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

The PTA are once again holding the popular annual Home Garden Competition. The goal is to encourage our students to grow their own vegetables, flowers or herbs and to gain a greater understanding of horticulture and sustainable practices. Notices will go out to students early next term with further details.

Now that we are back to COVID-19 Alert Level 1, planning has resumed for Te Rā Rēhia 2020 and Grandparents Day. Te Rā Rēhia is our Ōtūmoetai cluster schools Kapa Haka festival and hosted by our school on the bottom field. Grandparents Day is scheduled for Friday 4th December 2020 and we will provide more information about this early next term. In the meantime, please give your child’s grandparents or special person (substitute) the heads up for this popular event.

As the term comes to a close, it is a pleasure to report to our community that we can be extremely proud of our students for their support of each other, their empathy for those in greater need, and general conduct within and outside of the school. In this newsletter you will be able to see the huge variety of activities our students have been involved in and the tremendous support from parents and businesses to enable these to happen.

COVID-19 has presented its challenges and caused a number of cancellations in our regular calendar. Its forced us to be innovative and one of our variations is the recent exchange with Te Puke Intermediate. This week is also a sports week for all students to enjoy and experience.

Construction of our new Outdoor Arena (Canopy) has started on the top astroturf and we look forward to using this new facility in the second half of next term.

Next term is a summer term so we will be encouraging students to be appropriately dressed. This includes wearing a school sunhat, slapping on sun block and wrapping their eyes with sunglasses.

I would like to thank all parents and whanau who assisted and supported the school over this term, without you many of our sports teams and external activities would not take place. I would also like to wish our students and their families a safe and restful holiday break.

Nga Mihi Nui

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TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

Last week was Māori language week. Ko te kaupapa o te wiki: “Kia kaha te reo Māori”. When we say ‘Kia Kaha te Reo Māori’ we’re saying - ‘Let’s make the Māori language strong’.

At te Kura Takawaenga o Ōtūmoetai, we learned a kupu o te rā (word of the day), rerenga kōrero o te rā (sentence of the day), and kiwaha o te rā (saying or colloquialism of the day). It was Tau ke (awesome) to classes participating in a range of learning activities involving Te Reo.

On Monday the 14th of September we all participated in ‘The Māori Language Moment’, by doing our school haka, “E koka”. Te Wā Tuku Reo Māori was in recognition of a significant milestone in the revitalisation of Te Reo Māori. On 14th September 1972, 30 thousand signatures were presented to Parliament, asking for te reo Māori to be taught in schools. The goal was to have 1 million people speaking, singing and celebrating Te Reo Māori at the same time!
During lunchtimes there have been a number of activities that nga tauira (students) have been involved in including: whare whare (housie), raranga harakeke (flax weaving), a scavenger hunt in Te Reo, and we watched “Moana” in Te Reo.

Room 14 has been working toward achieving their Te Reo Maori badge this week. There are set criteria including, knowing a basic mihi, months, days, counting, greetings, and phrases that students need to learn in order to gain their badge. Our Manukura students assessed Room 14 on Friday morning.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
School Trustee Election 2020
‘Business Owner, Learner Focussed, Number Cruncher, Team Player, Enquiring Mind’

If you can share your skills, you can be a trustee. Becoming a school trustee could be one of the most rewarding roles you have. Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who believe in making a positive difference to our children’s learning. Step forward and nominate yourself or someone you know by filling out a nomination form. Dates for nominations for candidates to stand as new Board of Trustee Members are as follows:

Call for nominations: Sunday 11th October 2020
Nominations close: 1st November 2020
Voting Day: Friday 4th December 2020
MAU RĀKAU WITH MATUA TAMAHOU TANGITU

Our rōpu Manukura (Māori Leadership group) worked with one of the leading experts in a Mau rākau, Tamahou Tangitu. This comprehensive wānanga (course) covered aspects from basic tikanga, proper stances, basic feet and rākau movements, to a break-down of the different ‘āhei’ and ‘Ngā kōrero Tuku Iho’. We are very grateful to the Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi Trust, for inviting us to participate. Hopefully, we will also get the opportunity for a noho marae (stay at a marae) to consolidate our understanding even more.
NATIONAL YOUNG LEADER DAY 2020
– GOES VIRTUAL

Kia Kaha, Kia Maia, Kia Manawanui – Be Strong, Be Brave, Be Steadfast.

On Tuesday 8th September 2020, National Young Leader Day went virtual, for the schools that were registered for the Hamilton event. The level 2 restrictions meant that the large gathering originally to be held at Claudelands, could not go ahead. The live MC’s were Liz Alexander and Jordan Vandermade.

