

Students of the Month February 2010



Year 9 – Tulima MATAIUMU – 9P – Excellent attitude and effort during Haka Waiata and Athletics competitions.



Year 10 – Maikale LATU – 10M – She was involved in athletics and had outstanding behaviour. Is a true role model for the Year 10's in Grey house. When asked to do something she does it without complaining. Lovely girl.



Year 11 – Afa MAU'U – 11FLC – Outstanding performances in the school Athletics Day.



Year 12 – Harmony MEKURI – 12MGA – Harmony has displayed excellent leadership skills during both Haka Waiata and Athletics. She has been a role model for both her peers and younger students in the house. Harmony has stepped up understanding that the best way to lead is by example.



Year 13 – Ebony TIMO – 13WKN – Ebony has worked hard during haka waiata and displayed outstanding effort at athletics. She continues to be a positive role model for other students.

YEAR 9 CAMP 2010

This year, there is a **year 9 camp to Motutapu Island** from September 20 to September 24. This is the last week of term 3. All year 9 students going will be split into two groups, groups A and B. Each of the groups will stay at the camp for 3 days and 2 nights. Group A will attend camp from the morning of Monday September 20 to the morning of Wednesday September 22. Group B will attend camp from the afternoon of Wednesday September 22 to the afternoon of Friday September 24.

All year 9 students will experience the following activities: Snorkelling; kayaking; confidence course; high ropes; flying fox; hiking; Burma trail; abseiling; environmental programme.

This is an excellent opportunity for your child to gain one of the main experiences of their college lives. Accounts can be set up for you to make payments towards the cost of the camp so payment can be started as soon as you are able. If you start payments now at \$10 per school term week, you will be able to pay off the cost of the camp by week 5 of term 3. If you can pay it off sooner, please do so. Payments can be made at the main office.

The total cost of the Motutapu Outdoor Camp is \$200 per student and has been calculated so you pay for the following: transport (bus and ferry return); camp facility hire; camp activities hire; outdoor instructors/educators hire; food and drink for the 3 days and 2 nights.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on (09) 963-4080

Fiona Toloa
Year 9 Dean
Otahuhu College



Physical Education

A reminder to parents and students about PE uniform and notes:

For hygiene reasons it is expected that *every* student get changed into a House T-Shirt and black shorts for *every* PE lesson. If a student is unwell or injured they should bring a note explaining this, but should still get changed and attempt to take part in the lesson as best they can.

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

Ms C Cusack
(Careers Coordinator)

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. The Careers room is at interval, lunch time and most days after school for students to complete a CV and school assessments.

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 when the school is notified.

-**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) FONO

-Careers Calendar of Events known of - to date will be advertised on the Careers Notice board near the Canteen above the seat. This includes all STAR courses at MIT and with Private Training Establishments (PTE). We aim to have this on the school website also.

Coming Up

-**Year 12/13 Pathways to Employment EXPO 2 Health Sciences/Health for potential Doctors/Surgeons/Researchers/Nursing staff including mental health/support**

-Friday 30 April University of Waikato Open Day for intending **Year 13** students and parents

-**Year 12 Kei a Tatou te Ihi KATTI Career Development Day** for students of Maori heritage

-**Year 13 STAR Pre Police Course** at New Zealand Institute of Sport (NZIS) Botany Town Centre

-Year 11/12/13 **MIT STAR AutoCAD Level 1** course free to students with permanent residence

Expressions of interest can be made now to Ms Cusack for all of the above events.

