



Otago College Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023

Important Notices

Monday 27 th November	Y11-13 End of Year reports emailed to parents
Monday 4 th December	Y12 Leadership Day (selected students)
Tuesday 12 th December	Y9 & 10 End of Year reports emailed to parents
Wednesday 13 th December	Junior Prizegiving (Final school day of 2023)



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

The Year 9 and 10 exams have gone well, and it was good to see the preparation and effort which your sons and daughters applied to them. This week has also seen the final NCEA exams and our senior students are to be congratulated on their maturity and dedication to their studies during this time.

In particular, I would like to thank the teachers and all the staff for their hard work. In most schools senior students finish classes a month earlier, but here at Otahuhu College, our staff are committed to helping our students do the very best they can. It is a privilege to work with such dedicated staff who provide tutorials, workshops and give up their time to help our students succeed.

If you know of people wanting to enroll at Otahuhu College next year, enrolments are still open for both in zone and out of zone students. All applications for enrolment can be done through the office.

Our Commitments

Please remind your child that they need to move to class as soon as the first bell goes, and they should be seated, with their books out and bags on the floor ready to learn by the second bell. From time-to-time students may not have finished all the expected work during class time, when this happens in the last period of the day, your child will likely be required to stay behind 5-10 minutes to complete the work to a standard expected at Otahuhu College. If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact the Principal.

Junior School

Kia orana

I hope this message finds you well. We are almost on the home stretch with Christmas just around the corner. We wanted to give our whanau a little update on a couple of slight changes to term 4 with one being a slight change to the start of our day.

UPDATE TERM 4

School starts each day at 8:40am as usual. A junior school assembly will begin promptly at 8:40am. Students should be in the school gate by 8:30am to ensure they are on time.

All junior students should attend school in full school uniform. Please note Junior students should be in covered black leather lace up shoes. Due to safety measures taken in technology and Science particularly, this is important.

All junior students should come to school prepared for learning. Exams have concluded however we are still working on projects and units leading up to the last day of school which contributes to the end of year report.





There are a few activities going on for some students: gardening in preparation for our community day; science projects being finished for our Science Showcase and post season rugby preparation. These activities will be done during school time. Your child can let you know if they are involved or not. If your child is involved in an offsite or after-school activity, you will be notified this includes exam catch-ups for some students.

School finishes on Wednesday 13th December at approximately 1pm. The school will be closed for the day after this time. Please ensure you have a plan for your child to get home on that day.

UNIFORM 2024

Please note Year 9, 10 and 11 wear the Junior school uniform. If your child is going into Year 11 next Year they remain in the same junior uniform. ONLY Year 12-13 are permitted to wear long black skirts, long black trousers and the white Ōtāhuhu College shirt.

Please email a dean if you have questions about the above information:

Year 9 – Emma Norgate enorgate@otahuhucollege.school.nz

Year 10 – Iona Channer ichanner@otahuhucollege.school.nz

Year 10 2024 – Sarah Ofanoa sofanoa@otahuhucollege.school.nz

Attendance – Joe Tupe jtupe@otahuhucollege.school.nz

Thank you for all your support for the school and ensuring your child is well organised for school each day. Please contact us if you have any questions at all.

Kia manuia
Kia Tamatane
Moana Va'aelua
Deputy Principal
Junior School

Sports News

On the 14th of November, a group of year 9 and 10 students participated in the 2023 Junior South-Eastern Zone Tag Football Tournament at Ngāti Park. In the first round, our OC students played well making impressive try saving tags, however, OC would eventually go down 0-4 to Manurewa in the last few plays of the game. OC's resilience had shown through in round 2 as they picked themselves up and won against Edgewater 6-3, then also beating Aorere 6-2 in the following pool around. These two wins saw our junior tag team qualify for the Junior Southeastern Tag quarter finals.

After a hard-fought battle within the qualifying match, unfortunately One Tree Hill would emerge victorious against OC which saw them qualify for the Auckland Championship Tournament. Overall, our OC students did extremely well, and we are proud of their achievement and efforts in this tournament. Special acknowledgments to O'Rylee and Shaniya for their impressive performance and participation as player replacements. In addition, acknowledgements to our seniors Ryan and Cyprus for their involvement





with the team and paying forward for the next generation coming through.

Kia Tamatane, Mr. Luteru.



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