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 Ōtūmoetai 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 16 on the school website at 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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2020 STAFF

Principal
Mr H Popping - also Lead Principal for Ōtūmoetai Community of Learners / Kāhui Ako

Deputy Principal
Mr R Smith (Curriculum)

Deputy Principal
Mr J Stanley (Administration) - Acting Principal when Henk Popping is out of the school.

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- Mrs J Sanders
- Mr T Solomona
- Mrs N Stevenson
- Mrs R Taylor
- Mr M Stenzel
- Miss L Wheeler

**Te Ao Māori: Kaiarahi I Te Reo**

Mr T Reweti

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**Property Manager**
Mr D Bateman
**Assistant Caretaker**
Mr G Causer
**Sports Coordinator**
Mrs J Dey
**Leadership Centre and**
**Student Support**
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International Students
Teacher Mrs T Liddle
Assistant Teacher Mrs A Shin
International Homestays Ms M Fogarty

SCHOOL DONATIONS
Government Donations Scheme and Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School 2020

A Budget 2019 initiative saw Decile 1-7 state and state integrated Boards of Trustees able to choose to receive a $150.00 per student, per year payment instead of seeking donations from parents. As a result, the Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School Board of Trustees has resolved to opt into the Government School Donations Scheme for 2020. This means that the Government will pay the school $150.00 per student per year and the school will not ask you for any donations except for overnight camps.

The school will not charge you for anything involved in the core learning programme known as the school curriculum. This includes day trips to Mauao, the museum and other short field trips. The school will, however, still seek donations to cover the cost of the year 7 overnight camp at Ngatuhoa Lodge as this is an exception to the Government Donations scheme. There will be times when the school offers a goods and service item that is not included in the school curriculum offered free to students and their whanau. Specific details will be provided at the time this offer is made.

While the Government Donations Scheme will cover the cost of providing the core school curriculum, it doesn’t cover significant projects like the Outdoor Arena planned for the top astroturf next year. To fund these additional resources, the school will continue to fundraise and will be grateful for any donations parents, whanau and the wider community make towards improving the facilities and resources at Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School.

School uniforms and stationery are not included in the Government $150.00 donation scheme and remain a cost to parents. The school will, however, make stationery packs available for pre-purchase as an additional Goods and Service that families can opt to use.

For more information about the Government $150.00 Donation Scheme 2020 go to:


ID AND CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS
Photolife Studios will be taking student ID and Class photographs on Friday 14th February 2020.
ÖTŪMOETAI COMMUNITY OF LEARNING / KĀHUI AKO
TEACHER ONLY DAY – 13TH MARCH 2020

Our nine Ötūmoetai Community of Learners / Kāhui Ako Schools will be holding a simultaneous Teacher Only Day on Friday 13th March, this term. This is an Ötūmoetai Community of Learners / Kāhui Ako initiative to bring all the teachers and staff who work directly with students together for professional development.

This Teacher Only Day will ensure all our teachers across the nine schools are focussing on our Ötūmoetai Community of Learners / Kāhui Ako achievement challenges in addition to addressing student wellbeing. The schools in our Ötūmoetai Community of Learners / Kāhui Ako are:

- Ötūmoetai College, Te Wharekura o Mauao, Ötūmoetai Intermediate School, Ötūmoetai Primary School, Pillans Point School, Matua School, Bellevue School, Brookfield School, Bethlehem School. We also have twenty seven Early Childhood Centres in our Ötūmoetai Community of Learners / Kāhui Ako.

The Ötūmoetai Community of Learners / Kāhui Ako achievement challenges are:

- **Student Hauora / Well being:** ECE through to Year 13
  With a focus on self-efficacy, sense of belonging, growth mindset and resilience
- **Oral Language development / Kōrero:** ECE through to Year 13 in Te Reo and English.
- **Literacy with main focus on Writing/ Tuhituhi:** Year 4 through to Year 13
- **Priority Learners:** ECE through to Year 13

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 year’s calendar can be viewed on our school website.

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 etap messaging service by text or email.

