.

These small actions can have a huge impact. Ask your child about what they are learning at school. Let's take time now to act and improve the world we leave our youth!!

More climate action with Room 1. Cleaning the environment of rubbish and planting bee pollinators gardens. We can't wait to see the wildflowers bloom and beautify our environment.



RANGAHAU TAIO



GET GROWING

The benefits of growing our own vegetables at school, is when it is time to harvest what has grown. Our school were able to give away Bok Choy to our community. Thanks to the many students who have helped in the gardens and to Sherlock our wheelbarrow.



ENROLMENTS FOR 2026

Enrolments for 2026 are open from Monday 18th August. Come into our main office between 8.30am - 4.30pm to enrol!! We are looking forward to welcoming new whānau to Ōtāhuhu Intermediate in 2026!

FOR ALL
EXCELLENCE

OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE ENROL NOW FOR 2026!

DON'T MISS OUT

Enrolments for 2026 are open from
Monday 18th August!
Make sure you get in early as our roll
continues to grow!



WHAT WE HAVE

-  Amazing staff
-  Samoan Bilingual
-  Tongan Bilingual
-  Great opportunities for our students



CONTACT OUR SCHOOL OFFICE FOR
AN ENROLMENT FORM 092766421



MATH WEEK August 11-15

This week we are celebrating Math Week here at OIS! Our students are developing a love for math thanks to our amazing teachers. Our first ever OIS School Mathex Final is happening on Friday as part of our Syndicate Spirit Day!

OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE

MATH WEEK AUG 11 - 15

FUN MATH IN CLASSES!

TEACHING THE
KIDS A LOVE OF
MATH!

AND WE CAN'T
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OIS SCHOOL
MATHEX COMP

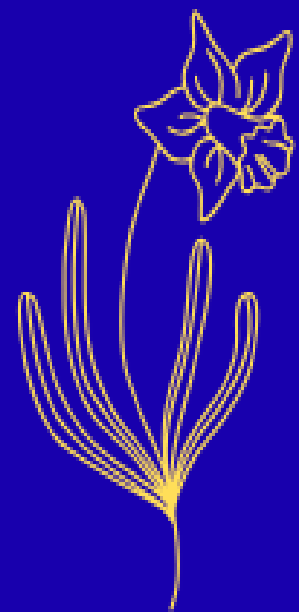
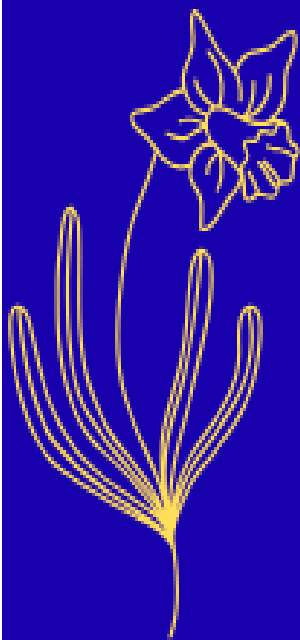
WHICH SYNDICATE WILL WIN?

DAFFODIL DAY 28 August

Otahuhu Intermediate
Proudly supporting



Daffodil
Day
2025



Thursday 28th August

Students to
wear yellow to
show their
support

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Whānau, we would really appreciate your support with keeping your children safe after school. There are too many near misses due to students not using the pedestrian crossing, cars parked on yellow lines, cars speeding down Luke Street or parked on footpaths etc.

Thank you to those people who move away when staff ask you to move. A reminder that staff do not deserve to be sworn at, we are trying to keep people safe. We appreciate your support with this. Thank you.



BOOK WEEK

CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY 2025

FRIDAY 29 AUGUST



***TO CELEBRATE THE END
OF BOOK WEEK COME
DRESSED UP AS A BOOK
CHARACTER!***



SCHOOL NOTICE



REMINDER!

**PARENTS, CAREGIVERS
& WHĀNAU**

Please sign in at the
office when entering the
school. Thank you!

BOARD ELECTIONS



Vote now!

Voting is now open for school board elections.
Check your email for details on how to vote online.
Voting closes on **10 September** so don't delay!

Returning Officer: BJM Vester
returningofficer@myschoolelection.nz



Otahuhu
Intermediate
School


**SCHOOL BOARD
ELECTIONS**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE

MID TERM BREAK

MON 25 AUGUST

REMINDER

**THERE IS NO SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS ON THIS DAY**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

IMPORTANT NOTICE

OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE

P R E S E N T S

O/S ART EXHIBITION

 Thursday, 18 September
 9am - 4pm
 SCHOOL HALL

FREE ENTRY

**We can't wait for you to see our
students amazing art work!**



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



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SOCIAL MEDIA NOTICE

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.

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
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



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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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I have received and read Newsletter 15/08/2025

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.

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