

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

As this is the last newsletter for term two we would like to thank all parents, caregivers and members of the community who have assisted the school in any way.

Last week we had our Arts Academy Students participate in the J.Rock Performing Arts Competition and the annual Fresh Moves Competition. The Rock Band performed in the secondary schools Rock Quest Competition and this week our Sports Academy students are attending their annual sports camp. This is held at Totara Springs in Matamata and covers a variety of sports and team challenges over the week.

The Board of trustees also received feedback from the Education Review Office team on how well our school is performing against the six dimensions of a successful school.

The feedback was extremely affirming and we look forward to sharing our new ERO Report with our community once it is confirmed.

KNOWLEDGEATHON

This is our only major fundraiser for the year and we appreciate our families' support for this. Sponsorship money is starting to come in and we encourage all students to get this in now.

Our target is \$10,000.00 and all proceeds will be put towards new books for our Literacy Centre.

Prizes will be given out at our last assembly. There are class prizes, individual and family prizes for the top fundraisers.

REPORTING TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Written Reports

This week all students will take home their half year written report and their portfolio of learning. These provide parents with comprehensive information on how their child is progressing at our school.

The written reports focus specifically on how each student is progressing against the new national standards in reading, writing and mathematics.

Please also take the time to look through your child's portfolio which will contain all the assessment information used to report your child's progress.

Portfolios

One of the most useful tests being used at our school is the AsTTle test designed by John Hattie and the University of Auckland. This is used to assess students in reading, writing and mathematics and has been normed against 300,000 New Zealand students. It has recently been upgraded to include the national standards as the norm and enables teachers, students and their parents to identify the students' strength and weaknesses.

Accompanying this newsletter is an example of a student test report with handwritten explanatory comments to help you understand the information provided.

Your child will have their AsTTle results for reading, writing and maths in their portfolio along with examples of work and other assessments carried out this year to date.

Parent Interviews

Next week we invite all families into the school to attend our half yearly parent interviews. Information and booking sheets were distributed on Monday and interview times are being arranged by your child's teacher.

BOOKING PARENT INTERVIEWS ONLINE

Over 350 parents have taken the opportunity to register for this new innovative way of communicating by text and email.

Once you are registered you will receive all school notices by text and email and you can book your parent interview times directly on-line.

To register, simply click on the **School Links** button on our school website home page (bottom left) and follow the link instructions.

We have set up all the school groups you may wish to link to and you will be able to receive and respond immediately to messages from the school.



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LOTS OF THINGS TO SEE DURING PARENT INTERVIEW NIGHTS

OTUMOETAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Come along and view our year 8 students' projects which will be on display in the school hall. Categories on view cover: Living World - Physical World - Planet Earth and Beyond - Technology. All exhibits are judged and the top few are submitted to the Regional Science Fair.

See you there! This is an accessible and exciting display that the whole family will enjoy!

The fair will be open for viewing on:
Wednesday 30th June 9.30am to 7.30pm
Thursday 1st July 9.30am to 4.30pm

OTUMOETAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOOK FAIR BLIZZARD

The fair will be open on:
Wednesday June 30th 9.30am - 6.00pm
Thursday July 1st 9.30am - 4.00pm

NB: Book Fair is being held at the same time as Science Fair & Parent/Teacher Interviews

"Chill out with a good book"

*It's all about your children. It's all about fun!
It's all about books.*

**Displayed in
Our Literacy & Information Centre**



A fun-filled room of discovery, imagination, excitement
BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!...

Purchase New Books For Everyone - Great Gift Ideas
EFTPOS AVAILABLE

See you there, and don't forget to invite your family and friends!

Proceeds from this Scholastic Book Fair go to our Literacy & Information Centre.

OTUMOETAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRE UPSTAIRS

Come along to view our new Learning Centre with its amazing state of the art interactive learning technology. This has recently been completed and next term our students will be able to start using this centre as part of their learning at school.

UNIFORM UPDATE

Last month many parents and students asked us to review the school footwear bylaw to include black canvas shoes. As a result we have reviewed our footwear requirements and have expanded the acceptable options to include plain black canvas shoes. An updated version of the school's uniform requirements can be viewed on our school website.

CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL


Since the introduction of our new policy on cell phones at school, a number of educational experts have endorsed the move and other schools have followed suit. A number of prominent articles in the Sunday Star Times covering Howick College's moves endorse what we already knew; that is: our young people are already hard wired to use this technology and it is a highly suitable technology for learning in the 21st century. Schools that choose to ignore this remain firmly entrenched in the 20th century.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS 2010 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

For all Real Estate needs contact:



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PROPERTY UPDATE

The school is immensely proud of our new Literacy Centre and Learning Centre, both facilities will further enhance the quality learning students experience at our school.

