



## Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### Important Notices

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Football Nationals – New Plymouth Netball Upper North Island Champs – Te Pai Courts Henderson
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Rugby League Nationals
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Digital Common Assessment Activities (CAAs)



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

The NCEA Common Assessment Activities (CAAs) for Literacy and Numeracy have changed the educational landscape. By establishing a consistent benchmark across the country, these assessments have significantly raised the bar for both teachers and students. The CAAs demand a deeper understanding of core skills, encouraging educators to adopt more rigorous teaching methods and fostering a culture of critical thinking and greater accuracy in students. Otahuhu College is committed to embracing this challenge and striving for excellence in CAA outcomes.

Recognising that success in these assessments is crucial for attaining NCEA qualifications, the College will implement targeted strategies to support students in achieving their full potential. Through a combination of effective teaching, personalised support, and community engagement, Otahuhu College aims to empower students to excel in the CAAs and lay a strong foundation for gaining UE@OC and their career endeavours.

## Our Commitments

The behaviour focus for next week is on being supportive. This means more than just talking to our children about treating others like they would want to be treated. It also means being supportive in learning. School is, and should be challenging, the work must require thought, and mistakes have to be made if learning is to happen. A key part of being supportive at Otahuhu College is based around supporting each other in our learning, making mistakes and working hard to do better next time.

## End of each School Day

Otahuhu College finishes at 3:00pm each day. A number of students do have practices/trainings/tutorials that should conclude by 4:30pm.

For Health, Safety and Security reasons it is expected that ALL other students are out of buildings and offsite by 3:30pm.

Students that need to wait for any brothers/sisters to finish their practices/trainings/tutorials (or for caregivers to pick them up) should wait at that venue or at the carpark at the front of the school.

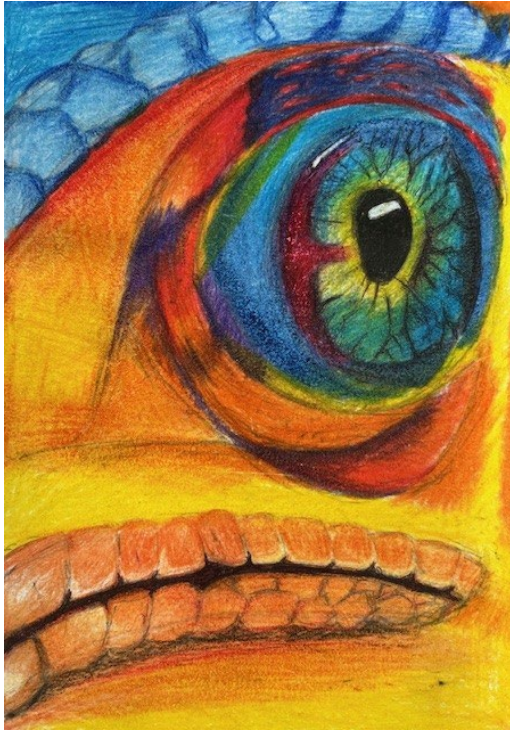
## Arts and Culture News

**PHOTOGRAPHY Club starts this Tuesday.** Meet in the Art room (M27) at second break to join.

Year 10 coloured pencil drawings...







Tom Epifano-Toma



Reesha Singh

## *Year 11 Geography Field Trip to Waitomo Caves*

The Year 11 Geography students and some Year 12 Tourism students went on a trip to explore the Waitomo Caves. The students had a talk from the tour guide, talking about how the 100 residents in Waitomo township depend on tourism from the caves. It was great to see how having an attraction like the Waitomo Caves shaped the surrounding environment, by developing the town to help support the tourists. We also learnt that a lot of the tourists who come visit are now from India or China whereas before Covid it was from USA, UK and Australia. The Year 11s will now be writing an NCEA assessment worth 5 credits on their research. The best part of the trip was hearing some of our students sing in the cave and seeing the glow worms up close from a boat.







## STEM News

The Ōtāhuhu College S.T.E.M Expo span across two thrilling days, Tuesday 13 August and Wednesday 14 August which highlighted numerous career options in science, engineering, technology, and health. The main aim of the event was to gather as many professionals from the STEM industry as possible, creating an inspiring atmosphere that encourages students to pursue their studies in science and math from Year 11 to Year 13.

This year, we had an amazing turnout with 580 students attending, including visitors from Mangere College and Tangaroa College. The expo was a huge success, achieving the highest student attendance for science classes in Term 3. It was a lively and interactive event where students could discover future career paths and engage with professionals who shared their knowledge and experiences.

The Ōtāhuhu College S.T.E.M Expo not only offered valuable insights into various STEM fields but also emphasized the significance of continuing these subjects throughout their education. It was a fantastic chance for students to connect with potential career options and ignite their enthusiasm for science and technology.







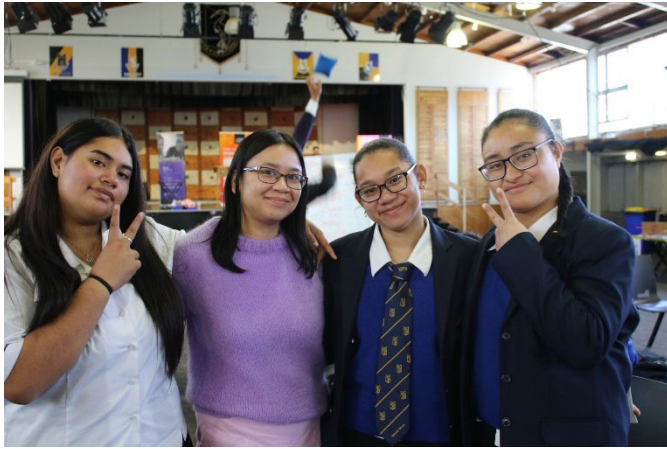
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## Otaguhu Rotary Club Luncheon

On Tuesday a group of school Prefects represented the school at the annual Otaguhu Rotary Club Luncheon. Guest speaker was Ajah Pritchard Lolo, a Vanuatu weightlifter that competed in the Paris Olympics 2024.



## Paper Scissors Rock

Paper Rock Scissors is considered the oldest hand game in the world. The 27<sup>th</sup> of August is International Paper Rock Scissors Day. Our Tuesday morning Assembly celebrated this occasion by having a school competition. The Houses competed to find their Champion and the four Champions then came to the stage to 'fight it out' for the Trophy. Congratulations to Lj Cillo from Seddon 10 who was the Grand Champion on the day!

### Placings:

- 1st Seddon
- 2nd Hobson
- 3rd Grey
- 4th Massey





## Sports News

Mr. Tamati has been honored with a prestigious award in recognition of his outstanding service to Otago College sports and his significant contributions to the community. His dedication and commitment have greatly impacted both the school and local community, reflecting his passion for fostering sportsmanship and community spirit. This accolade acknowledges his tireless efforts and the positive influence he has had on those around him. We celebrate Mr. Tamati's achievements and extend our deepest congratulations for his well-deserved recognition. His exemplary service continues to inspire and elevate our community and sports programs.



This week we have 3 teams out during National tournament week. Netball will be competing at the UNISS in Waitakere. Senior Soccer boys will be travelling to New Plymouth to compete. 1<sup>st</sup> XIII Rugby League will be competing at the secondary rugby league nationals. All the games will be played at Mangere Hawks and Bruce Pulman. We wish all our teams the best of luck.







## BOT Notice

The Board of Trustees would like to offer condolences and acknowledge the passing of Judithe McCready, a former student and esteemed Head Girl of Otago College. She was a passionate supporter of our school and made a significant contribution to our community. Judithe will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by all who knew her.

## 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

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