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

As you know students may bring mobile phones to our school for the following two reasons:

1. **To assist them with their learning in class as a calculator, recording device, camera, video camera and research tool under teacher supervision.**
2. **To communicate with their parents and whanau before and after school.**

During morning tea and lunch times, mobile phones must be switched off and kept out of sight until the end of the school day. This includes the use of mobile phones, smart watches, earbuds, tablets and headphones unless students are under the instruction of a staff member.

We want to create the best possible learning environment for Ōtūmoetai Intermediate students and our protocols allow students to use technology for their school work and at the same time foster their health and wellbeing by encouraging them to connect face to face socially in the school grounds.

We are blessed with an ideal environment for children and young people to be active. Global trends however show that from infancy, children are spending greater amounts of time looking at recreational screens and becoming increasingly sedentary. Our goal therefore is to encourage all our students to be physically active while they are with us during the day through the provision of age appropriate playground equipment, lunchtime activities and sport.

Additionally, while it is recognised that cyberbullying mainly occurs outside school time, removing the use of mobile phones during school breaks reduces external issues being brought into school via mobile technology. Experts like renowned Finnish Educator, Pasi Sahlberg, have reservations about complete mobile phone bans.

“Most of ‘screen time’ takes place outside of school and simply taking the gadgets away from kids in school would not help, especially it is not a good idea for those who suffer from screens the most,” Sahlberg told The Educator, an Australian Educational Publication. This issue, he explained, is best handled in close collaboration with children and their parents. “We need to educate them about the advantages of technology and risks related to heavy use of it. We need to work with parents to set the limits on how smartphones, games and media are used at homes and in schools,” he said.

At Ōtūmoetai Intermediate we wish to embrace the best technology can bring to learning while at the same time developing responsible, confident, connected and actively involved young people. The Protocols for the use of cell phones and other mobile devices at school are published in this newsletter and on the school website for your information.

Nga Mihi Nui

Henk Popping
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NAU MAI, HAERE MAI
- FROM THE BOARD

The school Board of Trustees met on Thursday 29th October 2020 and outlined below are some highlights from that meeting:

- End of year events and activities are being planned and some are already well underway like the Year 7 camps to Ngatuhoa. It’s going to become increasingly busy around school for both students and staff. Be sure to highlight important events on your school calendar to help with forward planning and decrease stress at home.

- We were told that staff are busy this term assessing students, writing school reports and reflecting on assessment data. In addition to reporting to parents, this information helps staff to plan valuable learning programmes for students in 2021.

- Our new school uniform is on track for being supplied by 2021. We are delighted that, between our school and Ōtūmoetai College, there will be common items which students can wear including skirts, shorts, track pants and footwear.

- There is a large’ to-do’ list of work to be completed around the school grounds, including property upgrades. Several classroom areas are due to be re-fitted and have building modification work done. As is typical with many building projects, we anticipate these will take several months to fully complete. Henk and the BOT property committee meet regularly to discuss the timeline and budgets for these projects. We know that our students will benefit from modernised learning spaces and improved facilities in 2021.

- School boards need to represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children. Thank you to those parents who put themselves forward to serve on our school board for the next two years. An announcement of those fortunate candidates follows.

Nga Mihi Nui.

Fiona Matthews, BOT Secretary

Mid-Term Board of Trustees Election Results

The following people have been elected onto the Board: Andrew Chappell, Nicola Hawkes and Marleina Kerapa.

They will join Deanna Hinde, parent rep; Suzie Finnigan, parent rep; Hughwyn Habib, staff rep; and Henk Popping, Principal to make up the new Board.

The Current Board will attend their last meeting on 26th November, 2020. The new Board is to take office from 27th November 2020 and their first meeting is 25th February, 2021.
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.
LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021 UNIFORMS
AT ŌTŪMOETAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

The Board of Trustees decision to sell the new uniform exclusively online through Argyle Schoolwear is to enable the Board to keep the cost of the uniform affordable to our families and to maintain quality of supply. New innovations include a wider variety of items and the ability to provide items for students who may:

- Need different sizes from those normally offered.
- Require longer skirts for cultural and religious purposes.
- Wish to wear cultural items such as a lava-lava.

Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School’s new uniform will be going live for purchasing through our supplier, Argyle Schoolwear, from Tuesday 1st December 2020. For more information please click on the following link:

- [www.argyleonline.co.nz](http://www.argyleonline.co.nz) and click on ‘Shop ArgyleOnLine’ and scroll down to our school.

