

Dear parents, caregivers, students and friends of the school. Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

Welcome back to all our students and a warm welcome to new families who are joining the school for Term 2. Our major fundraiser for the year gets underway this term in the form of our Knowledgeathon. We look forward to your support of this activity and encourage you to take this opportunity to get involved in your son or daughter's learning.

We appreciate the support of parents and caregivers in ensuring that all our students arrive at school in correct school uniform and ready to learn. We are looking forward to a busy and productive term.

This term students can look forward to a wide range of opportunities in sporting and cultural areas plus Year 8 students will be preparing their science fair displays for June. Winter sports get underway with sincere thanks to all parents and caregivers who have volunteered their time to coach and manage school teams.

The focus this term continues on achieving high levels of attainment in reading, writing and mathematics whilst developing our students' skills for lifelong learning. This means each student will be encouraged to actively engage in their learning by asking four key questions in each area of study.

These are:

1. *Why am I doing this task?*
2. *How am I going to be assessed on how successful I have been?*
3. *How have I achieved this task?*
4. *If that's how I have done, where to next?*

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to actively participate in their child's learning through discussion at home, looking at their child's individual portfolio at any time and through parent interviews in June or as needed.

Emphasis will continue on encouragement, positive attitudes and consideration of others. Manners will be reinforced, particularly in the way students speak to each other and adults. Families are invited to assist us by also focusing on these at home.

Our school is committed to guiding our students towards good citizenship, the development of high levels of interpersonal skills and powerful thinking.

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TERM 2 UNIFORM

Footwear

This term all students should be wearing plain, black leather lace up shoes.

Skate type shoes, sports shoes and soft black leather skate type shoes are not acceptable (this includes Globes and similar brands).

Boys switch to shoes and socks. Girls switch to shoes with ankle socks or shoes with black tights. Girls should note the white ankle socks must come over the ankles when worn.

Warm Clothes

As the weather cools down students have a choice of wearing the school green woollen jersey embroidered with our logo or the school jacket.

The jersey is available from Active Schoolwear on Devonport Road and Postie Plus on Elizabeth St.

Please note: The Otumoetai College jersey is not acceptable as a uniform item at our school. The jacket is only available from Active Schoolwear on Devonport Road.

Hoodies, beanies and other non-uniform apparel will not be acceptable at our school.

Scarves

Students may wear scarves to school. These must be in a colour matching the uniform ie, black, blue, red, green or yellow.

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

If you have a 2nd hand uniform you would like us to sell on your behalf, please deliver it to school.

We will issue you with a receipt and collect your name, address and bank details. Once we sell your uniform we will direct credit your account or post you a cheque, minus a commission of 15%.

Uniforms that are in good order we will sell for half the amount they cost to purchase new.

All uniforms that are brought into the school to sell must be clean and folded. If you want your child to bring a uniform into school to sell, please have it in a bag, clearly marked with your name, address and bank account number. Ask them to bring the uniform to the school office.

Any queries please phone Barbara Schollum, our Executive Officer, at the school office on 576 5105.

STUDENT ADDRESSES

Please, it is very important to keep the office notified of any change of address or phone number. If you have moved recently, please contact the school office on 576 5105 or email admin@otuinterschool.nz with any changes.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS 2010 COMPETITIONS


At Otumoetai Intermediate, any students who wish to give the tests a go are encouraged to participate. The cost is \$7.50 for Science, Computer Skills, Mathematics and English, \$17.50 for Writing and \$9.50 for Spelling. The closing dates for the payments/entries are as follows:

Computer Skills	Friday 23 rd April
Science	Friday 7 th May
Spelling	Friday 21 st May
Writing	Friday 21 st May
English	Thursday 1 st July
Mathematics	Thursday 1 st July

The closing dates for payment are as above and **no late entries will be accepted.**

Complete the return slip and return with the correct payment in an envelope and place in the posting box in the office foyer of the administration area.

Please complete the return slip below and send along to the school office.

 **AUSTRALIAN COMPETITIONS**

Child's Name..... Room.....

Year Level.....

I would like to enter the following Australian competitions:

Writing	\$17.50	Yes/No
Spelling	\$9.50	Yes/No
Computer	\$7.50	Yes/No
Science	\$7.50	Yes/No
Maths	\$7.50	Yes/No
English	\$7.50	Yes/No

I enclose \$..... in payment.

Signed.....

Parent/Caregiver

The students will sit the tests on the following dates:

Science	Wednesday 9 th June
Maths	Tuesday 17 th August
Spelling	Tuesday 22 nd June
Writing	Tuesday 22 nd June
English	Tuesday 3 rd August
Computer	Tuesday 25 th May

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KNOWLEDGEATHON

This is our major schoolwide fundraiser. We hope that every student will be able to raise at least \$10.00 with a school target of \$10,000.00 in total.

Class and individual prizes will be given out at the end of the term. All students with sponsorship raised will also go into a draw for spot prizes.

BUZZ THE PEOPLE FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to all the families who have already joined up through our website. We appreciate your support. Please see the attached page.

