Welcome back to all students for Term 3 and a warm welcome to new families who are joining us this term.

The term has started off with a cultural focus school wide. Our annual Wearable Arts competition will be held in Week 4 and everyone will be able to see the many outstanding creations at our Showcase in week 5. Showcase tickets will be available from Week 3 at the office and will be $5.00 per child and $10.00 per adult. Our performing arts students are looking forward to sharing their talents with our community.

Following our Showcase, the focus shifts to sporting events such as interschool competitions, winter tournament and Tournament Week (to be held instead of the AIMS Games). Tournament Week will involve all students in a variety of sports. An in-school sports programme will be provided for all classes throughout the week. For competitive students who have missed out on participating in the AIMS Games this year, we are collaborating with 13 intermediate schools in the Bay of Plenty, Poverty Bay and Waikato to provide competitive sports events in a range of sports codes during this week.

In amongst these activities, we are holding open days for Year 6 students and their parents. Our Year 8 students will be meeting staff and students from Ōtūmoetai College, Te Wharekura o Mauao, Tauranga Boys and Tauranga Girls colleges to receive enrolment information for secondary school next year.

Academically and socially, we are asking every student to continue focusing on doing their best, learning at a high level of attainment and developing the skills to be a responsible citizen.

Manners, consideration and high standards of presentation and behaviour will continue to be expected and given priority, along with our school being a safe, secure and supportive environment for all.

Nga Mihi Nui

Henk Popping
PRINCIPAL
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- FROM THE BOARD

The school Board of Trustees met on Thursday 25th June 2020 and outlined below are some highlights from that meeting:

- We welcome Michelle Wharerau, both a staff member and a parent at the school, to the BOT. We all agreed to co-opt Michelle onto the Board and we look forward to her contributions at future meetings.

- OIS is due for an ERO review this year, however, due to COVID-19 disruptions, the nature of this review has been altered to reflect the different needs of schools and Boards nationwide. Our Senior Leadership team will be contacted via telephone and interviewed in relation to student and staff well-being. ERO will evaluate the range of responses and provide feedback with a particular focus on the school’s response and recovery from a national crisis.

- Members of the Uniform Review Committee continue to communicate with Argyle clothing to ensure we are on track to introduce our new school uniform in 2021.

- The BOT have agreed to opt into the Government’s Donation Scheme for 2021.

- Contractors will make the most of the holiday period to remove some aged and dangerous trees from our school grounds, and we will have a new security system installed. What was the old school canteen will be repurposed into a uniform sales shop and meeting space, and we look forward to the completion of the canopy project over the turf.

- The Annual Report for the year ending 2019 has been completed and is available to view on the school website.

- Finally, Richard Smith (DP) presented mid-year achievement data for the core curriculum areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Given the significant level of disruption students and staff have had to manage, we were not anticipating evidence of accelerated progress in these areas. However, we are reassured that students continue to make progress, target learners are identified, supported and monitored, and that student well-being remains a paramount focus for all. The Board would like to thank Richard and the teaching staff for the tremendous work put in to producing not only the data, but the results.

Nga Mihi Nui.

Fiona Matthews, BOT Secretary
ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

Enrolments are open for the 2021 school year and all contributing school students should receive their information packs this week. All students living in the Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School zone have automatic right of entry. Applications for out of zone enrolments are also being accepted and enrolment packs for these students are available through the school office. We would appreciate it if you could draw your friends and acquaintances attention to our enrolment process if they are considering our school.

