

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



Welcome to our final newsletter for 2017. This has been another awesome year with our students positioning Otumoetai Intermediate as one of the leading Year 7 and Year 8 schools in New Zealand once again.

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.

All representative teams leave the school with a winning attitude coupled with a belief in themselves and their team mates. The year's results highlight this. This does not happen without the support and dedication of staff and parents. This has been an active and, at times, hectic year for the staff. I would like to publicly thank every member of the team for their commitment to the students. On behalf of the school community, I would like to say a big thank you and wish them all a restful break over the holidays.

As Principal, I have appreciated the continued support of our parents, Board of Trustees, PTA and students. We have something special at Otumoetai Intermediate School and I look forward to a challenging and exciting year in 2018. To all our families, friends and sponsors, a big thank you and a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Nga Mihi Nui

Henk Popping
PRINCIPAL



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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.

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI - FROM THE BOARD

The school Board of Trustees met on Thursday 30th November 2017, outlined below are some highlights from that meeting:

- Staff have been very busy this term assessing students, writing school reports and reflecting on assessment data. In addition to reporting to parents, this information helps staff to plan valuable learning programmes for students in 2018 and contributes to the planning of the new school charter, due in 2018.
- In addition to this, Year 7 school camps at Ngatuhua and Year 8 EOTC activities at Waimarino and the Adrenalin Forest were enjoyed by all. Teaching staff have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to ensure the success of these rewarding experiences for our students, and the Board would like to extend our thanks and congratulations to all staff involved.
- Exciting work over the past few months between ourselves and the contributing schools which make up our COL (Community of Learning) allows us to better understand and reinforce what is deemed to be 'best teacher practice' across our community. We anticipate that, as teachers across schools start to come together and share examples of effective teaching and assessment practices, so too will the learning experiences of our students be improved.
- We look forward to a new and improved astroturf in 2018, if our application to TECT Communities Amenities is approved.
- We would like to acknowledge the tremendous work that Dean Bateman and Gavin Causer put into maintaining our school grounds and environment. The school is always spotless, with gardens well maintained throughout the year. Sincere thanks to these two staff members for their diligence.
- Each year in schools across New Zealand, Principals are appraised by an independent body on a set of Professional Standards Criteria and observations made about the achievement of set learning goals from the previous year. The Board congratulates Henk on his appraisal report, which made mention of his many various successes throughout year; and of particular note that *"His commitment to equity, fairness and excellence are reflected in his relationships with staff and students....his calm demeanour inspires confidence and respect."*
- We wish all of the staff, students and their families a very Merry Christmas and safe summer holidays.

Nga Mihi Nui.

Fiona Matthews, Board Trustee

Footnote:

We would like to thank all candidates who stood for the recent Board elections. Our congratulations to Fiona McTavish and Fiona Matthews who have been re-elected to our Board of Trustees.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS 2018

All new Year 7 students meet on the top astro turf as you come in the school gates. All Year 8 students meet outside the Bob Grant Theatre (BGT) room beside the hall. Signs will be out to direct you to the appropriate meeting points. The bell will ring at 8.45 am, teachers introduced and classes will be announced. We look forward to our new families joining us and welcoming our returning students.

DEVELOPING EXPERT TEACHERS

This is a Feature of the School

One of the school's seven strategic goals is to recruit and enable staff with the ability to meet school expectations.

Since 2008, the school's Board of Trustees has contracted Dr Kevin Knight, Director of the Graduate School of Education in Christchurch to work with the school on accelerating teachers' skill sets as teachers of excellence. Other experts engaged by the school include Dr Roberta Hunter from Massey University for mathematics and Dr Ian Hunter from the University of Auckland for writing.

At our school, we develop teachers just like we do with our students. Every term, every teacher is visited and observed teaching by Kevin and Lynne Hutchinson (Deputy Principal for Learning) to provide a foundation for setting personal development goals with the teacher. These goals are revisited every term and are constantly changing.

The key element is one of continuous improvement where teachers are expected to learn and grow their skill sets, just like the students in a community of learners.

This results in a staff of teachers who are actively involved in their own personal development on an individualised basis to meet our expectation of continuous growth. All teachers move along a continuum of teaching skills from managing their learning environment through to a higher level of teaching where student learning is accelerated. Continuous coaching and mentoring between teachers and by lead teachers, ensures all staff have expert guidance. Teachers are consequently able to demonstrate their personal growth.

