

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



The end of the year is rapidly coming to a close yet our students and teachers continue to focus on quality education right up to the last day. End of year assessments have been completed and we are analysing how we did as a school overall and how individual students have progressed this year. We will be able to share this information with you in our last newsletter of the year in week nine.

In these last few weeks, our students have participated in a variety of outdoor education programmes, learnt social dancing, if a Year 8, and focussed on plugging gaps in their learning. We are proud of the way our students continue to show exemplary behaviour and care for each other at a time when most people are thinking about Christmas and the holidays.

We are grateful for the support of our parent helpers at all of our outdoor education activities and the flexibility of parents when we have had to make sudden changes due to poor weather at the Adrenalin Forest Park.

The PTA are currently judging entries in the Palmers Home Garden Competition and we will announce the winners on Monday 11th December 2017.

Nga Mihi Nui

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ANNUAL YEAR 8 UNIFORM SALE

- When:** 9.00 am, Saturday 16th December 2017 (day after school finishes)
- Where:** Top Astro Turf, Otumoetai Intermediate School
- What:** All Year 8 students and their parents who wish to sell their uniforms, are invited to set themselves up with their uniform items for sale on the top astro turf. All incoming Year 7 students and their parents/caregivers will be notified of this event and will be looking to purchase second hand uniforms.

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2018

- Term 1 Thursday 1st February to Friday 13th April 2018
- Term 2 Monday 30th April to Friday 6th July 2018
- Term 3 Monday 23rd July to Friday 28th September 2018
- Term 4 Monday 15th October to Tuesday 18th December 2018

Teacher Only Day

- Monday 21st May 2018

2018 Public Holidays

- Waitangi Day Tuesday 6th February 2018
- Easter Friday 30th March to Tuesday 3rd April 2018
- Anzac Day Wednesday 25th April 2018 (falls inside school holidays)
- Queen's Birthday Monday 4th June 2018
- Labour Day Monday 22nd October 2018

2018 STATIONERY ORDERS

A reminder that if you are purchasing stationery from our school, these packs need to be ordered and paid for by Friday 8th December 2017.

Please make cheques payable to: **OTUMOETAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL** and attach to the order form. If paying by cash, please ensure the correct money is placed in an envelope attached to the order form. If you wish to direct credit the payment to the school account, please credit to: 12-3407-0029060-00 using your child's name as a reference. EFTPOS is available at the school office.

Please note: Hats will be available for purchase from the school office (\$10.00) 9.00 am to 2.00 pm from Tuesday 30th January 2018. People who have pre-ordered and pre-paid for stationery packs may also collect these from the school office 9.00 am to 2.00 pm from Tuesday 30th January 2018.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Friday 1st December 2017 is the last day for Lunch Orders

Please note that this Thursday 30th November and Friday 1st December are the last days for lunch orders from our canteen as the Otumoetai College canteen is closed from this date.

TAURANGA CYCLE PLAN FEEDBACK COMPETITION

Thank you for the tremendous effort put in by schools to support and promote school community engagement in the Tauranga Cycle Plan. The number of responses received reflects the hard work by all involved. Student groups from schools with the highest number of responses submitted, along with our Cycle Plan video winners were invited to Council Chambers to share with the Mayor and Elected Members their involvement in promoting the Tauranga Cycle Plan. The future of biking looks very bright! Congratulations to:

- Our feedback winners – Aquinas College, Otumoetai Intermediate, Bellevue Primary
- Our video comp winners – Mount Intermediate, Pillans Point Primary, Mount Maunganui Primary, Golden Sands School
- Our judges award recipients – Arataki School, Welcome Bay School

