

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

It is great to be back at Otahuhu College after my study leave last term. The highlight of my trip was the leadership course I did at Harvard University in Boston America. Hopefully the skills I was exposed to will enable me to lead Otahuhu College to the next level.

We have just concluded a visit from the Education Review Office and will have a written copy of their feedback in a month. Verbally they have told us that the College is going in the right direction and as soon as we have the hard copy of the report the page for the community will be sent to all families with copies of the full report available at the main office or posted out to any parents who request it

The winter season for sports is drawing to a close and I would like to thank all parents for their support during the season

Students should now be increasing their homework and revision as the build up to NCEA externals begins. Parents please make sure your children can tell you exactly how many credits they have and how many they need for NCEA. If you have any queries in this area please ring Mr Pune at the College.

Finally work on the old Technology block is well underway and will be completed by the end of the year. We will then start on M block the double storied building at the front of the College. Nearly half our classrooms have been refurbished in the last four years and we are now in a position where the prefabs can start to be removed. Our students deserve 21<sup>st</sup> century facilities and we are steadily getting them.

Kia Tamatane

**G I LAURENSON**  
Principal

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees will next meet on  
**Thursday 27 August**  
and  
**Thursday 24 September**  
**at 6.00 pm in Rooms H4/H5**  
(off the Hall Foyer in M Block)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM THREE 2009

Monday 17 – 22 August .....	School Production
Monday 19 August .....	Sports Photos
Monday 24 – 27 August .....	PE Camp
Monday 24 August .....	2010 Enrolments – Information Evening 7.00 – 8.00pm in school hall
Tuesday 25 - 26 August .....	2010 Enrolments 4.00 – 6.30pm in school hall
Thursday 27 August .....	Pacific Parents Evening 5.30 – 7.30 in school hall
Thursday 27 August .....	Board of Trustees Meeting in H4/5 6.00pm
Saturday 29 August.....	2010 Enrolments 9.00 – 1.00pm in school hall
Monday 31 Aug – 4 Sept.....	NZ Secondary School League Champs
Monday 16 September.....	ABBA Celebration 7.00pm in school hall
Thursday 24 September.....	Board of Trustees Meeting in H4/5 6.00pm
<b>Friday 25 September .....</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 3</b>

He aha te mea nui o te Ao?  
He Tangata, He Tangata, He Tangata.

Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou,  
The next Whanau hui is being held  
Sunday 16 August from 1 – 3pm.  
Food provided

Nau Mai, Haere Mai, tatou katoa



**WANTED!! WANTED!! WANTED!! WANTED!!**

### **KAPAHAKA TUTOR**

The Otahuhu College kapahaka group are looking for a new tutor.

If you are interested please contact William Pickering on 963 4058.

# PREPARING FOR EXAMS

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

It is important that students have both the **time** and the **space** to prepare themselves fully for the exams / externals ahead. Here are some tips on how to prepare well.

- **Create A Study Space**  
This must have a desk, chair, good lighting and adequate ventilation. It is important that this area is free from distractions (TC/video) and interruptions, such as the phone or other family members.
- **Organise Your Study Area**  
Make sure you have everything you need (notes, hand-outs, textbooks). Organise these into topics so that they are easy to find and refer to.

### EXAM PREPARATION

- 1 **Start Planning:** Revision for an exam is like any other training – it involves careful planning and thorough preparation. You will then be confident to give your best performance.
- 2 **Stay Healthy:** Practise healthy habits during the period of exam preparation – eat well, take regular exercise and have eight hours sleep each night.
- 3 **List Subjects:** List your subjects and decide which ones you need to spend the most time on, but make sure you cover them all.
- 4 **Establish a Study Timetable:** Aim to do **at least 2 hours per night, 5 or 6 nights per week**. Do not forget to allow time for homework, revision for other subjects, social and other activities. Create and fill in a **study timetable** sheet.
- 5 **Check Your Notes:** You need a complete set of notes. Ensure that they are all up-to-date. Complete missing sections using legible notes from a friend. Check you have required textbooks at hand.
- 6 **Exam Format:** Familiarise yourself with the exam format by looking at old exam papers, which can be purchased from the NZQA or possibly obtained from your teacher. The format may change from year to year.

### WHEN STUDYING FOLLOW THE 'FOUR POINT PLAN'

Choose a topic, then: **read**, **summarise**, **test** and **revise**.

#### **Point 1: Read**

- Read through your class notes. Try reading them out loud; we remember 80% of what we say and 50% of what we see and hear.
- Spend some time on material you are not sure of. Write out notes and try to work through problem areas.

#### **Point 2: Summarise**

- Re-read your notes, writing a summary using headings, sub-headings and key words.
- Try to understand as you go. Can you think of examples? Can you draw key diagrams? Can you see links to other material?
- Find or think of questions and try and answer them without looking at your notes.
- At the end of your revision session, try to list the main points from memory.