You will not be able to order any uniforms until it goes live on 1st December 2020 as Argyle Schoolwear are still finalising the online ordering system.

We are holding “fit days” at Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School so that parents can bring their children to try on the uniform if required. To book a fitting time, please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz).

Click on the ‘Make a Booking’ button and enter our event code ‘qg4d5’. Follow the prompts to enter your information and choose a time. Once you have completed this section, you will receive an e-mail from School Interviews which contains a link that you can click on if you need to edit or delete your booking.

Fittings will take approximately 20 minutes each and will be by appointment only for the following days:

- Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December 2020, 3:00 pm - 6:20 pm
- Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December 2020, 3:00 pm - 6:20 pm
- Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st January 2021, 10:00 am to 1:40 pm.

We will have a laptop available for you to use for ordering at these fitting appointments if you do not have access to a device.

The 2021 Uniform is a unisex uniform and students may wear any of the items available for sale.

For information on “Fitting Evenings” and the “Fitting Week” please contact Michele at:

- uniforms@otuinterschool.nz or call the office on 07-576 5105.
2021 Uniform Price List

- Polo Shirt $36.00
- Shorts $39.00
- Skirt $54.50
- Sweatshirt $59.00
- Softshell Jacket $110.00
- PE Shorts $24.00
- PE Top $46.00
- Trackpants $65.00
- Rain Jacket $52.00  Offered once a year and can only be ordered through school. The order form for these will be emailed to all families in Term 1, 2021.
- Lava $55.00  These can be purchased through the school not online. Lava lava’s are available from the Resource Room, along with sunhats and school beanie
- Sunhats/Beanies $10.00  Available from the Resource Room, not online.

The full uniform is available to view in our school foyer.

2021 Students

Year 8 students growing out of or replacing their 2020 uniform items, may mix and match the 2020 items with the new 2021 items during this transition year.

For families who wish to pass pre-2021 uniform items on to younger siblings, the pre-2021 uniform will still be accepted at school until the end of 2022 at both Year 7 and Year 8 level.

Grooming:

The school’s grooming bylaw is intended to be age appropriate yet inclusive of all cultures and religious beliefs. Our focus is on students being able to learn in a supportive environment without unnecessary distractions.

Expectations:

- All students are expected to look natural in appearance.
- Hair must be natural in colour and appearance (this means no unnatural colouring or hair dye).
- Long hair must be tied back during technology classes.
- Makeup or fingernail polish is not permitted.

Jewellery permitted at school:

- Plain stud or studs in each ear.
- Watch.
• Medic Alert bracelet.
• Taonga such as a religious pendant, greenstone pendant or bone carving. (These may be worn in full view but will need to be tucked under the top in the hard materials workshop.)
• Religious bracelet.
• Hair ties.

Jewellery not permitted at school
• Round sleepers in each ear. (NB – these can cause injury to your child in school sport or physical education.)
• Body piercing.
• Trinkets.
• Bracelets.
• Necklaces.
• Neckbands, ankle bracelets

Cultural or Religious considerations:
Variations to the school’s grooming bylaw for religious or cultural reasons will be treated on a case-by-case basis.
GRANDPARENTS DAY
Friday 4th December 2020

After hugely successful Grandparents Days in 2018, 2016 and 2014, we are pleased to invite our students’ grandparents once again this year to join us on Friday 6th April. 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.

What It Will Look Like

8:45 am  School starts. Grandparents invited to join their grandchild’s home class for the first block. The students will be delighted to share what they are doing at school and there will be shared activities for the grandparents and their grandchildren to complete in class.

10:40 am  Morning tea will be provided for grandparents in the hall and marquees. Staff will mix and mingle with grandparents informally. We are asking that all students with grandparents coming, to bring a plate of food for their grandparents’ morning tea. They will be asked to bring these to the hall before school.

11:00 am  Our grandparents will be hosted by the specialist teachers and students from the Incredible Minds Programme.

12:00 pm  Lunch time
Grandparents are able to take their grandchildren away from school for the afternoon with parent’s permission. This opportunity is provided to enable grandparents to spend an enjoyable afternoon with their grandchild.

1:00 pm  School returns to a normal afternoon for the rest of the school.

All students have brought a separate notice home regarding this.
LIT QUIZ

Our three Lit Quiz teams went to the Kids Lit Quiz competition recently held at Tauranga Intermediate. They did a really good job and they represented the school well. Ōtūmoetai 1 came 7th, Ōtūmoetai 2 came 15th and Ōtūmoetai 3 came 8th. It was a fantastic evening and we can't wait to go back next year!

