

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



As this is our last newsletter for Term 1, we would like to thank all parents and caregivers for their wonderful support of the school. Our winter sports teams are being organised and basketball, netball and hockey are ready to commence their season. We are really excited to see over 300 students participating in 28 sports teams already for next term.

Throughout the past eleven weeks we have celebrated many student successes in a range of academic, cultural and sporting endeavours, with a large number of students receiving their colours at assembly.

We are also hosting students and teachers from overseas. Our current group of students and staff from Meidai Nakano Junior High School in Japan. They are really enjoying their stay with us and appreciated the great effort homestay families have made to make their time with us a memorable one.

We continue to work with Dr Kevin Knight from the Graduate School of Education, Christchurch; Dr Roberta Hunter from Massey University and Dr Ian Hunter from Auckland University from Auckland University in developing highly effective learning programmes school wide.

We are pioneering the teaching of mathematics through Communities of Mathematical inquiry in the majority of classrooms, guided by Dr Roberta Hunter. This approach, dubbed “Bobbie Maths” nationally and internationally, has had outstanding results and we look forward to developing our expertise even further next term.

In Term 2 we look forward to providing more opportunities for students who have not been able to get into some of the academic, cultural and technological groups offered in Term 1. Priority will be given to these students when new groups are formed early next term

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HEALTH INFORMATION AT OTUMOETAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

What is Health Education About?

In health and physical education, the focus is on the well-being of the students themselves, of other people, and of society through learning in health-related and movement contexts.

(NZ Curriculum)

In health education, students develop their understanding of the factors that influence the health of individuals, groups and society. They will:

- Develop competencies for mental wellness, reproductive health and positive sexuality and safety management.
- Develop understandings of nutritional needs.
- Build resilience through strengthening their personal identity and sense of self-worth, through managing change and loss, and through engaging in processes for responsible decision making.
- Learn to demonstrate empathy and develop skills that will enhance relationships.

Students use these skills and understandings to take critical action to promote personal, interpersonal and societal well-being.

(New Zealand Curriculum, page 23)

School-wide, we have an unrelenting focus on a culture of care and personal responsibility. All students have a right to a safe physical, emotional and social environment in which to learn and interact with their peers. This means everyone looking out for each other, showing respect for themselves and others and making safe choices.

For us, health education is also about enabling students to build life skills where they can identify unsafe situations in an increasingly complex world and know how to keep themselves safe.

Year 7 Programme

This is aimed at levels 3 and 4 of the New Zealand Curriculum. In this programme students will:

- Describe the characteristics of pubertal change and discuss positive adjustment strategies;
- Describe how social messages and stereotypes, including those in the media, can affect feelings of self-worth;
- Understand and describe constructive use of the internet and mobile technologies;
- Understand and discuss the potential impact of cyberbullying and online activities, thus preventing them becoming victims or perpetrators;
- Investigate and/or access a range of community resources that support wellbeing of community members (link to Communities – Social Sciences);
- Specify individual responsibilities and take collective action for the care and safety of other people in their school and in the wider community (link to Communities – Social Sciences).

Resources used to deliver this programme include:

- **Pubertal Changes** – Sexuality Education Levels 1-4 (pg 10-11) and Positive Puberty
- **Cyberbullying** – www.netsafe.org.nz; DVD's – At a Distance, Let's fight It Together; www.digizen.org/cyberbullying/fullguidance
- **Keeping Ourselves Safe** (modules 1 and 2 only)
- **Communities** (integrate with Social Sciences)

Parents have been invited to a meeting where these resources were shared and a discussion held.

Year 8 Programme

This is aimed at levels 4 and 5 of the New Zealand Curriculum. In this programme students will:

- Access and use information to make and action safe choices in the context of personal safety involving drugs, sexual safety and social interactions;
- Describe how social messages and stereotypes, including those in the media, can affect feelings of self-worth;
- Identify the effects of changing situations, roles and responsibilities on relationships and describe appropriate responses;
- Understand and describe constructive use of the internet and mobile technology;
- Understand and discuss the potential impact of cyberbullying and online activities, thus preventing them becoming victims or perpetrators;
- Recognise instances of discrimination and act responsibly to support their own rights and feelings and those of other people (link to Human Rights – Social Sciences).

