

Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 20th September 2024

Important Notices

Friday 27 th September	Last Day of Term 3 – School Finishes at 2:20pm
30 September to 11 October	Study Break All students should be using these two weeks to study for their upcoming exams. A basic rule of thumb is that Year 9-11 students should be doing a minimum of an hour a day, Year 12 students two hours, and Year 13 students 3 hours study a day.



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

This week has seen our senior students sitting their Derived Grade Examinations. From these exams, both students and staff will know the areas to work on to perform at the highest level come November. Doing well in the November exams is vital for several reasons: for some students they will need to pass to gain their desired qualification, for Year 12 students they need to pass to gain UE Literacy. Overall, as a College and a Community, the November exams is the opportunity for every student to show how good we are compared to the rest of New Zealand.

In terms of comparisons, through the media last week, we found out that Ōtāhuhu College has a higher percentage of Pacific students going on to Degree level study than Auckland Grammar. Our daily attendance exceeded the national average on two out of five days for all schools, primary and secondary. We hope to be able to do this consistently as we know turning up at school is the first step to a more successful future for our students and your children.

Certificates will be awarded in House assemblies early in the new term for all students who have regular attendance (90% or better), for these students if they do not have a blue Otago College tie, they can collect one from the Bookroom free of charge, by showing their certificate. Year 11 and 12 students if they have 95% attendance by the 31st of October will have earned a complimentary College Blazer.

Thank you once again for all your efforts supporting your child's education.

Our Commitments

Our focus for next week is being engaged in lessons. On the basic level it is making sure that every student takes individual responsibility to have their books and pens. To make sure that as soon as they get into class that they have their books out, bags on the floor, and they are ready to learn. From time to time, students may not have finished all the expected work during class time, when this happens in the last period of the day, your child will likely be required to stay behind 5-10 minutes to complete the work to a standard expected at Otago College. If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact the Principal.

Arts and Culture News

Nau mai, haere mai te wiki o te reo Māori. Ko te reo kia rere, ko te reo kia tika, ko te reo kia Māori. Toitū te reo rangatira mō ake, ake, ake.





Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori 2024
In W1 every day this week

KIA KAHĀ TE REO MĀORI

Mane Rāhina
Hanga Poi
B1: weave a poi cord
B2: attach an upoko

Tūrei Rātū
Haka/Poi
learn a poi drill or a haka

Wenerei Rāapa
Tīti tōrea
come play a traditional stick game

Tāite Rāpare
KAHOOT!
TWO TRM quiz during whānau time

Paraire Rāmere
Horohopu
B1: kēmu Māori on the front field

This week we celebrated Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori at Te Kāreti o Ōtāhuhu. We wove together poi, learnt a poi drill, tested our hand-eye co-ordination with tīti rākau, quizzed our reo knowledge with a kahoot, and played a traditional game of horohopu. A massive mihi to all our kaiako and ākonga who took part, and used this week to celebrate te reo Māori, kei runga noa atu koutou.





Shout out to our top 3 whānau classes for the kahoot on Tāite!

Ngā Toa Whakaihu Waka/First Place: S5

Tūranga Tuarua/Second Place: G5

Tūranga Tuatoru/Third Place: M4

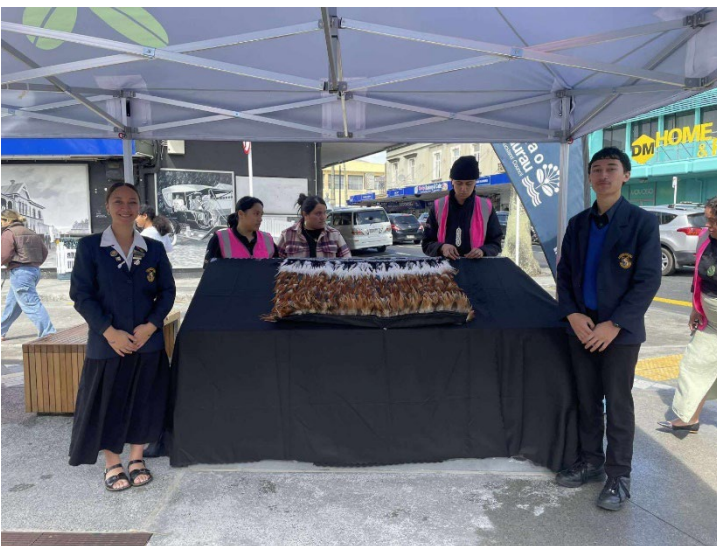
Next week we will start with a performance from our kapahaka students in assembly, showcasing their hard work this year, and celebrating what it means to be Māori. We will also announce the winner of the Atua Māori Poster Competition. E ngā rangatahi, kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui. E poho kererū ana mātou i a koutou.

Community News

On Thursday our haka roopū were asked to tautoko i Te Taahuhu Whakarewatanga, the unveiling of the new Te Taahuhu sign in Criterion Square. The new sign is part of a kaupapa run by the Auckland Council alongside local iwi to reclaim ancestral place names and knowledge throughout Tāmaki.

