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

We have had a fantastic start to the year with all students settled in and focussing on their learning. Assessments are underway and staff are now analysing their class data to establish individual learning goals for their students. We look forward to meeting with you at our first parent-teacher conferences to share and discuss your child’s learning pathway for the first half of the year.

Once all assessments have been completed, we will look at our classes to ensure students are matched with students who have similar learning needs. Where there is a discrepancy, we may make some adjustments to class placements. In these cases, parents will be contacted to discuss options.

Our first three weeks have been characterised by high levels of enthusiasm and commitment shown by students and staff. Lunchtimes have been busy with games. There have been a number of meetings held for sports that are commencing. Information about these can be obtained from Mrs Dey, our Sports Co-ordinator if you feel you have missed any of these notices.

All our newsletters are sent out electronically and published on our website and Facebook page. We also place lots of updates and information on our school Facebook page to keep our parents up to date. A limited number of newsletters are available from the school office for families who don’t have electronic access.

Consistent with the Ministry of Education’s national goals we are focussed on ensuring each student has the skills and competencies to succeed in the future. Every classroom in the school has on display the following posters which will be the basis for learning across the school. Every student will be expected to be familiar with the values, key competencies and learning expectations highlighted in these posters. Teachers will reinforce and build these into the climate and expectations of their class. The posters cover: School Vision, Citizenship and Learning with English and Te Reo versions displayed.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a parent guide to understanding your child as an emerging adolescent. We hope it is helpful to you, the parents, as you embark on this exciting period in your child’s social, emotional and physical development.

Nga Mihi Nui

Henk Popping

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STUDENT BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT, BULLYING PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

The Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School Board seeks to develop high standards of behaviour in order to ensure we have a safe, physical, emotional, caring and inclusive environment so that effective teaching and learning can take place. It is about having a whole school approach that includes staff, students, school management, BOT, parents and whānau.

All bullying behaviour, including verbal, physical, emotional and cyber bullying is completely unacceptable in our School. All instances of bullying (alleged or observed) will be taken seriously and followed up in line with our Bullying Prevention and Response Policy (which can be viewed on our school website). The School is committed to ensuring that all staff and students are able to work and learn in an environment free from harassment so that they are able to meet their potential.

Definition
Bullying covers a range of behaviours which are unwelcome, unsolicited and non-reciprocal.

- Non-sexual harassment may take many forms including: intimidation or bullying of individuals or groups verbally and/or;
- Physically, including threats of harassment or discrimination against others on the basis of their race, colour, culture or religious/spiritual beliefs, discrimination against others on the basis of gender or sexual orientation, indirect harassment such as spreading rumours, harmful gossip, exclusion or deliberate rudeness that is intended to harm, ridicule, diminish or marginalise others;
- Inappropriate use of emails, mobile phones or social media;
- The creation of pages or websites that encourage or facilitate any form of harassment;
- Sharing images of others (manipulated or not manipulated) without explicit consent.

Education, Publicity and Prevention
A whole-school approach is taken to ensure a safe school environment. The approach is expected to be long-term and sustainable. All members of the school have a responsibility to recognise bullying and to take action when they are aware it is happening. The School’s philosophy about harassment and the range of remedies available will be made explicit to students, staff and parents in the following ways:

Students, through:
- The Health programme.
- Special guidance programmes such as our Speak-Up campaign and through Assemblies.
- Clear and explicit standards set by teachers in their individual classrooms.
- Awareness of digital citizenship and Acceptable Use of ICT Policy that they are required to sign prior to use.
- Peer support, school leaders and other student lead groups.
• Through these programs students will be encouraged to report harassment / bullying that occurs inside or outside the school (when it impacts on safety and learning in the school).
• They will be given clear options as to who they can approach including staff, senior students and parents.
• Observers of harassment will be encouraged to report incidents.

Staff, through:
• Using good data systems to collect relevant information.
• Staff training including such principles as Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L).
• Dealing with students with Special Needs.
• Professional development.
• Staff meetings will be held regularly to discuss the issues and to review strategies and remedial approaches.
• Monitoring the adherence to the ‘Use of ICT Policy’.