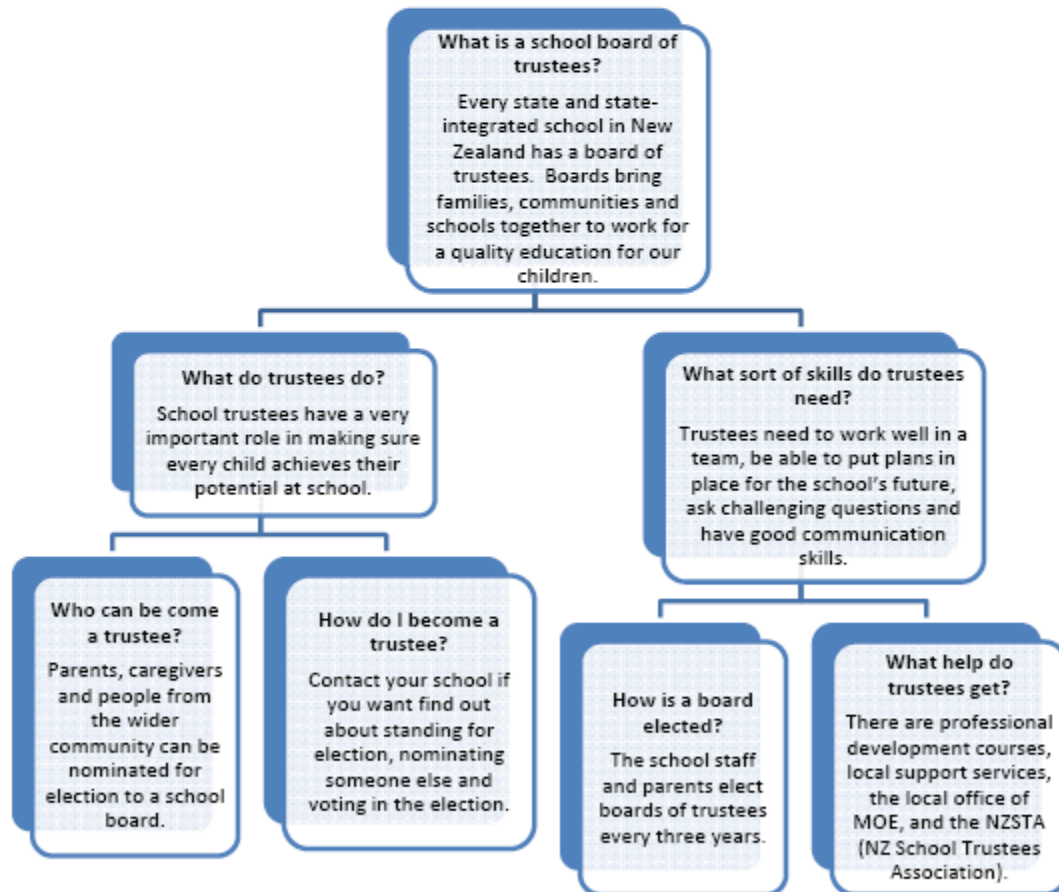
2010 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Strong Leaders make strong schools

"Board members are entrusted by the community to ensure the success of our schools and a bright future for our children. We need an education system where all children are expected to succeed and one where we all take shared responsibility in ensuring this happens. You can make things happen – we need strong leaders to lead our school."

Dear Parents/Caregivers

There will be a triennial Board election on **May 7th**, you should have received your forms for nominations which close on **Friday 23rd April**. Voting papers and candidate statements will be posted out between **24th – 27th April**.



ADVISORY SERVICE - 0800 STA HELP (0800 782 435) or www.nzsta.org.nz

FOR SALE
Otahuhu College
Junior Girls Uniform
1 Skirt, 2 Short Sleeve Blouses and 1 Long Sleeve Shirt
Please contact ROSA 257 2518

April School Holidays: BIG!
How big is 'BIG'?

We all know space is big, but what exactly does **THAT** mean?

Come along to Stardome this April to find out what we mean by the word '**BIG**' when we talk about space! Come and see **BIG**, our planetarium show that takes a quirky and imaginative look at the size and scale of our universe. With a light-hearted storytelling style, clay-animated characters and a surrounding musical score, this show brings a really big subject down to Earth.

Afterwards, let us inspire you as you create your very own galaxy to take home and display, as well as other 'out-of-this-world' fun art.

Book your place early by calling **624 1246**, or contact us should you have any questions.

Two sessions daily! 10.00am to 11.30am 1.00pm to 2.30pm

Dates: April 6th to 9th April 12th to 16th

Price: \$10/child \$7/adult

Bubble Dome

Unlock Potential

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this April. Other courses in Architecture, Movie Making, Science, Inventions and Technology, Fashion Design and Photography are on offer at a venue near you. For students aged 6 to 17 years. Telephone: 622 0670 or Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or Visit: www.bubbledome.co.nz