

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



We welcome all new students and their families to Otumoetai Intermediate School. We hope you have a happy association with our school and make the most of the many educational activities and opportunities provided.

It is also my pleasure to welcome back our Year 8 students with the expectation that each will continue to participate to the best of their ability while demonstrating independence, good work habits and responsibility for their own behaviour.

This is the first of regular newsletters you will receive about key events and happenings in our school. In addition to the school newsletters, you can expect to receive regular class or team newsletters throughout the year. Please encourage your son or daughter to bring all notices home so you can stay informed about your child's education at our school.

Last year was an amazing one for the school with excellent academic results in the key areas of literacy and numeracy and many outstanding achievements at national and local level in sport, culture and the arts. For more information about how we did, parents and community members are invited to view our school wide achievements in newsletter 14 on the school website at [www.otuinter.school.nz](http://www.otuinter.school.nz).

We are extremely proud of our school and invite all our families and friends to join us in any capacity you can to assist us in our commitment to making our school a school of excellence in all aspects. Your support will help consolidate our position as one of New Zealand's top Year 7 and 8 schools.

During the first three weeks of term we will be assessing where our students are with their learning and whether we have placed each student in the appropriate class. Please be aware that there may be some adjustments made and students moved to new classes after this initial assessment period.

We will be holding parent interviews in week five of this term where parents will be able to meet their child's teacher and discuss how the start to the year has gone.

Nga Mihi Nui

Henk Popping  
**PRINCIPAL**



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## 2018 STAFF

<b>Principal</b>	Mr H Popping
<b>Deputy Principal</b>	Mrs L Hutchinson (Curriculum)
<b>Deputy Principal</b>	Mr J Stanley (Administration)

Our teams are named after prominent New Zealanders from the past.

### Teaching Teams

#### NGATA TEAM

<b>Green House</b>	<b>Team Leader</b>	<b>Ms K Farthing</b>	<b>(Rm 21)</b>	<b>kfarthing@otuinter.school.nz</b>
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	Teacher	Mrs L Wright	(Rm 12)	lwright@otuinter.school.nz
	Teacher	Mr A Myers	(Rm 22)	amyers@otuinter.school.nz
	Teacher	Mr H Habib	(Rm 23)	hhabib@otuinter.school.nz

#### COOPER TEAM

<b>Green House</b>	<b>Team Leader</b>	<b>Mr M Cederman</b>	<b>(Rm 19)</b>	<b>mcederman@otuinter.school.nz</b>
	Teacher	Miss N Smart	(Rm 16)	nsmart@otuinter.school.nz
	Teacher	Mr R King	(Rm 17)	rking@otuinter.school.nz
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#### UPHAM TEAM

<b>Blue House</b>	<b>Team Leader</b>	<b>Mr B Goodchild</b>	<b>(Rm 24)</b>	<b>bgoodchild@otuinter.school.nz</b>
	Teacher	Mrs L Chappell	(Rm 25)	lchappell@otuinter.school.nz
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	Teacher	Mrs O McCord	(Rm 28)	omccord@otuinter.school.nz

#### SHEPPARD TEAM

<b>Blue House</b>	<b>Team Leader</b>	<b>Ms L Ovenden</b>	<b>(Rm 10)</b>	<b>lovenden@otuinter.school.nz</b>
	Teacher	Ms M Wharerau	(Rm 9)	mwharerau@otuinter.school.nz
	Teacher	Mrs S Jones	(Rm 13)	sjones@otuinter.school.nz
	Teacher	Mr A Upton	(Rm 14)	aupton@otuinter.school.nz
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#### HILLARY TEAM

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	Teacher	Ms L Hall	(Rm 7)	lhall@otuinter.school.nz

#### BATTEN TEAM

<b>Gold House</b>	<b>Team Leader</b>	<b>Miss J Johnstone</b>	<b>(Rm 3)</b>	<b>jjohnstone@otuinter.school.nz</b>
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	Teacher	Mr G Parker	(Rm 15)	gparker@otuinter.school.nz

