



# Otago College Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

## Important Notices

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Polyfest
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Teacher Only Day
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday (No school)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Monday and Tuesday (No School)



## **FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

What an amazing week at Otahuhu College.

The Haka Waiata competition was held on Monday. The leadership of our Year 13 students had been impressive throughout the training period, and the participation and dedication of our students resulted in outstanding performances and a very tight competition. The overall winning house was Massey.

Thursday saw our first (in a very long time) whole College sports day. It was an outstanding success with great participation and stirring competition. The winning house will be announced on Monday.

On Friday we announced in assembly our Head Boy, Albert Hafu, and Head Girl, Mele Moala, who will be ably supported by both their prefect team and an outstanding group of Year 13 students.

## **Our Commitments**

Our commitment is to be respectful. A key part of being respectful is using appropriate language. Learning what words, and indeed the volume, you use in different circumstances is one of the challenges of growing up into young men and women. Teenagers find this hard to do, so talking to them and explaining how different situations require the use of different words and mannerisms is a great step on developing articulate respectful young men and women.

## **Photo ID Cards**

ID cards will be available for pre-order!

These cards are pre -paid at Student Services in the Book Shop. Cost for ID cards is \$15.00. (Eftpos or cash, please try to bring the correct amount, thanks)

We recommend buying an ID card for getting student rates for the bus and train etc. It is valid through till March 2025.

Photo ID cards can be used for proof of identity, especially when applying for jobs and drivers licence tests, opening bank accounts and other discounts for students. The ID card order is placed once the school photos have been taken later this term. The production of ID cards can take a few weeks as they are created elsewhere.

The whanau teachers will be notified when the card is ready to be collected.





## Sports News

As part of the year 10 Common assessment task for PE Miss Toleafoa, Mr Luteru and Miss Manase took 3 year 10 classes (10MA, 10RY, and 10GR) to a weightlifting festival in Due Drop Event centre. We were fortunate to have the opportunity to witness a 2024 Weightlifting Festival. It brought together the top Weightlifters from the Oceania region to battle for a place at the 2024 Paris Olympics. This opportunity provided our students with a once in a life time opportunity to watch the best weightlifters to be chosen to represent their country at the 2024 Paris Olympics.





## Haka Waiata






## Study News

# HELP CENTRE


**ENGLISH**



**HOMEWORK HELP**

**ASSESSMENT SUPPORT**

**LITERACY SKILLS PRACTICE**



This is a study space where you can get extra help, more practice and additional time to work on skills, homework and assessments.

This is an opportunity for students of all year levels to get extra guidance and support to help them achieve to the best of their ability.

**DETAILS:** Day: Every Thursday  
Time: 3pm-4pm  
Location: OC Library