Parents / Caregivers, through:
• School communication eg, Newsletter, Website, Facebook page.
• Parent meetings.
• Parent courses.

Board of Trustees, through:
• Meetings and associated reading, staff contact.
• Professional development / training.
• Results of student and parent / caregivers surveys.
• ERO Audit check on Health and Safety.

Responsibility for education and training will be borne by:
• The Senior Management team who will evaluate and continually review the operation of this policy, reporting to the Principal and Board as required.
• The Assistant Principals who will coordinate team discussions about harassment with the aim of increasing understanding and awareness of the issue and the procedures for dealing with it.
• The Staff Professional Development programme, which will include training and information about the effects of harassment and the many ways of dealing with it.

Response
All staff will treat any report of bullying, including cyberbullying, seriously and take appropriate action as outlined in our policy.

All personal assault / harassment / bullying complaints, including those involving digital technology, will be dealt with speedily, fairly and in confidence, as much as is appropriate.

It is imperative that every effort is made to ensure that confidentiality be maintained for all parties during and after the investigation.

It is important to “label” what the student has done, rather than labelling the student.
Restorative Practice may be an option at this time.

Restorative Practice is a relational approach to school life grounded in beliefs about equality, dignity, mana and the potential of all people.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning Restorative Practice model focuses on building and maintaining positive, respectful relationships across the school community and offers school staff best-practice tools and techniques to restore relationships when things go wrong. By building and maintaining positive, respectful relationships within a school, staff to staff, staff to student and student to student, issues are more easily managed.

Restorative Practice is based on a set of best practice tools and techniques to support a consistent and sustainable approach to managing positive, respectful relationships within the school.

TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

A big thank you to all those students who are biking, walking or busing to school. This has had a huge impact on the congestion around our school.

REPORTING TO PARENTS THIS YEAR

There will be two formal opportunities for you to meet your child’s teacher to discuss their learning needs and progress. The first opportunity will be our Parent/Teacher Learning conversations on:

- Wednesday 4th March 2020 from 3.00 pm to 8.00 pm; and
- Thursday 5th March 2020 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

At these meetings, the teacher will share the results of your child’s assessments and form learning goals for them with you. Students have been given a letter to bring home with details on booking a conference.

PLEASE NOTE: At any time during the year, you are welcome to make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss their learning or pastoral care.

The second opportunity will be our mid-year Parent/Teacher conferences on:

- Thursday 2nd July 2020

The mid-year conferences will run throughout the whole day from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm. Meetings will be for 15 minutes to allow the teacher to discuss your child’s learning with you and your child, without being rushed. We ask that you keep your child at home for the day except to accompany you to school for your learning conversation. The school will be open to supervise any students who do not have alternative care arrangements.
SCHOOL NOTICES

Bell Times
8.40 am  Block 1 and first bell for start of school day
8.45 am to 10.40 am  Lessons start
10.40 am to 11.00 am  Morning Tea
11.00 am to 12.30 pm  Block 2 lessons underway
12.30 pm to 12.40 pm  Lunch eating time in class
12.40 pm to 1.25 pm  Lunch exercise and toilet break
1.30 pm to 3.00 pm  Block 3 lessons underway
3.00 pm  End of school day

Grooming
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. No makeup or fingernail polish is permitted.

Jewellery Allowed At School: One plain stud in each ear. Watch, Medic Alert bracelet and Taonga (such as a religious pendant, greenstone pendant or bone carving). These must be tucked out of view under the polo top.

Jewellery Not Allowed At School: Bracelets, other body piercing of any kind, trinkets, necklaces, neckbands.

School Hats
All students will be required to have one of our school hats on their head when outside. These cost $10.00 each. Year 7 students have a choice of four styles: bucket hat, baseball cap, trucker cap or military cap, all plain navy blue in colour. Year 8 students have a choice of two styles: baseball cap or military cap, both plain black in colour. All hats should be named.

Annual Calendar of Events
This has been uploaded to our school website. You will be able to look ahead to key dates throughout the year by hovering your computer mouse over each day highlighted in the monthly calendar.