NZ MARCHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jaymee Diggelmann and Nicole Rowley from Otumoetai Intermediate have just come back from attending the NZ Marching Championships where their team "City of Tauranga" won the NZ Champion Technical Team title for their grade.

The girls (and their families) are very proud of their victory because they came up against some tough competition from 20 other teams from all over the country.

The champs were held from the 19th - 21st March at the Energy Events Centre in Rotorua.

The team and their Coach - Tracy Tredinnick - have worked really hard all season and have not been out of the top 2 at each competition they have attended. This is the first season of competitive marching for a number of the girls, so it was fantastic to end with a national title.

In March 2011 they plan to defend their title in Christchurch. They train once a week and have been to Hamilton, Taupo, Napier and Rotorua to compete at a number of competitions.

The City of Tauranga Marching Team is made up of 12 girls ranging in age from 10 -13.

They are looking for new girls for the 2010/2011 season so if you are a Year 7 girl and are interested in finding out some more info Call Tracy on 579 9123.



MESSAGE FROM ADOLESCENT PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Year 7/11 year old vaccinations will be taking place in Term 2. This vaccination is for Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough (dTap).

This vaccination completes the schedule of childhood vaccinations, the vaccination is available free of charge at the doctor's surgery or at school.

Students will be shown a DVD and given a consent form to bring home early in Term 2.

Parents/caregivers please read the information on the forms, fill out the appropriate consent form and return it to school.

These forms must be returned to school whether your child is having the vaccination at school or not. If your child has already had, or is going to have, this vaccination at the Doctor's surgery or you choose not to have your child vaccinated, you still need to fill out the form and return it please.

For any further information, please contact Beth Daniel on 577 3383.

SCHOOL FEES FAMILY DINNER DRAW

Congratulations to Reuben Campbell from Room 2 who won the family dinner draw for paying all of his school fees before 31st March.

CYCLISTS

Students are welcome to cycle to and from school in their PE gear.

Please remember cycle helmets must be worn. Cycles are stored in our two secure cycle enclosures.

Students should also secure their own bike to the bicycle stand. Although the cycle enclosures are locked daily, the school takes no responsibility for stolen bikes or helmets. We will however follow up any attempted or reported thefts. Fortunately these are extremely rare occurrences.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' HOMESTAYS FOR 2010

If you are interested in hosting an international student, short or long term, please complete the form below as we are often looking for host families close to the school. All homestay families are paid a nightly allowance for their support. For more details contact Monica Dadson on 576 5105 (ext 744).

Your support will be much appreciated.

✂ International Homestays 2009 ✂

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Ph No: _____ Mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

Our family is interested in providing the following homestay options for the school.

- | | Yes | No |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Short term homestay up to a week | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Medium term homestay up to 4 weeks | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Long term homestay up to a year | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I understand that we will receive remuneration for providing a homestay and that all members of the family over 18 will need to undergo a police vet.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

TALENT QUEST HEATS WEEK 4

Heats held at lunchtimes on:

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| Monday 3 rd May | Dance |
| Tuesday 4 th May | Drama |
| Wednesday 5 th May | Instrumental |
| Thursday 6 th May | Lip Synch |
| Friday 7 th May | Vocal |

Registrations will be taken in Week 3.

Finals night combined with Wearable Arts on Thursday 27th May at 7pm. Tickets on sale soon for \$5.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **DIGISCHOOL:** Taking enrolments for Term 2. Spaces are very limited. Attention all students who have a passion for art and drawing. Use Hollywood industry software to create your own world in our Landscape Art course using Vue 8. Then animate your world. Visit www.digischool.co.nz for more info or contact Jonathan Stewart on 570 0066.
- **SOCCER - 11 to 13 year olds boy and girl players needed!** Also Junior district wide competition with a family environment. Contact Cherie on 577 0792 now.

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- **Gym Club 2010:** Otumoetai Intermediate Term 2 gymnastics starts on Tuesday 27th April in the school gymnasium at 3.15pm and ends on Tuesday 22nd June. Novice gymnasts will be encouraged to pass the introduction to gymnastics certificate. Experienced gymnasts will start working towards their green badge. Gym Club's gymnastics program is geared towards team performance gymnastics competitions and displays rather than individual's competing. Once gymnasts master the skills required for their green badge, they will start to work on using their gymnastics skills in the team display. The cost for the term is \$80.00.
- **Otumoetai Eels Rugby League:** Welcomes children of all ages who would like to play rugby league on Sundays. Trainings are on Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursdays at 4.30pm Mitchell Park, Seymour Place. Competition kicks off 2nd May. All enquiries to Stan Nicholas on 576 6099.
- **Synchronised Swimming:** Calling all girls from 8-16 years old who can swim. Have a go at Synchro. Tauranga Synchronised Swimming Club are looking for new members. Normal club training days are initially on a Saturday afternoon at Baywave. Come along and give it a go at Baywave any Saturday during May at 1pm. Entry fees into the pool will apply. All welcome. For more info contact Sally on 0274 484 105.

Kia Kaha
Regards

Henk Popping
PRINCIPAL

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