

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

Term 2 is now well upon us and it is pleasing to see that the standard of uniforms has been excellent. Just a reminder that scarves, in one of the school colours, may be worn to and from school, but not at school. A full list of uniform requirements including shoes may be found on the school website at [www.otuinter.school.nz](http://www.otuinter.school.nz).

We have a large number of sports teams in netball, basketball and hockey all coached and managed by parent volunteers. Our sincere thanks to all parents and caregivers who have offered their assistance in this way. Without your support many of our students would not be able to participate.

The homework learning grid has now been going successfully for two years. A reminder that all students who complete their home learning grid every week will receive one of our new home learning colours at the end of each term.

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### *School Science Fair*

The school science fair is compulsory for Year 8 and voluntary for Year 7 students. This will be held during the week of parent interviews from 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July. Display boards can be purchased from the Resource Room for \$10.00. Science fair projects need to be at school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June for judging.

#### *Bus Transport*

No student should be travelling on a bus without a Term 2 or Annual bus pass. If you have not purchased your child's bus pass as yet, please be aware that students will not be accepted on the buses without a pass.

### 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:

Science	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Spelling	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
Writing	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
English	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Mathematics	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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
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 <sup>th</sup> June
Maths	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August
Spelling	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Writing	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
English	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August
Computer	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May

### FRONT OF SCHOOL PICK UPS AND PARKING - REMINDER

Please note that the bus bay and drop off zone is no longer available to parents/drivers who wish to wait for their child to come out of school by parking in this zone.

Because more buses will be dropping off and picking up students in this area, the drop off zone will now be a clearway during the following hours on a school day:

**7.30am to 9am**

**2.00pm to 4pm**

The yellow lines leading up to and including the crossings must be kept clear also.

Parents and caregivers are asked to make arrangements with their child to meet for pick up in neighbouring streets or along Ngatai Road.

Thank you in anticipation for your support.

For all Real Estate needs contact:



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### YEAR 7 VISION SCREENING

On 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010 the Pacific Health Vision Hearing Technicians will be visiting our school to carry out routine distance vision screening. All students in Year 7 are included in this as part of the National Screening Programme.

The screening test used checks **distance vision** only. It is **NOT** a full eye examination. (If you have concerns about close vision, please take your child to an Optometrist).

- The student covers one eye and reads letters from a chart at a distance of 4 meters.
- Boys also have a colour vision test.
- Parents will be notified of results by post, **only when** the screening results require further testing by an Optometrist.

If you **DO NOT** wish to have your child's vision tested for any reason, please sign the form below and return it to school before the testing date.



**REQUEST FOR "OPTING OUT"  
OF VISION SCREENING**

I **DO NOT** wish my child \_\_\_\_\_  
to have a vision test at school.

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### TALENT QUEST HEATS WEEK 4

Heats held at lunchtimes in the Performing Arts Room on:

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Dance
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Drama
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Instrumental
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Lip Synch
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Vocal

Finals night combined with Wearable Arts on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. Tickets on sale from 17<sup>th</sup> May at intervals from the Arts Centre. Cost is \$5. 450 tickets only so be in quick!

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### SCHOOL LEVIES & DONATION

This week school statements/invoices for outstanding material and printing levies are posted out to families. 2010 has been a very challenging year for the school financially, and your support in paying the compulsory levies of \$40.00 is welcomed. These are compulsory fees for attendance at Otumoetai Intermediate School and covers the cost of materials your child uses in the specialist programme and printed take home materials through the photocopiers.

We would appreciate receiving your payment as soon as possible to assist the school in covering these costs which are significant across the school.

As a school we endeavour to keep our fees as minimal as possible. Our compulsory fees are much lower than similar schools in Tauranga and Mount Maunganui and we can only continue to do this if all families support the school.

The school donation remains at \$90 per student or \$130 per family. The funds raised allow the school to provide a wide range of extra facilities including a significant contribution to the running of sports facilities and the provision of improved classroom tools such as data projectors. The donation is voluntary and your support in paying this is greatly appreciated.

### 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.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORM SHOP

If you have a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Digischool:** Enquire now about our special 5 week shortened course beginning soon and special pricing for new student. Spaces are limited. Film-Game Design-3d animation, Photoshop, Stopmotion. Call Jonathan on 570 0066 or visit [www.digischool.co.nz](http://www.digischool.co.nz) for more info.
- **Drum Lessons:** Matt Baxter offers lessons for all ages close to central Tauranga. Phone Matt 570 3350 or 021 0261 4723 or visit [www.drumlessonstauranga.co.nz](http://www.drumlessonstauranga.co.nz).
- **Dore Programme Free Info Evening: 7.30pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at Baycourt, 38 Durham Street:** DORE is a highly effective exercise programme that deals with poor concentration, coordination, literacy and social skills often associated with Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, ADHD and Aspergers. To reserve a place phone 0508 520 000 or email [info@dore.co.nz](mailto:info@dore.co.nz). More info at [www.dore.co.nz](http://www.dore.co.nz).
- **Parenting for Success Courses Starting Soon:** Relationship Services is a family therapy service that offers regular courses to parents of young children and adolescents. Parenting for Success is a new 6 weeks course designed by their family experts for parents of under 11 year olds. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> June, 12.30-2.30pm with free child minding available. Venue is Tga Plunket, 471 Devonport Road. Almost full. Due to demand, an extra course has been scheduled for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> June, 7-9pm. Venue is Relationship Services, 9 Brookfield Tce. Cost is \$20. Enrol by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Phone Relationship Services on 576 8392, email [tauranga@relationships.org.nz](mailto:tauranga@relationships.org.nz) or visit [www.relate.org.nz](http://www.relate.org.nz).
- **St Paul's Collegiate School Hamilton Information Evening:** To be held at the Durham Motor Inn, Tauranga, cnr Cameron Road and Harrington Street, Tauranga from 5.30pm to 7.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010. For catering purposes please RSVP to Deborah McRae on (07) 957 8805 or email [d.mcrae@stpauls.school.nz](mailto:d.mcrae@stpauls.school.nz) by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Academic Open Day Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1pm-3pm.

Kia Kaha  
Regards

Henk Popping  
**PRINCIPAL**

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## PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

*If your contact details have changed, please remember to let the school office know.*