Next week building starts on Rooms 13 and 14 to modernize these rooms and bring them in line with our other refurbished class rooms.

Recently we completed a major upgrade to our wireless infrastructure to enable high speed wireless broadband across the whole school. This is to enable all students and teachers to access internet learning from any point in the school.

One of the features in the new learning centre is the facility to use video conferencing and touch screen technology linked to the internet.

Our school CCTV network is now complete and all areas of the school are covered by high quality digital cameras. These have enabled us to reduce damage to school property including graffiti, assist police with the murder inquiry on Ngatai Road and quickly respond to incidents involving students on school grounds.

Our extensive network enables us to monitor and record student behavior school wide resulting in the ability to use CCTV photographs and video footage during disciplinary procedures. Along with students' ability to record incidents of bullying with cell phones and send them to our hotline, the school surveillance system helps keep our school an extremely safe environment for all students.

PTA GARDEN COMPETITION - TERM 4

Last year the P.T.A. Committee held its first garden competition for students. This proved to be hugely successful and will be held again this year.

Students will be able to enter their home gardens in the following sections:

- Vegetable Garden
- Flower Garden
- Herb Garden

Categories within each section include:

- creativity
- compact garden
- sustainable garden
- pot or tub garden

The winning entries will receive a trophy and judging will be carried out by members of our P.T.A. committee.

Students may start their gardens anytime and entry forms will be made available at the beginning of term 4.

Here's how it works:

Students may enter a garden in one of the sections above. To enter they need to fill in an entry form which will be available in each class or from the office. A photo of the student's garden will need to be provided with the entry form.

Students may enter as individuals or combine with their friends or other students in their neighbourhood.

Gardens may be located at home or a relatives' section within easy driving distance. Students may also have an allotment at the new railways community garden allotments off Ngatai Road.

Students must establish and maintain their own gardens. They may receive advice from an adult but must do all the work themselves.

This is a great opportunity to get mum, dad, uncle, aunty, grand dad, koru or nana involved.

Why get involved?

- Gardening brings families together and saves money on food bills.
- It counts as home work on the school home learning grid.

PERFORMING ARTS

There have been a number of events held across the Performing Arts this term and we'd like to take a moment to congratulate and thank a number of people.

Talent Quest and Wearable Arts

Our Talent Quest heats were held in week 4, and our finals night was on the 27th of May. Congratulations to everyone for the huge effort that was put into preparing audition items. It made it very difficult to select finalists and the judges had an even harder time choosing the winners. Our 2010 winners were:

Dance: Celina Pellet, Alice Beedie

Drama: Millie Godfery

Music: Damien Potts, Logan Burrell

Lip-Synch: Jessica Harnett, Torie Enticott

Vocal: Jack May, Daniel Cowper

Overall Entertainment Award: Celina Pellett, Alice Beedie.

This year's Wearable Arts show was a spectacular event. The theme 'Black and White' was embraced by 120 of our students and the outfits were sensational. This year there were 73 entries and the judges agreed it was the hardest competition they have had to judge so far. Our winners were as follows:

Interpretation of the theme: Laura Holdich, Stephanie Gilchrist (extra curriculum)

Use of recyclable materials: Abby Thompson, Courtney Oliver (Ladies of the past)
 Creativity: Kelcy Ballantyne, Rachael Nunn (Bride and Groom)
 Most wow factor: Nina Bly-Pieterse, Aimee Cantlon (Licorice Allsorts)
 Originality: Morgan Obern (Birds outside their cage)

A huge thank you to all those parents who encouraged their children to enter and gave them the space to create.

J-Rock and Fresh Moves

On June the 8th the Dance and Drama Arts Academy performed in J-Rock, the junior version of stage challenge. We created an 8 minute dance about stepping out of your comfort zone and trying new things. We included as many dance styles as we could, including: ballet, jazz, hip-hop, tap and lyrical. We were presented with three awards: Best Concept, Best Choreography and Best Visual Enhancement.

Then on June the 10th we performed the same dance in Fresh Moves (the primary/intermediate version of stage challenge). For this we won the best award of the night, Dance Expertise!

Thank you to all of the parents who helped out. We wrote thank you cards on Friday and had over 20 parents to thank for their input! And of course a huge congratulations to the students for their talent, passion and commitment.

