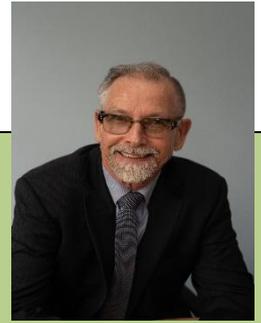


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**Dear parents, caregivers, students and friends of the school.
Tena koutou katoa. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.**



Welcome to our final newsletter for 2021. Considering the disruption caused by Covid-19, this has been another awesome year with our students positioning Ōtūmoetai Intermediate once again as one of the leading Year 7 and Year 8 schools in New Zealand.

A major feature of our school has been the high level of enthusiasm, skill and self-belief shown by the students in all aspects of school life. Every year we endeavour to develop in our students an expectation of manners, friendliness, encouragement, commitment and aspiration to do their best at all times. They haven't let us down and we are proud of our students as they complete their 2021 year. In this newsletter we are pleased to share the academic progress of our 435 year 8 students from their start in year 7 to the end of their year 8 year.

This has been a particularly challenging year for you as families and staff as we traversed the completely unexpected global pandemic and coped with changing Covid-19 Alert levels.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank all parents, whanau, coaches, managers, PTA, Board of Trustees members for your support of the school throughout the year. I would also like to acknowledge and thank every member of our staff for their commitment to the students throughout this year.

We have something special at Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School and I look forward to a challenging and exciting year in 2022. To all our families, friends and sponsors, a big thank you and a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Ngā Mihi Nui

Henk Popping
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NAU MAI, HAERE MAI - FROM THE BOARD

Tena koutou

2021 is definitely going down in history as another eventful year. One thing we have been certain of is change, and 2021 has thrown plenty of that our way. The Board would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff who have responded to a challenging environment while continuing to do their core role of teaching our children. We acknowledge this hasn't been easy and appreciate that providing a safe place to learn with as much consistency as possible is paramount to getting our kids through the year, so thank you.

The Board would also like to acknowledge our Senior Management team – Henk, Richard, John and Lisa. You have all provided clear guidance and support to the teaching staff through the new mandate and continued to drive excellent results based on our key objectives in our school charter.

To our year 8 students – we hope you take great memories with you as you finish up your Intermediate adventure and head into college next year. Missing AIMS games for the last two years will certainly be disappointing, but we hope that other adventures will be remembered in years to come. We hope you have an awesome time at your year 8 social and wish you all the best

And to our year 7's. We hope you all had a cracking first year stepping into a bigger school from your primary days. All camps are now complete and we heard these were successful and rated highly by the students.

Let's bring on 2022. Stay safe and enjoy relaxing time with family and friends.

Kia ora.



Deanna Hinde, Board Chair
chair@otuinterschool.nz

OFFICE HOURS AND STATIONERY COLLECTIONS

Please note that the school office will be closed from 12.30 pm on Thursday 16th December 2021 and re-open on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th January 2022 for hat purchases and pre-ordered stationery collections between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

School is open for instruction on Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 8:45 am.

SPONSORSHIP APPRECIATION

Eves Cherrywood

We would like to thank Eves Cherrywood for their continued sponsorship of our Sports Academy. Eves have supported our school since 2004 and we really appreciate our partnership with Allison, Gordon and the Cherrywood Team.



2021 STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The main intent of this final newsletter is to inform our parents and wider community on how we did academically school wide. Focus will be on the end of year achievements by our graduating Year 8 students.

Your child's report will provide you with quality feedback on how well they have achieved in reading, writing and mathematics. The report gives your child an "End of Year OTJ" in reading, writing and maths. An "OTJ" is an Observed Teacher Judgement". Teachers use a combination of assessment data and their observations of a student's work over the course of a year to make a teacher judgement as to where a student sits in relation to the expected curriculum level for a student, at that stage of their learning.

Why Use OTJs?

No single source of information can accurately summarise a student's achievement or progress. A range of approaches are necessary in order to compile a comprehensive picture of the areas of progress, areas requiring attention, and what a student's unique progress looks like. Using a range of approaches also allows the student to participate throughout the assessment process, building their assessment capability. Because of this, to assess a student in relation to their curriculum level, teachers need to bring together a range of evidence in order to form an observed teacher judgement (OTJ). You will receive additional information about OTJs and how to view your child's report in the report envelope.

As a school, our overall goal is to ensure that at least 85% of our students are achieving "at" or "above" the expected curriculum level when they graduate as Year 8's. This involves a significant amount of collaboration with our contributing schools so we can collectively achieve this.

Teachers also become more expert at developing their teacher judgments over time as students progress from one year to the next in the New Zealand education system.

HOW OUR SCHOOL DID ACADEMICALLY THIS YEAR

We view our learning journey over a two-year period

At Ōtūmoetai Intermediate, a major area of strength is the ability of our teachers to accelerate student learning and achievement levels over the short space of two years they attend our school. A significant number of Year 7 students enter our school in reading, writing and mathematics below or well below expected curriculum levels. The following graphs demonstrate the gains made by the 2021 Year 8 students as a group from their entry in 2020 to exit in 2021.

