

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

We are already in week four and the term is flying past with lots happening at school. Our congratulations to all students who participated in Showcase to make this year's production a spectacular success. We would also like to thank all the parents and teachers who worked tirelessly in the background to give these students the confidence in themselves and the skills to perform in the wide variety of acts.



Since the last newsletter, we have had students competing in the Winter Sports Tournament, the Interschool Basketball Competition, Gymsport, Badminton, Interschool Cross Country and school sports teams for hockey, netball and basketball in local competitions.

Our next major event is the Anchor AIMS Games, which start on Sunday 9th September. Over 360 Otumoetai Intermediate students are eagerly preparing for this opportunity to pit themselves against 10,000 of the best athletes in New Zealand for their age level.

Alongside the wide variety of activities and events offered this term, a keen focus is continuing to be kept on all students' academic progress in reading, writing and mathematics. Our school goal is for at least 85% of all students to be at or above curriculum level in all three areas and an aspirational goal is for a 90% at/or above curriculum levels. We believe that the most important thing we can do for your children is to thoroughly prepare them for the next stage in their learning at secondary school.

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OPEN NIGHT AND INFORMATION MEETINGS

Our open night for interested parents and students will be held tonight at 7.00 pm.

There will be follow-up information meetings for our Children With Special Abilities (CWSA) programme on Wednesday 22nd August 2018 from 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm and our Digital Classes (multimedia) on Wednesday 22nd August 2018 from 11.00 am to 12.00 pm.

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NAU MAI, HAERE MAI - FROM THE BOARD

The school Board of Trustees met on Thursday 26th July, outlined below are some highlights from that meeting:

- Members were presented with a feedback summary from the community consultation survey, which was completed by 313 parents and 28 staff. The focus of the survey was to establish community understanding of the school's 7 strategic goals, how successful these were and how they could be progressed further. Throughout the feedback a wide range of new ideas and opinions of current practise were raised. Overall, the majority of respondents see the ongoing ability of the school to achieve these current goals as successful. Thank you to all who contributed to this survey. It will provide the foundation for discussion at board meetings as we move towards establishing new strategic goals for our revised School Charter.
- Our Chairperson, Fiona McTavish, and myself attended the New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) three-day conference in Rotorua during the school holidays. We were both able to consider information shared from leading educational theorists and practitioners about the way decisions are made in regards to school funding, employment and legislative requirements. There was a strong theme of keeping children at the centre of what we do and nurturing those most 'at risk'. You can be assured that your board strives to work in the best interests of your children, and opportunities for members to attend these training seminars are vital in keeping us at the 'cutting edge' of best practises.
- Board members are delighted with the finished results of the building project to modernise 'B Block'. This is now a bright, airy space for students and staff to work alongside one another in.
- An appointments panel has been established to begin the process of appointing a new Deputy Principal at the end of the year, when Lynne Hutchinson retires.
- The school is gearing up for the Anchor AIMS Games which start on Sunday 9 September. We have over 360 students, which is our biggest team yet. We are sure that students will enjoy the challenges these games bring and hope that they all have a brilliant time!
- Finally, a massive congratulations to all of those students and staff involved in the OIS Showcase which ran on Tuesday 31st July and Wednesday 1st August. I was so impressed with the vast pool of talent and ability demonstrated in our young students. The show was polished and presented to the highest of standards, highlighting just how talented our teaching staff are. A special thanks to all of those who worked behind the scenes (including our own board member Helen O'Connor) as big productions like these cannot be pulled off without you.

Nga Mihi Nui

Fiona Matthews, Parent Representative

ANCHOR AIMS GAMES PARENTS MEETING

All parents of students involved in the 2018 Anchor AIMS Games are invited to attend an information evening regarding the AIMS Games on Tuesday 21st August 2018 at 7.00 pm in the School Hall.

SHOWCASE 2018

Showcase 2018 was a fantastic opportunity for the Otumoetai Intermediate Music Academy and cultural groups to perform on the 'big stage'. This year we had 3 bands performing a range of music from a variety of artists. A huge thank you to all who were involved in the schools Rock Bands and Acoustic Band, a professional performance done by all.

The Otumoetai Intermediate School Choir have worked hard together throughout the term, building up a repertoire of songs for our school's Showcase. The Choir opened with a U2 classic '*I still haven't found what I'm looking for*', featuring soloist Charlotte Bateman, finishing with '*Beauty and the Beast*' featuring soloist Ana Tukaki. A huge congratulations to all students involved with Choir this term, you have worked really hard.

The schools Drumline Group also had the opportunity to be part of our annual school showcase. A group of very, very loud drums performed an original song that was written by the students themselves. All rhythms used sounded like things that you could purchase from McDonalds eg. Big Mac, Fries, Coca-cola and Apple-Pie. It is great to see first time performers and experienced musicians come together to create music.

A massive thank you to all our supporters who have encouraged us throughout the musical journey leading up to Showcase this year. We appreciate and value your support. We look forward to next year.