Responses

Survey Forms – 1571 responses

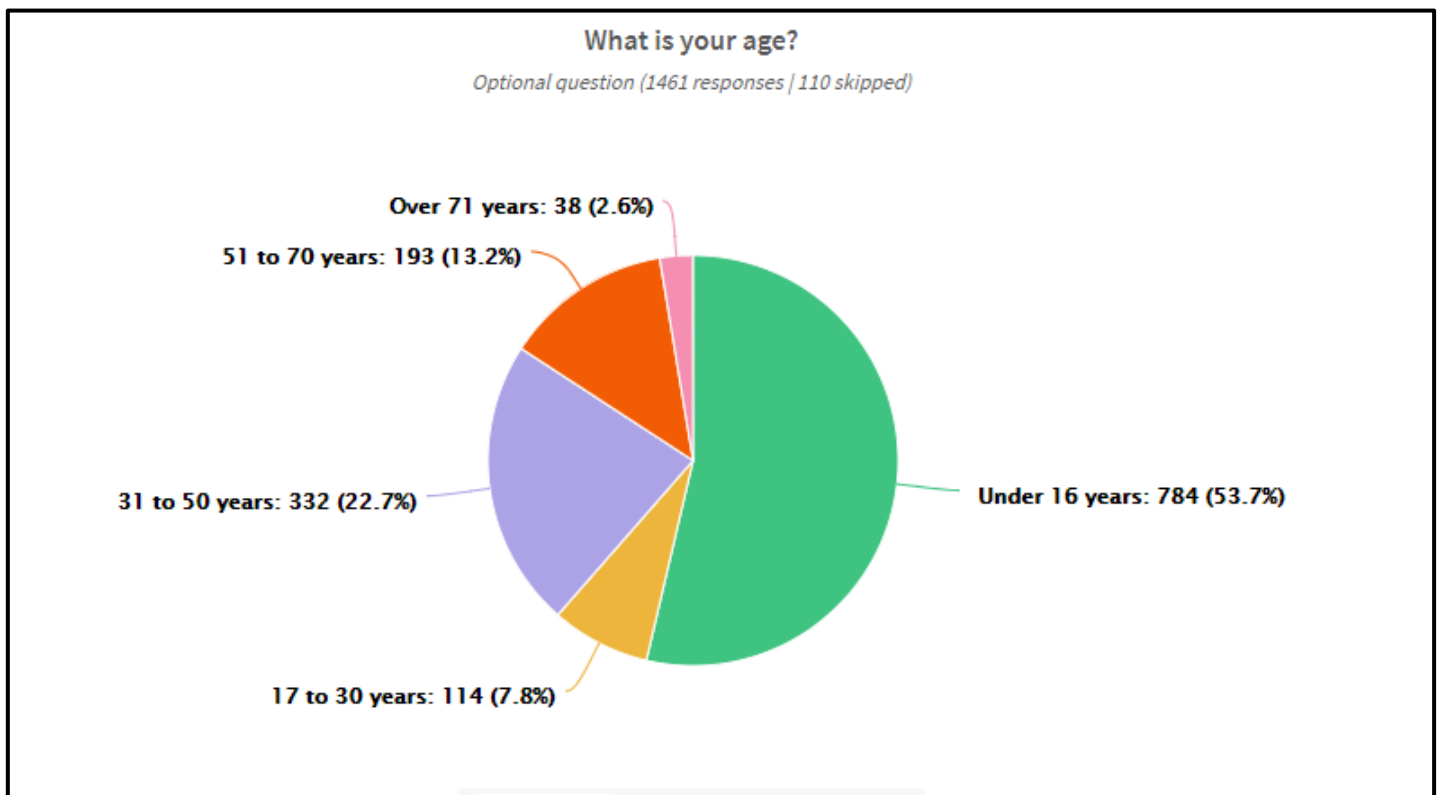
PINS added – 2824 markers

Ideas – 48 ideas added

69% of respondents said they were associated with a local school

Travel Safe Team

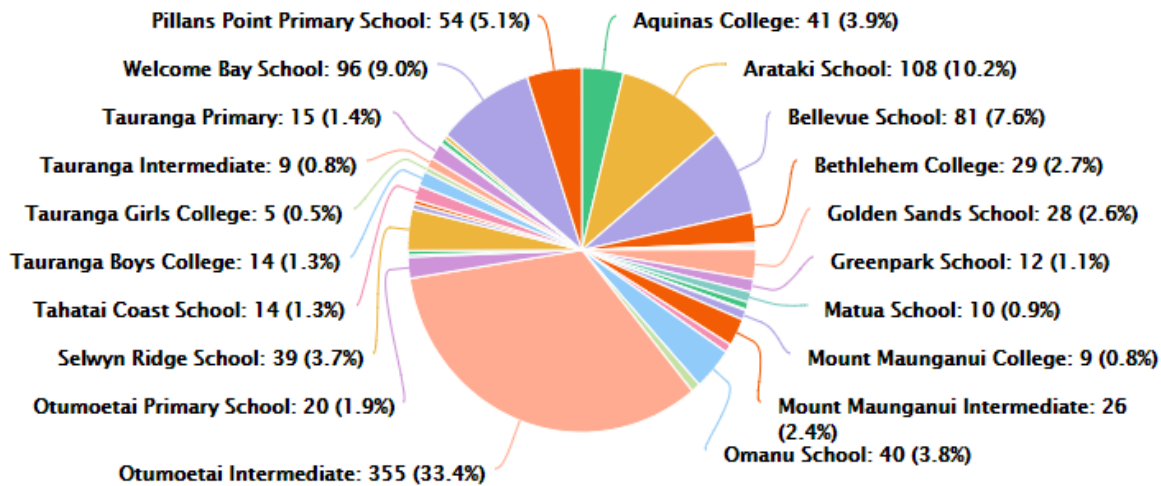
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Schools feedback breakdown – Survey

For all families and whanau with children at a local school please select from the dropdown box the school you are connected to. This is how your school is registered for the schools feedback competit...