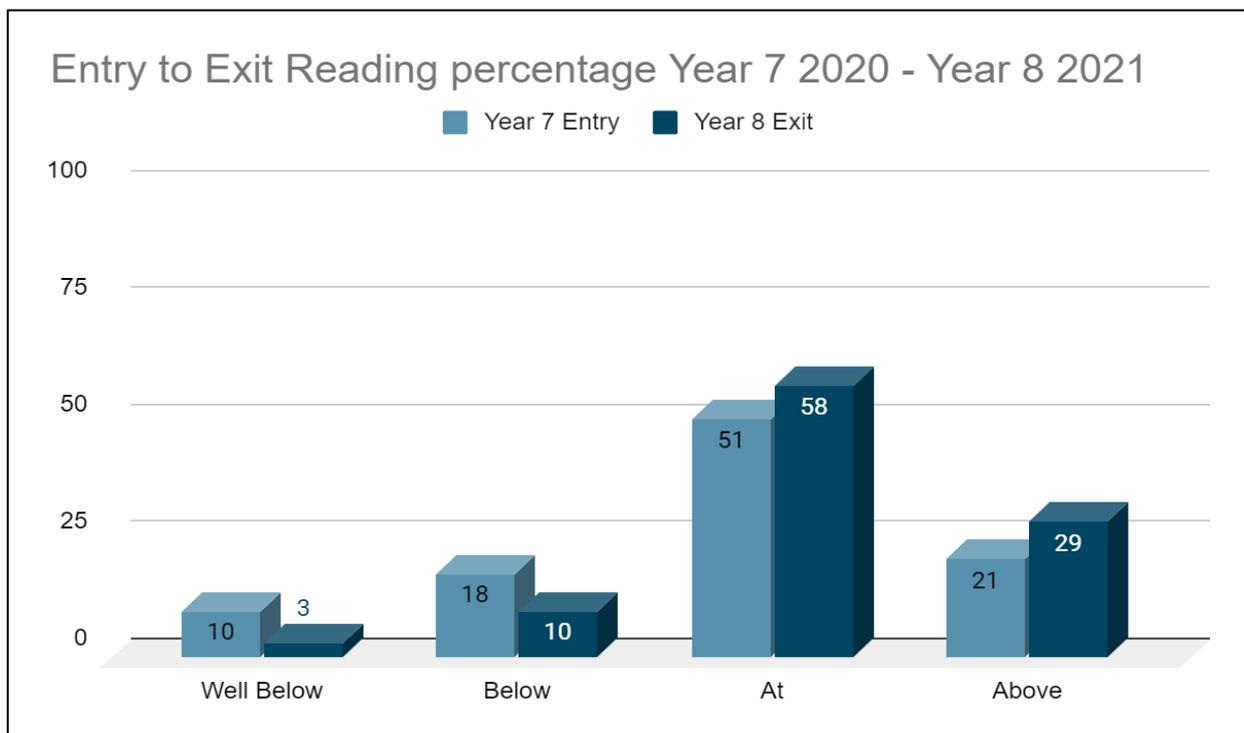
By the end of Year 8, the school has met its target of 85% of students graduating at or above the expected curriculum level in reading. The final result was 87%. We are particularly satisfied with this result as it has been two disruptive years of learning with the presence of Covid-19 so the students are to be commended for coping admirably over the last 24 months.

Our final results in Writing and Maths (84% and 83% respectively at or above the expected curriculum level) were also strong, although the 85% aspirational target was just missed in both subjects. These are still great results and again a testament to the resilience of Ōtūmoetai Intermediate students.

Entry to Exit for Year 8 Graduating Students

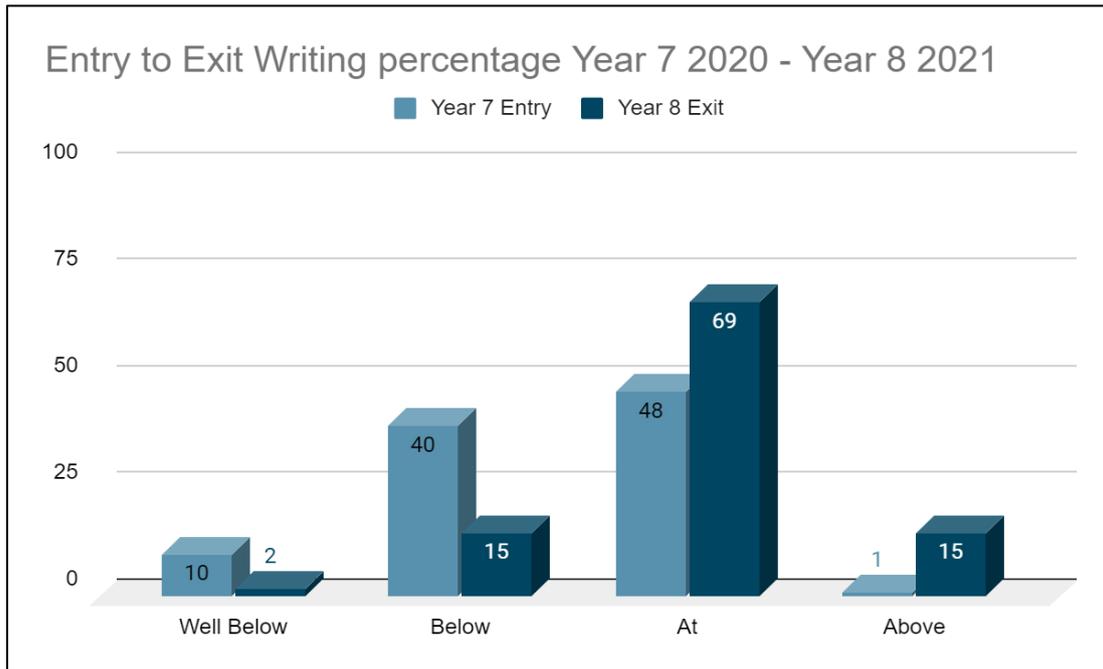
The following graphs show the progress our Year 8 students made as a group during their two years at our school in reading.

