



## Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

### Important Notices

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June to Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Mid-Year Assessments
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Applications close for the 2026 Japan Trip. Form link: <a href="https://forms.gle/nCqsCNvZx8c7eojV6">https://forms.gle/nCqsCNvZx8c7eojV6</a>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Matariki Public Holiday
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 3



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Academically our results continue to improve with more students gaining Merit and Excellences than ever before. Our message to the students is that everyone should be able to gain Merits in their favourite subjects. Exams started today, they are over the next week. Sitting school Exams as a Year 9 and 10 student allows students to begin to develop successful routines around setting goals, exam preparation, exam behaviour and self-review. These routines can then be refined to improve student performance in externals when they reach the Senior school. It has been great to walk around the school this week and see students engaging in the goal setting and preparation phase with all of their teachers. Good luck to all concerned.

Otago College is committed to improving the property and facilities your children have to learn in. This ranges from the addition of new drinking fountains, to the two million dollar upgrade of A Block. We want to work hard to continue to improve our facilities and environment.

## Respect and Pride in our facilities

Regrettably, a few students have been truanting class and causing significant damage to school property. From next week, students caught truanting where property has been damaged will be held responsible for the damage's cost. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the principal.

## Mid-Year Assessments

### Term 2 Mid-Year Assessments 2024

	Friday 21st June	Monday 24th June	Tuesday 25th June	Wednesday 26th June	Thursday 27th June
8:40am	Period 1	Period 1	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly
8:50am			Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
9:50am	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
10:50am	Break 1	Break 1	Break 1	Break 1	Break 1
11:20am	Whanau Time	Whanau Time	Whanau Time	Whanau Time	Whanau Time
11:35am	Y11 Y12 Y13 Double Period 3				
	Y9 English Exam	Y9 Maths Exam	Y9 Science Exam	Y9 Social Studies Exam	Y9 Double Period 3
	Y10 Science Exam	Y10 English Exam	Y10 Social Studies Exam	Y10 Maths Exam	Y10 Double Period 3
1:30pm	Break 2	Break 2	Break 2	Break 2	Break 2
2:00pm	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5
3:00pm	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish






Mid-Year Assessments will take place Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The whole school will have a double Period 3 during this time. Year 9 and Year 10 students will have 2-hour English, Science, Social Studies and Math's Exams. All Assessments/Exams will take place in classrooms.

## *Japan Trip July School Holidays 2026*

An exciting opportunity has been presented to Otago College. There will be a trip overseas to Japan in the July holidays 2026. This is open to current Year 10 and 11 students only. The cost of the trip is \$6500 including flights, accommodation, attractions, transport, breakfasts. Students will have the experience to learn about Buddhism, look at the impacts of World War 2 on Osaka and Hiroshima, learn about the development of tourism in Japan and see Mt Fuji. Applications close at 3.30pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Students will need to complete the application form here: <https://forms.gle/QPE6GywHSmmgFohh9>



*Otago College trip*  
**JAPAN**

Explore the charm of Japan! Stopping in Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka and more. Feed deer on an island, see the site of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima, discover the magic of Disneyland and gaze at Mt Fuji.

Applications close 21 June at 3.30 pm



**2026** Scan me!

## Curriculum News

### Numeracy @ OC

## The Wedding

Sione and Tevita are getting married and have a budget of \$8,500 for their reception. 100 people are going to be at the wedding. Help them to plan the wedding reception, choosing from the different options to keep them on budget. You might want to create an Excel spreadsheet to help you.

#### Venue:

Community hall - \$240 per day

Marquee - \$1200 per day

Estate - \$125 per guest (includes tables, chairs and 3 course dinner)

Table hire - \$13.40 per table (each sits 10)

