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

A big thank you to all those involved in our annual school production – Show Case. We are grateful to all families who made donations towards the cost of filming the show. We have shared the video with our whole school and contributing schools and this video can be viewed by clicking on the link below:


Our canopy over the top astroturf is scheduled to be constructed on site in two weeks’ time. We look forward to having this additional facility for term four.

As our open night on Wednesday 9th September, 2020 has been cancelled, we have put together a series of videos about our school including a virtual tour of our school facilities and students in action. These can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

- [https://media.otuinter.school.nz/](https://media.otuinter.school.nz/)

Further information about our school regarding enrolments, our school uniform and E-Learning and Chromebook classes is available on the following link:


As the term progresses, the school continues to respond to the health guidelines around COVID-19. At Alert Level 2, we have been unable to proceed with a number of our regular events. As a result, we are looking at ways to engage our students with a variety of cultural and sporting activities in addition to their academic programme. Our priority has been the well being of all students and we are happy to report that our daily attendance rate exceeds 90%, compared to the national average.

As a school we continue to look for ways to be innovative and the installation of a 3.5 metre x 5 metre video wall in the hall is an excellent example of this. We are also planning a series of internal sports activities in the last week of term and have arranged a sports exchange with Te Puke Intermediate School.

We continue to plan for Te Rā Rēhia our Ōtūmoetai cluster schools Kapa haka Festival on 13th November 2020. We are also hoping that we will be able to proceed with our biennial Grandparents Day on 4th December 2020.

Nga Mihi Nui

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NAU MAI, HAERE MAI
- FROM THE BOARD

The school Board of Trustees met on Thursday 27th August 2020 and outlined below are some highlights from that meeting:

- Congratulations to staff and students for the outstanding work they put into Showcase 2020. While it was disappointing not to be able to all come together to enjoy a live performance, we were able to appreciate the hard work and extraordinary talent being nurtured by teachers, on the video recording.

- Viewing the Showcase recording on our school’s new video wall in the hall was a wonderful experience for Board members. What an impressive resource we now have - one which will be well utilised in the years to come.

- The school has embraced new online methods of communication with whanau - which is especially important with our recent Covid-19 interruptions. The virtual tour of the school - to replace our Year 6 information evening - has been well received by the community and is an impressive example of videography. If you haven’t yet seen it, check it out on the school’s Facebook page.

- Building work and landscaping continues around the school to maintain a safe learning space for students and teachers. Over the coming months older classrooms will be refitted, toilet blocks refurbished, the administration area will be reconfigured, the astroturf replaced, alongside the upgrading of our security system. The Board is confident that future planning is in place for the maintenance of an attractive, inclusive school environment.

- Our next Board meeting will be held on Thursday 24th September 2020, in the staffroom. You are most welcome to attend.

Nga Mihi Nui.

Fiona Matthews, BOT Secretary

ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

A reminder that all enrolments are due in by 18th September 2020.
DANCE NZ MADE NATIONAL COMPETITION

On the 9th and 10th of August a group of talented dancers entered into the Dance NZ Made Tauranga regional competition. Lulu Moore, Sammy Irwin and Sophie Lane all entered a self-choreographed solo and did exceptionally well. Lulu placed first place in the Year 8 category, Sophie placed first in the Year 7 category, with Sammy placing runners up also in the Year 7 category.

Our school also entered into the team category, placing first in the Year 7/8 section, as well as placing second overall in the entire competition, which had groups from Year 3 up to Year 13, which is impressive! This was no fluke as the girls rehearse constantly to perfect their routine. The girls also participated in workshops throughout the day which were held by the judges. Both the group dance and solos have qualified for Nationals which are held in Palmerston North later this month.
PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY PARENT EVENING

Last week our Performing Arts Academy held a Parent Evening to show their families what they have been working on this year. Because the OIS Showcase did not eventuate with an audience due to the COVID restrictions, families sadly did not get a chance to see their kids perform.

Musical theatre, drama and dance items were performed on this evening, with both students and their parents enjoying a fun evening celebrating Performing Arts.

Ms O’Sullivan
WEARABLE ARTS 2020

This year the Wearable Arts theme was “Anything Goes in Lockdown”. Students were asked to make creations using this theme in mind, as well as using as many recyclable materials as possible. A competition was held earlier this term, whereby students were judged on the following categories:

- Interpretation of theme
- Creativity
- Most WOW factor
- Use of recyclable materials.