Reading



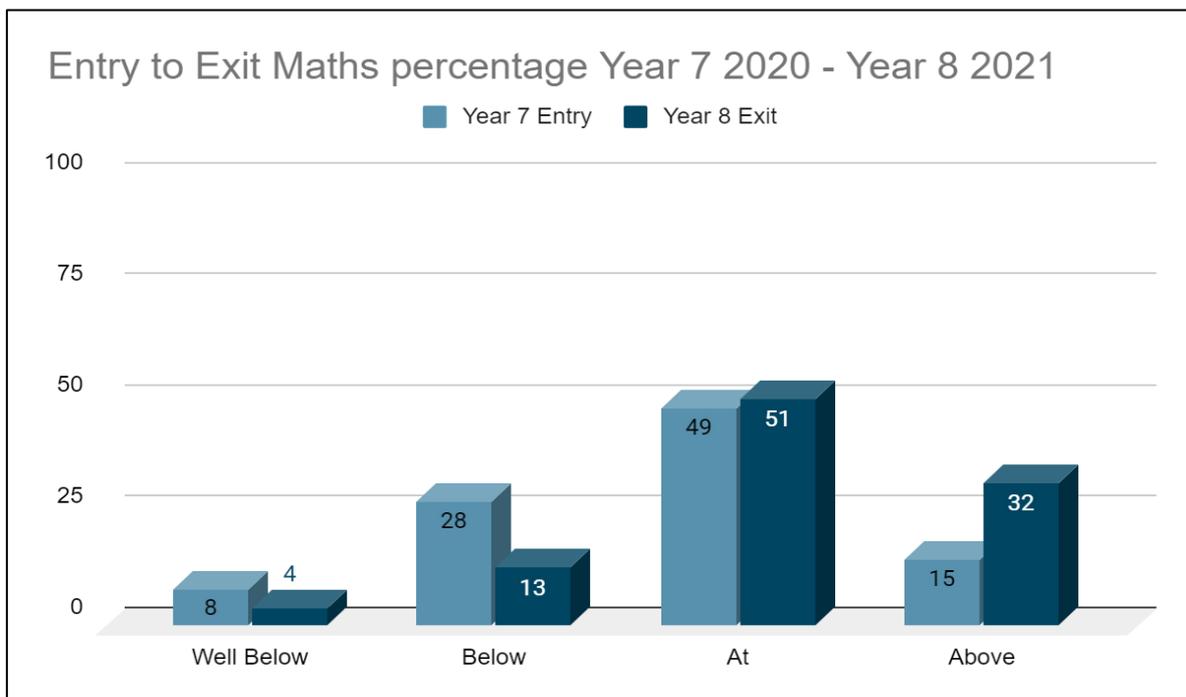
As our Year 8 students graduate from school, the data shows **87%** of those students are at or above the expected curriculum level for Reading at the end of the year.

Writing



This year, Ōtūmoetai Intermediate has continued to work with our contributing schools and Ōtūmoetai College to strengthen student writing across the Kāhui Ako. Teacher professional development also included an induction into the teaching of Structured Literacy and it is hoped that once embedded into class programmes, we will see even more progress in student learning outcomes in literacy in the coming years. As the Year 8 students graduate from our school, school wide data shows **84%** are achieving at or above expectation in writing which is up on the previous year's result.

Mathematics



As the Year 8 students graduate from our school, our school wide data shows **83%** are achieving at or above expectation in mathematics.

FINAL ASSEMBLIES AND END OF YEAR AWARDS

Due to the Public Health Order restrictions on gatherings, we are unable to hold our formal end of year whole school assemblies with parents present. Instead, each Teaching Team will hold an assembly during which we will celebrate our students' successes and present the school's top award "The Principal's Award." This award is given to students who have made outstanding contributions to the school and excelled across all four disciplines. These disciplines are: citizenship, sports, cultural and academic attainment. This is the 19th year we will be presenting these red ribbon awards to recognise the achievement of our top students. The basis for selection will be "Student Involvement and Success" forms the students can access through their teacher.

The Team Awards Assemblies will be held throughout the day on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th December 2021 with participation restricted to students and school staff. Other individual awards may also be presented at these assemblies. A group photo of the Principal's Awards recipients will be taken at the end of each team assembly and made available to the students and their families / whanau.

Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances, parents/caregivers and friends will not be able to attend these assemblies. *Please note the final assembly previously advertised will no longer take place and students will be released from their classes at 12:00 pm on Thursday 16th December, 2021 to commence their holidays.*

2021 ICAS EXAMS RESULTS

At Ōtūmoetai Intermediate, any student who wishes to sit these international competitions may do so. ICAS Assessments are online assessments, designed to assess students' ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts, using higher order thinking and problem-solving skills. The assessments are based on the curricula for the relevant year. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of learning. Students are rewarded with either a Participation, Merit, Credit, Distinction or High Distinction certificate. This year we had a number of students achieve Distinction, which is the top 10% of participants. A High Distinction means that the student is in the top 1% of participants.

Science

Year 7 Credit

- Alex Carson
- Adam Lewis
- Dusan Stojanovic
- Ella Wilce

Year 7 Distinction

- Dylan Beca
- Ibrahim Siddiqui

Year 8 Credit

- Braxton Clyde

Year 8 Distinction

- Peter Browne
- Emily Pennington

Year 8 High Distinction

- Jaymin Corn

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Digital Technologies

Year 7 Credit

- Alex Carson
- Ibrahim Siddiqui

Year 8 Credit

- Joshua Bennet

Mathematics

Year 7 Credit

- Dylan Becca
- Alex Carson
- Maric Henderson
- Toby Mason
- Alexia Rogers-Hibell
- Ibrahim Siddiqui
- Dusan Stojanovic
- Elliott Swney
- Ella Wilce
- Geonwoo Yoo

Year 8 Credit

- Peter Browne
- Lachlan Harding
- Zen Miyanami
- Huihyeon Park

Year 8 Distinction

- Jaymin Corn

English

Year 7 Credit

- Isabelle Duske
- Toby Mason
- Ibrahim Siddiqui
- Elliott Swney

Year 7 Distinction

- Alex Carson
- Ella Wilce

Year 8 Credit

- Peter Browne
- Kirsten Orrick

Year 8 Distinction

- Jaymin Corn
- Oliver Joyce
- Dilsher Kaur

PTA NEWS

The PTA had their final meeting for 2021 on 9th November 2021 and we would like to thank our outgoing members for their service to and support of the school. Our next meeting will be held next year on Tuesday 15th February 2022 where we will welcome new parents.

2021 ROBOTICS

Despite the 2021 Robotics season being disrupted enormously due to Covid and lockdowns, the students have still enjoyed a successful year. We managed to get a couple of inter-school scrimmages in throughout the year and we hosted a within-school scrimmage in Week 7 this term. It was such a fun day with pleasing results.

Starting in last place but slowly climbing to the top, we had Vincent Fabert, Evan Pinkerton, and Paddy Mita come first overall. Very close behind them was Connor Alexander and Mackenzie Scott. In third place was Ethan Rowan and Ben Willams, and in fourth place was Jett Lett, Arthur Crimmins, and Josh Gilbert.

Well done and congratulations to everyone who was committed throughout the year. Your perseverance and dedication paid off.

Stephanie Colman, Teacher



2021 TRINITY EXAMS

Earlier this term, five of our Year 7 students sat their Speech and Drama Exam with the Trinity College London. Mia Paris, Alexia Rogers-Hibell, Maia St Clair, Olive Reay and Elsa Choi prepared and presented a poem, prose and drama and sight-read a passage from a book. They were then grilled by the examiner on the different aspects of performing. All five girls presented well and convincingly passed their exams.

A special mention goes to Maia St Clair who passed Grade 5 with Distinction.

Congratulations to all students who worked very hard to achieve their fantastic results.

D O'Sullivan, Performing Arts Specialist Teacher

YEAR 8 SOCIAL

On the evening of Wednesday 15th December, we will be holding our annual Formal Year 8 Graduation Social under our school dome - Te Kapua o Ngai Rangī, from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. This is a formal occasion full of Social Dancing, Music, Photo Booths and Food, celebrating graduation from Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School. As a school we continue to operate under the Level 2 Public Health Order restrictions for the rest of this school year. As a result we have had to make some changes to ensure the safety of our staff and students. Unlike other years, this event will take place outside, all dancing items taught are at a social distance from each other, e.g. the Macarena (no partner required), and social distancing will be encouraged at all times.

Tickets/Invitations

Tickets/invitations will be sold for \$10.00 from the school office, on return of a signed permission slip from a parent/caregiver. Once they have returned the permission slip and payment, students will receive their official ticket to the evening. Tickets can be purchased from the school office on return of the signed permission slip between: **Wednesday 8th – Monday 13th December**. No tickets will be issued after this date and no door sales.

Attendance at the Graduation Social is by invitation. Class teachers will advise any pupils and their parents/caregivers if their behaviour has not been of the required standard to gain an invitation or if money, sports uniforms or library books still need to be returned. Tickets must be brought to the front entrance on the night for entry.

This is a formal occasion; students are expected to be well presented.

- Dress, skirts and/or evening pants
- Collared shirt and/or ironed jeans
- Low heeled shoes, no sandals
- No midriffs or strapless outfits
- No bags or phones - as these become problematic with security and privacy

If you choose to bring a jacket or cardigan, these can be stored in the Music Room throughout the night. We will have a teacher monitoring this cloak bay.

Details regarding a photographer will come later and a link will be posted on our school Facebook page. A light supper will be served to all students throughout the night. No money or food are to be brought to the event.

Covid-19 Precautions

Although the dancing will take place under our school dome - Te Kapua o Ngai Rangī, ample seating will be provided in outside courtyards adjoining the dome area. All areas will be well ventilated. Security fencing will be in place at the front entrance and side entrances to secure the outside venue for this occasion. Strict protocols will be in place to separate parents and other adults from the students at the end of the social in order to meet all health requirements.