Over the next few days you will be asked which method you prefer and we will make arrangements accordingly.
2020 TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

- **Term 1**  Monday 3\(^{\text{rd}}\) February to Thursday 9\(^{\text{th}}\) April 2020
- **Term 2**  Tuesday 28\(^{\text{th}}\) April to Friday 3\(^{\text{rd}}\) July 2020
- **Term 3**  Monday 20\(^{\text{th}}\) July to Friday 25\(^{\text{th}}\) September 2020
- **Term 4**  Monday 12\(^{\text{th}}\) October to Wednesday 16\(^{\text{th}}\) December 2020

**Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day**
- **Friday 13\(^{\text{th}}\) March 2020**

**Accord Teacher Only Days** (These are days agreed between the Government and NZEI teachers union to address teacher workload.)
- **Tuesday 2\(^{\text{nd}}\) June 2020**  Attached to Queens Birthday Weekend
- **Monday 17\(^{\text{th}}\) August 2020**
- **Tuesday 27\(^{\text{th}}\) October 2020**  Attached to Labour Weekend

**Public Holidays**
- **Waitangi Day**  Thursday 6\(^{\text{th}}\) February 2020
- **Easter**  Friday 10\(^{\text{th}}\) April to Tuesday 14\(^{\text{th}}\) April 2020
- **Anzac Day (Observed)**  Monday 27\(^{\text{th}}\) April 2020
- **Queen's Birthday**  Monday 1\(^{\text{st}}\) June 2020
- **Labour Day**  Monday 26\(^{\text{th}}\) October 2020

**PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES**

On Wednesday 4\(^{\text{th}}\) March and Thursday 5\(^{\text{th}}\) March 2020, 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.*
GRANDPARENTS MORNING
Thursday 9th April 2020

Just a heads up that our students’ grandparents are invited to join us on Friday 9th April 2020. This is an opportunity for them to experience their grandchild’s class, share in their learning activities and get a feel for activities offered school wide. See attached flyer.

Grandparents are welcome to join their grandchild’s home class in the morning. Morning tea will be provided and a presentation held by the specialist teachers and students from the Incredible Minds Programme. Students are welcome to take the opportunity to go and spend the afternoon with their grandparents from 12.00 pm (with parent’s permission).

SAFE PLAY AT SCHOOL

At Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School we encourage our students to be active during their morning tea and lunch breaks. Our playground equipment and obstacle courses are designed to build upper body strength and students may climb trees up to a limit of three metres. We have designated staff who promote sports and take games during lunch time and students are encouraged to utilise the many handball markings located around the school.

We turn student wi-fi off during breaks and students are not permitted to use their devices during morning tea and lunch time. This is to encourage them to make the most of their break in a physical or leisure activity.

Staff are on duty to monitor students and steps are taken if we observe unsafe play or activities that could result in injury. Students are briefed at assemblies on a regular basis about safe play areas and activities that are deemed unsafe.

Health and safety briefings are held with staff every Monday morning and where a hazard or hazardous practice is identified, mitigation takes place as soon as possible.

SCHOOL SICKBAY

Please note our school does not have a School Nurse or a Wellness Centre. Our office staff are First Aid trained. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and inform the school of their absence. If they need regular antihistamine/Panadol medication, please ensure they have a daily supply in their bag.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The members of our Board of Trustees are:

- Mrs Fiona McTavish, Chairperson
- Mr Paul Dow, Treasurer
- Mrs Suzie Finnigan, Secretary
- Mrs Deanna Hinde, Board Member
- Mrs Fiona Matthews, Board Member
- Mr Hemi Tipene, Board Member
- Mrs Rebecca Ryder, 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.

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.

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.
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 11th February 2020 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Learning Centre above the Library
(Accessed using the ramp at the front of the school)

This will cover the new government donations scheme, students bringing their own devices to school, 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.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SUN HATS

At Ōtūmoetai 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.