This term, the school-wide focus has been on the intensity of learning that is taking place in every classroom. We recognise that for students to reach their full potential, learning every day, every minute should be expertly guided by the teacher within a focussed, highly engaged and intellectually challenging classroom.

The school has also appreciated the guidance of Dr Roberta Hunter (Massey University) who has worked in the school for the past four years developing our expertise in teaching mathematics.

As a Board, we are committed to growing our teachers as experts and this is reflected in the student achievement results school-wide and quality of learning going on in the classrooms.

2017 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 against the National Standards in reading, writing and mathematics. The report will show the teacher's overall judgement on your child's achievement at this stage of their learning. The teachers use a range of standardised assessments such as PAT's, asTTle, STAR, GLOSS, and IKAN, plus what they have seen your child succeed in during the class. Much of this supportive information can be viewed in your child's portfolio which will come home for you to view as well.

Please note – the asTTle results in the mid and end box are the results for the two tests sat mid and end of year. This may be different to the overall teacher judgement that takes all information into consideration.

You will hear the term overall teacher judgment (OTJ) used when discussing National Standards.

What is an Overall Teacher Judgment (OTJ)?

An OTJ involves drawing on and applying the evidence gathered up to a particular point in time, in order to make an overall judgement about a student's progress and achievement.

Why use Overall Teacher Judgement?

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 National Standards, teachers need to bring together a range of evidence in order to form an overall teacher judgement (OTJ). You will receive additional information about National Standards and how to view your child's report in the report envelope.

Ministry of Education initial predictions were that 50% of Year 7 and 8 students across New Zealand would meet the National Standards in the first year of their introduction. In this eighth year, we have done much better than that and are achieving above national norms in all standardised tests such as PAT's and asTTle.

As a school, our overall goal is to ensure that at least 85% of our students are achieving at National Standards when they graduate as Year 8's. This will involve a significant amount of collaboration with our contributing schools so we can collectively achieve this.

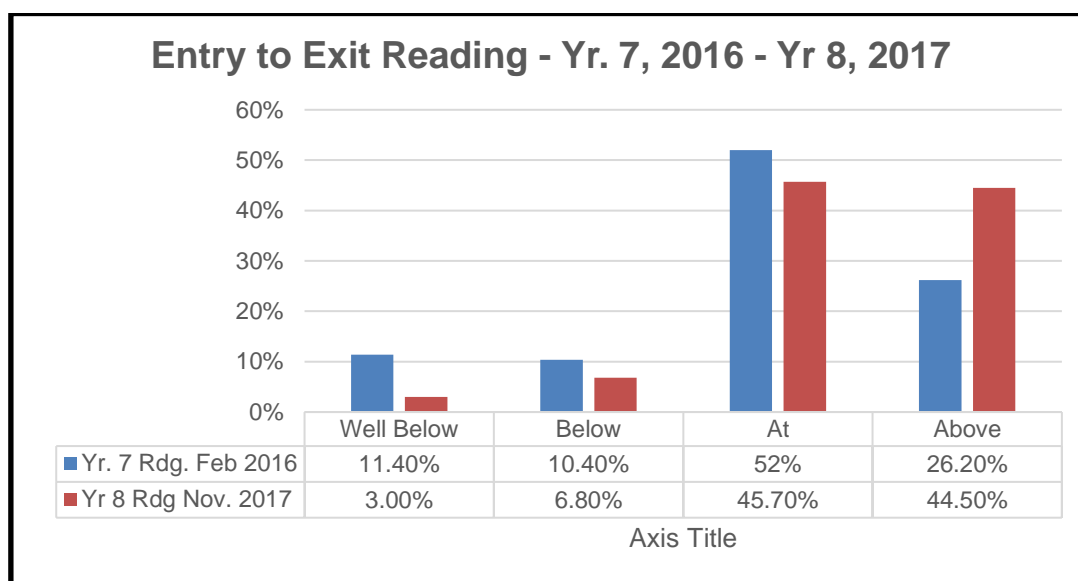
Teachers also become more expert at developing their overall teacher judgment over time as students' progress from one year to the next in the New Zealand education system.