Performing Arts Academy

This year our talented Performing Arts Academy displayed their passion and talent through performing excerpts from the musical - Hairspray. The strong group of 23 performers displayed exceptional acting, singing and dancing talents to a very high, professional standard. Costumes, wigs, lighting and set were specifically designed to match the era of the 1960's and added a WOW effect to the overall performance.



The Performing Arts Academy also performed a Michael Jackson styled dance to a medley of his songs. This included dance styles of pop, funk and hip hop. Again, costumes and lighting brought the whole performance together and wowed the audience alongside their ability to execute the isolated dance moves synonymous with MJ.



International Students

International students performed a version of the very well-known Korean folk song “Arirang”. This song tells the story of the struggles and challenges of the country and, in particular, the idea of reunification of North and South Korea. The students were all dressed in traditional costume and were supported by parents in the roles of conductor and accompanist.



Kapahaka

Kapahaka was ably led by student leaders under the direction of Kapahaka tutor, Matua Takiri. The students performed a combination of waiata and haka representing the local Tauranga iwi. The kapahaka was introduced by Bree McTavish-Huriwai.



WEARABLE ARTS COMPETITION

This year's theme for Wearable Arts was 'Weaving Dreams'. Students interpreted this theme in various ways, which made for some fantastic, creative creations. Prior to the Showcase was a judging competition where students were judged on the following five categories:

- Most WOW factor
- Use of recyclable materials
- Originality
- Creativity
- Interpretation of Theme.

Below are our list of winners – well done!

Interpretation of Theme		
	Winners	Room
1	Opal Bennett Danielle Brewerton	8 10
2	Charo Heijnen Serena Laurie Mia Mackenzie	2 2 2
Highly Commended		
1	Zara Cooper Jessie Gilbert	9 9
2	Lily Frieswyk Milla Mason	18 18

Most WOW Factor		
	Winners	Room
1	Jade Newton	27
2	Isla Jones Lauren Hamilton Sienna Paxie	4 20 27
Highly Commended		
1	Olivia Hayes Sofia Davies Katie Kennerly	6 6 6
2	Julia Papesch Natalie Ashton	26 26



Originality		
	Winners	Room
1	Ella Webb Brea Miller	7 20
2	Sage Bennett Grace Kidd Sania Harmine Lauren Koster	21 21 21 24
Highly Commended		
1	Zoe Rookes Holly Scott	22 22
2	Abby King	18

Use of Recyclable Materials		
	Winners	Room
1	Hanya Hennessey Cori McLaughlin	5 5
2	Eva Simpson Emma Warby	2 2
Highly Commended		
1	Sienna Mattson Kailey Sawyer	24 3
2	Grace Hutchinson Stevi Sykes Izabella Olsen Olivia McQuade-Wright	28 28 28 28



FRESH MOVES DANCE

Our Fresh Moves Dance group had another opportunity to shine this year at our schools Showcase. With three polished performances, this group just keeps getting better and better with each performance. With 43 strong dancers, they impressed the audience with their large group formations, choreography and performance ability. Another fantastic effort!



BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR THE SPCA



On Thursday 9th August, Rooms One and Six held a bake sale to raise money for the Tauranga Region SPCA. Everyone spent a lot of time preparing for this and were amazed and really proud of the outcome. We raised over our initial goal of \$500 and the final total was \$1,332.00. All the students from Rooms One and Two brought in some baking to sell, and we were donated drinks but also decided to buy some of our own.

Miss Carlton set up a Give A Little Page which raised just over \$242.00

Pippa, Miss Carlton's dog, came in to hang out with the kids and had a great time. She even got photographed by the newspaper and sneaked a lick of the cupcake icing. But it was okay as Mr King had that one!

A big thanks to Miss Carlton and Miss Kay for all the hard work and effort they took to ensure this bake sale was a success. Also thanks to everyone who supported us and donated to the SPCA.

This was a great experience and we all had a fun time.



Ashlyn Judkins, Room 1

ANCHOR BOTTLE CAP CUP

Earlier this term our school entered the Bottle Cap Cup competition. We collected bottle caps of Anchor milk bottles and sent our bottle caps away last week. Our school has placed third in the Anchor Bottle Cap Cup and we won a 2XU Sport Pack.

This year the Bottle Cap Cup was all about getting kids involved in recycling, competition and getting ready for the Anchor AIMS Games 2018. Our school has shown that it is committed to sustainability and values recycling both inside and outside of school.

A big thank you to McDonalds who supplied us with all their milk bottle caps.

MAYORAL RECEPTION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

On Monday 13th August there was a Mayoral Reception for International Students and their parents at the Tauranga Council Chambers. Each school from the Tauranga region had two students attend. Amy Choi and Simon Kwon represented Otumoetai Intermediate School. At the reception, the Tauranga Mayor, Mr Greg Brownless, welcomed all International Students. This was followed by a photo opportunity and morning tea. Well done Amy and Simon. You represented our school well.