Parking / Drop-Offs

Students can be dropped off in the bus lane/car parks at the front of the school between 6:45pm-7:00pm. At the conclusion of the night, students must be collected from the top turf by an adult at 9:00pm. Students will be released from the turf to you as you single file onto the turf and out a side entrance. We ask that all adults wear a face mask and social distance from each other as you move through our designated pick up lane to collect your child.

We hope your child will help to make this a memorable occasion to mark the end of their Intermediate schooling.

Ngā mihi nui, Year 8 Graduation Committee

TE AO MĀORI- A YEAR IN REVIEW

Our Manukura, Te Ara Poutama, Kapa haka, and Tuākana/Teina programmes have all wound up for the year. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions many of our annual events were unable to go ahead and it also meant that our Tuākana/Teina programme with Ōtūmoetai College finished at the end of Term 2. However, there were many activities, haerenga (trips), and opportunities for whakawhānaungatanga, learning of Te Reo Māori and tikanga.

Manukura: Leadership Development Rōpu



Spending time with our Kindy friends



Making dumplings with our International buddies



Reading recipes in Te Reo- fruit kebabs and Fried Bread



Learning local history: Ōtūmoetai Pa visit and Mauao Trip



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Te Ara Poutama: Enrichment Te Reo/Tikanga



Ki orahi



Remembering Parihaka



Mau Rakau



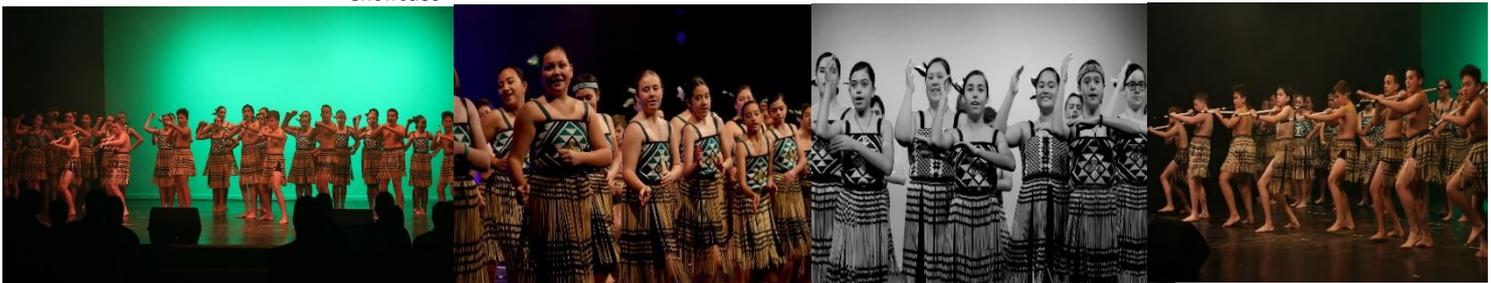
Tuākana/Teina: Our buddy programme with Ōtūmoetai College



Learning haka, waiata, and new kemu

Kapa Haka:

Showcase



***“Tiro ake. Pikia. Ko te ara poutama ki angitū. Tae atu ra hei manukura.”
Gaze upon it. Ascend it. It is the stairway to success.***

2021 NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the 26th November 2021, Adam Lewis, Blake Edwards, Clement Flowerday, Maas de Ridder and Ibrahim Siddiqui, participated in the Chess Power Team Nationals for 2021.

The tournament's date was changed a few times and ended up online due to lockdown in many cities around the country. In a school environment, we attended a Zoom call with everyone in the tournament including the arbiters. At home, you had to have a front camera and a back camera that was looking into your screen to avoid any cheating through chess engines. There were teams from all over New Zealand even down as far as Invercargill.

The tournament started at 9:00am and the first round started at 10:30 am. The tournament went all throughout the day and we only got a few breaks in between. All the rounds finished at 3:45pm.

We played some really close games and in the end our team came 14th overall. Clement came 115th overall, Adam came 81st overall, Maas came 80th overall, Blake came 66th overall and Ibrahim came 65th overall out of approximately 140 players. The Auckland teams dominated which may have been due to them having lots of time recently to practice. Mt Roskill Intermediate won convincingly.



Blake Edwards, Adam Lewis, Ibrahim Siddiqui

YEAR 8 UNIFORM SALE

When: 8:30 am, Friday 17th December 2021 (day after school finishes)

Where: Te Kapua ō ngā rangi (the School Dome), Ōtūmoetai 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 under Te Kapua ō ngā rangi. All incoming Year 7 students and their parents/ caregivers will be notified of this event and will be looking to purchase second hand uniforms.

2021 SERVICE LEADERS

Thank You and Farewell To Our Service Leaders

More than any other leadership theorist, Robert Greenleaf helped us understand that leadership is all about service. Servant-leadership puts others first – in the hopes of promoting a sense of community. The Dalai Lama has said, ‘If you seek enlightenment for yourself, simply to enhance yourself and your position, you miss the purpose. If you seek enlightenment for yourself to enable you to serve others, you are with purpose’.