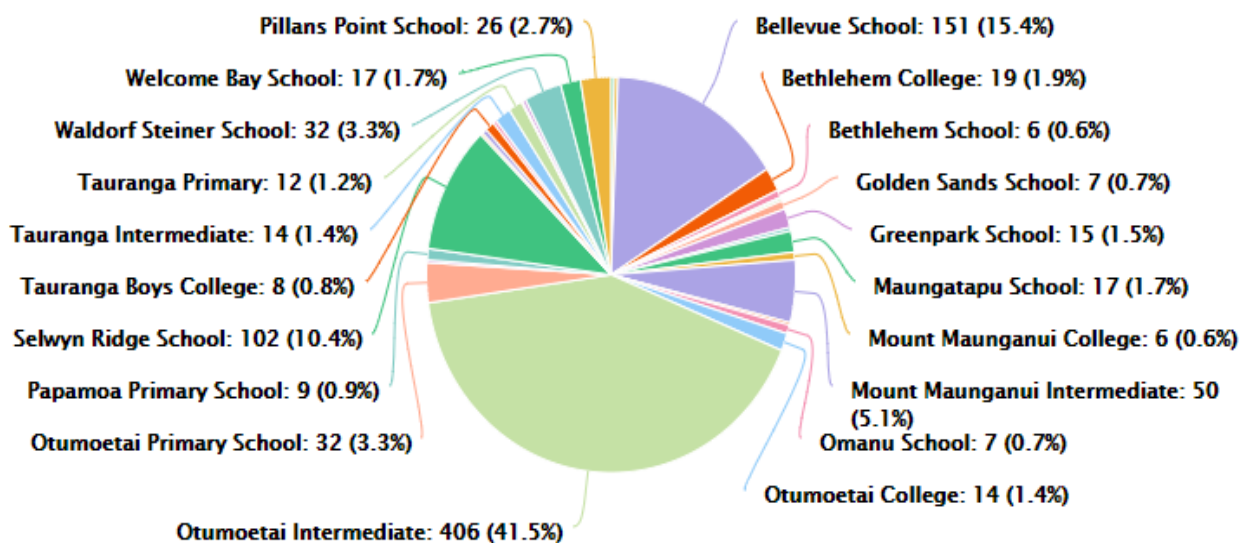
Optional question (1062 responses / 509 skipped)



Schools feedback breakdown – Mapping Tool

Please select from the dropdown box which local school you are connected with.

Optional question (responses / skipped)



This term, the School Travel Safe team have been very busy going around all of the classes to get feedback for the Tauranga City Council Cycle Plan Survey. In the Year 8 classes we showed students the Cycle Plan website and instruction video to teach them how to complete the online survey and 'drop a pin' on roads they thought were unsafe.

With the Year 7 classes, we handed out the hard copies of the survey, and explained how to fill it out. We encouraged as many students as possible to complete the survey by letting them know they could win a bicycle. We not only instructed them how to fill out the form, but why it is so important. For example, on a rainy day approximately 3,000 students leave Otumoetai Intermediate, Otumoetai College and Bellevue Primary all onto Windsor Road at 3.00 pm. As a school we feel that this is a real safety issue, especially for students on bicycles.

On Thursday 16th November 2017 the Travel Safe team went with Mrs Dey to the Tauranga City Council Chambers to have lunch with the Mayor and accept an award for receiving the most feedback as a school from the Cycle Plan Survey. We were invited to give a short speech detailing how we managed to achieve the results that we did.



We had a great time at the Council Chambers and have really enjoyed the opportunity to help improve cycle safety around our school.

Thank you to all you parents, caregivers and other friends and family members who filled in the survey and helped to make cycling safer for everyone.

Emily Wahab, Rm 24

CHANGES TO YEAR 8 SPECIALIST TEACHING PROGRAMME FOR 2018

Information for Year 7 parents

We are wanting to inform you of a change to our specialist teaching programme for 2018.

All current Year 7 students have had a six week module in each of the six specialist areas, namely: ICT, Hard Materials, Soft Materials, Art, Music and Dance/Drama. For next year, all 2018 Year 8 students will select their subjects in order of preference and they will have three specialist rotations during the year. This will allow for greater depth of teaching in students' chosen subject areas.