## Specialist Teachers

### Team Leader

Visual Art

Performing Arts

Hard Technology

Music

Soft Technology

ICT

### Mr John Stanley

Mrs K Patten

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Miss J Neal

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## Part Time Teachers

Mrs A Dolman

Mrs J Filipo

Mr M Meacheam

Mrs K Vercoe

## Teacher Aides

Mrs M Atkinson

Mrs M Dadson

Mr O Gaspar

Miss T Parker

Mrs N Stevenson

Mrs K Taikato

Mrs R Taylor

Mr M Stenzel

## Administration Team

Executive Officer

Office Secretary

Attendance Officer/

Learning Support

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Literacy Centre

Property Manager

Assistant Caretaker

Sports Coordinator

Leadership Centre and

Student Support

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Teacher

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Mrs M Head

Mrs C Minkhorst

Mrs G Haddon

Mr D Bateman

Mr G Causer

Mrs J Dey

Ms A McPike

Mrs T Liddle

Mrs K Logan



## ID AND CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Photolife Studios will be taking student ID and Class photographs  
on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

## 2018 TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

- Term 1 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- Term 2 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- Term 3 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Term 4 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### Teacher Only Day

- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

### 2018 Public Holidays

- Waitangi Day Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018
- Easter Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018
- Anzac Day Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (falls inside school holidays)
- Queen's Birthday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- Labour Day Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

### School Day

First bell and block 1:	8.45 am to 10.40 am
Morning Tea:	10.40 am to 11.00 am
Block Two:	11.00 am to 12.30 pm
Lunch Time:	12.30 pm to 12.40 pm - eating time in class 12.40 pm to 1.20 pm – lunchtime activities
Block 3:	1.30 pm to 3.00 pm
End of school day:	3.00 pm

## NEW UPGRADE TO B BLOCK (Rooms 16, 17, 19, 20)

We are excited to commence an upgrade to our B Block this term. Once completed, we will have four new classrooms with indoor-outdoor flow and large glass doors. Emphasis has been placed on creating new 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms that allow for collaboration but still retaining the ability to operate as four separate classes.

During construction, four classes from Cooper team have been located in alternative classrooms until the project is completed. They will then move into their new classrooms.

## KEEPING PARENTS INFORMED

As a school we endeavour to keep you, as parents, fully informed about your child's progress and events coming up in the term.

Newsletters will be published on a regular basis and will include a fridge calendar of upcoming events and activities. The February and March fridge calendar are included in this first newsletter.

The school newsletter can be accessed in the following ways:

- In paper form through the class teacher
- On our school website
- On our school facebook page
- Through the School-Links messaging service by text or email.



Follow us on Facebook

Over the next few weeks you will be asked which method you prefer and we will make arrangements accordingly.

## WHAT IS SCHOOL-LINKS?

**PLEASE DO NOT REGISTER FOR SCHOOL-LINKS**

**Registration is automatic from our student management system and we will do that for you.**

School-Links is a service that enables you, as parents, to:

- Receive two-way TXT and email alerts for school closures, sports practice changes/cancellations, grounds changes or in the event of an emergency.
- Receive TXT and email alerts if your child is absent from school.
- Book your parent-teacher interviews online.
- Free to you as parents as it is paid for by the school.
- Notify us of your child's absences at any time by simply logging on to our School-Links portal.
- Receive all your newsletters and general notices directly to your email account.



Please notify the office by email or phone of any address, phone or email changes.

**When it comes time for teacher interviews, you will be given a code from our school to book your appointment time.**

## **OTUMOETAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGES**

These pages provide up to date information on school events, a place for discussion and feedback on school issues. They can be accessed through our school website home page by clicking on the Facebook logo.

The pages have many up to date photos of school events and activities. At no time will individual students be identified in photos, but if a parent, caregiver or student does not want their image on our Facebook page or website, please contact the office and we'll have it removed.

## **SCHOOL CANTEEN**

We use the Otumoetai College canteen to provide a food service to our students. Students are able to place orders by completing a form available in the hall. Lunches are delivered to our school and available for students to collect at 12.30 from the hall. All lunches must be pre-ordered before 8.45 am with the correct cash. No EFTPOS will be available for lunch orders. This service is available Thursdays and Fridays only. Please find attached an order form for your information.

## **PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018, we are holding parent/teacher conferences. This is an opportunity for you to discuss any concerns you have and to gain valuable information about your child, to ensure by working together we achieve the best outcome for your child.

Areas of focus will be their academic progress and general well-being. This is a valuable time between you as parents and the teacher, and we encourage you to attend. As your child is the learner we feel it would be advantageous for them to attend the conference with you.

Information will be coming home with students regarding booking of interviews closer to the time.

