

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

We are almost half way through term two and our students continue to demonstrate high levels of consideration, manners and care for others on our school site.

The school wide "Speak Up" programme is proving to be a powerful influence on student behaviour with the odd instance of bullying quickly sorted when students and parents immediately let us know if there are any problems.

The introduction of our new student cellphones policy this term, has proved to be a great advantage with staff able to resolve any incidents quickly when other students text the "Speak Up" hotline on 027 662 8559 when a problem arises.

This term we have had a number of sports and academic groups represent the school at locals and regional level. On every occasion it has been great to receive lots of feedback on how awesome our students were as ambassadors for the school.

Our school places a huge emphasis on values and citizenship along with excellence in achievement. We would like to thank all parents and caregivers who actively support the school through their backup at home and reinforcement of school/home relations.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

This month saw the election of three new parent members to our board.

The New Board for 2010 is:

- Dale Henderson - Chairperson & Parent rep
- Tony Jane - Parent rep
- Angie Higgison - Parent rep
- Jo Madden - Secretary & Parent rep
- Greg Delany - Treasurer & Parent rep
- John Tunnell - Staff rep
- Henk Popping - Principal

Our sincere thanks to all parents who stood for the Board.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE - ERO IN SCHOOL 8-17TH JUNE

The staff, students and Board look forward to sharing our school's successes when ERO visit in two weeks time.

During the review we hope many parents will come along and participate in providing feedback on how they feel our school is doing. A separate flyer will be sent home this week with further information on the scope of the review and times/venues for feedback meetings.

P.T.A. News

The P.T.A. Committee was formed last term and we have a dedicated group of parents who registered their interest as Support Group members.

Our next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 15th June at 7.30pm

in the new Adaptive Learning Centre.

The meeting will be preceded by a Parent Information Hour where the topic will be:

National Standards and Your Child

We will discuss the new standards and explain the report form all parents will receive on 23rd June prior to parent interviews.

TEACHER ONLY DAY FRIDAY 4TH JUNE

Parents are advised that Friday 4th June 2010 will be a teacher only day. As a result parents are asked to make alternative arrangements for the supervision of their children.

STUDENT COLOURS DONATED BY ACTIVE CLOTHING

The student achievement awards (colours) have become highly sought after by our students since their introduction in 2003.

These ribbons have been sourced and funded by Active Clothing throughout this time. Over the years we have given out many thousands of these awards and we wish to express our appreciation to Tineke Bouchier and the team at Active Clothing for their ongoing support.

FOOTWEAR - PLEA TO PARENTS

This term all students switch to our winter uniform expectations. Across the school, students look well presented with the correct clothing, but we have a problem with some student's shoes.

Our school regulations are that students may wear mid-brown sandals all year or plain black leather shoes.

A number of students, particularly girls, are arriving at school with black, canvas shoes instead. These get wet and smelly in winter weather and we ask all parents and caregivers to ensure their son or daughter have the correct footwear.

These canvas shoes are not Otumoetai Intermediate School uniform. Details on acceptable footwear can be collected from the school office or viewed on our school website at: www.otuinterschool.nz

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AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS 2009 COMPETITIONS

At Otumoetai Intermediate we encourage all our students to enter the Australian competitions.

The cost is \$7.50 for Mathematics and English.

The closing dates for the payments/entries are as follows:

English 1 July

Mathematics 1 July

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.



AUSTRALIAN COMPETITIONS

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

Year Level.....

I would like to enter the following Australian competitions:

Maths	\$7.50	Yes/No
English	\$7.50	Yes/No

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

Signed.....

Parent/Caregiver

There has been an increase in charges for the Australian Competitions that we were not aware of. Any students who have already paid for their subjects, need to return the attached green slip along with the extra \$1 per subject.

The students will sit the tests on the following dates:

Science	Wednesday 10 th June
Maths	Wednesday 19 th August
Spelling	Tuesday 23 rd June
Writing	Tuesday 23 rd June
English	Tuesday 4 th August

N.Z.C.T. AIMS GAMES 5-10TH SEPTEMBER 2010

This week we entered our teams for the 2010 New Zealand Community Trust Aims Games.