HOW OUR SCHOOL DID AGAINST NATIONAL STANDARDS THIS YEAR

Entry to Exit for Year 8 Graduating Students

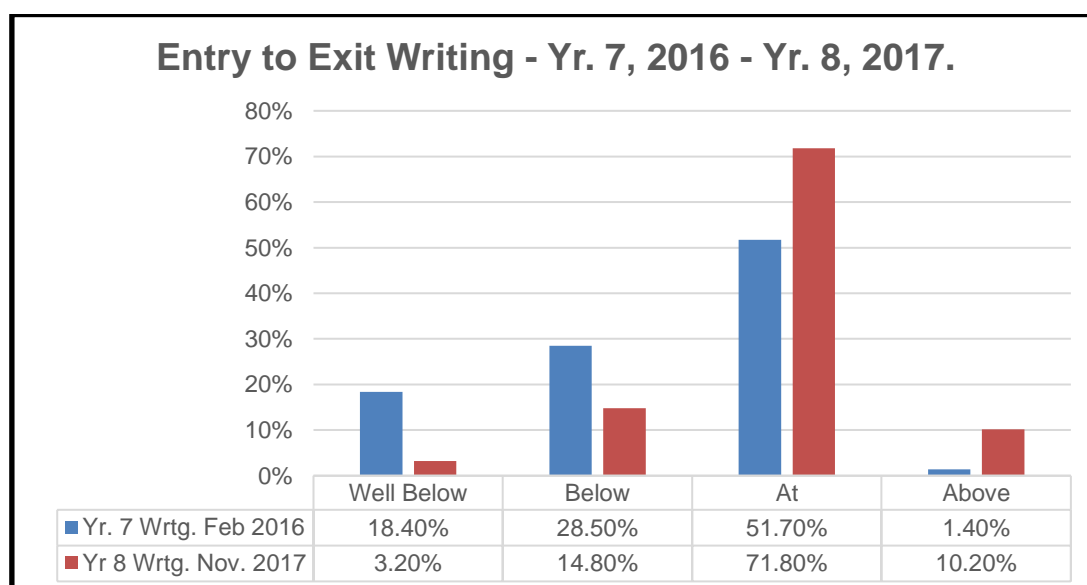
The following graphs show the progress our Year 8 students made as a group during their two years at our school. The blue columns show what levels our current Year 8 students were on at entry to our school in February 2016. The red columns show the levels for these same students as they graduate from our school at the end of 2017.

Reading



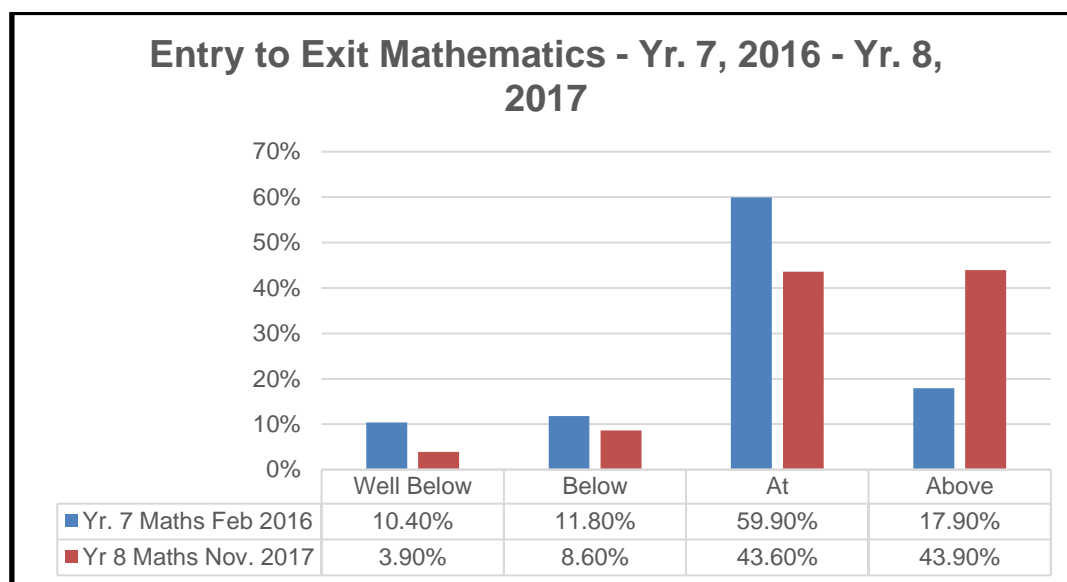
As the Year 8 students graduate from our school, our school wide data shows **90.2%** are at or above national standards in reading.

Writing



Writing continues to be an area of focus in our school and we are working closely with our Otumoetai Community of Learning schools and national experts to ensure our students have the written skills to continue successfully in their future education. At the end of this year, **82%** of our Year 8 students are at or above national standards.