## **LOST PROPERTY AND SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

Lost property and second hand uniform sales will be open from 8.35 am to 8.45 am Monday to Friday. We still have plenty of second hand uniforms for sale. Please call in to the office to collect lost property or to purchase second hand uniforms.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The members of our Board of Trustees are:

Mrs Fiona McTavish, Chairperson  
Mrs Helen O'Connor, Treasurer  
Mrs Suzie Finnigan, Secretary  
Mrs Fiona Matthews, Board Member  
Mr Ben Goodchild, Staff Representative  
Mr Henk Popping, Principal  
Mrs Barbara Schollum, Minute Secretary

Individual members can be contacted through the office. If you wish to contact Mrs McTavish, the Board Chairperson, she can be contacted on: [chairperson@otuinter.school.nz](mailto:chairperson@otuinter.school.nz).

## PARENT INFORMATION ABOUT ALL THINGS AT OUR SCHOOL AND PTA

You are invited to a parent information evening about all things at our school.

**Date: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30 pm**  
**Venue: School Hall**

This will cover students with chromebooks, ipads or laptops in class, cell phones at school, the move towards students bringing their own devices to school, student portfolios, anything about Mathematics and Literacy teaching, communication with parents and upcoming events. There will be opportunities to ask questions, make suggestions and seek clarification about class and school-wide programmes.

If parents would like more in-depth information sessions around a particular topic, we will arrange this.

***We will follow up this section of the meeting with our annual meeting of the PTA and encourage you to stay on and join our dynamic parent/teacher group.***

## 2018 STATIONERY PACKS

Thank you to all the families who have pre-purchased our school stationery pack. We have sold out but do have some individual items for sale.



## PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

### Parents and Caregivers become part of the solution

Please pre-plan your pick up and drop off of students at the car park Carlton St reserve off Ngatai Road avoid Charles Street altogether and let your student walk up to the school. The Carlton St reserve off Ngatai Road below the school provides plenty of free vehicle parks and students can walk safely to and from school.

The congestion in Charles Street becomes unsafe and it is important for buses to use this area. It would also leave this small street accessible for parents picking up a student in emergencies. Please consider a healthier safer alternative of parking and walking.

### Safety Concerns in School Carpark

Some mornings before school there are sports training sessions. Consequently, there are often students around our school earlier than normal. All too often we are seeing parents who are clearly in a hurry to drop their child off and get to their own work, who drive into the front carpark at really excessive speeds. They usually then continue with the speed and exit by the recycling and clothes bins towards the college. Others drive into the exits at similar speeds. Numerous times, other drivers have had to stop their car, or get out of the way on foot as this happens.

Our main concern is for those students on foot who are also early for a training session. We would like to appeal to our parents dropping off a student to put student safety first when entering or exiting our car park.

**CHOOSE SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE. REDUCE CHAOS AT OUR SCHOOL GATE.**



## PERSONAL ITEMS AT SCHOOL

Please do not allow your child to bring jewellery or any other non-essential personal items of value to school as we take no responsibility for valuables left in the classroom. Students with devices are asked to take responsibility for their secure storage in classes or pocket. Computers and tablet devices are not permitted out in the playground and must be locked away in the classrooms during breaks.



## **SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SUN HATS**

At Otumoetai Intermediate School all students are expected to wear their uniforms with pride at all times. Please refer to the School Information Book or website for full details.

During Terms 1 and 4 everyone will be expected to wear a school hat or cap when they are outside in the sun. These are available from the Resource Room for the price of \$10.00 each.



## **APPLICATIONS FOR ARTS ACADEMY PLACES**

A meeting will be called for all interested students where explanatory letters and forms will be given out. This will be followed by auditions where selections will be made.

## **SPORTS ACADEMY**

A meeting will be held for all eligible students where explanatory letters and forms are given out. Priority for places in the sports academy is given to year 8 students who have been observed during their year 7 sports participation. Student selections will be confirmed over the next few weeks.

## **COSTS FOR 2018**

Otumoetai Intermediate School offers families the chance to pay their school expenses by automatic payment. An automatic payment of \$5.00 per week, for example, will pay for the school donation and the Year 7 school camp or Year 8 education outside the classroom (EOTC) activities.

There are additional fees for students who participate in sports or ICAS exams, etc. If you wish to direct credit the payment to our school account, please credit to:

12-3407-0029060-00 using your child's name as a reference

## FROM THE PTA

Welcome to the 2018 school year at Otumoetai Intermediate. We are pleased to have you here and part of our terrific school.

