



Otago College Newsletter

Friday 7 April 2017

From our Principal

Next week is the last week of term. I want to take this opportunity to stress how important this week is in secondary schools. In terms of planning most teachers plan to finish parts of their subject or have assessments tied in with the end of term. It is also a time to introduce what is being covered next so that the class can start the next term really well. Your support in making sure your child is attending regularly is appreciated.

In the senior school NCEA results are looking good with more students gaining Merit and Excellences. A key area we want to encourage as a school is students asking questions when they are unsure. This is a very important part of successful learning.

Congratulations to our Year 13 hospitality students who were amongst the very best schools in Auckland in the recent cooking competition and who have been providing some outstanding food for the staff.

Important Dates

11 – 13 April	Level 3 History on trip to Waitangi
12 April	Effort Award Assembly
12 April	Rugby Engagement – 5.30-7.30pm, school hall
13 April	Achievement Assembly
13 April	Last day of Term One
18 – 21 April	Netball & Rugby Holiday Programme, 10.00 - 2.00pm
1 May	First day of Term Two

Our Commitments

Our focus for next week is on being respectful. The following is an interesting comment on respecting others:

The world is not fair. The deck is not evenly stacked. Luck and good fortune are not equally distributed. But everyone has something special. Everyone knows something you don't know. Everyone is capable of doing and being someone completely different from you—and that is a worthwhile thing to respect. That's the beauty of life. And if you can't respect each and every person you come into contact with for that reason alone, you're not respecting our greatest gift.

When we respect each other we make our community, our families and ourselves stronger.

Curriculum and Study News

April Holidays

The Easter Holidays and Anzac Day are important days of commemoration and to spend with family. No doubt there are a few chores that need doing as well. However, the two weeks is also a good time to catch up, get ahead and start revising material for the mid year exams. As a parent here are five suggestions:

- 1) Ask your child to do at least an hour of school work Monday to Friday during the holidays. One way to do this is to spend twenty minutes on a subject and then move onto another.
- 2) Check what assignments need working on during the holidays. Your child should be able to explain clearly what they need to do to get a Merit grade.
- 3) Get your child to explain what they have learnt in each of their subjects. This will be good revision for them, and also gives you the opportunity to check that they understand what they have learnt.
- 4) Practice writing. Regular writing leads to improvement, a simple way to help is to have writing races—who can write the most words in five minutes?
- 5) Reading. This can be reading the novel from school, books from the library.

If we are serious about our children getting ahead, then we need to use the time available over the April holidays.

NCEA Internal Assessments

It is the responsibility of your child to ensure that they are aware of when each Internal Assessment is on and to be present at school to sit all of these assessments. If your child misses an Internal Assessment due to a medical reason, then a medical certificate needs to be provided for the school. If your child is away from class representing Otahuhu College in sport or on a Otahuhu College trip, then this will be deemed a legitimate reason and another deadline will be provided.

University Entrance

To get into the best courses and to do well at University, then, your child needs to:

- Attend and do well in the external exams
- Have 80 credits in university approved subjects
- Gain wherever possible Merit and Excellence grades

Waikato University – Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship This scholarship – worth up to \$10,000 per year – offers a tailored leadership and personal development programme for students who demonstrate academic excellence and potential to further excel in either a sporting code or in the creative or performing arts. Recipients receive personal support from the university’s Hillary programme manager. For more information, email highperformance@waikato.ac.nz

Year 13 Pacific Island Leaders of Tomorrow-PILOT 2017

Otahuhu College participants were the top Leadership school yesterday out of 13 schools. The students were; Taine Coxhead, Josie Faamausili, May Hunt, Puni Lavea, Selemaia Latu, Hillary Mulipola, Saia 'Ofahengaua, Aisea Taufalele, Leilani Tuialii and Seira Tuimaseve Gasu. In addition Saia 'Ofahengaua and Puni Lavea were nominated as top Leaders

Sports News

SPORTS DRAW

DAYS	TEAMS	VS	VENUE	TIME
SATURDAY 09/04	SNR BOYS TENNIS	TBC	TBC	TBC
	SNR GIRLS TENNIS	ROSKILL	TBC	TBC
	1 ST XV	SCC	OC PAVILION	11.00AM
	2 ND XV	DILWORTH	OC PAVILION	9.00AM
	U15	DILWORTH	OC PAVILION	9.00AM
	2 ND XV &U15 U14 RUGBY	DILWORTH	OC PAVILION	9.00AM
		PAPATOETOE	PAPATOETOE	9.15AM

