



Outstanding Achievements

- In **all of the key academic areas** our students are performing at or more significantly above national norms. A large number of our students are succeeding at the very top of New Zealand standards. Maori and students from other ethnic groups are succeeding as well as their European peers. There is little difference between boys and girls in overall achievement.
- During 2010 a significant number of our students continued to receive high distinction and distinction awards along with many merit awards in the **Australasian Schools International Competitions**. These are held for Mathematics, Science, English, Writing, Spelling and Computer Skills.
- Our latest **Education Review Office report** confirmed the high quality of learning and teaching students receive at the school. The full report can be viewed on our website.
- Otumoetai Intermediate School year 7 and year 8 **Future Problem Solving Teams** have in the recent past, won New Zealand finals held in Auckland and represented New Zealand at the World Future problem Solving Championships in the USA. The teams did extremely well coming third overall in the world.
- Otumoetai Intermediate has featured as a top school in the Australasian **Mathletics** Web Based Competition competing with all other schools in Australia and New Zealand.
- At the **2010 NZCT AIMS GAMES** our teams once again performed strongly and carried on the school reputation for fielding formidable sports teams and demonstrating a high level of sportsmanship. Our school was placed 4th on the medal table beaten only by considerably larger schools.
- The girls hockey team and boys football teams all won silver medals with the girls hockey team featuring in the top three schools at the tournament for the seventh time. The boys were the first Bay of Plenty team to reach the final in the history of the tournament. The cross country teams all won medals including gold and silver plus a number of individual students won gold and silver medals across other sports.
- Individual students have throughout the year, won **national competitions** in film making, animations, robotics, writing, newspaper design, visual and performing arts.

- 2010 saw the launch of **Baymaths**, an elite mathematics competition for gifted and talented students. Our students performed strongly by taking out top places in year 7 and year 8.
- The **Arts Academy** went on tour for the first time and won accolades for their outstanding performances at local primary schools. Our students were also highly commended for their performances at Baycourt in the J-Rock, Freshmoves, Rock Quest and Choral festivals. The Arts Academy is forging a strong reputation for developing talented dancers, actors and musicians.
- Students from the Hard Materials Incredible Minds class won prizes and awards in the National IPENZ Neighbourhood Engineering competition. They worked with a local engineer to solve practical problems at school and the community.
- Year 7 students from Room 13 won a **national video competition** and hosted Danyon Loader who presented them with their prizes.
- Our students once again were outstanding in the National Lions Club peace Poster competition with one of our students winning the BOP Section.