Sexuality Education

During previous consultation with parents, our parents overwhelmingly felt that secondary school was the appropriate time to cover topics such as contraception, sexually transmitted diseases and other sexuality topics. We do, however, cover self-image in both Year 7 and 8, especially around the influences of media on individuals.

Resources used to deliver this programme include:

- **Keeping Ourselves Safe** (modules 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- **Cyberbullying** – www.mylgp.org.nz
- **Drug and Alcohol Education** – www.fade.org.nz (What Drug is That?); amped4life – Pat Buckley
- **Human Rights** (integrated with Social Sciences)
- **Nutrition** (integrated into Year 8 technology programme).

The school uses a presentation to cover a range of Keeping Ourselves Safe topics at Year 8. This is delivered by Pat Buckley in a one-hour presentation. The presentation is called "Destination by Design", Life Education that is real and relevant. Pat will be delivering his presentation on Wednesday 11th April 2018.

The content is all about making positive choices in all situations adolescents could find themselves in. Students are told “your life is like a book and you are its author. All choices have consequences that ripple out and touch others.”

76 pictures are used to address the following topics:

- Drugs, including alcohol abuse;
- Cyberbullying;
- Responsible risk taking and not taking unsafe risks;
- Choosing the right friends to keep you safe;
- Staying involved in positive activities;
- Being a good influence;
- Learning from your mistakes;
- Do the best you can;
- Look after your family;
- Don't let your past shape your future.

We also use John Parsons from Simulate2educate to present to all students around cyber safety. John will speak to parents at a PTA sponsored Information Night which will be held next term on Wednesday 9th May at 7.30 pm in the hall.

Parents are invited to provide feedback on this year's programme by:

- Emailing the school at: admin@otuinter.school.nz or
- Writing a submission to: The Principal

John Parsons

John Parsons is an Internet Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant to schools, the private sector and the health sector, providing specialist advice and direction on the safe use of Digital Communication Technology.

John is the co-developer of cutting edge cyber safety Internet Health Safety education now being delivered in Schools and to adult learning groups.

He promotes the rights of children to be judged fairly recognising their rights to use communication technology safely and with respect for themselves and others.

John's sessions have been widely acclaimed nationally and by our Intermediate parents in previous years. He is highly recommended and parents will come away better equipped to assist their children on the internet.





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FRIDAY 6th APRIL

9:00am-12:00pm



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

A successful morning tea was held on 20th March with the International students and parents to celebrate student's achievements in Term One. Those present were Henk Popping, John Stanley and agents from Korean Times – Hyun Taek Yang, Vision Consulting – Christian Ryu, Simon Lee, Tauranga Edu – Jeno Bae and SU Education -John Na. Congratulations to Sylvia Kim and Charlotte Kim for being accepted into the Incredible Minds Programme and for receiving scholarships in their respective subjects of Robotics and Mathematics. Also congratulations to the following students who received Endeavour Awards – Jeonghun Heo, Hyebin Lee, James Jung, Eunhyuk Park, Jessica Yang and Yunho Kim and Citizenship Awards to Kevin Choe, Sylvia Kim, Amy Choi, Seongju Moon and Charlotte Kim. We also recognized Amy Choi and Sylvia Kim's appointment as this year's International Student Leaders.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Canteen

Please note that there will be no canteen 6th April 2018 as it is Grandparents Day and students are allowed to leave at lunch time with their Grandparents (with parent's written consent).

Easter Tuesday

A reminder that there is no school on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 as it is a holiday for schools in New Zealand.

School Donation

All families who have paid their full school donation of \$130.00 by 31st March 2018 will go in to the draw to win a \$100.00 family dinner or \$100.00 grocery voucher.

TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL

Bus Transport

No student should be travelling on a Tauranga Transport Network bus or the school minibus without a Term 2 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 obeying the clearway signs at the front of the school. If you are a regular driver, please make arrangements to pick up your child in Queen Road or Ngatai Road.

