



Technology News

Mrs Helen Prasad has been appointed as Head of Technology and will also continue in her role as Head of Computing. Please feel free to contact her with regards to any issues in this area on 9634020.

This year the Technology Department in the College encompasses the areas below with their teachers' names:

Food Technology	Mrs S Singh	Mrs K Simon	
Fabric Technology	Ms K Hickmott		
Graphics	Mr P Ram	Mr M Nelisi	
Carpentry/Fine Furniture	Mr T Faleolo	Mr P Ram	
Engineering	Mr A Naidu	Mr M Nelisi	
Computing	Mrs H Prasad	Mr M Tu'inukuafe	Mr S Kant

Year 9 Technology is also taught by some of the teachers mentioned above.

Students taking any of the subjects mentioned above have a fee and these have to be paid immediately to the school office. The fees are as follows:

Year 12/13 Fabric	\$20.00
Year 11/12/13 Food	\$30.00
Year 11/12/13 Carpentry	\$40.00
Year 12/13 Fine Furniture	\$40.00
Year 11/12/13 Engineering	\$40.00
Year 11/12/13 Graphics	\$25.00
Year 10/11/12/13 Computing	\$10.00 per course

The fees need to be paid urgently as materials and workbooks are bought through the money received for students to work with.

**NEWS FROM THE CAREERS and TRANSITION DEPARTMENTS
ROOMS M3/M4
Phone:- 963 4033**

**Ms C Cusack
(Careers Co-Ordinator)**

**Mrs McClintock
STAR/Careers Assistant**

**Ms J Wickman
(Transition-M4)**

The Otahuhu College Careers room has numerous interesting resources giving students access to information for future study, employment prospects, CV writing and advice to help them achieve their goals.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO INTENDING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:

In addition to the raised entry criteria and ranking system at the University of Auckland, Victoria University has advised they also will introduce ranking for the 2011 intake. Massey University has recommended students take only Approved subjects, preferably with Achievement Standards rather than Unit Standards, to ensure that they meet any standards that could be put in place.

- Year 12 and 13 students can go on **TWO Student for a Day/Experience Day** career choices at most local tertiary providers, both public and private. To apply, students must fill in a Permission Letter, available from Ms Cusack in M3, and have it completed and signed by their parent/guardian/caregiver. Students need to apply at least **three weeks in** advance. Limited places are available.
- MIT Experience Days are offered again this year. The days available will be advertised on the Careers Noticeboard by the canteen
- **MIT School Leaver MighTy Days** for Years 12 and 13 students can be arranged by request for individual students in their areas of interest as the year progresses.
- **UNITEC** also offer Experience days/Student for a Day for some courses.
- **AUT** have information evenings.
- Leadership and career Development days are offered as the year progresses, for students of Maori heritage through KATTI, and for students of Pacific Island indigenous heritage through Pacific Island Leaders of Tomorrow (PILOT) FONONO
- Careers Calendar of Events known of to date will be advertised on the Careers Noticeboard near the Canteen above the seat. This includes all STAR courses at MIT and with Private Training Establishments.

COMING UP

Expressions of interest are called for from students to M3 for all the following events:

- **Year 13** Navy Challenge
- **Year 12/13** NZ Army Careers Experience in Waiouru applications are due in the mail Friday 26 February. Transport and meals are provided in the first week of the school holidays.
- **Year 13 girl students** Futures Evening (Sciences) at the University of Auckland.
- **Year 13** Pacific Island students - Pacific Island Leaders of Tomorrow (PILOT) FONONO.
- **STAR** Courses at MIT: Motor Body Trades Refinish (Panelbeating), Motor Body Trades Oxy Welding, AutoCAD Level 1. These are mostly one day a week courses, free of charge, to students with Permanent Residence.

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Mobile phones, iPods, MP3's, Discmans, radios, etc are not required equipment for school and students who bring them to school. ***do so at their own risk.***



NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN to recover these items if they go missing as senior staff cannot afford to spend time searching for them.



REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away from school, please ring as early as possible **after 8.00 am** to report the absence:

**For Year 9 or Year 10 students
Phone Mr Patua on 963 4018**

**For Year 11, Year 12 or Year 13 students
Phone Mrs Lawrence on 963 4002**

If you are unable to contact the school directly because you do not have a landline, you can call free from your mobile phone to:

Freephone 0508 878268

On the day your child returns to school please also send a note, signed by a parent, for your child to give to his/her tutor.

WHEN DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 Students are to be dropped off and collected **by the bus bay at the Golf Avenue entrance only.**

Visitors to the school on other business ***must park in the parking area to the left of the main building.*** Please park carefully and take notice of parking signs, reserved spaces, yellow lines and No Parking (NP) areas.

It is vital that there is clear access for emergency vehicles at all times.

- 2 STOPPING IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME ON BROKEN YELLOW LINES.

The broken yellow (no stopping) lines have been extended across the entrances to the properties at 67 and 72 Mangere Road.

- 3 **It is illegal to cross the road within 20 metres of a pedestrian crossing.**

When crossing the road please use the pedestrian crossing at all times.

The Police will be watching and will issue a ticket to any person caught crossing the road illegally.

IMPROPERLY PARKED VEHICLES MAY BE TOWED OR CLAMPED

BUSES

- ♣ **NO Otahuhu College student** is to catch the bus from the Otahuhu Bus Depot unless they have a pass from the school. There are many bus stops along Great South Road in Otahuhu where students can catch the bus for all destinations.
- ♣ To obtain a pass from the school **parents must write a letter to Miss Boyle** giving a very good reason why their child should catch the bus at the Otahuhu Bus Depot. The school will decide whether a pass will be issued.
- ♣ **ANY Otahuhu College student** found by teachers, Police, or Stagecoach staff in the bus depot without a pass will be asked to leave the bus depot and catch their bus elsewhere in Otahuhu.

Students, please avoid embarrassment and the fact that you may miss your bus by catching your bus elsewhere in Otahuhu. The reason for this is to make sure that you don't get into trouble or become a victim in a serious matter.