Students then wore their creations on stage for the taping of the Showcase. Here are the winners for 2020:

**Interpretation of Theme**
- Winners: Mia Proverbs, Macey Sutherland, Teagan Stewart (Room 18)
- Highly Commended: Inge Van Wyk (Room 16) and Maddie Cooper (Room 25)

**Creativity**
- Winner: Hana Henderson (Room 28)
- Highly Commended: Paige Marley (Room 24)

**Most Wow Factor**
- Winner: Chelsea Brown (Room 18)
- Highly Commended: Sequoia Trass (Room 21)

**Use of Recyclable Materials**
- Winner: Maia Greaves (Room 3)
- Highly Commended: Willa Stott (Room 17)
Winners

Mia Proverbs, Macey Sutherland, Teagan Stewart
Hana Henderson
Chelsea Brown
Maia Greaves

Highly Commended

Inge Van Wyk and Maddie Cooper
Paige Marley
Sequoia Trass
Willa Stott

CYCLE SAFETY ON THE NEW TWO-WAY CYCLE-WAY

On Wednesday 16th September 2020, we are running a safety cycle session in block two for all cyclists. We have Sheree Ellis, her Travel Safe Team, with Kids Can Ride and other Tauranga City Council members will be kindly helping us with this event. Each team leader will take a group of about 10 cyclists along the two-way bike lane with education stops along the way. For example, learning about both shared crossings, driveway entries, bus stops, and discussions about how to cross safely. Higgins will be asked to put some Event signage up for extra precaution. We are very grateful for the wonderful support from Sheree and Andy from the Tauranga City Council. They have given us a lot of time, talking with our cyclists, sharing knowledge and monitoring the crossing for us. We really are looking forward to our cyclists having this very important safety training.

Ms McPike
TRAVEL SAFE AT ŌTŪMOETAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

All the cyclists met this afternoon in the hall to talk about safety on their bikes and using the two-way cycle lane. We were lucky to have Sheree Ellis our Travel Safe coordinator and Andy the cycle-way planner from the Tauranga City Council join our meeting and help answer some questions about the new two-way cycle-way on Ngatai Road. Sheree explained how to use the crossing correctly. She has been at the crossing on numerous occasions to observe how the students are using this new system.

One of the important points was to make sure you square up your bike to the crossing and stop your bike, put your foot down, and look both ways to make sure the road is clear before crossing on the green strip. This means cyclists aren’t just turning onto the green strip and tearing across the road.

It was also a good opportunity for cyclists to be reminded of the road rules:

- If you are TURNING, give way to all traffic going STRAIGHT. [Straight traffic goes first].
- Short turn first, long turn last.
- Top of the T goes before me.
- Give way to all traffic on your right.

When the students left the hall they all received a free high viz backpack cover, be safe be seen! Thank you so much Sheree and Andy for giving us your time and sharing your expertise with our students.

Ali McPike

- Square up your bike to the crossing
- Stop
- Put your foot down
- Look both ways
- Ensure cars approaching have stopped or the road is clear, in both directions.
- Bike across the green strip

How do the bus stops work?

- **Bus User:** Wait on the footpath. Cross cycleway carefully once the bus has arrived.
- **Cyclist:** Give way to anyone who is crossing at the bus stop.
- **Driver:** Please wait patiently behind the bus.
STUDENT LEADER SPEECHES

Recently our student leaders were tasked with writing a speech about a leader they admire and to talk about the three attributes of that leader they identify with. They had to learn this two-minute speech by heart and then say it without any cue cards. Finn Reed, wrote his speech about Dr Ashley Bloomfield.

Volunteers were asked to say their speeches at our school assembly and Finn volunteered. He delivered his memorised speech to over 900 of his peers. Finn's speech was posted to Dr Bloomfield and Finn received a card personally written by Dr Bloomfield back.

You did a great job writing your speech Finn, you did an amazing job delivering it to a large audience of your peers and Dr Bloomfield has been humbled by your words. It is awesome that he knows what you have written about him. In a covering letter Dr Bloomfield wished the staff and students at O.I.S all the best.

Ms A McPike
CANCELLED YEAR 6 INFORMATION EVENING

The Year six information evening was postponed on the day it was meant to be held, due to a Level 2 alert. We were all ready to go! Student Leaders ready with their speeches on culture, sports, academics and Te Ao Māori, technology classes planned and students returning to school that night to help out in classes.

