



## Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Important Notices

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Digital Common Assessment Activities – Literacy and Numeracy (Y10 to Y13 students)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Kings Birthday (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	OC Samoan Language Week



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

This week has been a busy week for many of our students as they have undertaken the Common Assessment Activities for both literacy and numeracy. All students must achieve literacy and numeracy in order to gain their Level 2 and UE qualifications.

Family life can be very busy with a lot of commitments, so establishing routines together can make sure that your child is best prepared for success.

- Study every day, from the start of each year. This can be as simple as reviewing what was learnt during the day and coming up with good questions to ask the next day.
- Start studying with your difficult subjects first, then move onto your more enjoyable subjects.
- Study in 20-30 minute blocks having a break between each one.
- Phones and other devices should be charged in a common area, so they are not used to distract from study or late at night.
- Get a good night's sleep, teenagers generally need 8 –10 hours sleep a night.

Getting into routines at home for study will help your child succeed.

With the colder weather, it is good to see most students maintaining the high standards of uniform at Otahuhu College. When there is an issue with uniform, students are reminded to see their Dean first thing in the morning so that the issue can be sorted.

## Our Commitments

Our commitment this week is to be respectful. There are simple ways in which we can encourage our children to be respectful. Using more formal language when talking to adults and in particular staff and visitors to Otahuhu College demonstrates respect. Saying 'Yes' instead of 'yeah', making sure we use please and thank you regularly. Holding doors open for others to walk through. Wearing the uniform correctly to and from school. All these demonstrate respectful behaviours.

## ID Cards

ID card orders close on May 31<sup>st</sup> – Please pay \$15 at the book shop. Cash or Eftpos





## Junior School

### Tiritiri Matangi Island

An island paradise, a bird sanctuary, and a haven for outdoor education: Tiritiri Matangi Island fulfils all these criteria, and it also proved a very fulfilling destination for forty Year 9 and Year 10 students on a first-of-its-kind trip last Friday!

Thanks to the generosity of the Growing Minds programme, the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi (SoTM) trust, and Otago College's longstanding friend Mr John Boscawen, we were able to offer a day of boat cruising and island discovery to a selection of our juniors. These junior students earned their place on the trip by attaining excellence in areas such as attendance, engagement, and the creation of Polyfest posters in term one. As a testament to their reliability and personal qualities, 97.5% of the selected students organised themselves to arrive at school by 6.45am for a sprightly departure — the dawn of a healthy habit of early rising for them, perhaps?

The day began with a bus ride to the Auckland CBD and wharf, where students took interest in discovering the city sights and completing an "I spy" challenge. Thereupon, we embarked upon a 90-minute ferry journey to Tiritiri Matangi Island, generously funded by charity. The ferry trip proved an ideal opportunity for students not only to bond with other rising stars in their cohort but also to complete reading and writing exercises about the Tiritiri bird life they were about to experience. Once on the island, students were split into five groups to tour the island via the Wattle Track, accompanied by a volunteer Tiritiri guide from whose wisdom they benefitted enormously. The guides proved both patient and knowledgeable in helping our students to learn about the unique flora and fauna of the island. Their assistance with identifying the birds darting about in the foliage overhead was particularly helpful, since we had given each group of students a different Tiritiri bird as a mascot which it was their task to spot during the day! In the afternoon, students participated in a specially designed programme of educational activities at the visitor centre, including the use of microscopes and binoculars.

Throughout the day, all students showed a positive interest in the bird life and geography of the island, as well as a willingness to challenge themselves with the uphill walking. Our kōtuku represented Otago College proudly; as I usually find on such trips, members of the public went out of their way to comment on how pleasant and well behaved our students were. These compliments are a credit to the character of our young people.

We are indebted to a variety of individuals and groups for making this trip possible: our volunteer guides, who made the day enriching and unforgettable; the Tiritiri team, including those who work behind the scenes on logistics and the education programme; the Growing Minds funding committee; the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi (SoTM) trust; and Mr John Boscawen.

We look forward to future iterations of the Tiritiri Matangi trip!





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## Health & Wellness Centre

The youth health council have been consolidating as a team with Youthline facilitators and pulled off a great event for Pink shirt day. The team came with awesome attitudes to pitch in and promote anti bullying so that OC can foster a safe and inclusive culture.

The fundraiser made \$235 to donate to the Mental health foundation.



## Sports News

On Friday 17th May, a group of year 12 PE students participated in the Manukau Escape Rooms as part of their 2.8 assessment. Overall our OC students behaved well and enjoyed the team building experience by solving a number of puzzles and completing various challenges. Kia Tamatane, Mr Luteru





## SPORTS DRAW FOR THE WEEK ENDING 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE

DAYS	TEAMS	VS	VENUE	TIME
<b>MONDAY 27/05</b>	GIRLS RUGBY	ONEHUNGA	ONEHUNGA	4.15PM
<b>TUESDAY 28/05</b>	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL U17 BOYS BASKETBALL	PAPAKURA SANCTA MARIA S.C.C	PULMAN 1 PULMAN 1 PULMAN 4	5.00PM 7.00PM 5.00PM
<b>WEDNESDAY 29/05</b>	SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER SENIOR BOYS SOCCER	AORERE AORERE	AORERE OC LOWER	4.00PM 4.00PM
	1 <sup>ST</sup> XIII RUGBY LEAGUE 2 <sup>ND</sup> XIII RUGBY LEAGUE	TAMAKI PAPATOETOE	TAMAKI OC PAVILION	4.00PM 4.00PM
<b>THURSDAY 30/05</b>	JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	AORERE SANCTA MARIA	PULMAN 2 PULMAN 4	6.00PM 6.00PM
<b>FRIDAY 31/05</b>				
<b>SATURDAY 01/06</b>	Y9A NETBALL Y9B NETBALL Y10A NETBALL Y10B NETBALL SNR YELLOW NETBALL SNR A NETBALL PREMS A NETBALL  1 <sup>ST</sup> XV RUGBY BOYS U15 RUGBY BOYS U14 RUGBY BOYS  JUNIOR U14 BOYS SOCCER SENIOR BOYS C SOCCER	NO GAMES	NO GAMES	



## 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