

# ŌTĀHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu

WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024



**Students in Kowhai were privileged to have some whānau come into school and talk about Ngatu Tapa.**

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

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# NEWSLETTER 29/05/2024

## 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

Kia ora whānau,

As we head towards the halfway mark of the year, I wanted to take a moment to connect with you. My name is Pierre Buys and my role is Associate Principal Pastoral Care and leading the Kauri Syndicate. My top priority is ensuring everyone feels safe and happy at school. Previously I was privileged to have worked at Sacred Heart College as a Year 8 Dean and 1st XV rugby manager. It is my goal to bring my experience and help OIS in a positive manner, but also to keep learning and growing. This year, I've been consistently impressed by the passion our students show, whether it's participating in cultural groups and sports, or simply displaying amazing values in class. It's truly an honour to be part of such a vibrant community!

## **Attendance Matters!**

Regular attendance, which means being at school 90% of the time, is a key focus for Ōtāhuhu Intermediate this year. We've made significant progress compared to previous years, and I want to express my sincere gratitude to our whānau for your commitment to your child's education. While we haven't quite reached the 80% regular attendance goal yet, with your continued support, I have no doubt we can achieve it together!

## **Building a Safe and Inclusive OIS**

Creating a fully inclusive and safe environment is another important goal of our school. We recently celebrated Pink Shirt Day, and it was inspiring to see so many students take a stand against bullying. Just a reminder, Ōtāhuhu Intermediate has zero tolerance for bullying or violence of any kind.

# FROM THE ASSOCIATE

## **Celebrating Samoan Language Week & Upcoming Events**

This week is Samoan Language Week! We've got a variety of exciting activities planned to celebrate the rich culture and language of Samoa. Stay tuned for more information!

Calling all rugby fans! Our school's rugby zone tournament are also coming up for both girls and boys. We're excited to see our talented tamariki showcase their skills and sportsmanship on the field.

## **Strong Partnerships for Student Success**

We believe strong relationships between family and the school are crucial for student success. That's why we have an open-door policy! Feel free to visit classrooms or chat with our senior leadership team – even if it's just for a casual coffee catch-up.

Let's continue working together to make Ōtāhuhu Intermediate a place where all students can thrive!



Ngā Mihi

Mr Buys



# 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

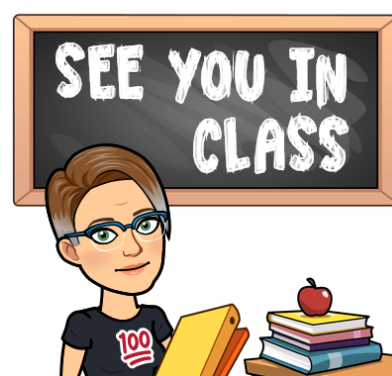
*“How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won’t affect my child...”*

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 2 2024 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 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 2
	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April – 3 May	Dental van at OIS
2		
3	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Immunisation Day for Y8: HPV dose 1
	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Dental van at OIS
4	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Financial Literacy: Getwise
5	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Samoan Language week Financial Literacy: Getwise
	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Staff Only Day (Otahuhu Kahui ako) No school for the students)
6	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	King's Birthday - Public Holiday
7		
8		
9	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Matariki – Public Holiday No school for the students
10	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Student Led Conferences 8am-8pm
	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 2 (normal finish at 3.00pm)

# STAFF UPDATES

## Jane Cork - Ngati Whatua

After twenty seven years of working at Ōtāhuhu Intermediate School,  
Jane Cork has retired.

Mrs

Jane started working at our school in 1996 where she first worked in the Tuck Shop. The lunch team sold delicious filled rolls and hot noodles among many other goodies. Jane moved on to work in the library, alongside the late Daphne Long.

They mended and categorised the library. Jane then moved into the Teacher Resource Area where she sorted and oversaw the teacher resources, photocopying and laminating. She has printed off hundreds of newsletters over her time here. Jane looked after the staffroom and the many morning teas and farewells of staff, including our 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebration last year.

Jane has worked with several principals at Ōtāhuhu Intermediate: Dick Kitto, Athol Cartwright, Brent Woods, Grace Gemmell and our current principal, Tanya Brook. She has seen the Housie events which we ran every week, fundraised for school equipment; plucked of duck feathers, been a judge at our Haka Waiata and seen many babies of teachers grow up!