The speakers for this event started with William Pike, a motivational speaker and explorer. He told his incredible story of surviving a freak Mt Ruapehu volcanic eruption. This eruption claimed one of his legs but left his drive to succeed and passion for adventure unscathed. William had three tips for our young leaders:

1. Find your passion
2. Build strong teams and whanau

William Pike’s challenge to our young leaders was to be brave and to step out of their comfort zone. By doing this he said, “You will achieve your extraordinary”.

Nineteen-year-old Riley Hathaway was next and she has been on a mission since Year 8 to inspire kids to love our oceans. As Riley explained, “When you love something, you look after it”. Riley and her Dad Steve, have created Young Ocean Explorers. She told our leaders to be “Steadfast in what you believe in, as this will lead to more opportunities as a young leader”. She spoke about how young people are influential and powerful and how they need to speak loud about the things that matter. Riley explained that things might seem insurmountable but to make a difference – you just have to get started.

Our third speaker was Okirano Talaia – the voice for youth, Pasifika, the environment and organiser of the ‘students’ unity of love’ vigil in Christchurch. At the time of the Mosque attacks, Oki was Head Boy at Cashmere High. He told our leaders that the pathway to leadership is through service. He had three tips for our leaders:

1. Know who you are
2. Have a positive mindset
3. Be courageous

Oki said “Be strong, keep going, do more, be more and become more.” He said by having a strong mindset full of positive thoughts – you can overcome anything. When Oki organised the vigil in Christchurch, he thought it would be himself and some friends. He was overwhelmed to see the number of people who turned out. A quote came to him at this time “I come as one but stand as 10,000”.

Our final talk was an interview with singer Stan Walker. He talked about some of the challenges he faced and he told our leaders “You are incredible, you were born to have purpose”. Stan ended the NYLD event singing ‘Bigger’ and ‘Give’. It was a very cool way to end an amazing event.

This was so valuable and it was enjoyed by all. We were very fortunate not to miss out on our NYLD due to the level we were at.

Ali McPike

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2020

- Term 3 Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September 2020
- Term 4 Monday 12th October to Thursday 16th December 2020

Accord Teacher Only Days

- Tuesday 27th October 2020 Attached to Labour Weekend

2020 Public Holidays

- Labour Day Monday 26th October 2020
SPORTS NEWS

Te Puke Interschool Competition:

Football - Boys
The boy’s football team played some attractive football against Te Puke. The final score of 10-0 was a reflection of the great teamwork and positive attitude of the team. Devlin Kershaw-Langton led the scoring with four goals.

Football - Girls
The Girls Football team played some superb football in a comprehensive 15-0 win over Te Puke. Once again captain Miah Smith was a standout, scoring six goals and was ably supported by senior players Grace Duncan, Lydia Matic and Caitlin Beets. Special mentions to Year 7 players Isabella Kawana and Jayda Davies for outstanding games.

Hockey
Ōtūmoetai hockey teams had a great day on Thursday. We had a mixed A team made up from the Year 8 A girls and A boys teams that played against the top Te Puke mixed team. It was a great match with lots of shots on goal and great team work across both of the teams. Our team came away with the win and had great fun playing.

Our two Ōtūmoetai mixed teams played a game against each other in the afternoon which was tightly contended. It was a close game with each team scoring a goal before the mixed green team took the win with a couple of great shots on goal.

Netball
The Year 7 and 8A teams both showed great enthusiasm and determination in their matches against Te Puke. Unfortunately, neither team came away with the win but it was great to have another opportunity to play this year.

Rugby - Boys
The boys rugby 7’s squad travelled to Te Puke last Thursday to compete against Te Puke Intermediate in a sports exchange. Two games were held between the teams with Te Puke proving too strong on both occasions. OIS showed plenty of heart, aiming up against a much larger Te Puke team. Commendably, the Ōtūmoetai squad showed great improvement over the day, with Fred Bradley scoring two strong tries to finish the day on a high.