ABSENTEES

If your child is not attending school or arriving late, please let the school know via the following options:

- Email: admin@otuinter.school.nz
- Phone: 07-576 5105, then dial 1
- Find Us App for your mobile phone - www.findus.co.nz

Please include your name and your child’s room number in your absentee message.
FROM THE PTA

Welcome to the 2020 school year at Ōtūmoetai 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 Ōtūmoetai 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:

- 14th May 2020 (Term 2) – Cyber Safety with John Parsons.
- 1st September (Term 3) – Topic to be advised.
- 10th November 2020 (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
- Contributing to any consultative meetings or surveys that may be called for long term planning ☐ ☐
- Assisting with Grandparents Morning on 9th April 2020 ☐ ☐
- Assisting with school events such as showcase, talent quest, sports days, wearable arts ☐ ☐
- Assisting with judging of the Home Garden competition in Term 4 ☐ ☐
2020 BUS ARRANGEMENTS

2020 Urban Transport (Schoolhopper Buses)
www.baybus.co.nz/schoolhopper/schools (for schoolhoppers)
www.baybus.co.nz/tauranga-western-bay/tauranga-urban (for urban buses)
Tel: 0800 422 928

- 904a – Welcome Bay – Welcome Bay Road (Dairy), James Cook Drive, Victory Street, Osprey Drive, Waitaha Road, Welcome Bay Road (Meadowviews Drive, Vet Clinic, Stand C), Hairini Street
- 904b– Ohauiti – Ohauiti Road, Rowsedale Drive, Hollister Lane, Poike Road, Oropi Road, Pyes Pa Road, Greerton Hall
- 905a – Bethlehem - St Andrews Drive, Castlewold Drive, Bethlehem Heights, Beaumaris Boulevard, Moffat Road, Bethlehem Road, Carmichael Road, Millers Road, Brookfield Road, Bellevue Road
- 905b Bethlehem – Cambridge Road, St Andrews Drive, Castlewold Drive, Sterling Gate Drive, Cambridge Road, Ōtūmoetai Road.

Parents can check whether there is a suitable Schoolhopper service available by entering their home address and Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School into the Tauranga Journey Planner on the BayBus website www.baybus.co.nz and click on the Schoolhopper link or phone 0800 884 880. For 2020 all students travelling on dedicated Bayhopper school buses or Tauranga urban routes can travel for free before 9.00am and between 2.30 and 6.30pm. This is a one year trial and applies to school days only.

Rural Bus (Tauranga Transport Network Group Buses)
www.schooltransport.org.nz for further information regarding times and stops.

- 10 – Kaimai area: Kaimai School, Soldiers Rd, Cnr Valley View Road, Old Kaimai Rd, Cnr Ngamuwhahine Rd, Cnr Thorne Rd, Country Fare Fruit Shop, Cambridge Road – Cnr of River Oaks Drive, Miles Lane and Westridge Drive.
- 11 – Kaimai area: McLaren Falls Road, Omanawa Road, Tomsett Road, Catch bus 10 at meeting point.
- 12 – Kaimai area: Ruahihhi Road, Poripori Road, catch bus 10 at meeting point.
- 13 – Kaimai area: Belk Road, Omanawa Rd, State Highway 29/Redwood Lane, catch bus 10 at meeting point.
- 17 – Whakamarama area: Munro Road & Old Highway to Pahoia School, Te Karaka Drive, Gill Lane, 774 State Highway. (Includes Walker Road East, Edsdaile Road, McKenna Lane, Mountier Road students).
- 22 – Omokoroa area: Omokoroa Gravel Pit; Hamurana Rd Shops, Omokoroa Point School, Plummers Point Rd, Anderson Lane, Jess Road, Emeny Road.
- 25 – Whakamarama area: Cnr Barrett Road & Old Highway, Cnr Youngson Road, Cnr Te Karaka Drive, Cnr Gill Lane. (Includes Ross Road students).

Students from Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School will be able to catch these College buses where room allows. 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.
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.

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.

Never stop on yellow lines or double park around the school, no matter how briefly. Doing this means blocking the view for road patrollers, pedestrians and motorists. You could be responsible for injuring a child.

Consider Park & Stride. This means you park approximately 500m away and walk to meet your child. The benefits include; less congestion and improved safety around school gates, developing your child’s road sense and mood boosting exercise. Carlton Reserve is ideal, it’s only a short stroll away and has 130 parking spaces.