Holly Sanders - Year 7

ASTRO TURF HIRE

Please note that our Astro Turf is available for hire for people from our community. Keys are available from the school office for $20.00 plus a $5.00 refundable bond.

Key hireage is on an annual basis and new keys are issued on 7th February each year at which time old keys need to be returned.
GOVERNMENT DONATIONS SCHEME AND ŌTŪMOETAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 2021

A Budget 19 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. We have again chosen to opt into this scheme for 2021.

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, stationery and sports fees 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 purchase as an additional Goods and Service that families can opt to use.

For more information about the Government $150.00 Donation Scheme 2021 go to:


END OF YEAR LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY AND YEAR 8 SOCIAL

A reminder that all outstanding fees are required to be paid and library books to be returned to our school by Friday 4th December 2020 prior to your child attending the Year 8 Social.
PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY DAYCARE PERFORMANCES

On Friday 23rd October 2020, the Performing Arts Academy students visited four local daycares to perform pantomimes and sing-a-longs. All of the daycares had such a grateful appreciation of our students taking time to visit, teach and interact with their little ones. One of the daycares provided morning tea, another sang songs for us and another daycare shared ice blocks with us in the hot afternoon sun.

Our students particularly enjoyed the interaction and playing with the children after the performances; nostalgia taking them back to their younger years, and also being impressed with the playgrounds and toys of today! It was a very enjoyable day for all students and children involved and we hope to get back next year with some more performing arts fun.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

As you all know the school acknowledges students’ successes by awarding badges at assembly and the criteria is published on our school website. The school has awards to recognise students’ achievement.

The awards are presented as below:

- **Home Learning** – for completing weekly homework, awarded at the end of each term.
- **Academic** – for competing in academic competitions, ie ICAS exams, Baymaths, Lit Quiz, etc.
- **Cultural** – for representing the school in cultural activities, ie choir, showcase, etc.
- **Sport** – for representing the school at inter-school organised events.
- **Citizenship** – for being a good citizen, two per class, awarded each term.
- **Service** – for assisting with functions/events at school, ie bike shed monitors, sound desk, etc.
- **Kapa Haka** – for representing our school at Kapa Haka events.
- **Te Reo** – for achieving our school level of proficiency in Te Reo.
- **Tikanga** – for achieving our school level of proficiency in Tikanga.
- **Academic Standards** – for achieving criterion in literacy and maths.
- **Academic Excellence** – for achieving criterion in literacy and maths.
- **Endeavour** – for students who have progressed their learning through the year, awarded at year end.
- **AIMS Games** – for competing at AIMS Games, one badge per participant.
- **Librarian** – for being selected as classroom librarian.
- **Sports Academy** – for selection for Sports Academy.
- **Arts Academy** – for selection for Performance Arts and Arts Academies.
- **Incredible Minds** – for selection for Incredible Minds.
- **Principals Awards** – for achievement across multiple areas, awarded at the end of each year.

There is no limit to the number of awards each student can aspire to and students are encouraged to sew their merit awards onto their school jacket or jersey sleeve.

This year we have also recognised individual student achievement outside of the school. This is limited to students who are successful as representatives in regional and national competitions. General participation in other activities will not earn a sporting or cultural colour but are acknowledged in our school newsletter.
2021 STATIONERY ORDERS

A reminder that if you are purchasing stationery from our school, these packs need to be ordered and paid for by Friday 20th November 2020.

Please make cheques payable to: OTUMOETAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL and attach to the order form. If paying by cash, please ensure the correct money is placed in an envelope attached to the order form. If you wish to direct credit the payment to the school account, please credit to: 12-3407-0029060-00 using your child’s name as a reference. EFTPOS is available at the school office.

Please note: Hats will be available for purchase from the school office ($10.00) 9:00 am to 2:00 pm from Thursday 28th January 2021. People who have pre-ordered and pre-paid for stationery packs may also collect these from the school office 9.00 am to 2.00 pm from Thursday 28th January 2021.

SPONSORSHIP APPRECIATION

The Lion Foundation

Over the holidays, our school received a $20,000 grant from the Lion Foundation to go towards basketball goals and lighting under the new canopy. We would like to thank the Lion Foundation for their support of these new facilities.

Eves Cherrywood

We would like to thank Eves Cherrywood for their continued sponsorship of our Sports Academy. Eves have supported our school since 2004 and we really appreciate our partnership with Allison, Gordon and the Cherrywood Team.
SPORTS NEWS

School Athletics Day

We are holding our School Athletics Day on Friday 13th November, 2020. Parents/Caregivers are warmly invited to come along and watch.

