



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024

Important Notices

Thursday 9 th May	Parent Teacher Meetings (2:00pm to 7:00pm) School finishes at 1pm
Thursday 16 th May	Paid Union Meeting – School finishes 12:20pm
Monday 20 th May	Team Photos

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

On Wednesday we held our annual ANZAC assembly, our chance to reflect and remember those students who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.

The focus next week will be on engagement in lessons. In class and assembly, we will talk about the importance of answering questions, asking questions, discussing the work and what is being taught in class. It is great to see going around classes that students are getting better and better at this, their written work is also improving, with answers showing greater detail and more thought. This is all really good. An area we do need to work on is continuing these habits on into homework. Doing regular homework is essential for students to succeed at the level they can achieve.

Enrolments for next year are coming in at a steady rate. This year we have had to stop taking out of zone enrolments, so it is important that all families and friends enrol as soon as possible to guarantee a place for next year.





Our Commitments

Each week our students receive an engagement grade based on a 1 to 5 scale. To get a 5, students need to attempt all classwork and homework, and consistently strive to produce work at or above the level expected from this pupil as indicated by past academic results. You can help by encouraging your child to do homework work, and independent study. Encourage your child to always participate in class discussions, by volunteering to ask and answer questions.

Parent Teacher Meetings

On Thursday 9th of May school will finish at 1.00pm.

Parents/caregivers are invited to come into school to discuss your child's progress with each of their subject teachers.

Meeting times available are: 2.00pm to 7.00pm

Each meeting is scheduled to last for 5 minutes and will take place in the Hall and M-Block classrooms. These are approximate times and assist teachers with preparation. We appreciate your patience!

To make an appointment:

- Go online to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/wcq4d>
- Type in your details, the student that the meeting is for, and then choose the Subject and teacher that you will be visiting. Click on the + button to add another Subject/teacher.
- Then select the time you want for your meeting...
- You will be emailed confirmation that this time has been booked for you.

If you have more than one child at the school, you can make all your meetings at around the same time for your convenience. Meetings are made on a first-in-first-served basis, so we encourage you to make bookings early.

Study News

Common Assessment Activities (CAAs) will be run in the hall in week 4 this term from Monday May 20th for NCEA numeracy and level 1 literacy.

To support our students who are sitting their CAAs, the English and Math departments are running after school sessions as follows.

Literacy:

After school on Thursday 2nd, Wednesday 8th, Thursday 16th and Thursday 23rd, from 3:00pm in M5 with Ms Norgate.

Numeracy:

After school on Tuesdays from 7th – 21st May from 3:00pm in T2 with Ms Channer.

This opportunity is for all students sitting their CAAs. Year 12 and Year 13 students who do not have numeracy and / or Level 1 Literacy yet, are strongly encouraged to attend.





In other news, seniors are well underway with progressing toward their NCEA qualifications and achieving UE@OC.

- Year 11s are working towards achieving 10 numeracy and 10 Level 1 literacy credits.
- Year 12s are working towards achieving UE literacy and 60 credits at Level 2 or above, targeting Merit and Excellence
- Year 13s are working towards achieving UE literacy and 60 credits at Level 3 or above, targeting Merit and Excellence, and a minimum of 14 credits in at least 3 university approved subjects.

Parents and Guardians please talk to your child about:

- How many credits they currently have.
- Which credits they have (for example, numeracy, UE literacy, Level 2 or 3).
- How many credits they need and how they will get them.

If your child seems unsure about where they are currently at and where they are headed, regarding their school qualification, please book a Parent-Teacher meeting with me (instructions outlined above).

I look forward to meeting you (students and whanau).

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Community News

During the holidays, a team of seniors ventured off to do community work. This year, Keysar Rescue was the non-profit organisation we chose to serve and help.

In the past, Otahuhu College has been involved in many community service work within our area. We've served in soup kitchens, where our students helped set up, serve families and pack down. We were also fortunate to team up with Tautua 360, an organization that serves the elderly community by delivering ready hot meals to their residence.

We met with owner/operator Ree, who set tasks for the day, which included: deep cleaning, moving equipment, moving puppies from one enclosure to another, but mostly to interact and engage with the furbabies.

Fa'afetai tele lava to Pita Pau'u, Ofa Nanovo, Moana Uiese, Lei Iakopo and Manuia Pelu Vaipuna for taking part in this years community service work. Keysar was grateful for the many hands that came to help.

Thanks to Ree at Keysar Rescue for the amazing work she does for the voiceless puppies and giving Otahuhu College the opportunity to do some work around your sanctuary.





Sports News

Welcome to Term 2 of Sports.

With Winter Sports kicking off next week, below is the dates for our teams' season to begin.

Rugby Boys - 1 st XV Boys – Saturday 11 th May U14 Boys – Saturday 18 th May U15 Boys – Saturday 18 th May Girls Rugby – Monday 6 th May	Netball Girls – Grading start Saturday 5 th May Y9A,Y9B,Y10A,10B Senior Yellow, Senior A Premier
Junior Soccer Boys – Saturday 11 th May	Senior Soccer Boys C – Saturday 11 th May
Senior Soccer Girls – Wednesday 8 th May	Senior Soccer Boys B – Wednesday 15 th May
Senior Boys Basketball – Tuesday 7 th May	Senior Girls Basketball – Tuesday 7 th May
U17 Boys Basketball – Tuesday 7 th May	Junior Boys Basketball – Thursday 9 th May

If you have any queries, please email the sports department probat@otahuhucollege.school.nz





Pre-Season Netball Tournament

On Wednesday 1st September our Seniors took part in a Pre-Season Netball Tournament hosted by Massey High School at Netball Waitakere. The girls played with pride and represented our school well with a great on court attitude, sportsmanship, and comradery between teammates. It was a pleasure to see them improve with each game and I am looking forward to seeing how they can take their learnings into their first grading game this Saturday. Big thank you to Ms. Blackman for supporting our team on the day.





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Winter sports all kick off next week. Below are the training days and times for all our teams.

DAYS	TEAMS	VS	VENUE	TIME
MONDAY 29/04		Training	Lower field	3.00pm
	Senior Soccer Boys	Training	Lower field	3.00pm
	Senior Soccer Girls	Training	Turf	3.00pm
	U15 Boys' Rugby	Training	Turf	3.00pm
		Training	Pavilion	3.00pm
TUESDAY 30/04	Junior Boys Soccer	Training	Lower field	3.00pm
	U14 Rugby Boys	Training	Pavilion	3.00pm
	1 st XV Rugby Boys	Training	Pavilion	3.00pm
WEDNESDAY 01/05	Boys Basketball Training	Training	Gym	3.00pm
	Girls Rugby Training	Training	Pavilion	3.00pm
	Senior Netball Girls	Training	Turf	6.30am
	U15 Boys Rugby	Training	Pavilion	3.00pm
THURSDAY 02/05	Girls Basketball	Training	Gym	3.20pm
	Junior Boys Soccer	Training	Lower field	3.00pm
	U14 Boys Rugby	Training	Pavilion	3.00pm
	1 st XV Rugby Boys	Training	Pavilion	3.00pm
FRIDAY 03/05	Basketball Boys	Training	Gym	3.00pm
SATURDAY 04/05				