Mathematics



The Year 8 students have shown significant gains in mathematics during their two years at our school. By the end of this year, **87.5%** are at or above national standards.

General Comments

Given the level of achievement that our Year 7 cohorts bring to the start of their time at our school and the fact we only have two years to accelerate their learning, their results are substantial. The work of Dr Kevin Knight, Dr Ian Hunter and Dr Roberta Hunter in our school, contributes hugely to this in terms of student engagement. Teachers gather accurate and succinct data, plan precise learning intentions with success criteria that make learning transparent for students and achieve a depth of learning where deeper thinking attributes are developed.

This year brought about accelerated learning not only in students striving to meet the standard but also for those students sitting at and above the standard. The above graphs show the large number of students now achieving at higher levels in the curriculum.

We have a hugely committed and dedicated staff, who with Dr Kevin Knight, Dr Ian Hunter, Dr Roberta Hunter and Lynne Hutchinson's support, have achieved significant learning outcomes for all students. The enjoyment they show in their role and the focus by everyone on student learning is to be commended.

We still have work to do as we move forward as a school and won't be satisfied until every student who is not cognitively impaired, meets or surpasses the National Standard on graduation at Year 8.

ROBOTICS

Four Robotics teams competed in Rotorua for the Nationals Robotics Competition against other schools around New Zealand. The teams worked well as a group and conducted themselves in a proud manner. After a few repairs to the robots they were able to be very competitive against the other teams.' Smiley Guys' made it to the finals. Azmi was first in programming for his automated robot.



TRUSTPOWER ANTIBULLYING POSTER AND POETRY COMPETITION

TrustPower held an antibullying poster and poetry competition recently and after judging many entries, Mystique Nathan's poem and Natalie Ashton's Poster were two of the 32 nationwide winners and our school received two Mega Magic Box prizes, valued \$100.00 each.

You've got the power.

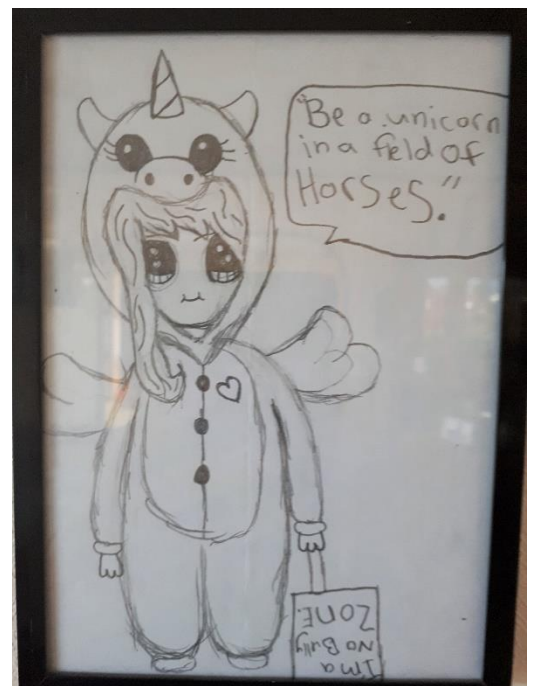
Words can hurt and make you feel sad
Especially when I haven't done anything bad.

People can hit,
Which throws your feelings in a pit.

You want to feel nice
But they say you have lice.

The words you say upset me,
Why can't you just let me be.

Find the courage, speak up and tell,
Then maybe things will turn out well.



FINAL ASSEMBLY AND END OF YEAR AWARDS

Friday 15th December 2017 at 11.00 am

At this final assembly we will celebrate our students' successes and present the school's top award "The Principal's Award" 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 14th 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 from their portfolios.

Parents are invited to join us at this final assembly to celebrate the year

Programme for Assembly:

- Whole assembly singing National Anthem
- Welcome and introduction – Mr Stanley, Deputy Principal
- Address by Mrs Fiona McTavish – Board of Trustees Chair
- Zonta Club and Rotary of Otumoetai Club awards
- Principal's Awards presented to Year 7 students (1st group)
- School Leaders Speech
- Adam Clarke Scholarship Award
- Principal's Awards presented to Year 7 students (2nd group)
- Music Academy Item
- Address by Mr Popping – School Principal
- Principal's Awards presented to Year 8 students (1st group)
- Music Academy Item
- Principal's Awards presented to Year 8 students (2nd group)
- Closing comments by Mr Popping
- Approximate finish time 1.00 pm

School finishes at between 12.30 and 1.00 pm on this day.
Parents will need to make arrangements for their child/ren to be collected.