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

![Graph showing the results of the survey.]

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
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 Flicker; 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 USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER MOBILE DEVICES AT SCHOOL

Cell Phones

Student cell phones are only permitted at our school for the following two reasons: Learning and communicating with parents and caregivers before or after school. They are not permitted for entertainment or gaming. Specific rules are as follows:

1. Phones must be switched off in class unless teachers give permission to use these for learning.
2. No direct calls to friends or parents are permitted during school time. All contact with people who are not in the school must continue to be made through the school office during the school day.
3. No accessing of personal emails or texts during school time.
4. You must ask your teacher for permission to access the internet during class time.
5. Cell phones can’t be used at all during morning tea or lunch times. They are to remain in your classroom or your pocket.
6. No access to the internet is permitted during morning tea or lunchtime. The school student wi-fi system will be turned off during these breaks.
7. Gaming is not permitted at any time on school site.
8. Students with their own mobile data plan must register their cell phone with their teacher and keep the mobile data off during school time.
9. No videoing or photographing of others at school without their permission and only for learning purposes.
10. No uploading of school images to social media sites such as Facebook, and YouTube.
11. No use of social media sites such as Instagram, Facebook and twitter during school time.
12. No put downs or nasty texts allowed.
13. No inappropriate music or ringtones.
14. No inappropriate photos or videos.
15. No cell phone chargers at school.
16. Cell phones brought to school remain the responsibility of the student. The school will take care but no responsibility for loss, breakage or theft of cell phones.
17. Teachers will not take responsibility for the security or storage of cell phones.

ICT Devices Including Laptops, Chromebooks, iPads, Watches etc

All of the above apply plus

1. All students wishing to have an ICT device at school must have signed and returned the Responsible Use of ICT Devices Agreement to school.
2. Mobile devices are for learning in class. They are not to be used in the playground during morning tea and lunch times.
3. Leave your device in a secure place in the class room when not using for learning.
4. Ensure your device comes to school fully charged.
5. 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.
6. Keep passwords secure and private. Do not share with other students.
7. Each student is responsible for the content of their own device. If someone else uses your device you must ensure it is used responsibly.
8. Ensure your device is named and easily identifiable. Keep a record of the serial number at home.
9. Only use the device for learning as directed by your teacher or in association with the topic you are studying at the time.
10. Only log in to your own account with your own username and pass word.
11. No watching or downloading music, video or movies at school without the teacher’s permission.
12. No playing of games at school that have not been provided by the teacher as an educational activity.
ÓTŪMOETAI 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.

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 second hand uniforms for sale. Please call in to the office to collect lost property or to purchase second hand uniforms.

2020 STATIONERY PACKS

Thank you to all the families who have pre-purchased our school stationery pack. We have now sold out.

SPORTS NEWS

Welcome to Term 1 of 2020! I hope you have all enjoyed the lovely Christmas break and are ready to get involved with sport at Ōtūmoetai Intermediate. We have hit the ground running with summer sports kicking off next week. Please find below some important information regarding Summer Sports for Term 1.

Water Polo

Term 1 Waterpolo for the Intermediate starts in the second week of February. Waterpolo is played on Tuesday night (competitive) and Friday night (social). Waterpolo is played in a deep pool and therefore there is an expectation your child is a competent swimmer.

Trials are commencing this weekend. We normally run a practice once a week. If you are keen to play please register, we encourage all players to also join Tauranga Waterpolo. The club runs an awesome under 12 grade. The first water polo trial will be on Sunday 9th February from 12.00 pm to 2.00 pm. We expect fees to be around $100.00 but this will be confirmed soon.
Volleyball
- Fridays starting 14th February at ASB
- 4.20 pm - 7.30 pm
- Entries Close: 5.00 pm Friday 8th February
- Where: QEYC
- How Much: $30 per player

An invoice will be sent to the Team contact for payment by Direct Credit. Teams are self-selected. Once teams have been put together please come and give Mrs Dey in the sports office a team list and Managers contact details. Mrs Dey will register ALL the teams directly with Tauranga Volleyball. There will be a meeting on Tuesday 5th February for interested students when the process will be explained. Please note there is a very short time to register teams as registration closes on Friday 8th February.