The Carlton Reserve has a lot of car parks and is an ideal rendezvous spot.

AUSTRALASIAN ICAS COMPETITIONS

At Otumoetai Intermediate we encourage all our students to enter the Australasian ICAS competition. Below is a timetable of dates and the cost of each exam.

	Closing Date for Payments/Entries	Sitting Dates for Competitions	Cost
Digital Technologies	Closed	Tuesday 8 th May	\$9.50
Science	Thursday 12 th April	Tuesday 29 th May	\$9.50
Writing	Thursday 10 th May	Thursday 14 th June	\$20.50
Spelling	Thursday 10 th May	Wednesday 13 th June	\$11.50
English	Thursday 21 st June	Tuesday 31 st July	\$9.50
Mathematics	Thursday 21 st June	Tuesday 14 th August	\$9.50

The closing dates for payment are as above and **no late entries will be accepted**. Complete the return slip below and return with the correct payment in an envelope and hand into the school office.

✂	AUSTRALIAN ICAS COMPETITIONS	✂	
Child's Name: _____ Room: _____ Yr Level: _____			
I would like to enter the following Australian competitions:			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Spelling	\$11.50	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics	\$9.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Science	\$9.50	<input type="checkbox"/> English	\$9.50
I enclose \$_____ in payment			
Signed: _____			
Parent/Caregiver			

SPORTS AND CULTURAL NEWS

Out of School Sports

Athletics

Charo Heijnen and Harrison Tisch entered the Waikato/BOP athletics champs recently and Charo received a gold medal and Harrison received a bronze medal in the 1500 m.

Cricket

Jean Roux was named in the Blue Western Bay of Plenty Representative Team.

Futsal

The following boys from Otumoetai Intermediate were selected to represent the BOP in the Futsal Youth Nationals in July in Palmerston North:

- Braetyn Allan
- Kody Feek
- Harrison Tisch.

Surf Lifesaving

Brea Miller placed 3rd in the sprint relay at Oceans 18 and came 3rd overall in the club championships.

Swimming

Danielle Fowler competed in the Mount Ocean Swim and placed 1st in the 12 year olds.

Intermediate Sports Competitions:

Swimming

On Thursday 15th March, 24 swimmers travelled to Rotorua Aquatic Centre to compete in a swimming competition against ten schools. Overall, we came third just behind Tauranga and Gisborne Intermediates. Outstanding performers went to Mason Kritz, Te Manawha Rikihana, Harley Gardiner and Lulu Johnson who placed in their age groups. The swimmers were: Max Rickit, Lulu Johnston, Lara Rickey, Mia Mackenzie, Harley Gardiner, Cameron Davitt, Ashley Bell, Olivia Hays, Ella Webb, Xavier Wichman, Aela Willoughby, Jordan O'Connor, Te Manawha Rikihana, Zac Baveystock, Charlie Hockings, Alice Pask, Lauren Hamilton, Brea Miller, Breeana McTavish-Huruwai, Jacob Reeder, Lucy Dixon-Graham, Danielle Fowler, Mason Kritz and Jack Todd. The results are listed below:

- Lulu Johnson; 2nd 50m Freestyle, 2nd 100m Freestyle, 5th 100m Breaststroke
- Mason Kritz; 5th 50m Freestyle, 1st 50m Breaststroke, 1st 100m Breaststroke
- Jack Todd; 4th 50m Freestyle, 5th 50m Backstroke, 2nd 100m Freestyle



- Aela Willoughby; 5th 50m Breaststroke
- Harley Gardiner; 5th 50m Backstroke, 3rd 100m Freestyle
- Jacob Reeder; 3rd 50m Breaststroke, 4th 100 breaststroke
- Danielle Fowler; 4th 50m Butterfly
- Te Manawha Rikihana; 3rd 50m Butterfly, 5th 100m backstroke
- Zac Baveystock; 5th 100m Backstroke
- Year 8 Boys: 1st 200m freestyle relay, 1st 200m medley relay
- Year 8 Girls: 3rd 200m freestyle relay



A big thanks to those parents who helped with transport and supervision.