2018 ICAS EXAMS RESULTS

At Otumoetai Intermediate, any student who wishes to sit these international competitions may do so. We encourage all students to give this a go and we congratulate all students who chose to participate in these exams. Each student who achieved more than 50% on the national scale was presented with their academic award at assembly. Particular congratulations to the following students who achieved higher awards:

Digital Technologies Results

Year 7 Credit (65%-86%)

- Travis Bastable
- Cohen Bruce
- Autumn Caudle
- Charlie Hockings
- Nathan Murray
- Liam Orrick

Year 8 Credit (67%-85%)

- Chiara Giacon
- Shlok Kansara

Science Results

Year 7 Credit (74%-87%)

- Autumn Caudle
- Conor Foreman
- Milla Sharp
- Thomas Wigley

Year 7 Distinction (91%-97%)

- Tomas Andrew
- Liam Orrick

Year 8 Credit (71%-76%)

- Quintin Pennell
- Fynn Williamson

YEAR 8 OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Towards the end of each year, all Year 8 students participate in an outdoor education programme. The total cost of this is \$90.00. Details and dates are as follows:

- Adrenalin Forest
 - Monday 19th November 2018 – Rooms 1 and 2
 - Tuesday 20th November 2018 – Rooms 3 and 4
 - Wednesday 21st November 2018 – Rooms 22 and 12
 - Thursday 22nd November 2018 – Room 11
 - Friday 23rd November 2018 – Rooms 26 and 21
 - Monday 26th November 2018 – Rooms 25 and 27
 - Tuesday 27th November 2018 – Room 23 and 24
- Waimarino Day 1
 - Monday 26th November 2018 – Rooms 1, 11 and 12
 - Wednesday 28th November 2018 – Rooms 2, 3 and 4
 - Monday 3rd December 2018 – Rooms 22, 23, 24 and 25
 - Monday 10th December 2018 – Rooms 21, 26 and 27
- Waimarino Day 2
 - Tuesday 27th November 2018 – Rooms 1, 11 and 12
 - Thursday 29th November 2018 – Rooms 2, 3 and 4
 - Tuesday 4th December 2018 – Rooms 22, 23, 24 and 25
 - Tuesday 11th December 2018 – Rooms 21, 26 and 27

COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS



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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.

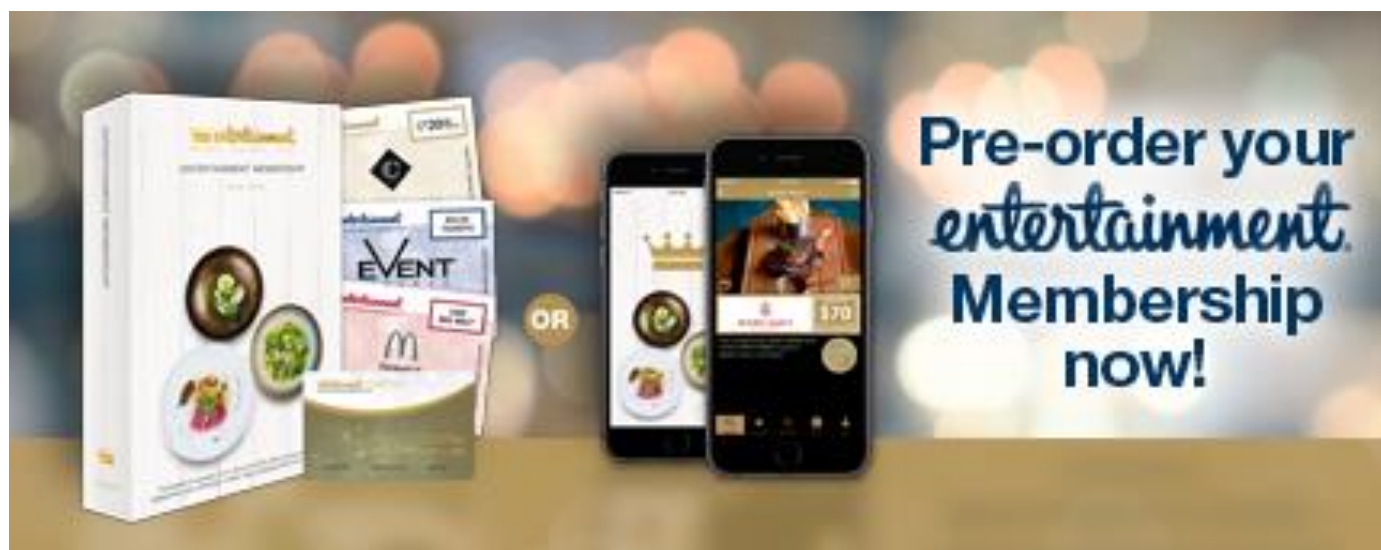
Others drive into the exits at similar speeds. Numerous times, other drivers have had to stop their car, or get out of the way on foot as this happens.

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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