I would like to acknowledge the work that our Student Leaders have done over the 2021 school year. I would like to thank you all for your help, hard work and for the support that you have given, not only to me but to Senior Management and to our school in general. This year unfortunately, you have missed out on attending special events as school representatives; such as the Year 6 information evening, due to our lockdown status. Emily Pennington, Edward Webb, Evelyn Bennett and Zen Miyanami had their speeches written, well-practiced and ready to go in case there were any last-minute changes in that status.

You have, however, had the opportunity to wear our new school uniform and blazers. Also, you have played a major role in the promotion of our school with Senior Management tours to our six contributing schools talking with Year 6 students and also welcoming them as future Year 7s to our school on their orientation days. As a team you have; taken guests on tours, worked in school delivering messages morning and afternoon, covered canteen lunch duties, PE monitors at lunchtimes, monitored our litter and hats for house points, run the engraving service and hosted assemblies. There may be the possibility of two student leaders delivering speeches to students at the final Principal Awards - Year 7 and Year 8 assemblies. Writing these speeches, learning them and delivering them is a huge task. You have all done so incredibly well. When asked to take on this role, you have all leapt at the opportunity. Your attitudes are admirable and we appreciate all your hard work – thank you.

Recently, when I was thinking of the criteria by which to choose our new student leaders for next year, I thought about what it was that you all demonstrated this year. The personal attributes that you have shown came to mind like; shows initiative and has that ‘can-do-factor’, can be relied upon, is organised, looks for ways to help those around them, can speak well in front of groups, are resilient and can have plans change on you with little or no notice and cope, you are trustworthy and do the right thing at all times. The job you do in school is big and you have all done it so well. It has



been a pleasure to work alongside such a respectful, giving, up-beat and happy team of hard-working students.

I wish you all the very best for college next year. Take every opportunity that comes your way and give everything your best shot, you will be rewarded for the effort you put in. Thank you.

Ali McPike

2021 SPORTS ACADEMY

What a fantastic year we have had in Sports Academy. The students have been awesome and despite having a disrupted year, they have shown amazing leadership skills and perseverance with their fitness and classwork. In the classroom this year we have learnt about nutrition and what constitutes healthy snacks for pre and post games. They even got to go to the food tech room and make their own designer snacks! We learnt about how the body works, looking at our muscles and bones and how to best stretch and manage injuries.

For fitness this year, we worked on speed and agility in the first part of the year and then went through a variety of workouts that pushed the students' fitness levels. Their motivation to improve and work hard in these fitness sessions was awesome and it showed their dedication to being a great sports person.

Lastly, the students worked on developing warm-up lessons that they were able to deliver to classes at our school. This was a highlight for me as I got to see the students show off their leadership skills and wide range of sporting abilities. The students also played a crucial role in assisting Bellevue Primary in the running of their athletics day and cross-country this year. This is something the students have really enjoyed and I am super proud of their efforts and contribution to the schools wider community.

This year, sports academy entered the debut event for Ultimate Athlete in Tauranga. This was an awesome day out with students completing a run around the mount and then a number of obstacles on the beach. We also got an invitation to spend some time with the Sports Leaders from Otumoetai College. The students got to see what the college has on offer and were involved in trying out their climbing wall, rowing machines, and even an in-class session.



We are finishing the year with a couple of day trips after our annual overnight stay up The Pinnacles got cancelled due to Covid. We will be heading over to the Aongatete Long Loop track to walk the 6.4km and then finish the day off with



a swim at the water hole. We will also be having a trip to the Mount for another walk and some beach activities and challenges. We are all looking forward to celebrating a great year in Sports Academy.

I wish the sports academy students all the success in their future endeavours in sport and thank them for such a great year.

Mrs Duncan, Sports Academy

2021 ARTS ACADEMY LIONS PEACE POSTER COMPETITION 2021 - 2022 Contest Theme "We Are All Connected"

Congratulations to these three students who placed in the Lions Peace poster competition. Rylee's work was then entered into the District level which she won for the second consecutive year. Her poster will now go forward to the National level. Good luck Rylee.

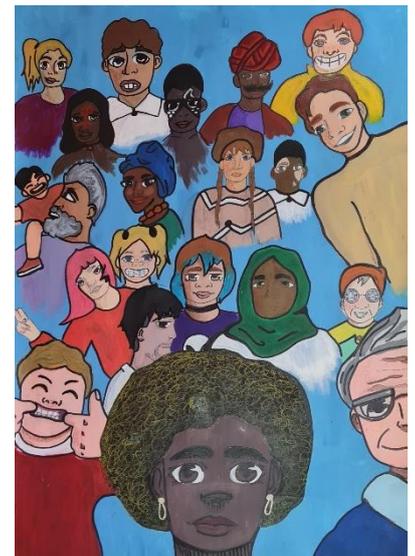
Nik Williams, Art Teacher



1st Rylee Brooker – Yr 8



2nd Emma Hurley – Yr 8



3rd Keeva Connor – Yr 8



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PEACE

LIONS INTERNATIONAL
CONTEST



ASX SCHOOLS SHAREMARKET GAME WINNERS

Students from Room 23 entered the ASX Schools Sharemarket Game 2 recently and Ciaran Saundry, Matenga Bowring and Jayden Moore won the New Zealand Top Player and were awarded certificates.

