

ŌTĀHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu

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“IT’S POSSIBLE” DAVE LETELE

Our school newsletter - communicating with our school community

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NEWSLETTER 25/06/2025

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 begins with showing up."

On June 16th, we had the privilege of welcoming Dave Letele (AKA Buttabeen) and Manu Vatuvei to our kura. Their stories of perseverance, discipline, and courage reminded us that *anything is possible*—but only if we take that first step. As Dave said, “No excuses.” At Ōtāhuhu Intermediate, that first step is simply showing up.

Excellence isn't just a goal—it's a journey. And that journey starts every morning when our students walk through the gates. Being present matters. Every moment at school opens the door to growth, connection, and achievement. For our students, it's the difference between just getting by and truly thriving.

Right now, we are seeing that commitment in action. As you read this, a group of our students are away at Sports Camp, representing our school with pride, passion, and personal responsibility. Another group is training hard for AIMS, which is the largest junior sporting event in Australasia. With over 12,000 athletes from nearly 400 schools competing across 27 different sports, it's an incredible opportunity for our students to grow both on and off the field. We're also excited to be preparing for our first-ever Matariki Hikoi Showcase, a special evening of reflection, celebration, and unity as our students share their learning with their Whānau.

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. Together, we'll keep proving that “*It's possible.*”

Ngā mihi nui,



Pierre Buys

Associate Principal – Pastoral Care - Kauri Syndicate Leader

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
1	Monday 14 July – Friday 18 July 2025	
2	Monday 28 July – Friday 1 August	22/07 - HPV YR 8 catch up
		22/07 - Boostrix YR 7
		23/07 - SWZ Hockey Boys
		24/07 - SWZ Hockey Girls
		26/07 - AIMS Fundraiser Marathon
3	Monday 28 July 2025 – Friday 1 August 2025	01/08 - School Social 6pm - 8pm
4	Monday 4 August – Friday 8 August	Cook Island Language Week (all Week)
		Blake NZ VR in Science sessions (all Week)
		05/08 - Syndicate speech finals
		05/08 - SWZ Netball Girls
		07/08 - SWZ Netball Boys
5	Monday 11 August – Friday 15 August	13/05 - School speech finals
		15/08 - Syndicate Spirit day (Mufti Day)

TERM THREE CALENDAR

WEEK	DATE	EVENT
7	Monday 25 August – Friday 29 August	Book Week (all Week)
		29/08 Character dress up day
8	Monday 1 September – Friday 5 September	30/08 - 5/09 - AIMS Games in Tauranga
9	Monday 8 September – Friday 12 September	9/09 - SWZ League Boys
		10/09 - Year 6 Taster Day for Contributing Schools
10	Monday 15 September – Friday 19 September	18/09 Art Exhibition
		20/09 - Last day of Term 3 school finishes at 12.30pm

IMPORTANT 2025 DATES

TERM	DATES	NO OF WEEKS	HOLIDAY/OTHER
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

WORKING BEE

What a beautiful day it was on 24 May for our OKE Working Bee! 🌞 A massive thank you to the students, their whānau, staff, and friends who came to support. With the incredible help of Oke Charity, we began the exciting journey of building our school gardens. Their generous donation of goods, time and expertise was truly appreciated. Many hands make light work, and that spirit of service shone brightly throughout the day! We wrapped up with some delicious kai and plenty of smiles. A huge shoutout to Ms Oliver for making this vision a reality—your mahi and passion for our kura is amazing. You rock! 🙌🌱💚



NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On May 27, our school leaders attended the Young Leaders Conference at Due Drop Event Centre in Manukau, celebrating 25 years of Building Young Leaders. Led by Mr Buys, Ms King, Ms A and Mrs Ernstzen, our Curriculum, Pastoral, Cultural, Sports, Kotahitanga and Syndicate Leaders—along with some Honour's Badge students—gained inspiration from speakers like Cam Calkoen, who climbed Mt Kilimanjaro despite having cerebral palsy, and Fraser Grut, who encouraged everyone to dream big. A powerful reminder that we are 'Stronger Together'!



TREES FOR SURVIVAL

On 28 May, our OIS Trees for Survival team spent the day out in nature—and what a perfect day it was! With the support of Paula from TFS and generous landowners Emma and Hamish, our students planted an incredible 880 native trees. The planting helps restore waterways and creates vital habitats for insects, skinks, tuna (eel) and manu (birds) in the ngahere. Students showed grit and teamwork, especially when the mahi got tough—resilience in action! A huge thank you to our adult helpers and to Ms Oliver for her continued passion and leadership. What a legacy for our ākonga to be part of. Go OIS! 🌿