2018 PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS

Class photos, along with student ID photos, will be taken on 16th February 2018.

RUTHERFORD SCIENCE

Since our first Rutherford Science lesson in March, Ms McPike has given us countless opportunities to have amazing first hand experiences with many species of marine animals. From Rat Tails to Mako Sharks, Puffer Fish and John Dory, each and every one of the Rutherford Scientists have learnt so much about Marine Biology.

While we were mostly shown species by Ms McPike, last term, we had the chance to dissect Jack Mackerel. Although some were disgusted at the sight of fish guts and stomachs, others immensely enjoyed the chance to look at the various organs inside a fish. We removed our fish's eyes, stomach, intestines, heart, and liver, as well as examining the dorsal, pectoral, pelvic, anal, and caudal fins. It was really quite fascinating! These last few lessons, as a group, we researched about fish and fishing nets then presented our findings to the rest of the class. All of the Rutherford Scientists definitely learnt further information about the chosen topics through this innovative way of learning.

Another definite highlight of the year for me was doing observational drawings of a few different fish and fish heads. Now, every time my family walks past my bedroom, they have to endure a glance or two at various photographs of slimy fish heads stuck on my door! I especially enjoyed drawing a Snapper head and labelling its features. On another note, aside from teaching us about fish, Ms McPike has also prepared several great lessons on the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and Ocean Acidification. This has now ignited my passion for the ocean and environment, opened new job considerations, and allowed me to get a deeper insight to these issues that are contributing to our dying world.

On behalf of Rutherford, I would like to thank Ms McPike and Mrs Filipo for all the amazing science lessons we have had this year. It has truly been a great experience! Lastly, with the support from Jacqui at Sanford Seafood, we would never have had the chance to enjoy learning about the many specimens she sent us most weeks.

Zoe Chapman Year 8 Rutherford Science



SERVICE LEADERS

A Big Thank You To Our Service Leaders

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." 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.



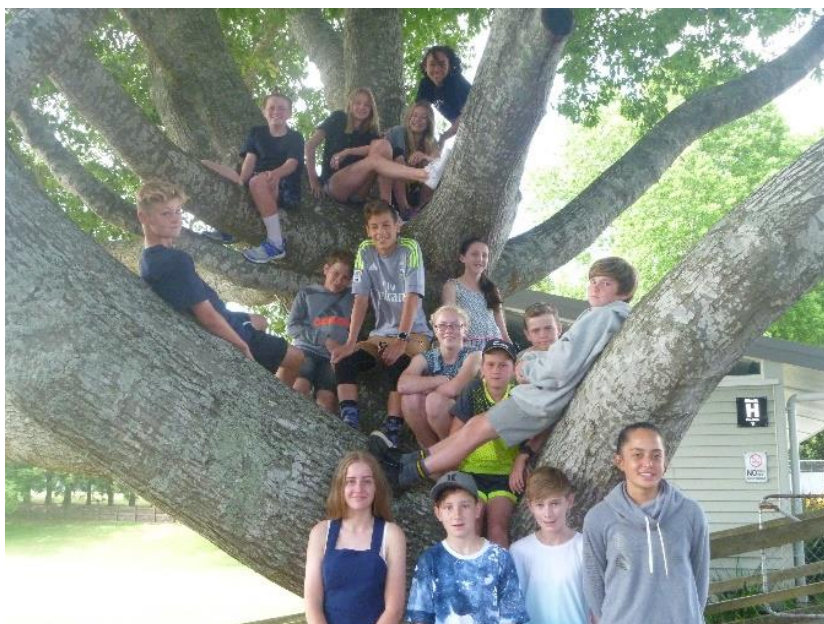
I would like to acknowledge the work that our Service Leaders have done, over the 2017 school year, and to thank them for all their help, hard work and for the support they have given, not only to me, but to Senior Management as well.

Recently, when I was thinking of the criteria by which to choose our new Service Leaders for 2018, I sat down and I thought about what it was, that our Leaders have demonstrated this year.

The personal attributes that they have shown came to mind, such as: shows initiative and that can-do-factor, can be relied upon, is organised, looks for ways to help their teachers and others, can speak well in front of groups, for example parents, teachers, principals, children and their own peer group, they are resilient and can have plans change on them with little or no notice and cope, are trustworthy and do the right thing at all times. The job our Service Leaders do in school is big, and they have all done it so well.