Alison Troy, Room 23 Teacher



SCHOOL ITEMS

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

Our Astro Turf is available for hire for people from our community. A code is available from the school office for \$20.00. Turf hireage is on an annual basis and new codes are issued on 7th February each year at which time the previous code is obsolete.

Absentees

If your child is not attending school or arriving late, please let the school know via the following options (please include your name and your child's room number and a brief reason for their absence in your message):

- Email: absentees@otuinterschool.nz – **note new email**
- Phone: 07-576 5105, then dial 1
- Text: 027 291 4986
- Skool Loop App
- Find Us App for your mobile phone - www.findus.co.nz

For students arriving late, please remember sign in at the Resource Room.

Uniforms

Please note that students are able to bike to school in their PE shirts for better visibility on the road but must change and wear our full school uniform once at school.

SCHOOL MUFTI DAY Raising Funds for Our Local Tauranga SPCA

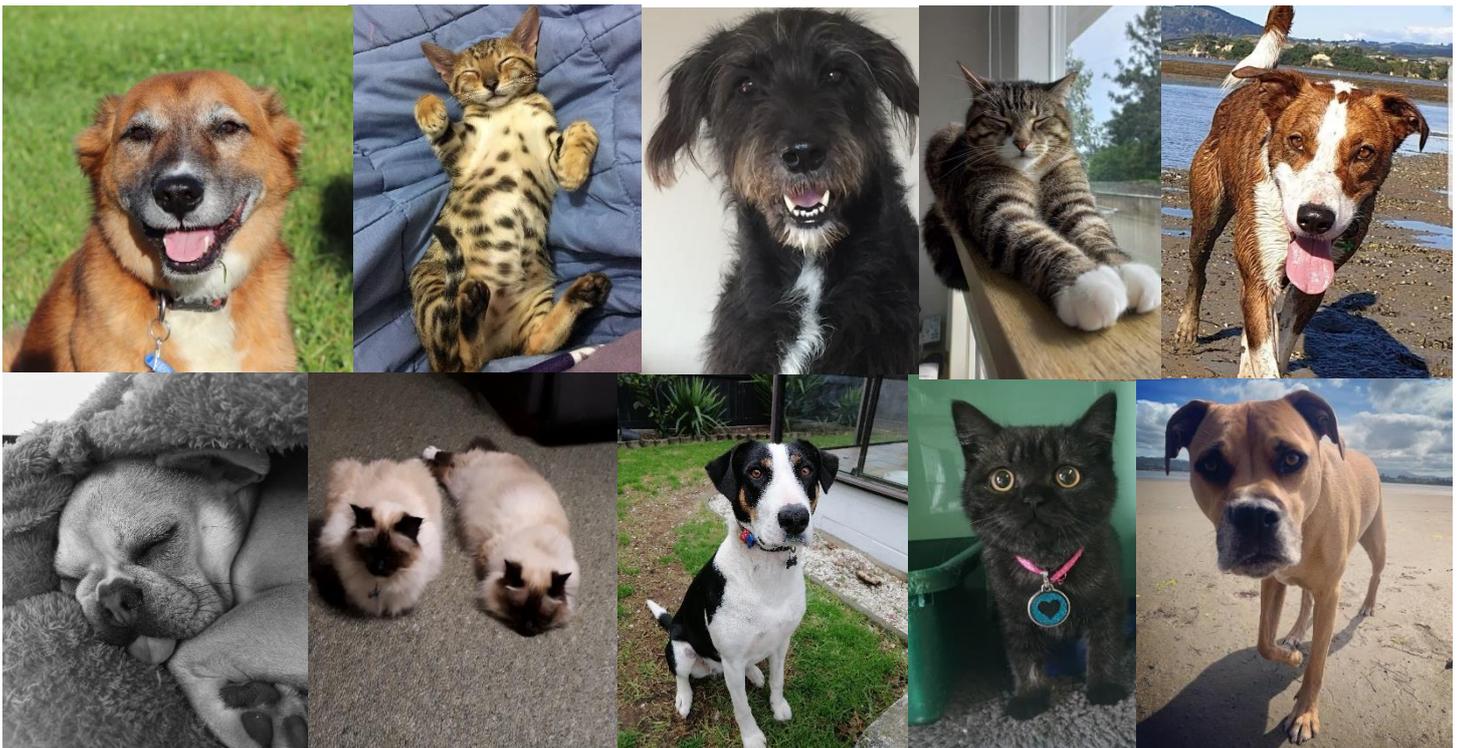
Did you know that the SPCA receives approximately 5% from government funding? They need around \$47 million to operate and receive \$2.5 million from the government each year. They rely on the generosity of the community to continue their life saving work. Donations to the SPCA help them rescue, rehabilitate and rehome thousands of animals in need every year. So much of what they do depends on the generosity of people like us.

On Thursday 9th December, we have our last mufti day for 2021. All proceeds from this day will go to our local Tauranga SPCA. What an exciting Christmas gift to them, from us! Our mufti day is usually a gold coin donation, but for this mufti day, we thought we would add a few extras. The SPCA needs:

- Animal food, particularly dog and puppy food, but cat and kitten food also greatly appreciated
- Polar fleece blankets that they can cut to size, easily wash and dry
- Any cat or kitten toys
- Good condition dog collars and leads

Due to Covid restrictions, like many charities fund raising has been hampered for the SPCA. The donations they receive from the public during their Annual Appeal hugely contributes towards the SPCA Inspectors protecting animals and prosecuting those who are guilty of abuse. The SPCA care for around 41,000 animals a year. On mufti day, students can come to school dressed as their FUR-EVER friends, and have a fun day together while also raising funds and food for our animals in need. If you would like to drop off any donations early, please leave your kind gift at the school office or your child can bring items in to Ms McPike.