Having children here ourselves currently and in previous years, we know that opportunities abound and await your child over this next school year. These opportunities are school/teacher managed, with the definite need for parent involvement on various levels throughout the school year to support the teachers and school in running such fantastic programmes and events for our children. So please accept this as an open invitation for you as parents to be part of this school, when and how you are available to do so.

On a personal note, at this level of schooling we have found that our children have loved knowing that we are, and still want very much to be, part of their school lives. Despite what they might say, it is important to them.

One of the ways you can be an effective part of this school community is to come along to Otumoetai Intermediate PTA (Parent Teacher Association) meetings. We are all parents of children who attend this school who meet to form that critical link between the school, teachers and home.

Having contact with other parents is different and often difficult at Intermediate level compared to Primary School, so this is an ideal way to meet other parents of children that your child goes to school with. You also gain valuable insights into how and why the school is run as it is and able to have direct conversations with our Principal, Henk Popping.

We hope to hold one session a term for interested parents on:

- 9<sup>th</sup> May (Term 2) – Cyber Safety with John Parsons
- 15<sup>th</sup> August (Term 3). Topic – To be advised.
- 14<sup>th</sup> November (Term 4). Topic – To be advised.

### PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION Offer of help as a Support Group Member

Name: .....

Ph: ..... E-mail: .....

Child's Name: ..... Class: .....

I am able to support the PTA once or twice a year in the following way: Yes No

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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Contributing to any consultative meetings or surveys that may be called for long term planning | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Assisting with Grandparents Day on 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2018                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Assisting with the Book Fair in July during a parent interview night                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Assisting with school events such as showcase, talent quest, sports days, wearable arts        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Assisting with judging of the Home Garden competition in Term 4                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## 2018 BUS ARRANGEMENTS

### Schoolhopper Bus

2018 Schoolhopper routes for Otumoetai Intermediate are:

- Bus 411 – Welcome Bay/Ohauiti
- Bus 657 – Sterling Gate, Castlewold Drive, Moffat Road, St Andrews Drive, Cambridge Road and Waihi Road
- Bus 559 – Barks Corner, Tauranga Hospital, Bethlehem and Carmichael Road.



Parents can check whether there is a suitable Schoolhopper service available by entering their home address and Otumoetai Intermediate School into the Tauranga Journey Planner on the BayBus website [www.baybus.co.nz](http://www.baybus.co.nz) and click on the Schoolhopper link or phone 0800 884 880. Schoolhopper fares are \$1.60 per fare for a Smartcard holder or \$2.00 per fare for a cash fare. Smartride cards can be purchased from the bus driver or at the Tauranga i-site on the corner of Wharf Street & Willow Street. There is a minimum \$10.00 top up.

### Rural Bus (Tauranga Transport Network Group Buses)

2018 rural bus routes for Otumoetai Intermediate are:

- Bus 10 – SH29 to Old Kaimai Road, Cambridge Road, Westridge Drive, Miles Lane and River Oaks Drive
- Bus 11 – McLaren Falls Road and Omanawa Road
- Bus 12 – Ruahihi Road and Poripori Road
- Bus 13 – Belk Road
- Bus 17 – Munro Road & Old Highway to Pahoia School
- Bus 22 – Omokoroa Point; Plummers Point
- Bus 25 – Barrett Road, Old Highway, Youngson Road and SH2

Students from Otumoetai Intermediate School will be able to catch these College buses where room allows. For further information including times and stops, visit [www.schooltransport.org.nz](http://www.schooltransport.org.nz).

