

2022 Intermediate Hub Term 1 Newsletter

Kia ora e te Whānau,

Welcome back to kura for 2022 and welcome to those who are new to the Intermediate Hub (Toa). We would like to introduce Georgina Illot to the Hub as our release teacher for this year. Georgina will be in predominantly Rūma Whitu on Fridays for Abi Jordan's Senior management release, with the occasional Friday in Rūmu Ono for Emily Wilson.

Uniform

We are aware there have been some uniform supply issues with the change over to NZ Uniforms. We are happy for students to wear old uniform pieces until their uniform is available to them. We do request that they wear the correct school shoes, pōtae (hat) and jersey (colder days only). Any non-uniform piece such as hoodies will be confiscated for adults to collect. As I am sure you can appreciate, the Intermediate ākonga are considered leaders in the kura and need to role model this in how they present themselves. As always if there is a genuine reason for a tamaiti to be out of uniform then please provide a signed note for the kaiako to sight.

Cell Phones

Cell Phones or smart watches are not to be used once a child is on school grounds. The watch may be worn for time keeping purposes but we ask that all urgent communications you have throughout the day with your tamaiti be through the kura office. Cell phones are to be handed into kaiako at the start of every school day and collected at the end. Please respect this as it helps us limit any social media issues during school times. If a tamaiti is seen using their phone on school grounds it will be confiscated and sent to the office for an adult to collect.

CAMP

We will be in touch very soon regarding camp for this year. As I am sure you can appreciate Covid-19 RED has meant we need to re-address this. We are planning to hold a CAMP meeting with whānau as soon as we are able to assess this situation. We would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions at this meeting.

BAKERY

Tamariki who have earnt their way onto the **PB4L** Blue traffic light level will be allowed to go to the bakery. This means they need to earn this throughout the week and not just on Thursday. This is a privilege and not a right for our tamariki.

All tamariki going to the bakery must wear a mask, have their own money, and be on BLUE level. Ākonga are escorted to the bakery by Ms. Jordan unless she is not available and then Miss Wilson will take them. The Kaiako will use their Covid tracer app and record who went on which day so we can notify any whānau if the bakery is ever identified as a place of interest. If you do not want your tamaiti to go to the bakery, please email Abi Jordan abi@olr.school.nz and let her know directly.

Chromebooks

Tamariki will be issued with a chromebook, which they are responsible for looking after. Accidents happen and sometimes chromebooks are damaged. Any willful damage-costs will be asked to be covered by whānau and the kura will be in touch. However, the school will maintain and fix chromebooks where accidents have occurred or wear and tear has led it to needing repair or replacement.

Curriculum

Literacy We are pleased to share that we are jumping on board with the kura-wide focus of Structured Literacy . This will look different at our level of the curriculum due to our older ākonga having different learning needs. We will be focusing on phonics, spelling rules and addressing gaps in ākonga sound knowledge. This will be run as part of our writing programme. We will still be covering areas such as language features, vocabulary and paragraphing as we always have. For Reading we will be focusing more on comprehension and higher order thinking skills. This requires more in-depth thought and analysis of the text.	Mathematics This term we will be focusing on Number Knowledge such as basic facts, fractions, decimal, and percentages, and integers. Ākonga will be using a Dragon Maths book issued based on their PAT Maths results from 2021. They are expected to work on this in class as well as for Distance Learning should they need to isolate. This resource is given to them by the kura and it is the ākonga responsibility to look after it and have their resource when it is required. If they lose their Dragon Maths we ask that whānau replace this resource at their own cost.
Religious Education Ākonga will focus on CHURCH for the first unit this year. We have been blessed with the Our Lady of the Rosary Church down the road in which we can connect with. Ākonga are asked to bring with them a shoe box to create a diorama of the OLR Church. Please have this at school by Friday 11th February . If you have any spares we would appreciate these for students who may struggle to access this resource.	Inquiry We are excited for this term's Inquiry. It will be based around Te Ika a Māui and "Where are you from, you are welcome here". This will include our ngā tamariki pepeha, family tree, and links to local history. Your tamaiti will need to speak with whānau about their roots, heritage, and background to enable them to complete these learning tasks. We welcome all knowledge that you are willing to share about your whānau and whakapapa.
Physical Education All ākonga are expected to participate fully in our Physical Education programme and Health curriculum. If they have a valid reason not to participate, a signed and dated note from home must be shown to their kaiako. All tamariki are expected to have and wear their P.E uniform . If they do not wear this, we will be contacting home to ask that you ensure their uniform is available; this will also allow us to know if they are choosing not to wear it. We have a full P.E curriculum that covers many sports and skills as well as Hauora (Health and	S.T.E.A.M For terms 1 and 2 we will be running our S.T.E.A.M programme on Fridays. S.T.E.A.M stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. This is a self-driven learning time where resources are provided and students are to explore, problem-solve and record evidence of their learning tasks. A criteria is provided for them to follow to ensure they cover all of the learning areas within the S.T.E.A.M programme. On occasion ākonga may need to bring resources from home to assist with this.

Home Learning (Homework)

All ākonga are expected to complete their home learning tasks on time and to a high standard. This is to prepare them for when they transition into college. Time management is a very important skill to develop. They have been signed up to a digital learning programme **MATHS BUDDY**. They will need access to a digital device such as a chromebook, computer or Ipad to be able to do this. If there is an issue with accessing digital technology please email your tamaiti kaiako. The learning tasks assigned relate to the unit of work ākonga are learning throughout the term. Please note it does not always align perfectly each week but the skills and knowledge is still relevant to what is being covered in class over the term. There are video tutorials to watch prior to completing the learning tasks. Please ensure your tamaiti follows this programme properly and not just to get their 80% pass rate. They must learn through this process. Some may find this challenging and that is ok! We are trying to build resilience as well. Please encourage them to talk with their kaiako if they need further support.

All ākonga will be required to complete a **CHALLENGE**. Year 7 will be completing a Writing Challenge and Year 8 a Reading challenge. Due dates have been provided onto the OTHER Google classroom for your tamaiti to refer to and ensure they have finished all the required work on time. This is compulsory. Ākonga are also required to complete a reading log weekly. For Year 8's they are able to include what they are reading for their challenge in this reading log.

Students will be rostered on to complete a **CURRENT EVENT**, either local, regional or global. They will be presenting these in front of the Intermediate Hub on their scheduled week. Your tamaiti will know when they are scheduled on. They will need to either listen, watch or read the news and write a short presentation on it. All requirements are provided in the Current Event book they will be given to contribute to.

Your tamaiti will be given their **OLR Home Learning Challenge** separate to their Home Learning. It is up to them and their whānau if they choose to work towards this award throughout the year.

Distance Learning

If for any reason your tamaiti needs to self-isolate then they are expected to continue with their learning using their Dragon Maths, Action English and Google classroom. Ideally if they know they will be away it would be preferred they take home these texts and their chromebook to enable them to access their learning as soon as possible. Please note we do not use SEESAW at the Intermediate level.

As always if you ever need to communicate with your tamaiti's kaiako, please feel free to email to arrange a phone call, Google Meet or face-face. We are here to support your tamaiti and their whānau throughout their learning journey.

Stay safe and God Bless,

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