Astroturf Keys for Hire
The school has keys available for hire to families who wish to use the tennis courts out of school hours, at a cost of $20.00 annually from 7th February 2020 – 6th February 2021. Please contact the school office for further information.

Bike Lock Up
All bikes and scooters need to be removed from the bike lock up area after school as these lock ups remain open after hours. Bikes remaining after school may be at risk.
Parents and Other Visitors to the School
To ensure all students are kept safe, we ask all adult visitors to come to the office and sign in on our electronic system before moving on to your child’s class.

Visitors are also provided with a visitor’s label so all school personnel can see they have been signed in to the school site.

Lost Property
Please could all parents/caregivers ensure all students clothing and sandals/shoes are clearly named, ie names under sandal straps. Use laundry marker or twink to name the back of jumpers, inside of jackets, hats etc. Every endeavour is made to return named items to the student, however, this is impossible if items are not named.

Please reinforce that clothing is not to be left on the field or around the school during break times. The lost property is stored in a designated room near the office. The key is available from 8.00 am – 4.00 pm at the school office for parents who would like to search for their child’s missing item.

Returning of Notices and/or Money
When returning forms or money to the school office, please ensure your child’s full name and room number are included, along with what the payment is for. This includes sports teams and class notices.

STUDENTS ARRIVING AT ŌTŪMOETAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

Students are encouraged to arrive at school between 8.00 am and 8.30 am. There may be times when students need to come earlier for sports team or other practices.

We do not have a “before school care programme” and are unable to provide supervision for students arriving before 8.00 am.

Staff are expected to be in their classrooms from 8.30 am and prior to this are preparing lessons and resources for the day. They are not available for general supervision of early arrivals.

Some teachers will be on road patrol each day before and after school to assist students navigate the pedestrian crossings on Windsor and Ngatai Roads.
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.
- **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.

Last year we have also recognised individual student achievement outside of the school. This will be 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 will be acknowledged in our school newsletter.
At the end of last year, 22 Year 7 students were selected as our new Year 8 student leaders for this year. They are:


We are into week three of term one and already the leaders have hit the ground running, keeping busy with their duty rosters so that certain systems run well throughout the school. They are showing that they are very keen and reliable and it is awesome to be working with such a willing and helpful team.

Ali McPike
NGATAI ROAD UPDATE

Improved connections on Ngatai Road

First shared crossing taking shape

We have made good progress on the shared crossing and pathway by the Matua saltmarsh. The first half has been completed, which we’re expecting to open for traffic on Monday after the concrete has cured. Next week we will be working on the second half of the crossing and shared pathway. There will be a single traffic lane through the crossing area which will be managed with a stop/go traffic system during the day, and a traffic light system after hours.

This weekend the two-lane diversion will remain in place around the work site. Please drive slowly through this area and stay within the painted lane markings.

Cycleway work starts next week

Works on the cycleway will begin next week. The first section we’re building will be from the saltmarsh crossing towards the Emily Place intersection, around 400m in length.

Please see below for an overview of the project as a reminder of where the cycleway is going.
Residents will continue to have access to their properties throughout the duration of the works. We have planned to have as little impact to residents as possible, although from time to time you may be asked to wait a minute or two while the construction crew move equipment out of your way if they are working in front of your driveways. We appreciate your patience during these works.

Upcoming work: second shared crossing

We will start building the shared crossing near the Otumoetai Road roundabout in early March. This work will require a lane closure beside the Otumoetai Health Centre that will last about three weeks. The lane closure won’t affect access to the health centre. The closure won’t affect you if you’re travelling along Ngatai Road towards the city, but it will affect people coming from the opposite direction.
To ensure the safety of the residents and the waste collection staff, the normal waste collection routine will be continued. Everyone can place their waste on their own side of the road as per usual.

Our contractor will be managing the collection trucks with their own traffic management during the collection times. Safety is paramount for all Tauranga City Council projects. Thank you for your understanding while we clarified this collection process to ensure everyone’s safety.

Your safety is our priority

Ngatai Road can be a busy road, especially during school drop off and pick up. Please adhere to the traffic management in place. These measures have been taken for your safety. Thank you to everybody who is following the traffic management that has been put in place.