OTAHUHU COLLEGE SHOWCASE

On the morning of 7 June, we welcomed the talented Ōtāhuhu College Performing Arts team for a special showcase. Students were captivated by original songs, powerful drama, and energetic dance performances. The creativity and storytelling deeply resonated with our ākonga—made even more special by the presence of former OIS students returning to perform! A big mihi to Kalita and Monalisa, who represented us beautifully by thanking our guests and leading the waiata. Thank you to the OC team for sharing your talents and inspiring



MAORI HUI

Our first Māori Whānau Hui for 2025 was held on 10 June. Despite the weather, it was heartening to see so many come together to share whānaungatanga and their hopes for the future. It was a privilege to hear whānau aspirations for their tamariki. Ngā mihi to all who attended and congrats to our Prezzy Card winners! 🙌



OIS BEE POLLINATORS

On 13 June, our OIS Bee Pollinators took on the Eco-Challenge at Auckland Botanic Gardens! Competing with 20+ schools, they used maps, solved sustainability tasks, and explored Te Taiao. From spotting wildlife to navigating natural hazards, our team thrived! Ka pai Mihinui, Anahera, Levon and Durant—you showed teamwork, focus, and a love for learning in nature. 🌿🐝



GUEST SPEAKER

On 16 June, we had the privilege of welcoming Dave Letele (AKA Buttabeen) and Manu Vatuvei to our school. Their visit was powerful and inspiring, as they shared personal stories about facing life's challenges, bouncing back, and the importance of hard work. Their key message—anything is possible—resonated deeply with our students. It was humbling to hear how both men turned adversity into strength. Ngā mihi, Dave and Manu, for uplifting our kura and reminding us to keep striving! 🙌❤️



MATARIKI CELEBRATION

On a perfect winter's morning June 19, Ōtāhuhu Intermediate celebrated its first-ever Matariki Hautapu ceremony. We honoured those who have passed, welcomed the new year with karakia, waiata and kai. Aroha nui to our kura for showing passion, respect, and the spirit of lifelong learning. Manawatia a Matariki! ✨🌿



GUEST SPEAKER

We were thrilled to host author and engineer Steve Mushin from Storyline! He shared his book *Ultra Wild* and inspired students with wild ideas to rewild cities. Our students loved designing their own inventions—like lifting buildings into the air! A fun, imaginative session that sparked creative thinking! 🧠



SOUTH WEST ZONE RUGBY

On 5 June, our Open Weight Boys ten aside and Boys U/55s teams took the field at Aorere Park for the South West Zone Rugby Tournament. Facing fierce competition, both teams showed grit, teamwork, and earned some well-deserved wins. We are proud of how our boys represented ŌIS, ka mau te wehi, team! 🏉👏



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Room 2 has the highest attendance in the school, averaging over 95% for Term 2 — an outstanding effort from Mrs Kumar and her class! Their consistent commitment to showing up each day sets a strong example for us all. Ka pai, Room 2, for leading the way and showing that success starts with being present! 🙌



SPORTS CAMP

Our Sports Camp jersey presentation was held last week and our students looked sharp and full of excitement! As this newsletter reaches you, they are away at Camp Adair in the beautiful Hunua Ranges, taking part in the YMCA Grassroots Trust Sports Camp. Over five action-packed days, they'll be competing in a range of activities including flag football, netball, chess, table tennis and more. The camp is not just about sport—it's a chance to build leadership, resilience, teamwork and confidence in a supportive and fun environment. A huge thank you to our whānau for your continued support and our awesome staff members in making this happen for our students. We know our tamariki will represent Ōtāhuhu Intermediate with pride!



INTERZONE RUGBY

On 23 June, our U45 Rugby boys travelled to Mt Wellington War Memorial Rugby Park for the Interzone Rugby Tournament. Battling through a cold and windy day, they faced tough teams like Sommerville, Glen Eden, and Counties. Although they didn't secure a win, they displayed incredible heart, teamwork, and some awesome skills that would make Moana Pasifika and Fijian Drua proud. A huge effort from our boys!