TIKTOK

It’s important for parents/caregivers to understand this app, to ensure you know what is going on, and that your children or students are safe. Please click on the link below for further information regarding TikTok:


CROSS COUNTRY

Here are the results of our recent cross country held on Friday 26th June 2020:

**Year 8 Girls**
- 1st place – Grace Duncan
- 2nd place – Georgie Miller
- 3rd place – Emily Parkes

**Year 7 Boys**
- 1st place – Liam Good
- 2nd place – George Wyllie
- 3rd place – Fred Bradley

**Year 7 Girls**
- 1st place – Lilah Joe
- 2nd place – Honour Rikihana
- 3rd place – Mattanja Kinley

**Year 7 Boys**
- 1st place – Corban Holmes
- 2nd place – Finn McGrath
- 3rd place – Eli Paintin
STUDENT LEADER SPEECHES

Only a few weeks ago, the Student Leaders were tasked to prepare, practice and present a two-minute speech. The topic was ‘What are the three traits of a good leader that stand out to you? Is there a leader that you can tell us about who exemplifies these qualities?’

The Student Leaders absolutely rose to this challenge. We met a few times to practice, time and edit the speeches, and on Wednesday they went out to all the Year 7 classes and delivered their memorised speeches with excellence. Everyone had at least two classes to visit to deliver their speeches, and due to cross-country being rescheduled, some students said their speech and were running to the next class to do it all over again!

There were nerves! Public speaking and no cue cards! This was a particularly huge challenge for some students. They persevered and as a team everyone supported each other. It was incredible to watch the journey of these students. From shaking hands, trembling voices and self-doubt, to self-belief and even volunteering to go on the stage in term three to deliver their speeches to 940 of their peers at an assembly.

This was a really enjoyable experience. Awesome job team, I am so proud of you.

Ms McPike

DIRECT CREDIT PAYMENTS

Some families prefer to pay for activities or sports fees by automatic payment. Our account number for this is:

- 12-3407-0029060-00

Please include your child’s name, room number and reference, eg: camp, basketball, bus pass, etc with any online payments. With all online payments, please also return any permission slips to the office.
YEAR 8 OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Towards the end of each year, all Year 8 students have the option to participate in an outdoor education programme as follows:

- Waimarino  
  - Monday 16th November 2020 – Rooms 1, 2 and 9  
  - Friday 20th November 2020 – Rooms 15, 21 and 22  
  - Monday 23rd November 2020 – Rooms 3, 10 and 16  
  - Wednesday 25th November 2020 – Rooms 25, 27 and 28  
  - Monday 30th November 2020 – Rooms 23, 24 and 26

Students who do not opt in will be provided with an in-school academic programme on these days.

YEAR 7 CAMP AT NGATUHOA LODGE

Year 7 classes have the option to attend a camp at Ngatuhoa Lodge. The cost of this is $130.00 for those students that attend. Students who do not opt in will be provided with an in-school academic programme during this time. The dates are as follows:

- Room 29 – 14th to 16th September 2020  
- Room 4 – 16th to 18th September 2020  
- Room 19 – 22nd to 24th September 2020  
- Room 11 – 28th to 30th October 2020  
- Room 13 – 2nd to 4th November 2020  
- Room 18 – 4th to 6th November 2020  
- Room 14 – 9th to 11th November 2020  
- Room 12 -11th to 13th November 2020  
- Room 6 – 16th to 18th November 2020  
- Room 8 – 18th to 20th November 2020  
- Room 20 – 23rd to 25th November 2020  
- Room 17 – 25th to 27th November 2020  
- Room 5 – 7th to 9th December 2020  
- Room 7 – 9th to 11th December 2020
AUSTRALASIAN ICAS COMPETITIONS

At Ōtūmoetai Intermediate we encourage all our students to enter the Australasian ICAS competition. Below is a timetable of dates and the cost of each exam. Please note that this year there will be no Writing or Spelling Bee exams.

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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. Please make sure you included your child’s first and last name, year level and room number.

**AUSTRALIAN ICAS COMPETITIONS**

Child’s Name: ___________________________________________________ Room: _______ Yr Level: _______

I would like to enter the following Australian competitions:

- [ ] Digital Technologies $15.95
- [ ] Mathematics $15.95
- [ ] Science $15.95
- [ ] English $15.95

I enclose $_________________________ in payment

Signed: __________________________________________________________

_________________________ Parent/Caregiver
SPORTS NEWS

Basketball

Congratulations to our A Team who made it to the finals of the Intermediate Basketball Blitz at Bethlehem College recently. They were just pipped by Papamoa to come second place.