But above all else, Jane has enjoyed the teachers. She has seen many who passed through our doors over nearly three decades and has worked with everyone!

Well done, Jane. You deserve to enjoy your retirement with your whānau and mokopuna.



# STAFF UPDATES

**Ms Aileen Lamositele**  
**TEACHER**  
**ROOM 3**

My name is Aileen Lamositele, and I am of Samoan and Cook Island decent. There is nothing I love more than chilling and eating food with my family.

My passion is to guide and nurture our students to develop their confidence and resilience to learn, explore, take risks, make mistakes, and take on challenges to become the best. I love teaching our children here in South Auckland where I was also born and raised.

I am in the Kauri Syndicate, Room 3 and I am looking forward getting to know all my students and their families better.





# PINK SHIRT DAY



PINK SHIRT DAY at OIS was on 17th May! This day was about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. A massive thanks to all of our students and staff who wore pink for PINK shirt day. Great to see so many support this great cause.

#BeAnUpstander

We had a winner from each Syndicate for best dressed.

Kauri 🍀 Imogen Mooray

Kowhai 🍀 Ghianna Angi

Rimu 🍀 Anitilose Paea

They each received a bag of PINK SHIRT DAY goodies!!

# Inspirational Leaders

As part of our learning at OIS, Kowhai Syndicate had James Maeva, a world famous actor and inspirational leader come in and talk to the students. He is also on the board of trustees for OIS ♡♡



A massive thank you to John Nicholas Pulu for coming into school to talk to Kowhai ♡ Syndicate and then again at our whole school assembly. We appreciated your wise words encouraging us to know where we come from. You are obviously very proud to have been an ex student at OIS and we admire how much the community of Ōtāhuhu means to you. Thank you for being a truly inspirational leader for us all.



# Project WY

OIS is excited to have awesome whānau and role models help promote leadership, resilience, and whanaungatanga. On the 4th May, some of our families had the opportunity to travel to Rotorua and take part in the 10km quarter marathon.

Weeks of training and fundraising led up to the event (or use another suggested phrasing). However, our families gained so much from this program.

Thank you again to our OIS staff - Mrs. Nathaniel, Mrs. Tariu, Miss Silipa, Jax, & Lupe for organizing. Big thanks to our parents for all the support & especially to @Project Wy for allowing OIS to be a part of such a rewarding program.

OIS is excited to run it back in July-August!



# Cultural Activities

Kowhai syndicate has been looking at the Ngatu Tapa making process. Students in Kowhai were privileged to have some whānau come into school and talk about Ngatu Tapa. Students loved this experience and asked our guests questions about the process. Malo aupito to the whānau who came in to support this awesome learning experience!



# Lunchtime Activities

## Chess Club

There was a little bit of chess on at Friday lunchtime. The students loved the opportunity to watch some intense games in action. It was so good to see so many students who are keen to learn more about chess. A massive nga mihi to Javier for giving up his lunchtimes to come and play and teach chess with our students. Welcome to the OIS whānau Javier! Chess club is every Monday and Friday at lunchtime.



## Break times on a beautiful day here at OIS.

We are fortunate to have such lovely fields, astroturf and adventure playground which our tamariki take full advantage of on a beautiful sunny day. During breaks we also have a chillout room, with a variety of board games, card games and listening to music available to our students!

OIS is definitely the place to be! ❤️💛💚



# ACTIVITIES AROUND SCHOOL

**New Zealand Sign Language Week** ended at OIS with a syndicate challenge. A relay race to match vocabulary in either English or Te Reo to the correct sign. All syndicates did really well working together to solve the greetings, places names and the school pepeha. A winner could not be picked, so ALL these students **had** a baking session with Miss Oliver in week 4! Thank you to Ms Oliver for her organisation and passion for NZSL! And thank you to the students for continuing to make the precious language live in our kura and community.



We pride ourselves on trying to get the best staff possible for our students. The kids deserve great adults while they're at school. Here are two of Ōtāhuhu Intermediate's great adults. Mrs Vailanu and Miss Ake. These ladies have graduated this term showing what hard mahi, perseverance and determination to do their best for the kids looks like. A massive congratulations from all of us at OIS! You two rock!