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The entrance to Ngatai Road will be closed at the roundabout to people travelling from the city, so you will need to detour via Western Road or Otumoetai Road and Sherwood Street. Buses will be diverted from the Otumoetai roundabout through to Western Road. We’ll give you more detail about this lane closure before it takes effect.
ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment™ Books are coming soon to Otumoetai Intermediate School

We're very excited to announce the NEW 2020 | 2021 Entertainment™ Digital Memberships are coming soon!

All new memberships are 100% digital. Membership can start anytime from the activation date and members have 60 days to activate from date of purchase. 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our School!

The NEW 2020|2021 Entertainment Memberships will be available to order for the various regions of Australia and New Zealand with the following options:

- **Single City**
  - $69.99 for 1 Year
  - Discover all the best savings in your city

- **Multi City**
  - $119.99 for 1 Year
  - Enjoy savings across all of Australia, New Zealand and Bali
  - Most Popular

- **Multi Plus**
  - $229.99 for 2 Years
  - 2 years of savings across Australia, New Zealand and Bali
  - Best Value

- **$14 to your fundraiser**

- **$24 to your fundraiser**

- **$46 to your fundraiser**
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 enables you to access the information shown below.

- The Skool Loop 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-management system and will receive notifications and other school information via email.

![Findus App and Skool Loop App](image)

TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL

Bus Transport

No student should be travelling on a Tauranga Transport Network rural bus without a Term or annual bus pass. If you have not yet purchased your child’s bus pass, please be aware that students will not be admitted on the buses without a pass.

Coming to School by Bicycle

Students are welcome to cycle to and from school in their PE gear for better visibility but must change into their uniform for the school day. Please remember cycle helmets must be worn. Cycles are stored in our two secure cycle enclosures. Students should also secure their own bike to the bicycle stand. Although the cycle enclosures are locked daily, the school takes no responsibility for stolen bikes or helmets. We will however, follow up any attempted or reported thefts. Fortunately, these are extremely rare occurrences.

Coming to School by Scooter

Last term a number of students came to school on scooters. In previous years these have been banned from school along with skateboards because of the danger these have posed to the rider and other pedestrians. We will look closely at student behaviour in the first few weeks of this term and reserve the right to ban scooters from the school should problems arise. The school will not take responsibility for the security of scooters and will not provide storage for them in classroom areas. Scooters may be locked into the bike stands alongside bicycles. Skateboards are not permitted on school site at any time unless we are holding a skateboard day.
Coming to School by Car

A big thank you to all drivers who are complying with the clearway signs at the front of the school and parking safely on authorised carparks. If you are a regular driver, please make arrangements to pick up your child in Queen Road or Ngatai Road.

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 do not park on the yellow lines at the front of the school.

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. PROTECT ALL OUR CHILDREN

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 top cycle enclosure. 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.
YEAR 8 HPV VACCINATION FORMS

All Year 8 students should have returned their HPV vaccination forms whether they are having the immunisation or not. We have spare forms at the office if you should require a new one.

YEAR 7 CAMP AND YEAR 8 EOTC

For your information, in term 4 the Year 7 students attend a two-night camp at Ngatuhoa Lodge, which is $130.00. Families are welcome to start paying by automatic payment at any time, as payment is due before commencement.

Our account number is 12-3407-0029060-00. Please include your child’s name, room number and reference, ie ‘Camp’.

The Year 8 students attend education outside the classroom (EOTC) activities over three days. These activities are yet to be decided and information will be sent when finalised.

SPORTS NEWS

Students Wishing to Play Sports
The school offers students opportunities to join a wide variety of sports teams throughout the year. Each sport has a fee for participation which is levied by the sporting association organising the sport. We, as a school, do not have the financial capacity to fund individual students and we pass on registration fees directly to team members.

These sports fees must be paid before each season commences or your child will not be able to join the team. Parents are able to make automatic payments prior to commencement to cover costs for their child.

Our bank account number is 12-3407-0029060-00. Please include your child’s name, room number and a description, ie ‘netball, ‘tournament’, etc.

