



Term One Week Two

Friday 14 February 2020

Welcome to Otauhu Intermediate School Community

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

A special welcome to all our new Year 7 and 8 students and families. Thank you for joining our OIS whanau. Welcome back to all our wonderful Year 8 parents, caregivers and whanau too. We are looking forward to developing strong learning focused relationships with you and your child as they progress through the middle years of their education.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome back my awesome Board and staff.

A special welcome to our two new staff **Mr. Rabuka Radrole (Room 4)** and **Miss Ashiana Ali (Room 12)**. We are very excited to have them joining our whanau.

Term 1 2020 promises to be an exciting and busy term for our teachers, students, parents, caregivers and whanau (refer to school and sports calendar below).

School Calendar

Board of Trustees Meeting

5.30pm – 8.00pm
Tuesday 18 February 2020

Everyday Theatre

for Year 7 Classes
18th – 20th February 2020

Year 7 & 8 Classes Water Safety Programme at Otauhu Recreational Centre

10.00am - 3.00pm
24th February - 27th March 2020

Connections Evening

3.30pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 25th February 2020

Parent Workshops

Reading, Writing and Mathematics
6.00pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 17th March 2020

EOTC Week &

Year 8 Port Waikato Camp

Tuesday 31 March - Friday 3 April 2020

Sports Calendar

South West Zone

Boys Softball

Tuesday 3rd March 2020
9.00am - 3.00pm
Aorere Park

South West Zone

Girls Softball

Tuesday 10th March 2020
9.00am - 3.00pm
Aorere Park

South West Zone

Girls & Boys Tag

Thursday 19th March 2020
9.00am - 3.00pm
Norana Park

School Timetable

At OIS we operate a 6 day timetable, which enables us to provide our students with more opportunities for semi-specialisation (Maori, physical education (x2), learning languages, health and careers) and technology (visual arts, science and food technology).

Every Wednesday in our 6 day timetable is a Day 0. During blocks 2 & 3 we have our Elective Programme which provides students with an opportunity to try a variety of extra curricula activities.

Bell Times

8.45am - Start of day & Admin. time

8.55am - Block 1

9.55am - **Break 1**

10.35am - Block 2

11.30am - Block 3

12.25pm - **Break 2**

1.05pm - Block 4

2.00pm - Block 5

2.55pm - Admin. time

3.00pm - End of day

School Uniform and Stationery Pack

Our school uniforms look awesome at present. A big thank you for all your efforts to make sure this was achieved, as well as ensuring our school is represented well within our community.

NOTE: Please make sure you have named your child's uniform.

Thank you for ensuring your child had the required stationery to begin the start of the year. Our aim by the end of week 2 is that all our students have their stationery packs and are prepared for learning.

Physical Education Uniform

This is a friendly reminder to all parents/ caregivers that our PE uniform is regarded as part of the school's compulsory uniform.

All students are expected to have full PE uniform.

This week during semi-specilaisation the PE teachers will be following up with students who turn up without their PE uniform for PE lessons.

A PE uniform letter will be sent home next week if your child does not bring their PE uniform.

Year 8 Port Waikato Camp

Next week our Year 8 students will be bringing home an expression of interest letter regarding whether they **will** or **will not** be attending the camp.

We need 80-100 year 8 students attending the camp to make it cost effective and worthwhile.

We will be making our decision regarding whether camp will go ahead on Friday 6th March 2020.

NOTE: Year 8 parents/caregivers can you please complete the form and have your child return it to their classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Connections Evening

Our Connections Evening is scheduled for **Tuesday 25th February 2020 from 3.30pm – 7.30pm.**

During your 10 minute meeting you will have the opportunity to meet your child's classroom teacher, discuss how your child has settled in to their new class. This is a great opportunity to share additional information which will help your child's teacher develop a stronger learning focused relationships with your child.

Further information regarding interview times will be distributed next week.

Ministry of Education
School Donation Scheme

At the end of 2019 the Board of Trustees opted in to the Ministry of Education - School Donation Scheme.

In simple terms, what does this mean for you while your child is attending OIS in 2020?

You **DO NOT** need to pay a school donation.

You **DO NOT** need to pay for core learning programmes being offered throughout the year.
i.e. life education, core learning class trips, etc.

You **DO** need to pay for additional learning activities which are optional for students to participate in.

i.e. Year 8 camp, end of year class trips

If you require further information regarding this, I suggest you visit the Ministry of Education website (www.education.govt.nz) which has a clear explanation of the do's and the don'ts.

Full-time
ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT
Wanted

We are looking to employ a full-time administration assistant for 40 hours per week.

The hours will be Monday - Friday, 8.00am – 4.30pm each day.

The successful applicant will be working closely with the Office Manager and Receptionist, this role will involve general administrative duties, including front office, school library and back up support to the administration team.

Enquiries and expressions of interest to the Principal, Brent Woods via email (bwoods@otahuhuint.school.nz) or phone(09) 276-6421.

Part-time
TEACHER AIDE
Wanted

We are looking to employ a part-time teacher aide for 20 hours per week.

The hours will be Monday - Friday, 10.30am – 3.00pm each day.

The successful applicant will be working closely with the Student Support Co-ordinator, this role will involve working alongside classroom teachers to support students with their learning.

Enquiries and expressions of interest to the Principal, Brent Woods via email (bwoods@otahuhuint.school.nz) or phone(09) 276-6421.

Part-time
CARETAKER
Wanted

We are looking to employ a part-time caretaker for 20 hours per week.

The hours will be Monday - Friday, 1.30pm – 5.30pm each day.

The successful applicant will be working closely with the Principal and Property Manager, this role will involve general cleaning and maintenance of buildings and grounds, locking up the school and setting of the school alarms.

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