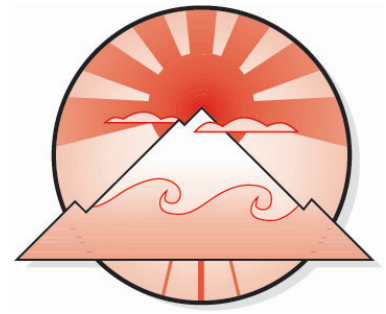


INTERMEDIATE 2020

NEWSLETTER



Term 4, 2020

WELCOME BACK!

Dear Whānau,

Welcome back to Term 4. Students have returned with a lot of energy and enthusiasm towards the learning and opportunities being offered to them.

We have reminded our students that they will need to remember their school hat as soon as possible. They can be purchased at the office for \$7. All students are expected to have one by week 2 of the term.

This term is a busy term as the weather warms. There is sun block in each of the classrooms if needed. A reminder that every student should be bringing their own water bottles to school daily too please.

There are plenty of extra events happening this term, more so than in a 'normal' term 4 due to the postponement of events earlier in the year. Information and permission slips will be sent home via email.

This is also a term where students take on extra roles around the school. We love to see how much leadership our students have when working with others.

We look forward to a busy and fun end to the year.

COMMUNICATION

We endeavour to use email as our main form of communication and would appreciate being able to email information and requests to you. We'd really appreciate it if you could email us so that we have up to date email address/es for whānau. We also encourage you to download the Oakura School app for up-to-date notices as well. Students also use their diaries for important dates and it is helpful if you ask them about these on a regular basis.

Our email addresses are
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EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This year we have updated and reviewed the number of credits needing to be earned as a result of our ever changing landscape with Covid-19. We feel that the number of credits acknowledge the opportunities that have been offered to students this year.

We have especially been impressed with the creativity and thoughtfulness that students have had when designing their own credits towards their awards.

The deadline for Excellence Award applications will be Friday 27 November.

ASSESSMENTS

We will be starting our end of year assessments next week. These inform our end of year achievement judgements for students. They are also a great celebration of all the learning and success that has happened throughout the year.

Some of these tests are standardised and all students will take them, whereas other assessments are for

only a few students.

We share this information with students and explain to them how to interpret the tests and analyse their progress throughout the year.

Please let us know if your child is going to be missing these.

Transition to High School

Year 8 students will continue with their transition to high school through extra visits and teacher interviews. We will also teach students a range of strategies to use to problem solve through possible issues when starting their new school.

Some key dates are:

Visit to NPGHS and NPBHS - Thursday 26 November

NPBHS Sports Testing - Wednesday 18 November

Spotswood College Transition Day - Friday 27 November

TERM 4 LEARNING

Maths

Patterns - multiplication and division, algebra and geometry

Reading

Myths and Legends

Writing

Research writing for Inquiry

Inquiry - Social Sciences, Science and Technology

'Where in the World?'

Te Reo

Nga Hakari - Celebrations

Health

Circle Time, Problem Solving

PE

Athletics

The Arts - Mahi Toi

'Where in the World?' performance. Students participating in dance, drama, music and production roles, working towards our end of term school wide celebration.

Visual Arts

Cultural art - Indonesian, Mexican or French

Year 8s - Transition to High School and Fun Run

Year 7s - Leadership roles and applications

Languages - Japanese, Spanish and Mandarin

EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES

We continue to provide a wide range of learning opportunities both within our normal classroom programs as well as opportunities for students to engage in events or competitions in which they have strengths, need extension in or they are passionate about. This term we have the following extra opportunities available for students to participate in:

Road Relay - Students participate in a relay race in teams of four at Brooklands Park on **Monday 19 October**.

Indoor Bowls Tournament - Students have been selected for a tournament on **Tuesday 20 October**.

Primary Tennis Championships - Selected students will compete at Pukekura Tennis Club on **Wednesday 21 October**.

Puanga Kapa haka Festival - Our kapa haka students will participate in a mass performance with other schools at the TSB Stadium on **Friday 30 October**.

Debating - Our debating teams will compete against Mangorei School and Omata School teams on **Thursday 29 October** and **Tuesday 4 November**.

RESET Arts Festival - Students not in the Rippa Rugby tournament will bus to the TSB Showplace to see The Troll on **Thursday 5 November**. Costs will be taken out of the Activity Fee.

Rippa Rugby Tournament - Students will be selected to play in mixed teams on **Thursday 5 November**.

Kids' Lit Quiz - Selected students will compete on **Monday 9 November**.

TOPEC River Safety - Our visits that were postponed in Term 1 have been rebooked for **Monday 23 November, Wednesday 25 November or Thursday 26 November**.

We still have funds that we raised in Term 1 of this year which will contribute to the cost of this learning and the bus, as well as doing another sausage sizzle and using a part of our Activity Fee.

Taranaki Athletics - Students are selected to compete in athletics disciplines at the stadium in Inglewood on **Tuesday 24 November**.

Road Patrol Appreciation Day - Students are thanked by our local police for their contributions to looking after our road crossings. Students will be bused to the Todd Aquatic Centre for the day on **Tuesday 24 November**.

School Athletics - All students will participate in our school athletics day on **Thursday 3 December**.

Year 8 Leavers Dinner - Date yet to be confirmed.

Final Assembly - **Monday 14 December**, Oakura Hall, 1:00pm.