



OTAHUHU PRIMARY SCHOOL

"He wahi tutaki mo nga tamariki o te ao - A meeting place for the children of the world"

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Kia ora, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Namaste, Fakaalofa atu, Bula, Kia orana, Mauri, Nihao, Salam, Sawasdee, Kumusta Kayo, Hola, Xin chao, Vanakkam, Choum reap sor, Ming-gah-lah-bahr, Akkam, As-salaam 'alykum

Principal's Message:

Tena koutou e te whanau o Ōtāhuhu Primary School

As we move from the chill of winter into the brightness of spring, our children are bringing that same sense of energy and renewal into their learning. Warmer days and longer sunlight hours naturally lift wellbeing, focus, and engagement, helping our students to thrive in the classroom and beyond. This renewed enthusiasm is also shining through in preparations for our school production, **Aladdin Trouble**. The actors are doing an incredible job learning their lines and songs, and the whole cast is working hard with the support of staff, families, and helpers behind the scenes. With so many people involved, it promises to be a colourful and exciting spectacle to enjoy at the end of the term. **Remember we have limited seats available for the Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th September night performances.** I encourage you to buy your tickets early so you do not miss out on seeing the performance. I had a sneak preview this week and I am so impressed with the skill of all the actors. We can't wait to share their creativity and confidence with you. We will be celebrating the production with a special lunch on the last day of Term 3, to honour all of the hard work the cast and crew have put in.

We are nearly at the end of Term 3. Regular attendance is our priority and I want to congratulate the students who have made an effort to attend school everyday. We also want to take this opportunity to remind our families of the **importance of regular school attendance**. Every day at school matters – it helps children stay connected with their learning, develop strong friendships, and build the skills they need to succeed. There will be 3 sports prizes this term for students whose names have been selected from the weekly wheel. This will be drawn on the last day of Term 3. The winning classes will receive a Pizza Lunch in the last week of term.

The upcoming Board of Trustee elections has 12 candidates (click on the link below to view their details). It is exciting that we have 12 community members who are keen to stand for our board and help support the learning of our tamariki for the next 3 years. The Board of Trustees plays a vital role in the success of our school. They provide guidance, governance, and support to ensure our students receive the very best opportunities to learn and grow. By working alongside the principal and staff, the Board helps set the vision and direction of the school, makes decisions that strengthen teaching and learning, and ensures resources are used wisely. Their partnership allows teachers to focus on what matters most – building strong learning opportunities for every child. **Please remember to vote online for 5 candidates - you have been emailed a link to open for voting.** If you are unsure about the voting please do not hesitate to come to the office for support. **Voting closes Wednesday 10th September at 4pm.** We had a very low voting rate last week so please support this important election by voting for your favourite candidates.





As we near the end of Term 3, it is important that our students continue to put in their best effort and maintain their focus. The final weeks of the term are a valuable time to consolidate learning, finish projects, and prepare for the challenges ahead. By staying committed and working hard right through to the end, students not only strengthen their progress but also build positive habits of perseverance and resilience that will support their success in the future.

Ngā mihi nui,
Whaea Jenny

[Click HERE to view board candidate information](#)



Important Dates for Term 3 & 4 2025

Wed 3 Sep	Interscholar Rugby Union
Fri 5 Sep	Whole School Assembly & Cross Country Day! 
Thurs 11 Sep	Inquiry Sharing Afternoon 1:30-3:30
Fri 12 Sep	Year 6 Visit to OIS (orientation)
Mon 15 Sep	Māori Language Week! & Production Week!
Wed 17 Sep	Matinee (11am) & Evening Show (6:30pm) for Aladdin! 
Thurs 18 Sep	Evening Show #2 (6:30pm) for Aladdin!
Fri 19 Sep	Last Day of Term + Attendance Prizes Announced
Mon 6 Oct	First day of Term 4
Fri 10 Oct	Pōwhiri for new whānau + Ōtāhuhu Schools Cultural Festival from 4-7pm at OIS! 
Mon 13 Oct	Year 6 Camp!! 

Assembly Certificate Winners - Week 6 Term 3

These students were awarded certificates for displaying the HEART Value **EXCELLENCE** over the first two weeks of this term.