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 School 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-Links system and will receive notifications and other school information.

For previous users, you may be aware the Otumoetai Intermediate School App (The Skool Loop App) has had a number of updates in recent days. This is to ensure your experience of the Otumoetai Intermediate School App is smooth and seamless. When you next open the school app there is a prompt which asks you to tap on the link to take you to the new and updated version of the Skool Loop app. Please click on this link and download the new version of the Skool Loop App. Choose our region and school and the app will automatically stay on the Otumoetai Intermediate school app. Once this has been done please delete the old version of the Skool Loop App off your phone.'

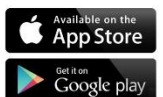
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PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

Parents and Caregivers become part of the solution

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

The congestion in Charles Street becomes unsafe and it is important for buses to use this area. It would also leave this small street accessible for parents picking up a student in emergencies.

Please consider a healthier safer alternative of parking and walking.

Safety Concerns in School Carpark

Some mornings before school there are sports training sessions. Consequently, there are often students around our school earlier than normal. All too often we are seeing parents who are clearly in a hurry to drop their child off and get to their own work, who drive into the front carpark at really excessive speeds. They usually then continue with the speed and exit by the recycling and clothes bins towards the college.

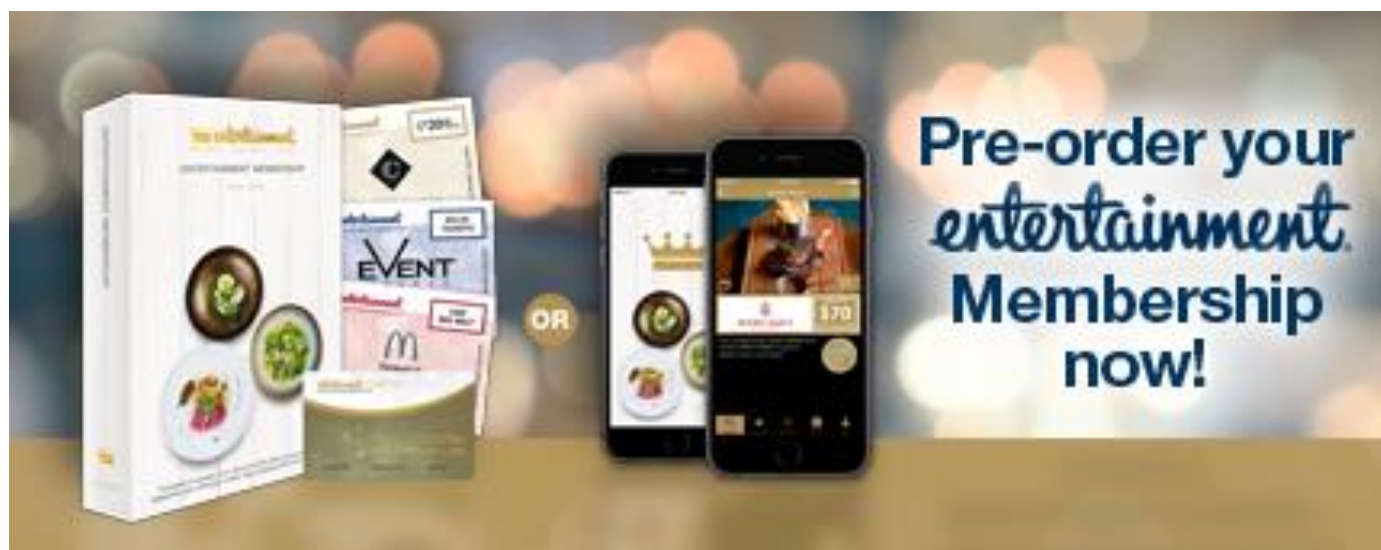
Others drive into the exits at similar speeds. Numerous times, other drivers have had to stop their car, or get out of the way on foot as this happens.

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

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Woah!!! Our Holiday Programme Days have only just gone up onto the site and we are already receiving so many bookings!

Make sure you enrol if you want to have a fun day with us over the April break.

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