It has been a pleasure to work with such a respectful, giving, up-beat, happy team of willing and hardworking students. I wish you all the very best for college next year. Take every opportunity that comes your way and give it your best shot. You will be rewarded for the effort you put in. Thank you.

Ali McPike



OTUMOETAI COLLEGE UNIFORM SALE

Day One: Wednesday 24th January 2018 from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm in the Performing Arts Centre, Otumoetai College

Day Two: Tuesday 30th January 2018 from 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm in the Uniform Shop, Otumoetai College.

2017 PTA HOME GARDEN COMPETITION

The PTA Home garden competition took place again this year and a number of students took the opportunity to take part. We would like to thank Palmers Garden World at Bethlehem for their continued support.

We were blown away with the calibre of some of entries and it was pretty difficult to make the final decisions. We were impressed with the amount of research, planning, commitment and presentation that went into each project. Well done to everyone who entered and we hope you continue to enjoy your love of gardening!

Our awards are as follows:

Overall Winner

- Neisha Moore – who went well above and beyond expectations with all aspects of her project.

Flower

- 1st place – Annabel King
- 2nd place – William Brown
- 3rd place – Hazel Blissett

Vege

- 1st place – Quintin Pennell
- 2nd place – Chloe Boyt
- 3rd place – Mae Grinlinton, Michelle Clarke and Sienna Pratt (team effort)

Herb

- 1st place – TJ Pullar
- 2nd place – Lily Pearce
- 3rd place – Joshua Dunn

Highly Commended

- Jake Liddle (Flower Garden)

Tracey Donovan and PTA Committee

2017 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	Approximately 12.30 pm Friday 15 th December 2017.

Schoolhopper Bus

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

2018 BEGINNING OF YEAR BUS ARRANGEMENTS

Rural Bus

Bus 10	Starts Thursday 1 st February 2018.
Bus 11	Starts Thursday 1 st February 2018.
Bus 13	Starts Thursday 31 st January 2018.
Bus 14	Starts Thursday 7 th February 2018.
Bus 16	Starts Thursday 1 st February 2018.
Bus 17	Starts Thursday 1 st February 2018.
Bus 22	Starts Thursday 1 st February 2018.
Bus 25	Starts Thursday 1 st February 2018.
Rapid Van	Starts Thursday 1 st February 2018.

Schoolhopper Bus

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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' COOKING DAY

The International Students donned the aprons and put their cooking skills to the test last Monday. They carefully rolled their dough and choose their cutters to create Christmas Gingerbread biscuits. All the students did an amazing job and had a lot of fun. Last Wednesday they decorated their cookies with icing and lollies. We hope their teachers and families enjoyed sharing their treats.



YEAR 8 SOCIAL PHOTOS

There will be a photographer present on the night and photos taken will be available on line at http://carters.photoprintordering.com/pro_event.html, password: oisb17, or at Carters Photographics, 42 Grey Street, Tauranga. Prints are: 6 x 4 = \$3.00 each, 5 x 7 = \$4.00 each. All orders will accrue a small service fee and have a delivery or pick up option. For more information, call Carters Photographics on 578-9417. **Note: Otumoetai Intermediate School Facebook photos will not be available this year.**

2017 MUSIC ACADEMY TOUR

The Otumoetai Intermediate Music Academy of 2017 concluded a busy year by touring around the local contributing primary schools. In lunch times, weekends and time after school, students put together an engaging 45 minute program of music which they were very excited about performing to a live audience.

The Music Academy tour was a fantastic opportunity and experience enjoyed by all students and was well received by all of our audiences.

Students learnt a range of performance and musical skills and began to understand what it really is like to be a travelling band on tour. A huge congratulations to all Music Academy students for putting together a fantastic and successful music tour for 2017.

We wish to thank everyone that was involved parents, students and our audiences, until next year.



Janita Neal, Music Teacher

RĀ WHAKANGAHAU

The Otumoetai Intermediate School Kapahaka Rōpū recently performed at the Bay of Plenty Rā Whakangahau Kapahaka Festival, representing the school extremely well. Students performed with great mana, kaha and pride for our school, showing off what they had been working hard on throughout the year. A fantastic job by all students.

A massive thank you to the group of senior students from Otumoetai College who generously gave up hours of time to work with our students. Our students loved working with you, learnt lots from you and see you as strong role models in the area of Kapahaka.

We look forward to next year!