J-Rock/Fresh Moves students:

Jimmy Adams, Jack May, Te Koikoi Brown, Drew Walker, Hunter Dennis, Kate Davey, Rosemary Cave, Alice Beedie, Isla Campbell, Nicole Fraser, Celina Pellett, Millie Godfery, Sophie Tarr, Livia Cawley, Jessica Harnett, Kahla Tyson, Mya Levis, Joseph Barrett, Damon Lyall-Yates, Cole Sharland, Ben Aiken, Rebecca O'Byrne, Grace Burnett, Kahu Te Kani, Kelsie Sant, Olivia McDrury, Hannah Temara, Elena McPherson, Carrie Moore, Jayde Lile, Abbey Gibson, Anthea Mallasch, Christine Misa, Erika MacGregor, Eden Devcich, Anna Tingey, Brylee Courtney, Georgia Hacker, Sophie Gordon, Mikayla Williamson, Mikaela Duggan, Heather Seager, Julie Allan, Jodi Ryan, Michaela Browne, Matthew Plumpton, Nathan Hall, Deanna Thorne, Connor Benton.

Smokefree Rockquest

On the 29th of May, 13 students from the Otumoetai Intermediate Music Academy took part in the Smokefree Rockquest. The Rockquest began as a competition for High school students, but in recent years there have been more and more Intermediate schools entering. It is a great opportunity for the students to see what is ahead for

them, and to get inspired by the other bands they get to watch.

The quality of the competition this year was the strongest for many years, and our students performed really well. They received lots of positive feedback, and have even been invited to perform at other events during the year by people who saw them perform. The judges commented that the original song they performed featured a great arrangement with nice melodic hooks. They also noted the band had a good, solid sound which filled the stage. The judges also made mention of the great singing and harmonies!

The band:

Reuben Campbell (Drums), Ryan Patrick (Bass), Daniel Cowper (Guitar), Max Barendse (Guitar), Jason Everard (Keyboard), Damian Potts (Piano), Torie Enticott (Trumpet), Grace Jarvis (Saxophone), Jade O'Brien-Marshall (Trumpet), Misty McKenzie (Cornet), Anahita Mukherjee (Vocals), Olivia Nightingale (Vocals), and Lauren Curtis (Vocals).

Showcase

Our school Showcase will be held next term on the 11th and 12th of August, and you will have the opportunity to see the highlights from Talent Quest, Wearable Arts, J-Rock and Rockquest. Tickets will go on sale next term.

SPORTS NEWS

Mountain Bike Challenge

by Dylan Ngatai

One Friday the 28th of May our school sent 3 teams of 5 to the Intermediate schools Mountain Bike Challenge. It was hosted by Taupo Intermediate at the Craters of the Moon Mountain Bike Track just north of Taupo. We left school at 7:15 in pouring rain but were relieved when we found fine weather over the Kaimais. We arrived at around 9:30 and went for a quick practice lap. The track was quite long and had a few small hills, lots of tree roots and trees to dodge. The top 3 from each heat went through to the final. Out of 15 riders 11 made it into the top 10 in their heats but only Jack Mills made it through to the final. Jack placed 7th in the final, helping place Otumoetai team 15th overall. Big thanks to all the parents for transport and support, huge thanks to the team and especially Taupo Intermediate for hosting this event.

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Term 2 Sports results

Bowls: On Thursday 6th May Mr Sheedy took two teams of four to the Tauranga RSA to compete at the BOP-Poverty Bay Inter-intermediate champs. All the students presented themselves well, were well-mannered and played some awesome bowls! Jess Gadsbey, Kelcy Ballantyne, Troy Martyn and Isaiah Duncanson came 4th in the tournament.

Dressage: Anna Tingey competed for "Otumoetai" in the BOP Middle and Secondary School Dressage championships held at the Tauranga Racecourse on Friday 30th April 2010. The team was made up of Anna and 3 college students including her sister Sophie and they came 2nd. There were 19 teams and the winning team, Western Heights scored 57 points, only half a point ahead of Otumoetai on 56.5!

Golf: Our golf team of Jimmy Adams, Joseph Young, Ben MCColgan, Callum Chuter, Cameron Hunter, Constantyn Ten Cate, Boston Stewart, Josh Dempsey, Luke Tatley and Tyler King competed in two tournaments at Te Puke this term. Two highlights from the BOP-Poverty Bay Inter-intermediate champs held on Monday 26th April were:
Best Gross Score: Boston Stewart 93 (19.6 handicap)
Best Stableford Points: Ben MCColgan 42 points (36 handicap)

Kayaking: Mr Goodchild took a team of eight to Waimarino to compete at the BOP-Poverty Bay Inter-intermediate champs on Friday 7th of May. They competed in slalom time trials, 100 metre sprints, 2 km races and deep water rescues. The Waimarino staff commented on their excellent team spirit and awesome manners. The team was Mathew Grainger, Josh Baker, Oli Brown, Chris Pederson, Cushla Van Stone, Georgia Hacker, Sophie Gordon, Siannah Cowles and placed 4th overall. Congratulations to the team and Mr Goodchild for demonstrating our excellent OIS fairplay attitude!

