



Otago Music Arts Centre Otago College Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023

Important Notices

Monday 6 th November	NCEA Exams
Wednesday 22 nd November	Y13s Last Day
Thursday 23 rd November	Y12s Last Day
Friday 24 th November	Y11s Last Day



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

We have had a wonderful week of celebration. I would like to express my thanks to all those in our community who attended the Year 13 Graduation last night and congratulate all our award winners. As a College, we do our very best to work in partnership with you as parents and caregivers and nights like these make staff feel encouraged as educators, being able to celebrate the achievements of our students as well as their personal growth through the years.

Year 9 and 10 exams start on Monday and our Senior NCEA exams also start next week. During the month of November all senior students are expected at school to receive study tuition during normal class times. I would encourage all our students to make the most of this tuition opportunity. Keeping their focus through this time needs to be a top priority.

Our Commitments

Our commitment next week is to be respectful. Being respectful includes being aware of the language we use both at school and to and from school. Swearing is not acceptable and can often make situations worse than they need to be. A key to success is keeping calm under pressure. Students also demonstrate respect by the way they wear their uniforms, again this is both to and from school. The vast majority of students look well dressed as they come to school and thanks to all the families for your hard work which makes this possible. Just a reminder that our young men should be in school socks, or plain black socks.

Study News

The following message includes important information about NCEA externals. NCEA externals are the exams that students sit, in the hall, from **Monday 6th November** (term 4, week 5) until **Thursday 30th November**.

The expectation is that all senior Ōtāhuhu College students sit all their externals.

To achieve UE@OC students must achieve UE Literacy. **Very often students must pass externals to achieve their UE literacy credits.** UE Literacy is 5 Reading credits (R) and 5 Writing credits (W). B stands for Both.

B credits can be used for reading **or** writing.

The table below shows which subjects have UE literacy credits with the externals.





Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
History (<i>HIS1U</i>)	English (<i>ENG2U</i>)	English (<i>ENG3U</i>)
	Geography (<i>GEO2U</i>)	Biology (<i>BIO3U</i>)
	History (<i>HIS2U</i>)	Dance (<i>DAN3U</i>)
	Biology (<i>BIO2U</i>)	Drama (<i>DRA3U</i>)
	Te Reo Māori (<i>MAO2U</i>)	Geography (<i>GEO3U</i>)
		History (<i>HIS3U</i>)
		Economics (<i>ECO3U</i>)
		Health (<i>HLT3U</i>)
		Te Reo Māori (<i>MAO3U</i>)

Common ‘thinking traps’ to avoid:

- I already have enough credits from internals, so I don’t need to sit the externals.
 - I’m not taking that subject again so there’s no point in sitting the externals.
- I haven’t done well enough to pass the course so there’s no point in sitting the externals.

Correct thinking:

- Achieve your externals to get your UE literacy credits.

Notes:

- Students should know which externals they are entered in and target achieving those externals.
- T2 is open both breaks on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (and after school by arrangement) to prepare for externals. Resources provided, bring your lunch!
- If you do not achieve UE Lit by the end of year 12 your option choice for year 13 will be limited.

Junior School

On Friday 20th October Mr Watson, Ms Norgate, Mr Chi Tar and Mr Tupe were honoured to attend the 60th Jubilee Celebrations for Ōtāhuhu Intermediate school. We felt incredibly blessed to be attending such a momentous occasion for both the kura and our younger community.





The students astounded us with their powerful Haka Whakawhiti and beautiful Waiata, paired with the backdrop of the school playing fields it made for a special morning. We were able to hold korero with a few kaiako and congratulate many OIS tamariki, several of whom will be joining us at Ōtāhuhu College in 2024 and whose older siblings attend here.

Ka nui te mihi, OIS!



Youth Health Council

Congrats to our seniors who wrapped the year with receiving a badge for service, participation and fundraising this year.

Youth line will continue to facilitate some leadership training for Juniors for the remainder of the term.





Sports News

Congratulations to our Senior Boys and our Senior girls 7s team who competed at the Auckland Secondary Schools 7s competition on Friday and Saturday last week held right here at Otahuhu College.

Our Boys played very well over the 2 days and lost narrowly in the Championship semi-final against Aorere College and finished 4th overall in the grade. After a slow start the girls managed to pull off a good win against Avondale College. Unfortunately, this would be their only win on the first. Losing narrowly to St Mary's College and Auckland Girls Grammar School and therefore taking them out of contention for the Condor 7s qualification. The Girls finished 7th overall in the Premiership Grade.



Sports Awards Evening

Congratulations to the following students who were the recipients of our major sports awards, Gillian Faaumu, Moana Uiese, Lata Lolesio, O'Rylee Aki all received Kotuku Plaques for Girls Rugby, Matiasi Lolesio received a Kotuku Plaque for 1st XV Rugby and Sione Tuakalau received a Kotuku Plaque for Senior Boys Volleyball.

This year's recipients of the Pacifika Futures Awards for Sport and Academics are Matiasi Lolesio and Zen-Day Taufelila.





Matiasi Lolesio went on to win the Sportsman of the Year for 2023

Gillian Fa'aumu went to win the Sportswoman of the Year and be crowned the 2023 Sports Champion. A list of all winners and photos from the Sports Awards evening can be found on the Ōtāhuhu College Facebook page.

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