In the science room, a very big fish had been thawing over a couple of days! Instead of wasting this animal and this learning opportunity, thirteen classrooms managed to visit the Striped Marlin that weighed in at 154 kgs and was 2.780 m in length.

Poppy, Diana and Isabella are seen here with the head and the tail or caudal fin. The bill had to be cut – so it could fit it into the science freezer!

ANNUAL SCHOOL FOOD BANK APPEAL 2020

Last year the Tauranga Food Bank gave out 6,920 food parcels, helping more than 18,000 people in our community with food, of which 9,706 of these were children. We noted that last year this figure was 5,047 parcels to 15,000 people. Boxes were delivered to each classroom and over the week we managed to fill 28 of them. This was a very worthwhile cause and a great opportunity for us to give to our community and show care and kindness. It has been great being able to help Brendon, Dee and the food bank team. We would like to thank everybody for your kindness and support, your donations will be appreciated.

Ali McPike
SPORTS NEWS

Intermediate Sports Competitions:

Badminton:
On the 31st July the following students represented OIS at the inter school Badminton tournament. Lachlan Shefferd, Marcus Louie, Quinn Cave, Jared Whaanga, Poppy King, Jack Ouwejan. Daniel Lee, Joseph Gregory all played well and all 8 players have been invited to compete at the finals tournament on 14th September 2020.

Chess
On Wednesday 26th October 2020, Ōtūmoetai Intermediate hosted the Tauranga Regional Chess Competition. Students came from schools all over the region to compete in Rookie, Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels. Our team included Nrusingah Rath, Braxton Clyde, Cai Evans, Ryan Paxie and Zen Miyanami. It was an enjoyable and competitive day. Congratulations to Nrusingah who gained a silver medal in the individual Intermediate section. Our team came second in the teams event and four of the players have qualified for the Chess Nationals later in the year. Good luck team!

Mountain Biking
The mountain biking team was lucky to get a break from the terrible weather and have an amazing day at the Craters of the Moon mountain bike park in Taupo on the 26th June 2020. All members gave it their all and raced hard. Sophie, Grace, Fred and Issac placed in the top 10 in the heats advancing them to the finals. Again, riding hard and placing inside the top 5-15 overall. Ōtūmoetai Team 1 placed 7th overall.

Squash
On 28th July 2020, Erin Wyllie travelled to Rotorua to attend the Geyser City Inter School Squash Tournament. Erin took home 1st place for the year 7/8 girls division. Well done Erin!

Table Tennis:
On 6th August 2020, 13 OIS students competed in the local inter-school table tennis tournament at QEYC. The team had an action-packed day.
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/ōtūmoetainternadiateschool 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:

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PLUMBING WORKS

TAURANGA TENPIN
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.

Last chance to get your FREE Trial Entertainment app! Offer ends 13 September 2020! Download now and unlock six weeks of incredible savings... Including hundreds of offers to entertain the kids during school holidays.

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

EVES CHERRYWOOD

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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.

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See who your child calls and texts most, read SMS, and set a list of blocked contacts. Android devices only. **NEW!**
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2020/2021
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5 weeks starting Wednesday 11th November 2020
– Wednesday 9th December 2020 and then another 5 weeks
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Semi Finals 3rd March 2021
Finals 10th March 2021

5.30pm
Year 6 Grade (7 aside) to prepare for Intermediate netball
Year 7 & 8 Grade
A maximum of three (3) boys may play on court at the same time, provided there is only one boy in each third
of the court.

6.30pm
Year 9 & 10 Grade

Senior/College Mixed Grade
A maximum of three (3) males may play on court at the same time, provided there is only one male in each
third of the court.

7.30pm
Senior/College Womens A Grade
Senior Teams can include college players.

Senior/College Womens Social Grade
Senior Teams can include college players.

Registrations close Tuesday 27th October 2020
Senior/College Registration $350
Intermediate Registration $300
Junior Registration $300

IMPORTANT TO NOTE – WHATEVER AGE GROUP YOU START THE COMPETITION IN IS THE SAME AGE GROUP YOU WILL FINISH THE COMPETITION IN

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All club contacts please email manager@harboursidenetball.co.nz with your team/club name and the club
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Sat 10th October and Sat 17th October
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Our season runs from February to December with a break for
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