Mountain Biking

Well done to our four students who made the finals at the Mountain Biking Competition at the end of last term.

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/ōtūmoetaiintermediateschool 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. To download this app: In Google Play & App Store search ‘Skool Loop’ and choose Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School once installed

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.
Thanks to the following businesses for sponsoring our school app:
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.
ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Support Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School by ordering your new Entertainment™ Book

Even in these difficult times, our school is still tasked with fundraising. We know many families will not be in a position to support us at this time.... But if you can, we would appreciate your support of the Entertainment fundraising initiative below. As New Zealand moves out of the Covid-19 Lockdown, there are fantastic savings to be made through the Waikato and Bay of Plenty leading restaurants, cafes and attractions. Your membership is a great way to find and support the local businesses that have been through some very challenging times over the past month or so. There are also great offers for online shopping and so much more. The New 2020 Entertainment Digital Memberships are now available.

Buy Now to receive a Bonus 2 months on your Membership .... And Activate post Lockdown to access 14 months of savings! Order through the Buy Now button or order securely online at:

https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1548m32
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.

ŌTŪMOETAI COLLEGE
Orientation Night - Wednesday 5th August 2020
Tour 1 commences at 4.15 pm
Tour 2 commences at 6.30 pm
Full details will be in our Enrolment Packs which are to be distributed 22 July 2020

TAURANGA GIRLS
Open Evening – Thursday 6th August 2020 at 5.45 pm
Orientation – Thursday 26th November 2020 from 9.00 to 11.15 am.

TAURANGA BOYS
An Open Evening is scheduled for Wednesday 12th August 2020, from 6.00pm - 9.00 pm. Meet in the School Gymnasium.
All prospective students and parents are warmly invited.
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
OTUMOEI COLLEGE
Canteen Assistant

A permanent position is available for up to 27.5 hours per week. 8.30am to 2.30 pm (start time flexible). Term time only

The successful applicant will be

• working with a great team
• friendly and approachable
• working school hours.

Relevant experience is preferred.

The position is to preferably commence on 3 August 2020

Applications close by 2pm on 29 July 2020

All applications must be made on the school application form. This can be found on our school website www.otc.school.nz. Please submit your application with a cover letter and CV to supportvacancy@otc.school.nz.
BUS BETTER WITH Bee

Tauranga Students
Bee Card, your new electronic smart card for using the bus is launching on the 27th July when fare charging resumes.
The Bee Card makes boarding faster, and easier for you. Just tag on by holding your card to the Bee Card reader as you board the bus, and tag off when you leave.
If you already have an existing bus card you will need to replace it with a registered Bee Card. For a limited time, getting a Bee Card is free.

The easiest way to get your new Bee Card is to go online at beecard.co.nz and have it posted to you free of charge (could take up to 10 working days).

Alternatively, pick up your Bee Card from a bus driver and register the card online at Beecard.co.nz, or pick up from a Bay of Plenty Regional Council office at:

Regional House, 1 Elizabeth Street Tauranga

Find out more at baybus.co.nz/beecard
COMPUTER/MOBILE CODING

A BRIGHT FUTURE
Our lessons will expand your child’s horizons. Your child will learn to not only passively consume technology, but to create technology so that they can be an active part of the digital era. Learning to code is great for student’s brains as it develops regions of the brain associated with both math and language. Children have an amazing capacity for learning and introducing them to coding while they’re young will help set them up for success in our increasingly digital world.

WHO
School students in years 7 and 8

WHAT
Beginner and advanced online coding lessons where students learn to create technology

WHEN
One hour per week
Weekdays 4pm, 5pm or 6pm

APPLY NOW (Limited Spaces Available)
To give your child the opportunity to learn how to program technology apply now at codingnz.com/signup