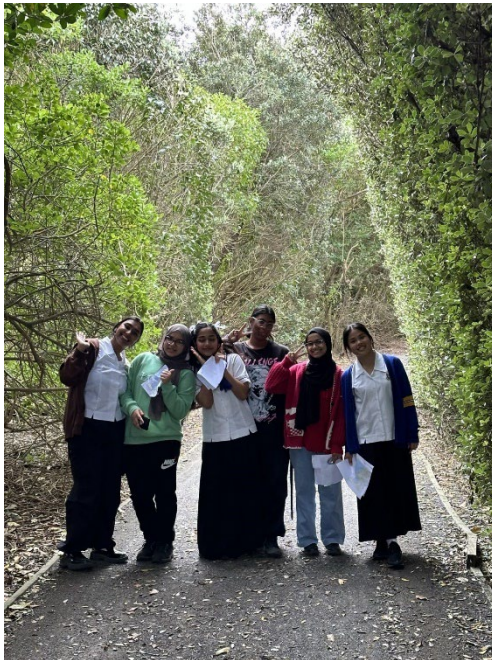
Our college was lucky enough to be invited by the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board to take part in the occasion, hearing rich kōrero about Ōtāhuhu and performing a couple of items. Two of our students, siblings Savannah and Brian Wilson (Tainui, Ngā Puhi) were selected for the honor of unveiling the sign. Our ākonga gave a fantastic performance on the day and represented Ōtāhuhu with dignity and pride.

Ngā mihi nui ki Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau i te karanga mai ki a mātou tautoko ai i te kaupapa nei, he rangi mīharo, kua kī tonu te wairua i ngā kōrero. Tū tonu Te Taahuhu.





Curriculum News



Duke of Edinburgh Award

On Friday 13th September, Mr Hodgkinson and Mrs Green took 10 students to Ambury Farm to practice their navigational skills. This was in preparation for Duke of Edinburgh practice journey this coming weekend on Rangitoto. Students were given a map and route instructions at the beginning of the walk, which some students looked at and some did not as they were too keen to get going. Nevertheless, with a little further instruction all students made it back to the car park after an easy 7km walk.



Sports News

Congratulations to the following students for their selection to prestigious teams:

- U18 Boys Rugby Auckland Divisional Team: Paea Ilangana
- U18 Girls Rugby South/East Auckland Team: Mele Moala, Moana Uiese, Lata Lolesio, Leah Fonua-Betham

We are incredibly proud of their achievements. Being chosen for these teams reflects not only their exceptional skills and dedication but also brings pride to our entire school community.

Congratulations to all, and best of luck in the upcoming competitions!

UNDER 18 DIVISIONAL SQUAD 2024

ROY AH LAM		EZAYEL TAPATUETOA	
JACOB ELY		TONNY JOHN TAUTUA	
VOLENDOE FILIMOEAU		JUNIOR TOLAI	
RYAN FOWLER		DANIEL TONGA	
GAYLIS HEMPLEMAN		THOMAS TUAKALAU	
PAEA LLAGANA		JOLLY TUPAI	
LJ MACHEE		HENDRIX TUSA	
JEREMIAH MALUAFU		LANGI VEAMATAHAU	
LEITOFIGA MAUTOFIGA		SAMSON VEILOFIA	
LOCKIA NOEMA KAMANA		JOSIAH VITE	
MANCHESTER OFISA		LEMA VITE	
KENI PAEA		CAELAN WHITE	
EMOSI RAVOSAI			
ALEKISIO SIONE FOLAU			
PUIPUI SOFENI			
CHRIS TAGALOA			

UNDER 18 SOUTH-EAST SQUAD 2024

VIENNA AI'I		CHRISSEY LEASAVAI	
ALANA BAKER		LAURELYE LETALATALA	
LEAH BETHAM-FONU		LATA LOLESIO	
ROCHELLE CHRISTIE		MARIA MAIVALENISAU	
VENSHUELLA ENIATA		MIA MAKOARE	
ERILENE FA'AUI		SISILIA MARSTERS	
KEANA FARANI		JEDEN MIKA	
MADISON FENNESSY		MELE MOALA	
JOY FIU		SAUMALEULA PATEA	
YUNA FUKUIE		MELE PITA	
PARIS GAUGAU		MELIANA TAUFA	
JAEDAH HANSEN		KIRITEA TE REO	
INGA HIKO		MYA TUBU	
MELE KAUFUSI		MOANA UIESE	
AKI LAMA		IVONA UTUELI	
MALENA LAVEA			



ŌTĀHUHU COLLEGE

Health and Wellness Centre

The YHC will be recruiting for new members in term 4. Our seniors have served brilliantly and it's time to raise up some juniors. We'll advertise sign up in term 4 for those interested.

“OUR BURDENS WE SHARE. KIA TAMA TANE”



Nadia Dawson
YR 12



Nora Mataora
YR 13



Sunayna Goundar
YR 13



Angite Ruarau
YR 13



Dianna Calinaya
YR 13



Darlina Holoia
YR 10



Sadiq Faiz
YR 10



Evan Lay
YR 10



Joana Marie Bayaniro
YR 13



Alex Le
YR 10



Mareca Galisaya
YR 10



Avisheck Naidu
YR 10

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