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Room 15: Mercy Stowers & Malachi Mika-Fa'aui
Room 16: Jaden Kumar & Liam Joseph
Room 23: Reuel Prasad & Kavya Kumar
Room 24: Rusmah Diya Mohammed & Mohil Naidu
Room 25: Mayuka Dharma & Cleopas Shayamuranda
Room 26: Danny Pale & Ryker Lai
Room 27: Kona Vi & Trinity Williams-Sio

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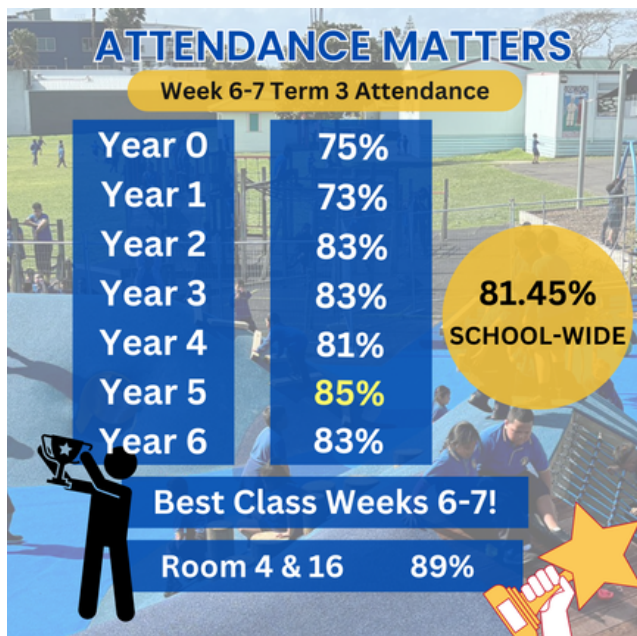
Room 5: Ayiel Cruz & Zayan Hussain
Room 6: Cecelia Tafaoga & Anaya Fatimah
Room 7: June Vai Tafai & Foranica Pale
Room 8: Zunaiva Khan & Harlem Boyce
Room 11: Kelly No'o Pokipoki & Faizaan Basha
Room 12: Jewel Jiss & Luka Nicholls
Room 13: Kamaria Sihamau & Western Wong See
Room 14: Teryon Tuatai & Reign Kiro

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Room 1: Damien Tauilili & Evangelism Fagalilo
Room 2: Elliana Leaulmoana & Toai Kolio
Room 3: Lotu Suafo'a & Luese Isaia
Room 4: Jonathan Tusega & Faalele Faasisila
Room 17: Deltay Hauiti-Harrison & Aayrah Davies
Room 18: Hiwaiterangi Tapara & Luca Blucher
Room 19: Potikela Fukofuka & Samiuela Uia
Room 20: Siliva Tuipulotu & Kapiteni Afemui
Room 21: Seini Matangi & Othniel Funaki
Room 22: 'Anaseini Fenukitau & Manako Ve'a



Attendance Updates!



These last 3 weeks of Term 3 are **CRITICAL** in ensuring we improve on our attendance targets from Term 2. We want to see every student present every day, making the most of their learning and social opportunities. There are loads of great events taking place, but you have to be present to take advantage of them!

Let's lift our game!

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Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
From: Tuesday, 28th January (Meet the Teacher Day) To: Friday, 11th April	From: Monday, 28th April To: Friday, 27th June	From: Monday, 14th July To: Friday, 19th September	From: Monday, 6th October To: Thursday, 11th December



Nga Mihi
Jenny Bernard
TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Tongan Language Week

Week 6 concluded with our closing ceremony for Tongan Language Week. As always, students and staff from Lalaga Mo'ui represented their heritage, families and bilingual learning spaces proudly. We learn more and more about the wonderful nation of Tonga through these ceremonies.





Book Week!

Book Week 2025 was a great success! Students were able to engage in a variety of activities to dig into the art of story telling. We celebrated the end of the week with our annual character parade. It was great to see so many students dressing up and putting effort into their costumes!



Basketball



sports for better minds

Sports X

Otahuhu Primary School

program information

It's all about the kids having as much fun as possible and seeing them smiling all throughout our sessions ;)

DATES

THURSDAYS 2:45 - 3:45pm

9 weeks!

starting October 16th

AGES

Years 0 - 6

PRICE

\$155

[link to register](#)

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Held on the school basketball courts!

Come and try Sports X on October 16th! No commitment needed!

Visit sports-x.nz/auckland to register!



FREE EXTRAS
available on YouTube





presents our School
Production of

Aladdin

TROUBLE

WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

11am: Matinee show

**WEDNESDAY 17TH AND
THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER**

6.30pm - Evening shows



Tickets \$2

(children under 5 free)
Purchase tickets at the
office from Monday 11
August

No Door Sales

For sale
Halal Sausages
Water
Lollies



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Cross Country



FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER



Years 1-2 10.15am - 11.15am

Years 3 - 4 11.30am - 12.30pm

Years 5 - 6 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm

**All students to dress in
your house colours!**

**Whānau feel free to
come along to support
your tamariki**