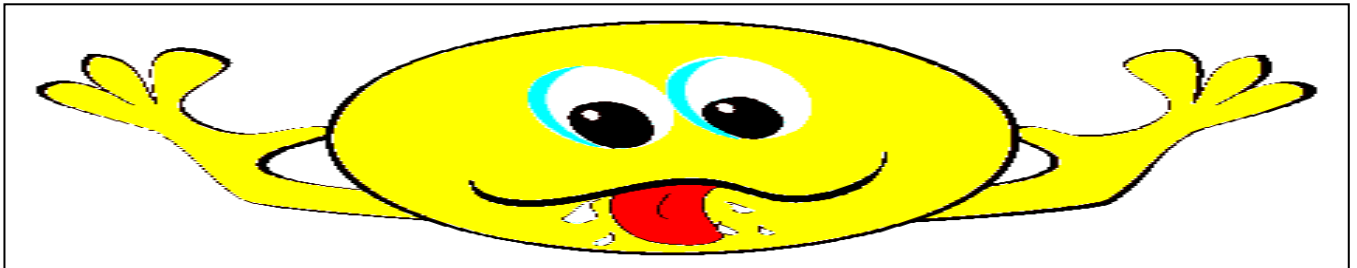
#### **Point 3: Test**

- Try some questions from past exams, allowing yourself only the time allowed.
- Check your answers. Learn from your mistakes.

#### **Point 4: Revise**

- Read through your summaries (aloud), or write out the points on paper to help you remember.
- Can you recall the information from the main points? If you cannot, re-read that section of your notes.
- Do you understand the key words? Can you use any formulae required?
- Reduce your summaries to 1 or 2 pages of key points.
- After a break, try and recall the key points.

# OTAHUHU COLLEGE PRESENTS:



## ZANY FLAVAS PT. 3

Where: Otahuhu College Hall  
When: Wednesday the 19th of  
August to Saturday the 22nd  
of August  
What Time: 7:30pm start each night  
How Much: \$5 a ticket

**Tickets are available for purchase from  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August.  
From the Drama Office at lunchtime  
and interval.**

**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.

- **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 this Term progresses.
- For ALL **Scholarships** please check out [www.BreakOut.org.nz](http://www.BreakOut.org.nz). If you are a member of a public library, you can access this website without charge, from the website of the public library that you belong to, from home, or at the library, by entering your library membership number stated on your library card. Follow the prompts to create a password and this will allow you free access to the Breakout website. If you have any problems accessing this website please see your local librarian. Applications are mostly due from this month. This includes Financial Scholarships which are different from academic scholarships.
- **Accommodation applications** for Tertiary institutions away from Auckland are **due now**. Please do not wait until the closing date. A reference is required from the Year 13 Dean.

### **Coming Events**

- Thursday 13 August **Victoria University** Information Evening in Auckland
- Friday 14 August **Massey University** Liaison Officer visit here Tutor/lunch time
- Wednesday 19 August The University of Auckland **Faculty of Education – Epsom Information Evening – Teaching/Physical Education/Social Work**
- Thursday 27 August – **AUT Open Day/Maori EXPO**
- Thursday 27 August -**Pacific Parents and Students Evening** - Motivate your aiga for a brighter future – supper will be provided – 5.30pm-7.30pm – Otahuhu College hall
- Saturday 29 August **The University of Auckland** Open Day-Courses and Careers
- This month and next month **AUT** and **UNITEC** have a number of **Information Evenings** and **Try It For A Day** events. These are all advertised on the Careers
- Notice Board and in the Careers Room

**Visit the Careers Room for further information on any of these events**

## UNIFORM

Parents please make sure that your son or daughter wears an Otahuhu College regulation **shirt or blouse to school** – white for Years 12 and above, blue for Years 9, 10 and 11.

Shirts and blouses are the required dress for school – they are not optional. House T-shirts are worn for physical education classes only.

**Please ensure all Jerseys and Jackets are named**



## FOOTWEAR

For the rest of Term 3, plain black leather lace-up school shoes with black socks must be worn. Boys wearing shoes must wear knee-length black socks with shorts.

Please note that jandals, slippers or sports shoes are not part of the school uniform and will not be permitted.

**Students wearing incorrect uniform may be sent home**

We would appreciate parents' assistance in this matter.

## **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**

Ring Mr Patua 963 4073

**For Year 11, Year 12 or Year 13 students**

Ring Mrs Lawrence 963 4002

If you are unable to contact the school directly because you do not have a landline, you can call free on 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.**

# AFTERSCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM

**MONDAY**  
3pm – 5pm  
Fitness centre  
\$3

**TUESDAY**  
Badminton  
3pm – 5pm  
\$2

**WEDNESDAY**  
Boxing class  
4pm-4.45pm  
\$3

**THURSDAY**  
Table Tennis  
3pm – 5pm  
\$2

**FRIDAY**  
Fitness Centre  
3pm – 5pm  
\$3  
3 on 3 Basketball  
3pm – 5pm  
\$2

There is also the option of \$9 per week for all activities above which is to be paid by direct debit

*For more information call 276 8207  
And ask for Drew*

**CLM**

**OTAHUHU**  
RECREATION  
&  
YOUTH CENTRE

## **Adult and Community Education Programme Term 3**

### ***GOVERNMENT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!***

*The government plans to slash night class funding next year.*

*ENROL while classes are still available.*

**FOR INFORMATION:** Look at the school website or phone the school office 963 4000  
or email [comed@otahuhucollege.school.nz](mailto:comed@otahuhucollege.school.nz)

Many people have enrolled, 12 classes have successfully begun.

It is fine to join some classes part way through the term, please ask.

**The TERM 4 programme will be displayed in the next newsletter.**