Netball: This year we have 17 year 7 and 8 sides that compete in the Harbourside competitions at Blake Park every Saturday morning. Results at 16/6/10: Overall in the top year 7 grade our 7A's are positioned 3rd and the 7B's are 8th. In the top year 8 grade our 8A side is coming 2nd while our 8B's are sitting in 8th place. Good luck to all our netballers throughout the grades for the rest of the season and a special thanks to Ms Quinn who is our school's organiser and all the coaches and managers involved!

Squash: Dominic Culpitt, Dominic Daly, Constantyn Ten Cate and Nathan Smith travelled to Whakatane with Mr Culpitt to compete at the BOP-Poverty Bay Inter-intermediate champs on Friday 21st of May. The boys played superbly and scored the following results: Constantyn -Y7 Boys plate final winner; Nathan - Y7 Boys plate runner up;

Dominic Culpitt - Y8 boys 3rd overall;

A big thank you to Mr Thompson for taking the trials and Mr Culpitt for transporting the team!

Tai Mitchell Rugby: Congratulations to Jake Malbon, Tyler King, Troy Martyn, Ben MCColgan, Emerson Ngaronga, Jesse Reweti, Jimin Suh, Matthew Kriel who are members of the Tauranga East Tai Mitchell representative side. They will be competing in Murupara in the first week of the holidays. Special thanks to Mr Mikaere who is managing the side. All the best boys!

Waterpolo: The team of Laverne Salisbury, Matt Kriel, Mat Grainger, Steen Hemmingsen, Blake Ireland, Ben Aiken, Harrison Stam, Till Brown, Adam Harrington and Hayden Ensor competed for OIS in the WBOP intermediate 'C grade' in the first term. The side was very inexperienced - for many it was their first year, played on Fridays and trained on Sundays. They learnt a lot about the game and are looking forward to competing in the B grade in term 4 with the practice and gains they learnt earlier this year. Special thanks to Stu, Matt and Angelique Ensor for their coaching and managing, Tor Sandoy for his coaching, and Mandy and Geoff Street for their organisation. Information will be coming out Term 3 about next seasons Waterpolo.

Congratulations to...

Kelcy Ballantyne who has made the Tauranga City Under 15 Basketball squad and the Harbourside netball Year 8 representative side

Connor Steens and Jack Neale who have both made the Tauranga City Under 15 Basketball Development squad
Josh Hislop who has made the Tauranga City Under 13 Basketball squad

Holly Fleet, Jade and Abbey-Gail Gibson who recently gained Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the Midlands region Tae-kwan-do championships in Hamilton

Kieran Ngatai who recently competed for **New Zealand** in the 11 year old BMX team against Australia. The New Zealand side returned from Australia with the trophy-something we haven't had in our BMX cabinet for many years...

Janaya Worthington who will be representing the Tauranga Synchronised Swimming Club at the North Island Inter-Schools competition and the North-Island Championships on Friday and Saturday 2nd and 3rd July

James Hanson who has been selected for the Waikato/BOP U12 Football Team to head to the Nations Cup in South Africa in the September School Holidays. Unfortunately James is already attending the Champions Cup in Australia with his Otumoetai Portugal Team at the exact same time and is committing to his club side. Great dedication James, we hope you can make the Waikato/BOP under 13's next year!

Nicole Rowley and Jaymee Diggelmann who are members of the City of Tauranga U12 Marching team that won the NZ Champs Technical Drill Title in March