Surf Lifesaving
Honour Rikihana competed for Omanu Surf Club in the Eastern Regional Junior Surf Lifesaving Championships recently. She placed 1st in the surf race and 1st in the Diamond and 2nd in the run swim run and placed 1st overall for the Under 11 girls.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Have a go at synchro!

Synchronised swimming is for everyone — the highly competitive athlete or the recreational swimmer looking for fitness & fun. You just need to be a confident swimmer in deeper water. That’s it!

- Beginner classes are 1.5 hour lessons at Baywave
- Supportive and friendly environment
- First lesson free

www.taurangasynchro.co.nz
www.facebook.com/taurangasynchroNZ
ph Jo on 027 543 1697

Friday 13th March
5:30pm to 8:30pm
@ Bethlehem Hall
239 SH 2, Bethlehem
Opposite Countdown Supermarket.
Plenty of onsite parking. Free entry.

Say Goodbye to Summer Nights

An interesting and unique market that reflects a talented and creatively diverse community with a social and environmental conscience.

Drop off point for kitten & puppy food or kitty litter for RRR—Rescue, Revive, Rehome - Bay of Plenty

Door Prize - Enter to win one of two meal vouchers from BurgerFuel valued at $25 each.

Jen on 021 672-281 cnmbethlehem@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/cnmbethlehem
Module: Year 7 & 8 Coach Workshop

Date [s]: Tuesday 28th April 2020
Time: 6 - 8pm
Where: Harbourside Netball Centre
Bring: Comfortable clothes, a pen and a water bottle

Contact & Mobile: Tania (07) 5759917
Please confirm attendance by emailing: ops@haboursidennetball.co.nz
Pahoia School Triathlon “Give It A Go”
Omokoroa Domain
Sunday 1st March 2020

Entrants receive
- Race wristband
- Goodie bag
- T shirt

Check In: 9.45am - 10.40am
Race Briefing: 10.45am
First Race: 11.10am (in age order)
Prize Giving: 1.30pm (after the last race)

Heaps of spot prizes including a bike from Koops Cycles!
First five place getters of each race receive a medal.

$25 per person for entries received by Thursday 27th February.
$30 entries on the day if not sold out prior.

Register Now
www.pahoia.school.nz
NEW COMPETITION

INTERMEDIATE BOYS LEAGUE
(Year 7 and 8 boys)

SATURDAY LEAGUE

Game times tbc

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
FRIDAY 1ST MAY 2020

We will accept team and individual registrations. The competition going ahead will depend on numbers.

To register contact Tracy
manager@harboursidenetball.co.nz
The adventure awaits at Waimarino Education Trust After School Club

Is traffic getting in the way of your child enjoying their afternoons with us at Waimarino?

Your problems are now solved!

Waimarino are now offering a complementary bus service back to Bethlehem at 5:20pm each day!

- Small ratios
- School pick up
- Great location
- Delicious afternoon tea
- Variety of activities
- Available all year round
- Outdoor based learning

Contact us today!
07 576 4233
oscar@waimarinotrust.co.nz

$19.50 per day
WINZ approved
10% sibling discount *
INTERMEDIATE LEARN TO UMPIRE

This workshop is targeted at Intermediate (Year 7 and 8) aged Umpires

We will prepare you to be able to umpire year 5 and 6 futureFerns games, which will lead you to be trained on court by our Umpire Coaches to help you achieve your Intermediate Learn to Umpire Certificate.

Our Learn to Umpire workshops are fun, engaging and cover the essentials of umpiring with basic rule knowledge and practical umpiring for the year 5 and 6 style game.

Where: Harbourside Netball Centre
When: Saturday 4th April
or Sunday 5th April
Time: 10am – 1pm
Cost: $50 to attend workshop, includes registration to the Harbourside Umpires Group and use of facilities (tba), Umpire Coaching, Rulebook, Handheld Whistle, and Harbourside Umpire t-shirt

MAXIMUM 20 PEOPLE PER WORKSHOP SO REGISTER NOW!

Please register with Tania at ops@harboursidenetball.co.nz