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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

The College continues to go from strength to strength. We have been able to track down the destination of some of our Year 13 students from 2009 who have enrolled in degree courses in 2010.

University	Number
University of Auckland	24
Waikato University	9
Auckland University of Technology	11
UNITEC	2
Otago University	1
Victoria University	1

There will also be others but the message is if you want to go to University come to Otahuhu College we have a huge range of courses to cater for all needs and extremely competent staff to deliver those courses.

On the sports front two boys Daniel Soliai and Riki Manori have been selected in the New Zealand U17 Volleyball team to tour Australia later this year.

Winter sport has got off to a wonderful start with most of our teams undefeated at this time. All parents are thanked for their support of our teams and are reminded of their responsibility to maintain high standards of behaviour on the sideline.

Kia Tamatane

G I LAURENSEN
Principal

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees will next meet on

Thursday 27 May

and

Thursday 24 June

at 6.00 pm in Rooms H4/H5

(off the Hall Foyer in M Block)

SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM TWO 2010

Monday 7 June.....	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
Tuesday 8 – Wednesday 9 June	Science Roadshow – School Hall
Thursday 10 June	Battle of the Bands – School Hall, 7.00pm
Monday 14 June.....	OC Old Students Assoc – H4, 7.00pm
Thursday 17 June	Midwinter Showcase
Friday 18 June	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Thursday 24 – Wednesday 30 June....	Senior Exams
Friday 2 July.....	END OF TERM TWO
Monday 19 July.....	START OF TERM THREE

REMINDER

Financial assistance forms for NCEA/NZQA are to be returned by the end of Term 2. If you have not received a form please contact the school.

Otahuhu College Board of Trustees

Parent Representatives Election 2010 Results:

Nominee	Votes Received
Sheila Bhagirath	55
Shiv Bhagirath	95
Seluvaia Ma'asi	65
Sharon Lee-Tongatama	124
Funa Tuiletufuga	120
Susan Warrington	145
Jillian Wilson	107

I therefore declare that; **Susan Warrington, Sharon Lee-Tongatama, Funa Tuiletufuga and Jillian Wilson** are elected as Parent Representatives for a three (3) year term commencing on May21st 2010.

C G Foote
Returning Officer

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (NCEA)

This is the second in a series of feature articles in our newsletters throughout this year, which will answer questions about particular aspects of NCEA.

GRADES

There are various grades that can be gained when students submit work for marking, either internally or externally.

Unit Standards

- **Not Achieved (N):** Failed the standard.
- **Achieved (A):** Passed the standard.

Achievement Standards

- **Not Achieved (N):** Failed the standard.
- **Achieved (A):** Passed the standard with an Achieved grade.
- **Merit (M):** Passed the standard with a Merit grade.
- **Excellence (E):** Passed the standard with an Excellent grade.



WHAT DO GRADES EARN?

- Both Unit and Achievement Standards earn credits.
- Each standard earns a different number of credits depending on how much work is involved.

WHERE DO CREDITS GO?

All credits go towards the achievement of a nationally recognized qualification:

- Levels 1, 2 and 3 NCEA and
- National Certificates.

HOW MANY CREDITS DO I NEED TO PASS?

To gain the NCEA qualification you need to gain a certain number of credits. As mentioned earlier, credits are gained through successfully completing a series of standards. Each year level provides a new qualification:

- **Level 1** - to pass the NCEA Certificate you need **80 credits** of which a **minimum of eight** are needed in **literacy** and **eight** in **numeracy**. (See below.)
- **Level 2** - to pass the NCEA Certificate you need **80 credits** (60 at Level 2 or above and 20 from any other level)
- **Level 3** - to pass the NCEA certificate you need **80 credits** (60 at Level 3 and 20 from Level 2 or above)

IS ANYTHING COMPULSORY TO ACHIEVE LEVEL 1 NCEA?

Yes – to pass Level 1, all students must gain

- **at least eight credits** in **English** – this is to gain **Level 1 Literacy**, and
- **at least eight credits** in **Mathematics** - this is to gain **Level 1 Numeracy**

Students can gain these credits **internally** – at school during the year.

**Those students who do not achieve enough credits to gain
Level 1 Literacy or Numeracy
will repeat Level 1 English and/or Mathematics.**

WHAANAU HUI !!!

When: 6.30pm Monday June 14th 2010.

Where: At the Otāhuhu College whareniui



Who: Tātou katoa

Kaupapa: Our rangatahi and we have a guest presenter.

Te Kepa Sterling would like to present to the whaanau a strategy about families supporting their tamariki in education and preventing our rangatahi from 'failing' in the system. Te Kepa has been involved in Māori education for many years, and this is a great opportunity for the whaanau to access his knowledge.

Nau mai, haere mai

Come and support our rangatahi !

A light supper will be provided