This national elite sporting competition for year 7 and 8 students over 14 sports is getting bigger and better every year.

This year the tournament has grown to 99 participating schools with 3670 competitors coming to Tauranga from all over New Zealand.

Our school is one of the four founding and hosting schools with students participating in most of the sports offered.

The next step is to start selecting teams and individual competitors for the NZCT Aims Games and put in place training/coaching sessions for each individual. Students who wish to participate will receive further information and will be expected to commit themselves to team expectations and fitness programmes.

Our school has a proud tradition of success at these games and has featured in the top 10 overall schools nationally since the first games in 2004.

We currently have a number of national champions including the girl's hockey team who are current National Champions and have dominated this sport with four gold medals since 2004.

Last year over 3000 students from across New Zealand competed and this year we have even more schools and competitors.

KNOWLEDGEATHON 2010

This is our major school wide fundraiser for the year. We hope every student will be able to raise at least \$10.00 towards our school target of \$10,000.00.

This year all funds raised will immediately be put towards the purchase of new library books.

Previous Knowledgeathons have helped fund the following:

- 2009 - Te Wero Nui Playground
- 2008 - Computers in Class Rooms
- 2007 - Sports Equipment
- 2006 - Data Projectors in Classes
- 2005 - Mathematics Equipment in Classes
- 2004 - Sports Tracksuits
- 2003 - Extension to Bob Grant Theatre

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NEW INFORMATION & LEARNING CENTRE OPENS

Last week saw the school take possession of our new Information (library) and Learning Centre.

This week all student librarians will receive training on use of the issuing and research systems. This state of the art facility will further enhance the ability of the school to incorporate the latest technology in student learning.

The new Information Centre (library and learning resources) downstairs has been equipped with new furniture, touch screen search facilities and will receive additional books from our 2010 Knowledgeathon.

The new Adaptive Learning Centre upstairs is one of the most modern facilities in New Zealand schools.

It features multiple data projection and interactive whiteboards, interactive LCD learning stations and a 42inch touch screen LCD TV with webcam and microphone.

Additional features include:

- Electronic Weather Station
- Electronic/Digital Microscope & Projection Screen
- Cellphone Bluetooth & Wireless Dock - for transfer of video, audio and digital files from student cellphones to their school portfolios.
- Video Conferencing using Skype
- Wireless Internet Research Facility to complement our two existing research centres.

Once we have trained our students on the use of all this new technology we intend to hold open days for parents and community members to come along and see for themselves.

The Information and Learning Centre will be open to view with student displays during parent interviews later this term.

WESTERN BOP SOCCER

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Daniel Smith
 Matthew Chew
 Sam Nicholson
 Luke Johnson
 James Hanson

For making the Under 12 Western BOP Soccer Rep team, and

Tayla Forward

For making the Under 13 Girls Western BOP Soccer Rep team.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **MathZwise**
 Maths tuition (years 1 - 13)
 One on one or maximum 2 students per tutor
 Best service - guarantee success
 1st Lesson FREE
 Ph: Mark (07) 578 8169 or check out website www.mathzwise.co.nz
- **After School Digital Term 2:** Taking bookings now for Term 2. Help your child learn Webdesign, Film, 3D Animation, Game Art and design in an exciting and stimulating environment. ASD uses industry standard software and offers some courses usually not taught until University level. Your child may also qualify for Prior Learning Credits for NCEA levels 1-4. Adult classes also available. Call Jonathan on 570 0066 or visit www.afterschooldigital.co.nz for more info.
- **Drama Classes Helen O'Grady Drama Academy:** After school classes for children 5-16 years. Lessons include speech, music and movement and creative drama in an atmosphere that emphasises cooperation and fun. For further info phone Camilla May on 576 4400.

Kia Kaha
 Regards

Henk Popping
PRINCIPAL

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