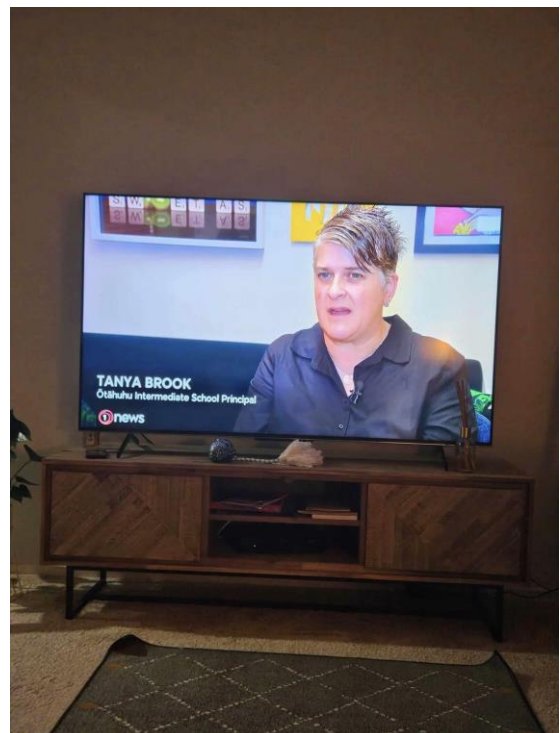
# ACTIVITES AROUND SCHOOL

## Breakfast Club

Each morning students are invited to come and have some kai as part of our OIS Breakfast Club. Good food, good company, lots of laughs...such a great way to start the day! Thank you Mr Buys for overseeing Breakfast Club!



Did you catch us on the News? On the 29th April, One News came into school to film and interview some of our students about them handing in their phones everyday. This is part of our Student Mobile Phone policy. It was exciting to be a part of this and the students involved were fantastic!



# Sports

The Year 7 and 8 Girls Soccer team shone brightly at the South West Zone Girls Soccer Tournament on Thursday, May 23rd. Not only did they play fantastic soccer, but they also displayed incredible sportsmanship, embodying our school values both on and off the field. We're grateful to the supportive families and coaches Mr. Kumar and Mr. Johnny.





# What's New



## Look Up! New Signage Brightens OIS.

Be sure to look up on your way around OIS! Our school is sporting some fantastic new signage. Not only do the signs look great, but they're also filled with positive messages and affirmations for our tamariki.

We hope the signs will be a source of inspiration and encouragement for everyone at Ōtāhuhu Intermediate.



# Honours Badge

After a small break our Honours Badge is back. We can't wait for whānau to come in to celebrate their child's excellence and leadership around Ōtāhuhu Intermediate.

Students who earn 10 Merit Cards in four different school areas are awarded an Honours Badge. These students are considered role models for Ōtāhuhu Intermediate and serve as a great reminder to their peers that school life is what you make of it.



**Creating Future Leaders**

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## Student Led Conferences

**REMINDER**

### **Otahuhu Intermediate - Student Led Conferences: Be Part of the Learning Journey!**

Empower your child and celebrate their achievements at Ōtāhuhu Intermediate's Student-Led Conferences! This is a fantastic opportunity for you and your child to work together with their teacher to discuss their learning progress, set goals and plan for future success.

Join us!

Dates: Tuesday 2nd July

Times: 8am - 8pm

More information to follow

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## Important Attendance Information:

### Getting Your Child to School on Time

A good start to the school day sets the tone for learning! Here's a reminder about our arrival times:

- **Doors Open:** Students can arrive at school and enjoy Breakfast Club offerings from 7.45 AM.
- **First Bell:** The bell rings at 8:30 AM. Students can head to their classroom.
- **Formtimes:** The school day begins promptly at 8:45 AM. Any student arriving after this time will be marked as late.

### Consequences for Late students:

We understand that unforeseen circumstances can sometimes cause your child to be late. However, consistent lateness affects students learning. Here's how we address lates:

- **Two Lates in a Week:** Students with two unexplained late arrivals in a week will be assigned Community Service during break times.
- **Three or More Lates per Term:** Students with three or more late arrivals per term will also complete break-time Community Service.
- **Continued Lates:** When students continue to be late after they have received consequences already, teachers will arrange a meeting with whānau to discuss any underlying issues and find solutions together.

### Working Together for Success:

By working together, we can ensure all students arrive on time and are ready to learn! Let's make every minute count at Ōtāhuhu Intermediary.