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The Otumoetai Intermediate School Choir love to give back to the community around this time of year. Last week the school Choir visited an elderly “Care and Craft” group and “Golden Years” at St. Columbus Church, Cherrywood to sing a variety of Christmas Carols.

They beautifully sung a range of traditional and contemporary songs that brought a lot of joy to this group of people. The choir’s favourite song was “Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer”.

A big thank you to all students who were involved with the Christmas Choir 2017. You were extremely generous in your time, bringing joy to the community this Christmas. Well done.



FAREWELL TO JINGJING

Otumoetai Intermediate has had the privilege of having a Mandarin Language Assistant teacher, Jingjing Liu for the year which has enabled students to experience the Mandarin language.

Jingjing leaves our school on Friday to head back to China and we wish her well for the future.



2017 SERVICE AWARDS

At our assembly yesterday morning the following service awards were handed out:

Bike Shed Monitors

- Ison Reihana
- Jack Wallbank

PE Shed Monitors

- Sage Bidois
- Chrome Fraser

Sound Desk Operators

- Ethan Duck
- Joshua Dunn

Computers

- Amber Darvill
- Emmerson Giles
- Lillie Dunne
- Caleb Stoodley

Grounds/Environment

- Sage Bidois
- Jed Read
- Chrome Fraser
- Fletcher McNeill
- Kasen Hawkins
- Bailey Twigg
- Keanu Houltham-Wade
- Mark Vickers
- Isaac Lawrence
- Corbin Wagner
- Lincoln Pearson
- Mitchell Young

YEAR 8 SOCIAL PICK UP

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.

ANNUAL FOODBANK APPEAL

Three Otumoetai Intermediate pupils spent an evening from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm assisting the local Community Patrol and the Emergency Services (Fire, Ambulance and Police) for the annual foodbank appeal. The areas covered were in Otumoetai.

The volunteers (from left to right) are- Kharis Aish, Samara Wilson and Jemma Matthews. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by the Emergency Services.



2018 TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

- 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

PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY REST HOME PERFORMANCE

On Friday 1st December 2017, the Performing Arts Academy invited some local rest homes to a performance day, followed by some home-baking. Students worked hard throughout term 4, to create a mini showcase to perform for our guests. Our students had a particularly fun time chatting and engaging with our guests, finding out more about their past. Our guests were highly impressed with the talent and confidence of our young performers, as well as their home-baking skills! We look forward to inviting our gracious guests back next year.



2018 STATIONERY ORDERS

Please note that if you are purchasing stationery from our school, we will accept orders until Friday morning, 15th 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 a named 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.

ADAM CLARKE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Adam was a highly talented student who was of great assistance as an ICT helper and peer mentor when he was a student at our school in 2003 and 2004. Sadly, Adam passed away in 2011 and David Isaacson, the school ICT teacher at the time, has kindly sponsored an annual scholarship in his name. David is now living and working in Melbourne but continues to take an active interest in our school.

The Adam Clarke Scholarship is to acknowledge Year 8 students each year that have been particularly helpful in ICT over their two years at our school. The Scholarship is for the amount of \$100.00. It was our pleasure to award the 2017 Adam Clarke Scholarship to the following four students: Amber Darvill, Lillie Dunne, Emmerson Giles and Caleb Stoodley.

We would like to thank David for this kind donation and instigation of this award in memory of Adam.

TRINITY EXAMS

Speech and Drama

Earlier this term these students sat their Trinity College London Speech and Drama practical exams. Each student presented a programme displaying their acting and speaking skills and impressed the socks off their British examiner.

Congratulations to all of you for stepping out of your comfort zone and performing your best.

Grade 1 Candidates:

- Ellie Hunt, 83%
- Sarina Hooper, 83%
- Gabrielle Lilley, 83%
- Alex Williamson, 81%
- Katie Elsom, 82%
- Grace Hutchinson, 81%

Grade 2 Candidates:

- Jemma Matthews, 78%
- Olivia Exelby, 75%
- Sophie Lander, 83%
- Sophia Nielsen, 85%
- Lucy Cooper, 77%
- Lottie Clarke, 82%
- Lucy Dixon, 86%

Grade 3 Candidates:

- Summer Standen, 85%
- Zoe Coldrick, 79%
- Riley Anderson 90%

Piano

- Noah Davis, Grade 4, passed with Distinction.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR SPEECH AND DRAMA LESSONS

Katy Lietze (ATCL) is an enthusiastic and creative Speech and Drama teacher. She is passionate about inspiring young people to a love of literature and developing in them the skills to perform.