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Digischool:** Digischool ICT Media Arts Holiday Courses. Enrol now for our exciting school holiday courses at Digischool. You can choose from one day through to 4 days workshops. Choose from game design, 3d Animation, Stop motion, Photoshop, Flash animation or Film. We cater for ages 8 to 18. DigischoolCall Jonathan on 570 0066 or visit 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.
- **MathZwise**
Maths tuition (years 1 - 13)
One on one or maximum 2 students per tutor
Ph: Mark (07) 577 9045 or check out website www.mathzwise.co.nz
- **Piano Tuition:** New studio in Otumoetai. The teacher has studied with pianists - Maurice Till (NZ), & Tessa Birnie (Sydney), and has over 20 years of teaching experience. Vacancies for both children and adults. Phone: Rowanne Peace (M.Soc.Sc., B.Mus.,LTCL.) 570 3336
- **Totara Springs Christian Centre Holiday Camps.** Activities include go-cart, BMX bikes, hot water hydroslide, abseiling, aviary, trampolines, hot pool, archery, shooting, canoeing, confidence course, mini golf, train, flying fox and playground.
Winter Holiday Camp dates are:
Teens Camp - Theme: "Old School" (school years 9 - 13) 4th - 7th July 2010 Camp Cost: \$185
Junior Kids Camp - Theme: "Blast from the past" (School years 2-4) 7th - 9th July 2010 Camp Cost: \$145
Kids Camp (OSCAR Approved Programme) - Theme: "Flash Back" (school years 5-8) 12th - 16th July 2010 Camp Cost: \$185
For more winter camp information and application forms visit or web page: www.totarasprings.org.nz
- **Shirl's Swim Lessons:** Term 2 School Holiday Swim Course @ Otumoetai Pool: Week 1. July 5th - 9th, Week 2. July 12th - 16th. All Lessons 30mins and 1 hour 9:30am - 12:00pm P: 07 576 2457 M: 021 2924021 E: sid_nz@xnet.co.nz
- **School holiday program 'Acrylic on Canvas'.** Monday 5th and Monday 12th July 10am-3pm. Bring a big lunch and a drink. All quality materials supplied. Paula also runs: **After school art classes. Adult art classes for all levels.** Please phone Paula for enquiries and enrolments. **07 5423455 or 029 6024108, paula@paulaknight.co.nz, www.paulaknight.co.nz**
- **KIDS HOLIDAY SPORTS DAYS Mount Action Centre** - 15 & 16 July 10am - 12.30pm. A range of indoor sports. Games include soccer, miniball, relays, dodgeball, uni hockey, 5 - 13yrs, 10am - 12.30pm, \$6 per child.
SKATING (ROLLER BLADING) Mount Action Centre - 15 & 16 July, \$5 per child, 1-3.30pm, 8 & older. Limited blades - bookings essential
SOCCER COACHING Mount Action Centre - 8, 9, 13 & 14 July, 10am - 12.30pm 5 - 8yrs, 1.30 - 12.30pm 9 - 13yrs, \$10 per session
Contact: Robyn King Programmes Manager - Tauranga Leisure Limited: P 07 574 9862 F 07 574 9863 A Mount Action Centre, Triton Ave, Mt Maunganui A PO Box 15-218, Tauranga. 3144 W www.clmnz.co.nz
- **July Holiday Tui Glen Camps!**
Tui Glen Horse Riding Camp Includes: Lessons, Trekking, Vaulting & Jumping. Small groups to suit riders ability. Beginners to Advanced Riders. Your Horse or Ours
Kiwi Farm Experience Camp Includes the above, along with other farm activities & dirt karts!
Camp A: from Sunday 4th July/**Camp B:** from Sunday 11th July. Camps run from between 3 & 7 days
Camps are suitable for 8 to 17 years old. *Family camps also available during July Holidays. We are OSCAR Approved!!! (WINZ Subsidy), funding maybe available through the Halberg trust in some situations.*
Registrations now open for July Holidays. Book via phone, email or website. Ph 07 323 6457 or 027 232 5367. Email tuiglen@extra.co.nz www.tuiglen.net.nz
- **HOLIDAY GOLF CAMP—JULY, 2010**
DATES: July 12,13,14, 2010 Rotorua Boys' High School
COST: \$490.00. The total camp package includes: coaching, accommodation, all meals, green fees, entertainment and final day tournament entry and prizes. **Presented by Director of Golf Dominic Sainsbury (NZPGA)** NZ Golf High Performance Development Coach. At Rotorua Boys' High School, Pukuatua Street, PO Box 10148, Rotorua 3046. Barbara Walker, Phone: 07 348 6169 ext 888, Fax: 07 346 1270, E-mail:: BWalker@rotoruaoyshigh.school.nz **Email Your Registration of Interest Now! Registrations close 2 July at 3pm**
- **Childrens' Dance Class** commencing Term 3 for ages 7 to 12 years. Latin American, Rock & Roll, Ballroom. Enquire: Sonia Hodson, Supreme Dance Centre 543 2377or 027 322 1786, Email: soniahodson@ihug.co.nz

Kia Kaha
Regards

Henk Popping
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