# IMPORTANT NOTICE

**OTAHUHU  
INTERMEDIATE**

**FRIDAY 31 MAY**

**STAFF ONLY DAY**

**MONDAY 3 JUNE**

**KINGS BIRTHDAY**

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON  
THESE DAYS**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
SEEING ALL STUDENTS  
BACK AT SCHOOL ON  
TUESDAY**

**4 JUNE BY 8.30AM**

# COMMUNITY NOTICE



AUCKLAND GIRLS'  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
PER ANGUSTA AD AUGUSTA



## OPEN DAY

**Tuesday 11th June 2024**

Educated at  
Auckland Girls'  
Equipped for  
the World

We invite you to visit our school on Tuesday 11th June. Our Principal will give a short presentation at 9.30am and 6.30pm. Students will lead tours of the school as part of your visit.

All prospective students for 2025 and their whānau are very welcome to attend. We welcome whānau of students interested in enrolling in Ngā Tūmanako o Kahurangi, our Māori Whānau Unit.

Auckland Girls' Grammar School welcomes enrolments from throughout the Auckland region and we hope you will take this opportunity to find out more about us.

**MORNING 9.30am – 12.00pm**

**EVENING 6.00pm – 7.30pm**

For more information please phone 307 4180  
or email [enrol@aggs.school.nz](mailto:enrol@aggs.school.nz)

# COMMUNITY NOTICE



## McAuley High School 2025 Enrolment

Enrolments are now open for Year 9 students in 2025.

The closing date for non-preference students is 12 April 2024, the end of Term 1.

The closing date for preference students is 27 September 2024, the end of Term 3.

Enrolment packs can be collected from the school office, downloaded from our website or you can phone the office to have one posted out to you.

27th May - 31st May 2024

## Samoan Language week

OIS is celebrating Samoan Language Week. The theme is 'Tautua i le alofa, manuia le lumana'i – Serve in love for a blessed future'.



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# COMMUNITY NOTICE

Transform lives through **faith, knowledge**  
and **education** founded on **Marist traditions!**



**ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2025!**

**OPEN TOUR DAY**

**RĀTŪ / TUESDAY 28 MAY 2024, 11.45AM**



Year 7-13 Catholic co-educational college  
with no zoning restrictions.

[www.marcellin.school.nz](http://www.marcellin.school.nz)

**Nau mai, haere mai!**



# 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



Otahuhu  
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## *Breakfast Club*

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

COME AND HAVE SOME KAI TO  
SET YOU UP FOR THE DAY!

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EVERY MORNING FROM 7.45AM - 8.25 AM

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## Ka Ora, Ka Ako Healthy School Lunches Programme



Te Tāhuhu o  
te Mātauranga  
Ministry of Education



The Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches programme aims to reduce food insecurity by providing access to a nutritious lunch in school every day. Around a million lunches are provided each week.

**Otahuhu Intermediate** is part of the healthy school lunches programme. Meaning that your child will receive free lunch when attending our Kura this year.



# IMPORTANT NOTICE



Otahuhu  
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**01**

## **YOUR FIRST ONE**

Is free! so please look after it. It is part of our school uniform so you have to wear it.

## **SYNDICATE BANDS**

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**02**

## **YOUR NEXT ONE**

If it breaks or you lose it then you can buy one for \$2.00

**03**

## **WHERE AND WHEN CAN YOU BUY IT?**

You can buy your band from the main office in the morning before school starts between 8.00 and 8.45 am. Otherwise, you can buy them from Mr Buys.

# 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!

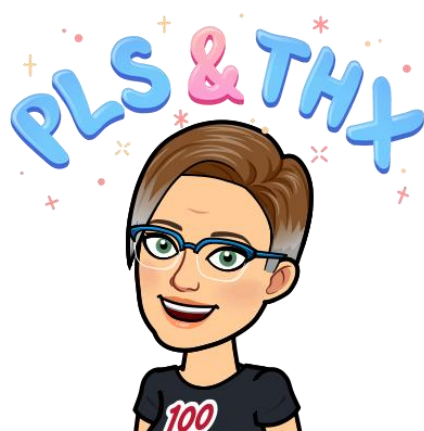


## YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO STAY AT SCHOOL ALL DAY!

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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# OTAHUHU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtāhuhu

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY

*Have a go at these brain teasers*

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I have received and read Newsletter 29/05/2024

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**