Rugby - Girls
The girl’s rugby team travelled to Te Puke with little game or practise time under their belts. They came up against a very fit, very fast, and very big Te Puke team. Despite this, the team got stuck in and put on a brave performance, tackling hard and scrapping for possession. Although the score at the end was a blow-out, all of the girls can hold their heads high and be proud of the way they played. Worthy of special mention were Sarah Bryan, Keeva Conner and Lilah Joe who all led from the front. It was especially satisfying to see Lilah Joe pin her ears back and score a sensational try to finish the game. Well done to all of the girls for representing our school so successfully.
Ultimate Frisbee
Ten brave students travelled to Te Puke to play Ultimate Frisbee, a game new to them all. With a quick explanation of the rules, they were into it. The opposition, while also new to the sport, had several very skilled frisbee throwers. Our players quickly learned the game and began creating some good passages of play. While we did not win the game, we did improve, had some fun, and made some new friends.

Intermediate Sports Competitions:

Badminton
Ōtūmoetai Intermediate competed at the Bay of Plenty Champs with the following results:

- Marcus Louie and Lachlan Shefferd - Winners of Boys Division 1 - won every match (12) to win overall.
- Joe Gregory and Daniel Lee - Runners Up in Boys Division 3 - secured by a count back, so very close.

Out of School Sports:

Surf Lifesaving
Honour Rikihana recently competed at the Eastern Regional Pool Champs for Surf Lifesaving. Honour won all the races in her age group and was 1st overall for Under 12 girls.
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:

- Need help finding the right loan?
- TYREMASTER
- TECTUM CONSULTING
- Bay Physiotherapy Centre
- Residential Property Management
- Tauranga Plumbing
- First Credit Union
- be alarmed
- Smile Art Braces
- 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

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.

RUN
JUMP
THROW

Bellevue Athletic Club is the largest children’s athletic club in the Bay offering a fun, positive programme for 1-14yrs! Join us today!

Tuesday nights 5:20pm at The Domain, Tauranga (season starts 13th Oct)

Mini Club (1-6) $70
Junior Club (7-14) $120

REGISTER NOW

www.sporty.co.nz/bellevueathletics
OTUMOETAI INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL UNIFORM
CLEARANCE
LIMITED STOCK AT
UNBELIEVABLE PRICES

The Otumoetai Intermediate School uniform is changing BUT the existing uniform will be phased out over three years and may be worn in Year 8 during 2021.

If your child is attending Otumoetai Intermediate School next year, buy their uniform now and save!

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LEARN TO ROW 2020

8 FUN FILLED WEEKS OF LEARNING TO ROW FOR YEAR 7 AND UP
TRY OUT OUR FANTASTIC SPORT AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOLS

WHEN
October 18—December 6
Sundays 1pm and Wednesdays 4pm

CONTACT
To register your interest www.baycoastrowing.co.nz/register or for any queries, please email Tracey Brown at treasurer.bopcoastrowing@gmail.com

COST
$150 for the 8 weeks

WHERE
Bay Coast Rowing Club
369 Wairoa Road, Tauranga

WWW.BAYCOASTROWING.CO.NZ
TERM 3 RUGBY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Keep them active and skills sharp this holiday. This is an intro into Rugby 7s drills, games and fun for Boys & Girls.

When:
3 days, 9am — 3pm
Monday 28th Sep
Tuesday 29th Sep
Wednesday 30th Sep

Ages:
6—13 Coaching catered for beginner to elite level

Where:
Mt Maunganui
Intermediate School

Cost:
Steelos 3 Day Programme
$135 or $50 per day

To book your spot
visit Steelos.co.nz
For enquiries please contact Liam Steel:
liam@steelos.co.nz
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FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER
Pop in any time between 9.00-11.00am

Ages 5+ yrs

34 Koromiko St
Tauranga - Judea

For more information call 5770603
BASEBALL OPEN DAY
10th October 10 am - 1 pm
Gordon Spratt Reserve Papmoa

FUN FOR ALL AGES
Pitching & Hitting Competition | Food for Sale
U11 Game 10am - 11am | U13 Game 11am - 12pm
Exhibition Game - Tide Men vs Waitakere Bears

Register for the season online at
taurangacitybaseball.co.nz

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Tauranga City Baseball

BASEBALL SEASON

(TBall)
Kiwiball, U11, U13, U16, Adult
Gordon Spratt Reserve Papamoa
COME AND PLAY NOW

Register online at taurangacitybaseball.co.nz

For more info & to register, follow us
www.facebook.com/TaurangaCityBaseballClub
or email taurangacitybaseball@gmail.com
BASEBALL

PRESEASON

From 20th September - 4th October
1pm - 3pm
Gordon Spratt Reserve, Papamoa
Boys & Girls age grade U11, U13, U16
This is a great opportunity to work on your Baseball skills in the off-season or even just give Baseball a go to see if it is a sport you are interested in playing!

COME AND PLAY NOW

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