Trainings for the Week

DATES	TEAMS		VENUE	TIME
MONDAY	Tennis	Training	Courts	3.15pm-5pm
	Girls Rugby	Training	Memorial fields	3.15pm-5pm
	U15 Boys Rugby	Training	Memorial Fields	3.15-5pm
TUESDAY	Netball (Senior A/B)	Pre-season	Netball Court	7.00am
	1 st XV	Training	Memorial Fields	3.15pm-5pm
	2 nd XV	Training	Memorial Fields	3.30pm-5pm
	U14 Rugby	Training	Memorial Fields	3.15pm-5pm
WEDNESDAY	Tennis	Training	Courts	3.15pm-5pm
	U15 Boys Rugby	Training	Memorial Fields	3.15pm-5pm
	Soccer	Training	Lower Field	3.15pm-5pm
	Girls Rugby	Training	Memorial Fields	3.15pm-5pm
THURSDAY	1 st XV	Training	Memorial Field	3.15pm-5pm
	2 nd XV	Training	Memorial Field	3.15pm-5pm
	U14 Rugby	Training	Memorial Fields	3.15pm-5pm
	Girls Rugby	Training	Memorial Fields	3.15pm-5pm
FRIDAY	Girls Rugby	Training	Memorial Fields	3.15pm-5pm
	Touch Rugby	Training	Lower Fields	3.15pm-5pm
	1 st XIII	Trials	Memorial Fields	3.30pm

VOLLEYBALL NATIONALS

The Senior Boys volleyball had a very long week last week at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Champs. The boys conducted themselves well on and off the court with no issues to report.

Results:

vs Te Aroha Won 3-1

vs Porirua Lost 0-3

vs Auckland Grammar won 3-1

vs Aorere College won 3-0

vs Wellington College lost 1-3

vs Otumoetai College lost 1-3

vs Nelson Boys College won 3-2

vs Havelock North lost 1-3

vs Lincoln College Won 3-2 (17-15th in the fifth set after being down 8-14).

Overall tournament record 5 wins and 4 losses so we ended up 11th out of 32 in Division 3, (total of 80 boys teams in the tournament).

1st XV Update

2017 has seen a rebuild in rugby for the Otahuhu 1st XV. They are currently still in their trialing process and are looking to build momentum towards their 29th of April decider against Tamaki. Struggle so far is getting consistent numbers at training which has really slowed down the selection process.

Paarl Boys High from South Africa was the first pre season fixture and was a good indication of what the boys are capable of. Although we went down 18-5 there were promising signs of what can be achieved if everybody works together.

Marcellin College was the 2nd fixture so far where Otahuhu won 54-17. Again some promising signs were present but also many gaps which we hope to address in the coming week.

So far standouts for the OC boys have been Demetrius Siliva, Semisi Faleovalu and Jacob Samuelu who have stood out during the preseason fixtures. Fine leadership skills have been demonstrated by Rulon Brown and Nafe Noa on and off the field. This week the final squad will be named before we play Southern Cross on Saturday.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

A reminder to our parents about the Rugby and Netball Engagement meetings coming up over the next two weeks

RUGBY in the Otahuhu College Hall Wednesday 12th April 5.30-7.30pm

This is a good time to meet coaches and managers and find more about Rugby

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

A REMINDER THAT ALL WINTER SPORTS TEAM PLAYERS MUST PURCHASE THE SCHOOL SPORTS SHORTS FROM NZ UNIFORMS

28E Lambie Dr, Papatoetoe,
Auckland 2104
[Hours:](#) · 9AM–5PM
[Phone:](#) 09-950 6747

BREAKAWAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Otahuhu College will be running a rugby and Netball breakaway holiday programme here at the school. This will be discussed at the Parent engagement meetings.

Tuesday 18th April-Friday 21st April

10am – 2pm each day

Please contact the School Sports Department for details

Please support our Sponsors

Lime Café
507 Great South Road
Otahuhu



Career Information

8 of our Year 13 hospitality students started their 3 day Gateway placement at Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre on April 3rd on the Panmure Basin.

They will be working in the restaurant, housekeeping, front office, reservations, banquet kitchen, bakery and conferencing office over the 3 days; along with students from Edgewater College and One Tree Hill College.

Parents of the students involved attended a celebratory presentation evening on Wednesday April 5th



We currently have 141 Year 12 and 13 students signed up to Gateway placements. Anyone who would like to learn more about the work experiences on offer for 2018, please book in with Ms Collings for a chat.