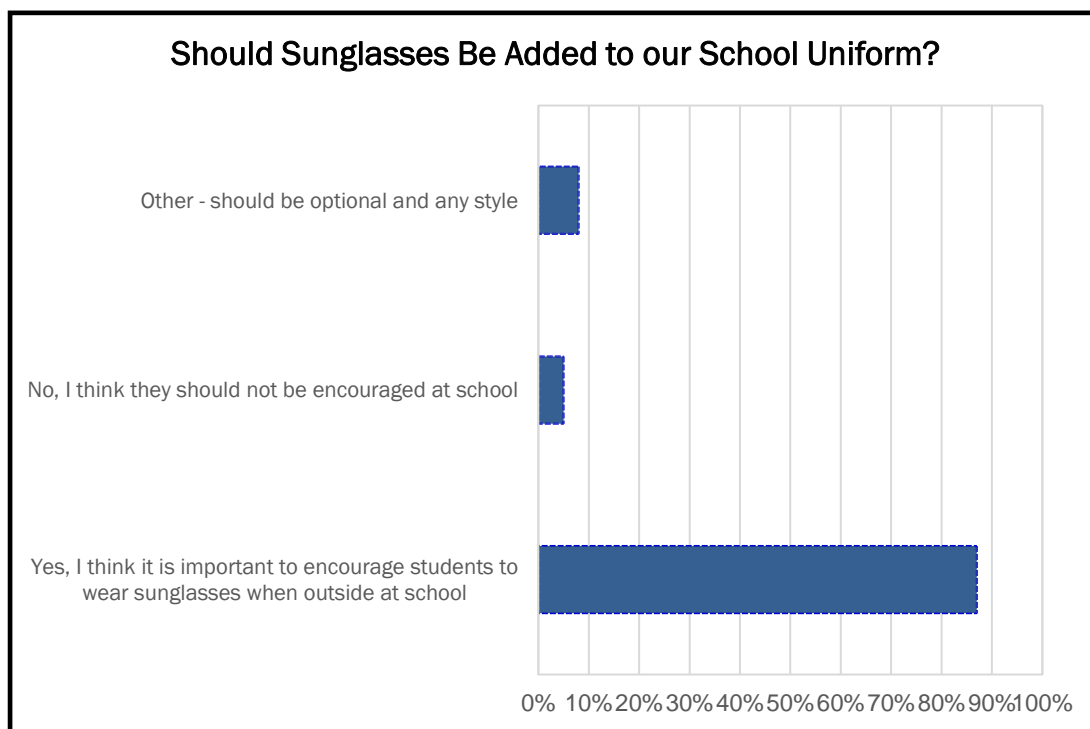
The cost for the rural bus is \$300.00 per year, payable to our school (this fare will be reviewed annually). There is a \$20.00 discount for families who pay the full annual fare in Term 1 (ie annual fare is \$280.00). There is also a \$20.00 discount for families who have more than one sibling attending the **same school** and living in the **same house** (ie \$280.00 per year of \$70.00 per term per student). Where the annual fare is paid in Term 1 and a family discount applies, the annual fare would be \$260.00 per student.

### School Van

Students living in the Te Puna Transport Entitlement Zone are unable to use the TTNG rural buses. Otumoetai Intermediate School, however, is providing a mini bus for Te Puna students. The cost for the school van is \$75.00 per term, payable to the school office. **The school van is currently full but we are taking names for a waiting list.**

## SUNGLASSES AN OPTIONAL ITEM AT SCHOOL

Three years ago we surveyed parents and caregivers to see what they thought about introducing sunglasses at school. Here are the results of their feedback:



The majority of people who responded supported this move by the school and as a result, sunglasses are now an optional item for our uniform.

Most parents and caregivers expressed the wish that they be given the choice of style and where glasses are able to be purchased and as a result, we will leave this to parent's discretion.

The expectation is that sunglasses worn at school have a 100% UV rating.

The school will take care to ensure students are acting in a safe manner while wearing glasses but it remains the students' responsibility to look after their own glasses and keep them in a safe, secure place just like their sun hats.

### Naming Sunglasses at School

We will have engraving tools available in the library before school for students to engrave their name on the sides of their glasses or other personal items.

This service will be provided by the school Service Leaders.

## Why We Believe Sunglasses at School are Important.

As soon as the sun comes out, we all know we should slap on sun screen and put on a hat to protect ourselves against ultraviolet rays. These can burn the skin, causing premature ageing and cancer. But what many people don't realise is that UV rays can also cause serious and potentially irreversible damage to our eyes. In fact, eyes are ten times more sensitive to UV light than the skin, according to the British Eyecare Trust. It is children who are most at risk, because younger eyes have bigger pupils and clearer lenses, allowing up to 70 per cent more UV light to reach the retina than an adult's eye does.

Worldwide, experts are urging adults and children to wear sunglasses as soon as the sun comes out - winter or summer. Even when it is overcast, UV light penetrates into the eyes and experts advise wearing sunglasses whenever the UV rating is three or higher. Sun damage is linked to serious eye problems such as age related macular degeneration (AMD), the leading cause of irreversible blindness in the industrial world. Sunlight is also linked to other eye conditions including cataracts, pterygia (benign growths on the white of the eye, which can end up blocking vision) and skin cancer of the eyelid. Very bright sunlight - reflected off sand, snow, water or the pavement - can cause immediate damage to the cornea, the eye's surface.