Katy is a former radio broadcaster and her involvement with Speech and Drama spans 18 years. She returned to Tauranga after five years in the UK and has been working alongside our Performing Arts Department for the last four years, supporting and developing the talent in our school.



Itinerant Speech and Drama tuition covers voice and speech development, poetry, speaking, sight-reading, public speaking, seminar and report presentation, conversation and discussion skills. Students who learn Speech and Drama will have the opportunity to be involved in competitions, festivals and Trinity examinations. This is a fantastic way to help increase a child's confidence and communication skills.

Lessons will be charged at the following rates:

- Private Lesson \$240.00 for 8 x 30-minute lesson
- Shared Lesson (2 students) \$120.00 for 8 x 30-minute lesson per child
- Shared Lesson (3-4 students) \$180.00 for 8 x 1 hour lessons per child
- Examination fees are additional (Grade 1: \$128.00 – Grade 8: \$280.00 approximately) + GST as required

This is a user pays service and fees are to be paid at the beginning of each term.

Speech lessons will occur on same day (Friday) – before, during or after school each week. There will be eight lessons each term (except for Term 1). Similarly to music lessons, unattended lessons will be charged. However, if a student is unable to attend a lesson due to illness or essential school commitments and the teacher is notified well in advance, then the teacher will endeavour to change the lesson time to fit.

If a student requires additional lessons to bring them up to examination standard, these will be charged for at an individual class rate. The expectation is that the student will continue learning until notice to discontinue is received from the parents/caregivers.

FOUR WEEKS NOTICE is required to discontinue classes.

In Term 1, 2018, we are going to have a special 4 WEEK TASTER for Speech and Drama for all students interested. All forms need to be in by Week 4 and begin in Week 7.

Lessons will be charged at the following rates for Term 1 only:

- Private Lesson \$120.00 for 4 x 30-minute lesson
- Duo \$60.00 for 4 x 30-minute lesson per child
- Group of 3-4 students \$90.00 for 4 x 1 hour lessons per child

To register for Speech and Drama classes, please return the attached form via email to our Performing Arts Specialist Dayna O'Sullivan on dosullivan@otuinter.school.nz. Lessons will be invoiced directly by Katy Leitze at a.k.leetze@gmail.com once lessons are timetabled.

Thank you.

Dayna O'Sullivan, Performing Arts Specialist Teacher

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 school office need to be collected from the office on the last day.

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.

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.



SPORTS AND CULTURAL NEWS

Intermediate Sports Competitions:

BOP Poverty Bay Inter Intermediate Athletics Sports Day

Some fantastic results by our Athletics team at the sports day held at the Tauranga Domain on Friday 1st December 2017. We took a team of approximately 40 students to compete and had many students make the finals for a wide range of events. Our school placed second overall, coming third in the Year 7 relay and 3rd in the Year 8 relay. Mitchell Taylor and Zane Loughnan placed 2nd = in the Year 7 boys and Kiana Rae placed 2nd in the Year 8 girls.

Out of School Sports:

Waterpolo

Congratulations to the following students who won the Friday night waterpolo league out of 16 teams: Ben Chappell, Olivia Chappell, George Farrar, Liam Good, Toby Good, Liana Needham, Sam Shores, George Stevenson, Mitchell Taylor and Ryan Taylor.

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.



✓ **EVENTS** ✓ **INSTANT SCHOOL MESSAGES** ✓ **ABSENTEE**

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MUSIC

MUSIC LESSON CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact the instrument tutors themselves for details regarding lesson times and costings. Lessons take place before and after school throughout the week. Further queries direct to the Music Specialist Teacher jneal@otuinterschool.nz



KEYBOARD, GUITAR & BASS

Contact Anthony Jeffares
antonyjeffares@gmail.com
Ph: 022 1848 838



DRUMS

Contact Phillip Upton
info@uptondrumschool.nz
Ph: 027 929 3442



PIANO, KEYBOARD & VOCALS

Contact Pene Mallon
penesmusicschool@gmail.com
Ph: 027 2236 151



KEYBOARD & ORGAN

Contact Margret Agaard
Ph: 07 578 5078



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Flute, Clarinet & Saxophone
Trumpet & Trombone
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Janita Neal
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MUSIC GROUPS...



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* CHOIR



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* CONCERT BAND



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LUNCH TIME

* DRUMLINE



FRIDAY
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* MUSIC ACADEMY





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MUSIC

MUSIC LESSONS...

			
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