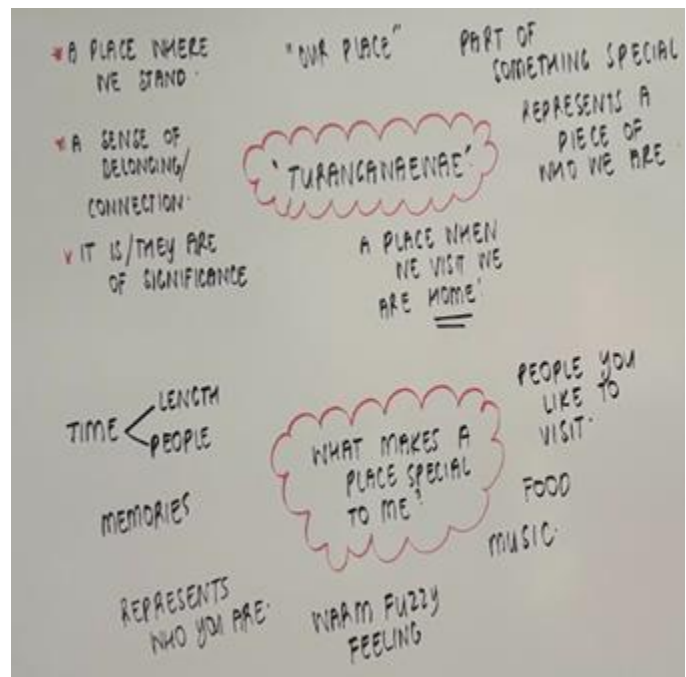
LEARNING IN ROOM 4

In Room 4, we've been hands-on with science and celebrating our fellow classmates! We explored simple machines using Edwin Godwin's eggbeater—spotting wheels, axles, and gears in action. We also built propulsion rockets to investigate force and motion—what a blast! Our sound inquiry led us to explore cultural instruments like the *pake*, learning how vibrations and sound waves travel. Also a huge congratulations to Faizaan Mohammed, Room 4's first Honour's Badge student this year! All of Room 4 are super proud of him.



LEARNING IN ROOM 6

This term in Room 6 we have focused on the importance of showing respect, passion and personal responsibility when we are at school, at home and in our communities. We have demonstrated these values in our classroom, in the activities we are involved in and when we are together as a class. Here are a few pictures of what we have participated in and how it is shown through our Turangawaewae. We have participated in activities as a syndicate and in our classroom conversations.



NAME OUR GARDENS

With huge support from Oke Charity, our school gardens are now growing strong—and it's time to give them a name! 🌱 Students are invited to enter our garden naming competition. The winning name will be proudly displayed with beautiful signage for all to see! Entry forms are at Reception. We can't wait to see your blooming great ideas! ☐



WHAT TO DO...



Create a name

Think about a name you believe will best suit our outdoor classroom.



Add design

Draw some ideas



Hand into office

Place ideas in box at office. Make sure your name, room number and syndicate are included.



Announcement

We will present winner at whole school assembly week 8.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Around 14 June, we were saddened to find damage to our brand new front entrance—a space we created to reflect pride, belonging, and mana for our tamariki, staff, and whānau. In the past week, our gates have also been damaged. These acts of vandalism are upsetting, especially when they impact a place that is for our children. We know someone out there may have seen or heard something. We're asking our community—please keep an eye out and let us know if you notice anything suspicious around our kura. You can message us on Facebook or contact the school directly. Let's work together to protect the spaces that matter to our kids. Thank you for your continued support.

—Tanya Brook, Tumuaki



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Ōtāhuhu Intermediate
Whānau come along to our
MATARIKI HIKOI



THURSDAY 26TH JUNE 2025

Come along to see what your child has
done in their class.

Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Nau mai haere mai.

IMPORTANT NOTICE



OTAHUHU
INTERMEDIATE




FRI 27 JUNE
FINISHING TIME
12.30PM




PLEASE NOTE WE FINISH EARLY ON
THIS DAY



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT SO FAR
THIS YEAR!



DAY ONE TERM 3
MONDAY 14 JULY



IMPORTANT NOTICE



OIS MARATHON

42.2 KM

Our very own Mr. Buys, AP of Pastoral Care, is taking on a massive challenge – running a full marathon (121 laps!) around our school field to raise funds for our AIMS Games team.

But he won't be doing it alone – our AIMS students will be running alongside him, showing their commitment, strength and kotahitanga as they represent our school with pride.

Bring the whānau and join us for a day full of wairua, music, kai, prizes, and plenty of aroha for our kura and tamariki.

Support our runners. Back our Kura. Sponsor a lap.

SATURDAY, 26 JULY | 10.00 AM | OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE

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.

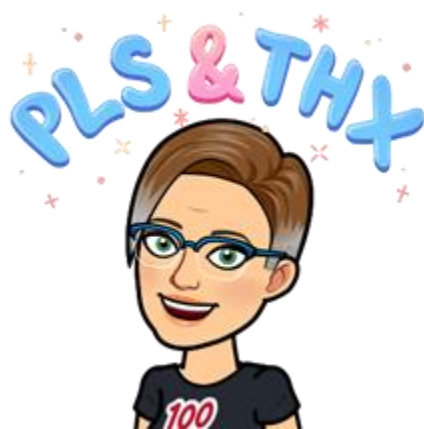
KEEP OUR
KIDS
SAFE



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
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NEGATIVELY ON YOUR CHILD'S



Otahuhu
Intermediate
School

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 25th June 2025

Have a go at these brain teasers

HISTORY HISTORY HISTORY	MEREPEAT	<u>read</u>
Chimadena	millio1n	1 knows
time time	BIRD	VA DERS
RIGHT RIGHT	FLUBADENCE	e t a d



I have received and read Newsletter 25/06/2025

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