One of the most effective ways to protect our eyes is to wear sunglasses. In some Australian schools, it is mandatory for children to wear sunglasses in the playground.

## HOW CAN I BE SUNSMART?

Being SunSmart is about covering up – with clothing, a broad-spectrum sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses. Remember to **SLIP, SLOP, SLAP and WRAP**.

**SLIP** into a long-sleeved shirt and into the shade. Generally, fabrics with a tighter weave and darker colours will give you greater protection from the sun. There are also certain fabrics on the market that have a SPF rating.

**SLOP** on plenty of broad-spectrum sunscreen of at least SPF30+. Apply sunscreen at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapply every two hours.

**SLAP** on a hat with a wide-brim or a cap with flaps – more people get sunburned on their face and neck than any other part of the body.

**WRAP** on a pair of wrap-around sunglasses – UV radiation is just as dangerous to eyesight as it is for the skin.

[Sunsmart.org.nz](http://Sunsmart.org.nz)

## CELL PHONES AND OTHER MOBILE DEVICES AT SCHOOL

2010 saw the introduction of a new national curriculum in all schools. A major change has been the requirement for schools to implement Key Competencies for living and lifelong learning in the 21st Century.

The New Zealand Curriculum identifies five key competencies:

- Thinking.
- Using language, symbols and texts.
- Managing self.
- Relating to others.
- Participating and contributing.

People use these competencies to live, learn, work and contribute as active members of their communities. More complex than skills, the competencies draw also on knowledge, attitudes and values in ways that lead to action. They are not separate or stand-alone. They are the key to learning in every learning area.

Central to these is our young peoples' ability to use ICT, including assistive technology, to access and provide information and to communicate with others.

Our school prides itself on being a progressive and leading school. Two of our strategic goals seek to ensure all our students will develop the skills to live in a global community and for the school to be innovative and focused on continuous improvement.

The world our young people live in today is far different from that even five years ago. For the young and increasingly for business, social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Flickr; and information sites such as Google and Wikipedia, are as well-known as Coca Cola and McDonalds.

It is our responsibility to ensure our students can take their place in this world with the skills, values and moral obligations that accompany such freedom of information access and communication. All students must sign a responsible use agreement before they are able to access the school computer network.

At our school students are permitted to have cell phones and other mobile devices at school under strict protocols. Provided individual students follow these protocols, they will have a **Trusted Student** status. Those who fail to follow the protocols will lose this status and will be banned from having a device at school. Other students' privileges do not deserve to be compromised by a small number who will be placed on a restricted list.

With the presence of student cell phones and mobile devices at school, we will develop new and innovative ways to utilise this technology for learning.

Our school is pioneering ways to use a range of digital devices for learning and in this way our students will be able to lift their engagement in learning to a higher and more meaningful level.



## **PROTOCOLS FOR CELL PHONES AND OTHER MOBILE DEVICES AT SCHOOL**

### **Cellphones**

- All students wishing to have a cellphone or mobile device at school must register their cellphone number with the class teacher. This will initially be done class by class at school.
- Phones must be switched off in class unless teachers give permission to use these for learning.
- No put downs or nasty texts allowed.
- No inappropriate music or ringtones.
- No inappropriate photos or videos.
- No cellphone chargers at school.
- Cellphones must be switched off in the Literacy Centre and Assembly.
- No direct calls to friends or parents during school time. All contact with people outside of school must continue to be made through the school office.
- No accessing of personal emails or texts during school time.
- No videoing or photographing of others at school without their permission.
- No uploading of school images to social media sites such as Facebook and YouTube.
- No use of social media sites such as Instagram, Facebook and Twitter during school time.
- Cellphones brought to school remain the responsibility of the student. The school will take care but no responsibility for loss, breakage or theft of cellphones.
- Teachers will not take responsibility for the security or storage of cellphones.
- Students breaking these protocols will have their cellphones confiscated and parents will need to collect these from the Principal on Friday afternoons.
- Students breaking these protocols will be placed on a restricted list and banned from bringing their cellphone to school for a month. For a second offence, this will be extended to either a term or the remainder of the year depending on circumstances.

### **ICT Devices Including Laptops**

#### **All of the above apply plus:**

- All students wishing to have an ICT device at school must have signed and returned the Responsible Use of ICT Devices Agreement to school.
- Mobile devices are for learning in class. They are not to be taken into the playground during morning tea and lunch times.
- Leave your device in a secure place in the class room when not using for learning.
- Ensure your device comes to school fully charged.
- Devices brought to school remain the responsibility of the student. The school will take care but no responsibility for loss, breakage or theft of devices.
- Keep passwords secure and private. Do not share with other students.