Chair hire - \$5.15 per chair

Food: Buffet - \$10 per person

Three course dinner - \$60.50 per head

Cheese board buffer - \$9 per person

#### Cake:

Homemade - \$40

Supermarket cake - \$120

Fancy cake - \$600

#### Entertainment:

DJ - \$500

Band - \$1400

Simple dancefloor - \$565

Light up dancefloor - \$700

Photo booth - \$540

Inflatable games - \$800

#### Decorations:

Fairy lights - \$65

Balloons - \$20

Flowers - \$100 per arrangement

Bunting - \$120

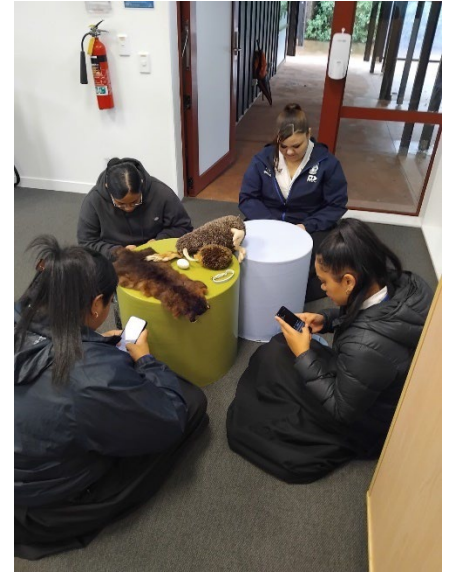
Tablecloths - \$17.60 per tablecloth

Remember to share your ideas with your maths and whanau teachers!



## Geography Field Trip GEO2U Auckland Zoo

With the wet weather on Friday last week the Year 12 Geography students braved the elements to head to the zoo. Students learnt about the rainforests and how people are using these unsustainably. Students had an education session where they looked at CHIPP (climate change, habitat loss, introduced species, pollution and poaching) as causes of endangering of species in the rainforest.





## Stem News

### Office Tour to AECOM

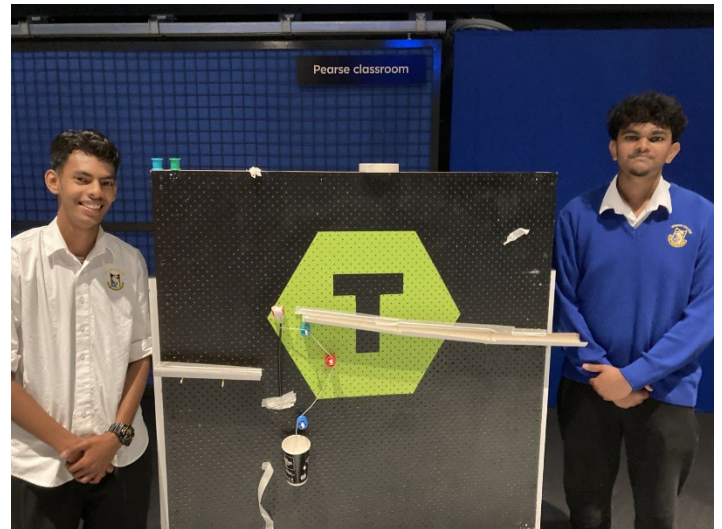
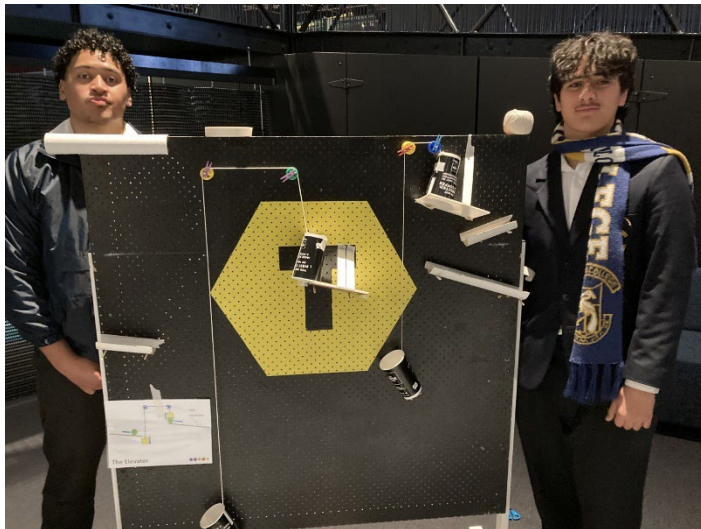
Year 12 and Year 13 students attended an office tour to an engineering consultancy company AECOM. The event consisted of an overview of what AECOM does, an interactive challenge, Q and A panel about different aspects of engineering consultancy, and an office tour looking at the different teams that are based in the Auckland office. Students were applying their creative problem-solving skills when they had to create a tall and stable structure using marshmallows and spaghetti pasta.