Your child's class teacher will help with the process of subject selection for next year.

YEAR 8 SOCIAL PICK UP

This is a heads up to let parents know what the arrangements will be for picking up your child at the end of the Year 8 graduation social on Thursday 14th December 2017.

We ask that parents wait outside the hall near the front door and if it is wet we will open up the ICT rooms for shelter. Parents will NOT be able to enter the hall during the social because of health and safety restrictions and fire regulations. At the end of the social, the front doors will be opened and parents will be able to enter and collect their child. Exit will be through the hall side door near the outside toilets.

Please do not ask to be admitted earlier as we do not wish to offend by saying no.

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.

CHOOSE SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE. REDUCE CHAOS AT OUR SCHOOL GATE.



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 PTC 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.



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HOW: In Play Store or App Store search "Parent Teacher Calendar" and choose our school once installed.

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END OF YEAR BUS ARRANGEMENTS

Rural Bus

Bus 10	1.00 pm Friday 15 th December 2017.
Bus 11	1.00 pm Friday 15 th December 2017.
Bus 13	Usual time on Friday 15 th December 2017.
Bus 14	Usual time on Friday 15 th December 2017.
Bus 16	Usual time on Wednesday 13 th December 2017.
Bus 17	1.00 pm Friday 15 th December 2017.
Bus 22	1.00 pm Friday 15 th December 2017.
Bus 25	1.00 pm Friday 15 th December 2017
Rapid Van	1.00 pm Friday 15 th December 2017.

Schoolhopper Bus

Buses 411, 559 and 657 finish at 1.00 pm on Friday 15th December 2017.

BEGINNING OF YEAR BUS ARRANGEMENTS

Rural Bus

Bus 10	Starts Thursday 1 st February 2017.
Bus 11	Starts Thursday 1 st February 2017.
Bus 13	Starts Thursday 31 st January 2017.
Bus 14	Starts Thursday 7 th February 2017.
Bus 16	Starts Thursday 1 st February 2017.
Bus 17	Starts Thursday 1 st February 2017.
Bus 22	Starts Thursday 1 st February 2017.
Bus 25	Starts Thursday 1 st February 2017.
Rapid Van	Starts Thursday 1 st February 2017.

Schoolhopper Bus

Buses 411, 559 and 657 – all buses start on Thursday 1st February 2018.

ROOM 17 GALA DAY

Fundraiser for families in Tauranga

A reminder to all students that room 17 will be running a gala day next week on Thursday 7th December 2017. Alongside the pre-ordered sausage sizzle, students will be able to buy sweet treats, savoury and chilled food items. To avoid queues, please bring gold coins.

SCHOOL ITEMS

Office Hours

Please note that the school office will be closed from 1.00 pm on Friday 15th December 2017 and re-open on Tuesday 30th January 2018 for hat purchases and pre-ordered stationery collections. The school is open for instruction on Thursday 1st February 2018 at 8.45 am.

Medications

All student medications that have been held at the office need to be collected by the last day of school.

Lost Property

Please ensure all students have looked through our lost property for any lost items.

Astro Turf

Please note that our Astro Turf is available for hire for people from our community. Keys are available from the school office for \$20.00 plus a \$5.00 refundable bond. Key hireage is on an annual basis and new keys are issued on 7th February each year at which time old keys need to be returned.

Paper and Cardboard Recycling

We are collecting all your clean paper, newspaper and cardboard at the front of the school. For every tonne we collect, we receive \$50.00. This can be dropped off at any time over the Christmas holidays. Please make sure the area is kept tidy.

Library Book Amnesty

All library books need to be returned by Friday 1st December 2017.

SPORTS AND CULTURAL NEWS

Intermediate Sports Competitions:

Gisborne Beach Challenge and Battle of the Bays

Going to Gisborne for The Beach Challenge (surf lifesaving) and Battle of The Bays (triathlon) was the most amazing experience. Most students were billeted with students from Gisborne Intermediate. They made friendships that will last them a lifetime! Our team did extremely well. We came away with 3rd overall in the Beach challenge. The Year 7 girls won their division, the Year 7 boys and Year 8 girls both came 2nd. The triathlon was also a huge success. We had many great achievements and many medals earned. Year 8 girls won the team and Year 7 boys got 2nd. Lulu Johnson won the Year 7 individual. The highlights of my experience were staying with our billets, coming second in our Year 8 girl's beach challenge division, and winning the triathlon in a team with Mia Gardiner and Sarah Cummings. Thank you so much Donna Gardiner with all of the organising. We couldn't have done it without you."