- Each student is responsible for the content of their own device. If someone else uses your device you must ensure it is used responsibly.
- Ensure your device is named and easily identifiable. Keep a record of the serial number at home.
- Only use the device for learning as directed by your teacher or in association with the topic you are studying at the time.
- Only log in to your own account with your own username and password.
- No watching or downloading music, video or movies at school without the teacher's permission.
- No playing of games at school that have not been provided by the teacher as an educational activity.

## SCHOOL DONATIONS

Instead of requesting compulsory fees, we are required to ask for a donation instead. As a result, we have broken our total school donation into two parts. The first is a specific donation and our first priority. The second is a general donation and a second priority.

### Why do we need to pay the school donation?

It's a fair enough question; so why **do** you need to pay? After all, state schooling is free in New Zealand right? Er, no, not exactly ...

State schools are funded by central government under a decile rating system. Here's what this means directly from the Ministry of Education (MOE) website ...

A decile is a 10% grouping. A school's decile rating indicates the extent to which it draws its students from low socio-economic communities.

Decile 1 schools are the 10% of schools with the highest proportion of students from low socio-economic communities; whereas decile 10 schools are the 10% of schools with the lowest proportion of these students ...

Each state school is ranked into a decile on the basis of the indicator. The indicator is based on Census data for households with school-aged children in each school's catchment area.

Otumoetai Intermediate is currently classified as a decile 7 school. As such, we receive a significantly smaller portion of the central government funding that those designated as decile 1 schools.

Here's how much less we receive **per student** in two key areas:

	Decile 1	OIS Decile 7
• Targeted Funding for Educational Achievement	\$926.76	\$73.30
• Special Education Grant	\$75.65	\$53.69

In just these two areas, that is a per student difference of \$853.46 or a total of \$665,698.80 for a school the size of Otumoetai Intermediate.

**That's \$665,698.80 we must find from other sources to match central government funding to decile 1 schools.**

And then there is Information and Communications Technology (ICT) funding. Like all schools we are seriously underfunded in ICT.

	<i>Govt Grant</i>	<i>OIS Budget</i>
• ICT funding per student	\$46.37	\$237.19

Extrapolating school-wide this means an overall ICT shortfall of \$147,650.00. Combined with decile under-funding, this is a huge challenge for our school to offer a broad range of learning opportunities in a state-of-the-art learning environment.

Here's how we do this:

1. We seek grants from community-based organisations;
2. We seek sponsorship from business suppliers to the school;
3. We seek to recover the hard costs of extra and enhanced curricula activities (ie if we hire a bus for, say, an off-site cultural performance, then we seek to recuperate the cost of that bus);
4. We seek to subsidise some of our goods and supplies costs to enable us to offer more to our students in the core curriculum subjects; and finally ...
5. **We seek a school donation to enable us to offer a broader range of learning opportunities.**

So, where financially viable, please help us to support your child's education at Otumoetai Intermediate in 2018 by contributing the School Donation. We thank you for your support.

Our bank account number is 12-3407-0029060-00

**All families who have paid their school donations by the end of March 2018 will be entered into a draw for a free family dinner at a family restaurant or a grocery voucher.**

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Sports for Term One:**

Volleyball, Water Polo and Kiwi Tag are our first sports to kick off the term. A notice will be emailed to all parents over the next week. Registration is online. Please make sure the office has your current email address as all sports notices are done online.

#### **Volleyball**

Teams are registered online directly with Tauranga Volleyball and fees of \$20.00 per player are collected by a team member and are paid directly to Tauranga Volleyball. Children get their own teams together with Parent coaches. If they need help they can come and see Mrs Dey in the Sports Office. If you are able to help organise the volleyball please contact Jo Dey in the sports office on 576 5105.

#### **Water Polo**

Notices are available and a meeting being held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 in the hall at morning tea. Parent help is needed to coach and manage these teams. Parents will need to organise teams. The cost is \$385.00 per team which usually works out to \$38.50 per player depending on numbers. This does not include the cost of pool hireage for training sessions. One payment is made by each team directly to Tauranga Water Polo. If you are able to coach or manage a team can you please let Mrs Dey in the Sports Office know.

