



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are delighted to inform you that Oteha Valley School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments™ this year.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student will receive a certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to online assessments. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Learn more about ICAS here: <https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>

This year, our school is offering ICAS Assessments for **Years 5 and 6 students only**; and in order to ensure we have sufficient resources to cater for them, we are limiting the number of students registered for each subject to no more than 40.

Parent payment for ICAS Assessments:

Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessments parent payment system (PPS). Through this system parents can pay for ICAS directly online while tests will still be held at our school.

To confirm your child's participation, please go to this link:

<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps> and use this code: **CAO872** to access the school's page and register your child no later than **8th July 2022**. You will also need to complete and email the accompanying permission slip to the school office (enquiries@oteha.school.nz) before **8th July 2022**.

Kind regards,
Sherryl Prangle