Inter-Intermediate Sports

Tennis

On Wednesday 28th October, eight students along with three parents travelled to Papamoa Tennis Club and participated in the WBOP Inter-school Tennis Championship. All of the team played exceptionally well facing strong opposition.

Notable performances with the girls were from Sophie Patrickson and Juhi Kansara who were runners up in the Doubles. In the boys, Oliver Joyce won the Social Singles and also the Doubles with his partner Delamare Kershaw-Langton. Our competitive girls and boys faced very strong opponents and did not gain a medal this year despite playing to a high level.

It was a good day with the students representing the school and themselves very well.

Congratulations to Lucy King and Chelsea Olesen who qualified for the Regional Finals in Hamilton later in November 2020.
Chess

Ōtūmoetai Intermediate students recently attended a Chess Tournament at Alfriston College in Manukau. They all had a great experience and enjoyed the day, competed well, learnt from mistakes and represented Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School with dignity and confidence. Our team placed tenth overall in the Chess Team Nationals. Nrusingha Rath won six of his nine games in the Chesspower Champions Trophy to come 6th overall.

Cricket

On 3rd November 2020 the Girls cricket team travelled to Cambridge to play in the Northern Districts finals. The team faced Cambridge in the semi-final with the winners meeting Tauranga in the final. The game was very close with both teams playing some impressive cricket. The game came down to the last ball and unfortunately Ōtūmoetai lost by one run. Standout performances on the day were Maia Smith who led the batting with 30 runs and Grace Duncan with a great all-round performance that included a wicket, a run out and 20 runs.
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.

TAURANGA GIRLS COLLEGE

Tauranga Girls’ Orientation Day for girls enrolled for Year 9 in 2021 is scheduled for Thursday 26th November 2020 starting at 9:00am.

Visit the event at: https://fb.me/e/1MS2kZTrQ
Players Development Programme
Male Years 7 and 8

NNZ SKILLS PROGRAMME
FOR INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS
– MALES WANTING TO LEARN NETBALL SKILLS

When:       Saturday 13th February 2021
             & Saturday 6th March 2021

Where:      Harbourside Netball Centre

Start Time: 9:30 to check in, start 10am
Finish Time: 2pm

Price: $50 to attend both sessions
        $30 to attend 1 session

Lunch Provided – Please advise any dietary requirements

Players must all bring water bottles

Registrations must be received prior to the start of this programme to accommodate numbers.

To register, email Tania at ops@harboursidenetball.co.nz
Players Development Programme
Years 7 and 8
NNZ SKILLS PROGRAMME
FOR INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS
– FEMALE
TRANSITION FROM 6 ASIDE NETBALL FOR YEAR 7

When: Saturday 13th February 2021
& Saturday 27th February 2021

Where: Harbourside Netball Centre

Start Time: 9:30 to check in, start 10am
Finish Time: 2pm

Price: $50 to attend both sessions
$30 to attend 1 session

Lunch Provided – Please advise any dietary requirements
Players must all bring water bottles
Registrations must be received prior to the start of this programme to accommodate numbers.

To register, email Tania at ops@harboursidenetball.co.nz
House of Science Tauranga Open Day
Saturday 14th November 2020
10am - 1pm
671 Cameron Road Tauranga

Science Activities
Make a Torch
Robotics Activities
Live Bumble Beehive
Robotics Club Demonstration
Competitions
Spot Prizes

Dress like your favourite Scientist - Judging at 12 pm
1st $220 towards any of House of Science Tauranga Education Programme + Digital Microscope
2nd Digital Microscope + Lab Bottle
3rd Digital Microscope
Judge: Jan Tinetti MP

For more information
Phone 07 5710 711
Or 022 3773 209
Email tauranga@houseofscience.nz

Photos will be taken throughout the day and maybe put on our Facebook and other social media pages

Thanks to the Tauranga City Council’s Community Development Match Fund for supporting this day.
HAVE A GO  NOVEMBER

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

COME AND HAVE A GO - BAYWAVE LANE POOL
1ST-8TH-22ND-29TH NOVEMBER 5PM - 6.15PM
INTERMEDIATE AGED TO ADULTS
JUST PAY ENTRY INTO BAYWAVE AND TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH US
ALL GEAR SUPPLIED - FIRST 3 SESSIONS FREE
(BYO SNORKEL IF YOU HAVE ONE)

For more details contact:
Tauranga Underwater Hockey
www.sporty.co.nz/tauranguwh
or emailtuwh@gmail.com