#### **Kiwi Tag**

Notices are available and a meeting being held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 in the hall at morning tea. Children are able to make their own teams. The cost is \$20 per child. Payment is made directly to Kiwi Tag with one payment per team. It would be great to have a parent help organise Kiwi Tag. If you are keen to be involved please let Jo Dey in the Sports Office know.

#### **School Triathlon**

Our school triathlon will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018. More information will follow.

### **Winter Sports:**

#### **Hockey, Netball and Basketball**

Planning is underway for the winter codes. These teams are run as school teams so fees are collected by the school. There will be trials for these sports starting sometime late February/early March 2018. If you are interested in Coaching or Managing any of these teams please give Mrs Dey a call on 576 5105.

## 2018 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOME STAYS

In 2018 we will be hosting an International group from Japan and will require some homestays for these International Students from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018. We also have requests through the year for medium to long-term homestays.

We are looking for families to act as homestay families for the school and invite parents to express their interest by filling out and returning the international homestay form attached.

All homestay families are paid a weekly allowance of \$260.00. For more details, contact our school on 576 5105 or by email on [admin@otuinter.school.nz](mailto:admin@otuinter.school.nz).

### International Homestays 2018

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

	Yes	No
• Short term homestay up to a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Medium term homestay up to a term	<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 check.

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

## COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS

More and more of our school information is available electronically and we have two apps which are great for your mobile phones. The FindUs App at [www.findus.co.nz/otumoetaiintermediateschool](http://www.findus.co.nz/otumoetaiintermediateschool) enables you to access the information shown below. The PTC App enables you to access our school calendar directly on your mobile phone. This is updated regularly. All families who have provided us with their email addresses have been loaded onto our School-Links system and will receive notifications and other school information.

**\*EVENTS**

**\*INSTANT  
SCHOOL  
MESSAGES**

**\*ABSENTEE**

**Download  
Our School  
Calendar  
App**



**HOW:** In Play Store and App Store search "Parent Teacher Calendar" and choose our school once installed.



## Otumoetai Intermediate School App Guide

- ✓ Download the FindUs App
- ✓ Scan our School Code

If you do not have the FindUs App on your phone then register as a new user, this only needs to be done once.

Then tap on our school logo, the blue info icon will link you to all our details and quick links. Example links:

- Tap our phone number to call
- Tap absences button to submit
- Tap newsletters button to view
- Tap calendar button to view events
- Scroll to email enquiry box
- Tap to link to Google Maps

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

# After School Surf Club

Mount Maunganui



Available Term 1 | Bookings Essential | 7 weeks  
7-11yr olds | Monday's | 3.45pm-5.15pm  
12-15yr olds | Tuesday's | 3.45pm-5.15pm  
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## Kids Fishing Competition 2018

### 18th February 2018

**Over \$4000.00 Worth of Prizes**  
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DATE: 18th February 2018 FISHING START TIME: 6:00 am to 1.30 pm  
 ENTRY FEE and DAY MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00 per Person  
 PRIZE GIVING: 3.30pm club rooms  
 WEIGH IN: 1:30pm to 2:30pm Maximum number of fish to be weight in one per species  
 CLUB ROOMS WILL BE OPENING FROM 11.00am (Kitchen and Bar will be open)  
 COMPETITION OPEN TO EVERYONE 16 yrs AND UNDER  
 HARBOUR ONLY FISHING (This includes wharfs and rocks anywhere in the Harbour.)

**DIVISIONS:** SNAPPER,  
 TREVALLY  
 KAHAWAI  
 WHARF FISH (Sprats, piper, spotty, etc)

HEAVIEST, AVERAGE, AND MYSTERY WEIGHT IN EACH DIVISION.

PRIZES: per divisions FISHING GEAR,

ALL KIDS THAT HAVE ENTERED THE PLACEMAKERS KIDS FISHING COMPETITION WILL BE ENTERED IN THE MAJOR DRAW'S OF THE BMX'S, KAYAKES, AND ALL OTHER SPOT PRIZES.

YOU MUST BE THERE IN THE CLUB ROOM WITH YOUR TICKET TO BE IN THE DRAW

### Entry Fee \$15.00 Per Child

More information can be obtained by going to the Tauranga Fish & Dive Club on Face Book

**Tickets**  
 can be purchased at Placemakers,  
 Top Catch, Rug Shack and Tauranga Fish  
 & Dive Club.

**Contacts:** Gordon 027 604 0031 Glen 027 491 2611

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