Lily Pearce, Rm 20

Final results are as follows:

- Year 7 Girls:
 - 1st in Beach Challenge -Lulu Johnson, Danielle Fowler, Neva Carnachan, Maia Clark-Smith and Karlia Taylor
 - 1st Individual Yr 7 Triathlon - Lulu Johnson
- Year 7 Boys:
 - 2nd Beach Challenge - Te Manewha Rikihana, Jacob Reeder, Mason Kritz, Lucas Finnigan, and Mitchell Taylor
 - 2nd Traithlon team - Te Manewha Rikihana, Lucas Finnigan, and Mitchell Taylor
- Year 8 Girls:
 - 2nd in Beach Challenge - Mia Gardiner, Lily Pearce, Sarah Cummings, Hazel Blissett and Anna Lawrence
 - 1st Triathlon team - Lily Pearce, Sarah Cummings and Mia Gardiner
- Year 8 Boys:
 - 5th Individual triathlon - Matthew Kirkwood

Overall School Beach Challenge = 3rd (Incredible effort without a Year 8 boys team to contribute points!)

Thanks also to Matt Kritz for the dry land training and all the parents that helped the kids get to Gisborne.

The families that hosted in Gisborne were so hospitable and the students came away with some great stories and fond memories as well as some medals.



Athletics Day

The annual sports day was an exceptional success. Twenty seven tabloid events, combined with the track and field finals, lay the foundation of what was to be an action packed day. The concept to hold an inclusive day allows all students to compete at their level rather than to compete to win.

It was great to see students, supported by teachers and parents, try new activities in which teamwork and sportsmanship overshadowed individual performances.

Congratulations to those student who were selected to represent our school at the Bay Of Plenty / Poverty Bay Intermediate Schools Athletics Championships on Friday 1st December 2017.

Volleyball

On Friday 10th November 2017, a selected group of students were invited to play in a local volleyball tournament run by our Sports Co-Ordinator, Jo Dey, at ASB Arena. Otumoteai Intermediate took a selection of both Year 7 and 8 students consisting of three girl teams and two boy teams.

Students trained hard throughout the term and showed a high level of skill and sportsmanship. They all played extremely well on the day with some great results:

- Year 8 Girls 1 = 1st Place
- Year 8 Girls 2 = 6th Place
- Year 7 Girls 1 = 2nd Place
- Year 8 Boys 1 = 2nd Place
- Year 7 Boys 1 = 3rd Place



Out of School Sports:

Cricket

Five Otumoetai Intermediate Year 7 Students have been selected for the Western Bay of Plenty Year 7 Blue Representative Team to attend the Riverbend Tournament and representative games over the summer period:

- Jean Roux, Joel Griffiths, Joshua McLeod, Oliver Francis and Te Manewha Rikihana.

Jacob McLeod has been named in the Coastlands age group Representative Team.

Golf

Jed Donovan represented the BOP at the annual Junior Golf Society Booth Shield tournament competing against teams from throughout the North Island. This year it was held at Whangaroa Golf Club near Coopers Beach over Labour Weekend. The BOP team had a very successful weekend and came first equal in the Weber Shield on the Saturday after playing 36 holes and were runner up in the Booth Shield. Jed came runner up in the boys net score.



Gymkhana

Naomi Mortimer competed in the Papamoa Gymkhana and placed in every class with five 1st places and seven 2nd places.

Surf Lifesaving

Neva Carnachan competed at the Omanu Carnival and placed 3rd in the board race, 1st in the board relay and 8th in flags.

Tennis

Macy Donaghy represented Western Bay of Plenty for the Under 14 Tennis and Lachlan Donaghy competed in an Under 12s Tournament vs Manukau. The WBOP came first. Macy also made it through to the regional Intermediate Tournament and placed 5th.

END OF YEAR LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

A reminder that all outstanding fees are required to be paid and library books to be returned to our school by Friday 1st December 2017.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MID-TERM ELECTION

Voting Paper - Closes 1 December 2017 at 12.00 midday

Just a reminder that the Mid-Term elections for our Board of Trustees closes this Friday 1st December 2017 at 12.00 midday.

These can be hand delivered to the school and placed in the ballot box provided in the main foyer or posted in the reply paid envelope.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BEACH HOCKEY

NZ Beach Hockey is coming to the Mount Main Beach on Saturday 13th January for the 6th year and you are invited.

No experience required to enter this event and first timers welcome. Registrations have now opened and are half full! So get your team of 5 together (plus a few subs), hockey players or not for a good day at the beach.

This year we have a youth competition running alongside the main competition so if you are year 7 to 11 this is for you.

Event details and registration information can be found on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1623374451016830/.063>

Lots of activity and fun to be had and spot prizes to be won!



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