Athlete Nation
With the 2020 school year about to kick off, Athlete Nation is set to continue from Monday 4th February. This is a Strength and Conditioning program run through Ōtūmoetai College. If you have any questions please see Brandon's details below.

The sessions are run Monday-Friday 7.00 am to 8.00 am and Thursday 3.30 pm-4.30 pm. From the available sessions students can choose three to attend. It is recommended that anyone new attends the Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning sessions and our more experienced attendees do Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or the afternoon session. Days can be mixed to suit schedules though. Please express your interest to Brandon the Strength and Conditioning Coach here at school via email at brandonmanuel@athletenation.co.nz or phone: 027 632 2540.

Kiwitag
Kiwitag is run through the Eels Rugby League Club at Mitchell Park. Teams are registered directly with the club and fees are paid to the club. Here is some info from Amanda the Kiwitag coordinator. Just reminding everyone that our season starts on 10th February so ideally I would love to have as many of the entries for this term as soon as possible, ideally before Friday 7th February but no so that a draw can be organised as soon as possible!

I appreciate that the cut off dates are very close to the start of school. but we are trying really hard to get as many games into the season as we can before the Rugby league season starts and allowing for weather! The cost per player remains at $10.00. Teams are registered directly with the club at kiwitag.trg@gmail.com.

Cricket
We will be running trials for both a boys and a girls cricket team to play in the local Inter School Tournament - NZ Post Shield (girls) and NZ Post Cup (Boys). These trials will be over the next two weeks, dates to be confirmed. Rebecca Yee - Development Officer for Woman's cricket for BOP Cricket will be in school on the 8th February at lunchtime to talk with any girls interested in playing cricket. Details will be in the daily notices.
School Duathlon
Our school duathlon will be held on Friday 21\textsuperscript{st} February 2020. More information will follow.

Winter Sports and AIMS Teams:
Later in term 1 we will be running trials for winter sports, Netball, hockey and Basketball. Trials will also start for various AIMS teams.

If you have any questions regarding any of these sports please contact me directly on either 576 5105 or by email on jdey@otuinter.school.nz

\textit{Jo Dey, Sports Co-ordinator}

\section*{SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS}

We will be using the on-line lunch order system which is available from Week 2. Subway is available on a Wednesday and Pita Pit is available on a Friday. \textbf{You will need to register online to order and pay for your child’s lunch order. No orders or money will be accepted at school.} Order cut off is 9.00 am on Wednesday and 9.00 am on Fridays.
2020 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOME STAYS

In 2020 we will be hosting an International group of boys from Japan and will require 16 short-term homestays for these International Students during March 2020. 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 $420.00 for the short term Japanese Group.

For more details, contact our school on 576 5105 or by email on admin@otuinter.school.nz.

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International Homestays 2020

Parent Name: ____________________________________________________________

Student Name: __________________________________________________________

Home Address: __________________________________________________________

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Phone No: ___________________________ Mobile: _____________________________

E-mail: _________________________________________________________________

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

- Japanese Group/Short term homestay up to a month  ☐  ☐
- Medium term homestay up to a term  ☐  ☐
- Long term homestay up to a year  ☐  ☐

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: __________________________

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

EVES CHERRYWOOD
Proud to be local

The Team at Eves Cherrywood has a wealth of ‘real estate knowledge’ and are proud to be local. Many of the team themselves were educated at both Ōtūmoetai Intermediate and Ōtūmoetai College plus several have had their own children attend or attending both schools.

Along with Property Manager, Kelly Rice they are dedicated ‘Ōtūmoetai’ people and enjoy being involved in the community.

Manager Gordon Stewart and his team at Eves Cherrywood would welcome the opportunity to work with you on your next real estate adventure.

PAHOIA SCHOOL TRIATHLON

Pahoia School is holding their annual School Triathlon on Sunday 1st March.
Click on the link below for further information

https://fundraise9.wixsite.com/pahoiatriathlon