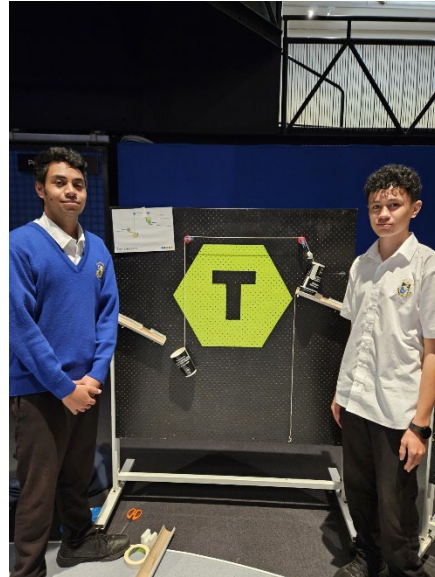




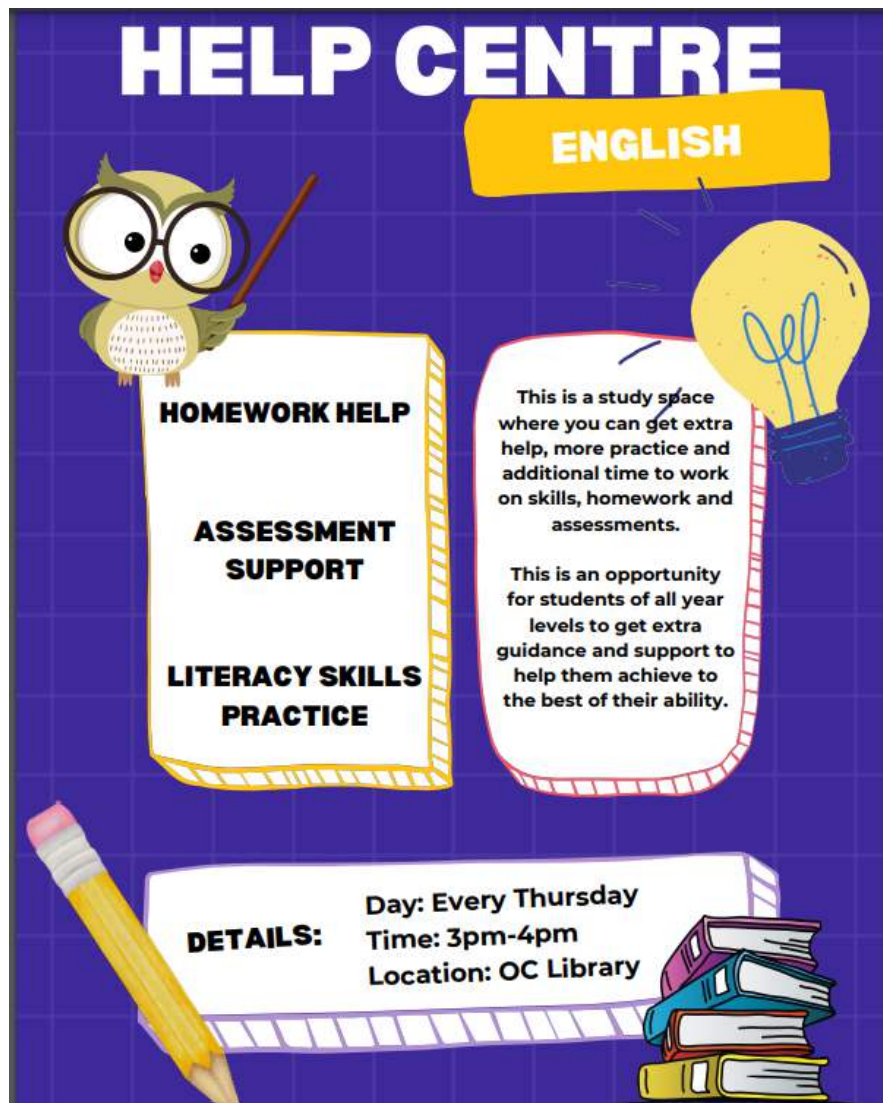
### Year 12 Physics trip to MOTAT

Year 12 physics students attended a day-trip to MOTAT. The students attended a workshop called “Invent-a-machine” which relates to their Level 2 Mechanics standard. Students were enthusiastic about the invent-a-machine challenge as they had to build 1 or 2 options from the available 5 complex machine examples. They had to build their machine using everyday materials such as string, paper cups, marbles, golf balls, pegs, straws, etc. They also had time to browse the seasonal exhibits and Aviation Hall, which relates to aspects of physics and engineering.





## 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



## Sports News

12 of our students were selected to attend the Auckland Blues Semifinals on Saturday. They got the opportunity to be on the field and hold the banner while the players ran on to the field and then watched the game. This was an awesome experience for our students, and they really enjoyed the experience. \_