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated - Mahatma Gandhi



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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS 2022

All new Year 7 students meet under Te Kapua ō ngā rangi (the School Dome) as you come in the school gates. All Year 8 students will meet at the hall. Signs will be out to direct you to the appropriate meeting points.

The bell will ring at 8.45 am and teachers will be introduced and classes will be announced.

We look forward to our new families joining us and welcoming our returning students.

2022 PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS

Class photos, along with student ID photos, will be taken on Friday 11th February 2022.

2022 TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

- Term 1 Tuesday 1st February to Thursday 14th April 2022
- Term 2 Monday 2nd May to Friday 8th July 2022
- Term 3 Monday 25th July to Friday 30th September 2022
- Term 4 Monday 17th October to Thursday 15th December 2022

Public Holidays

- Waitangi Day (Observed) Monday 7th February 2022
- Easter Friday 15th to Tuesday 19th April 2022 (falls in school holidays)
- Anzac Day Monday 25th April 2022 (falls in school holidays)
- Queen's Birthday Monday 6th June 2022
- Matariki Holiday Friday 24th June 2022
- Labour Day Monday 24th October 2022

Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day

- Friday 11th March 2022

Accord Teacher Only Days

- Thursday 14th April 2022 Attached to Easter before School Holidays
- Tuesday 7th June 2022 Attached to Queens Birthday Weekend

2021 END OF YEAR BUS ARRANGEMENTS

SchoolHopper (Urban Buses):

- Buses 904a and 904b last run will be at 12.30 pm on Thursday 16th December 2021.
- Buses 905a and 905b last run will be at 12.30 pm on Thursday 16th December 2021.

Rural Buses:

- Our rural buses will run at 12.30 pm on Thursday 16th December 2021. Please refer to the rural bus website at www.schooltransport.org.nz for any updates.

Please note that the school will be unattended from 12.45 pm on Thursday 16th December 2021 so families will need to make arrangements for pick up.

2022 BEGINNING OF YEAR BUS ARRANGEMENTS

Schoolhopper Bus (Urban Areas)

All school services drop off and pick up at the school gate on Charles Street and start from Tuesday 1st February 2022. Please note there is a new bus route – Bus 907 - from The Lakes for 2022. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to have a look at the information that is available on the website at www.baybus.co.nz for up to date information about buses. Please contact School.Transport@boprc.govt.nz if you have any queries regarding the school network.

Rural Buses

Rural buses will start on Tuesday 1st February 2022. Students from Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School will be able to catch these College buses where room allows. For further information including times and stops, visit www.schooltransport.org.nz.

Fares:

The cost for the rural bus is \$300.00 per year, payable to our school (this fare will be reviewed annually). There is a \$20.00 discount for families who pay the full annual fare in Term 1 (ie annual fare is \$280.00). There is also a \$20.00 discount for families who have more than one sibling attending the same school and living in the same house (ie \$280.00 per year or \$70.00 per term per student). Where the annual fare is paid in Term 1 and a family discount applies, the annual fare would be \$260.00 per student.

Students can continue to travel for free on Bayhopper buses or Tauranga urban routes before 9:00am and between 2:30pm and 6:30pm on school days. Students may be required to use a Bee card on some bus routes in order to travel for free.

SKOOL LOOP APP

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ALL IN FOR TAMARIKI - A WHANAU PERSPECTIVE

‘He aha te mea nui o te Ao’

Educators, parents and whānau across Aotearoa are passionate about making sure our education system fulfils the potential of every tamaiti.

Ngā Aukaha All in for Tamariki is a campaign to address the underfunding in the education system, so that all tamariki can access the support they need to thrive.

We are very excited to have local parents and their tamariki share with us their very personal stories about navigating the learning support system in Aotearoa.

We invite you all to join us as we come together to campaign for changes that meet the desires and aspirations of all whanau and kura.

We all agree that significant system changes need to happen now.

Date: Wednesday December 1st

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Please register to join this online session:

<https://action.nzei.org.nz/events/all-in-for-tamariki-a-whanau-perspective>

Please share the link with all your whanau, community groups and networks and join the campaign

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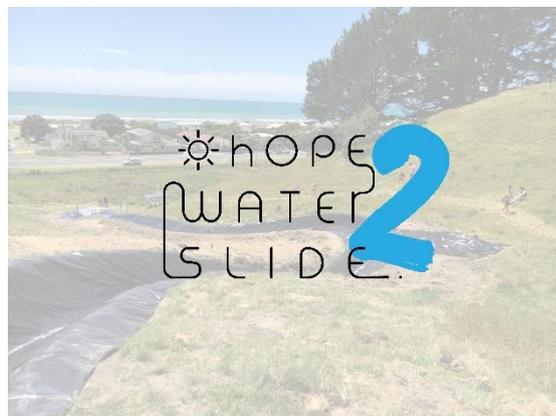
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