



OTAHUHU COLLEGE



Otauhu College Newsletter

Friday 23 May 2025

Important Notices

1 st June – 7 th June	Samoan Language Week
4 th June – 5 th June	Performing Arts Roadshow
26 th May – 30 th May	CAA Assessments



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Our Year 10 and Year 11 students have been sitting the Common Assessment Activities (CAAs) for Literacy this week. There has been a lot of work put into these by both students and staff alike and we are looking forward to getting the results later this term. Improving standards of literacy and numeracy are crucial for our students and for their brothers and sisters in the primary and Intermediate schools.

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.

Once again our Attendance rate for the week has been above the national average for all secondary schools. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your children attend each and every day.





Our Commitments

Our commitment next 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 it 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.

Attendance

School starts promptly at 8:35 a.m., and being on time is essential for students to start their day on the right foot. Arriving late disrupts learning, both for the student and their classmates. At Otahuhu College, we emphasize the importance of punctuality as a key life skill that prepares students for success in both academic and future employment.

Families can help by ensuring students leave home with enough time to arrive before 8:35 a.m. If lateness becomes a habit, we recommend reaching out to whānau teachers or attendance staff for advice and support. Let's work together to make every morning count.

'Oku mahu'inga ke kamata e akó 'i he taimí. Kamata 'i he 8:35 pongipongi.

E amata le aoga i le 8:35 i le taeao. Ia iai i le a'oga a'o le'i amataina lesone.

Study News

HELP CENTRE AND HOMEWORK CLUB

ENGLISH

HOMEWORK HELP

ASSESSMENT SUPPORT

LITERACY SKILLS PRACTICE

CAA PREP

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

CAA preparation sessions

NCEA achievement

Reading Writing

Wednesdays & Thursdays with Ms Norgate

M5 @ 3-4pm

A calm and quiet space will be provided for reading and writing practice and/or support





Junior School (Year 11-13)



A huge congratulations to our two Year 10 Business Studies classes for successfully completing their first Financial Literacy Assessment! Students produced personal budgets as part of this assessment, not only gaining essential life skill but also earning 3 Level 1 NCEA credits.

With the New Zealand Government mandating financial education for all Year 1–10 students by 2027, Otahuhu College is proud to be ahead of the curve. We have been delivering financial literacy education for over 20 years, equipping our students with the knowledge and skills they need for a financially secure future.

Library News

Book Week (by Manisha Mani)

This year for Book Week the senior librarians collaborated with some of the English teachers to bring the school a week filled with fun and exciting events, and most importantly, books. The week started off with an interhouse competition. In this competition, each house had to send up five students (one students from each year) to compete in a game of *fill in the blanks*. Later in the week we had a guest speaker come in from the Otahuhu Library. This was followed by another interhouse competition (this time with one student from each house) where the students were given a short and simple summary of a book and had to guess what book it was. Along with these, there was also a 100-word writing competition, *guess the teacher's favourite book competition*, a *'famous first lines* whanau quiz and a scavenger hunt. 15 students also attended the Auckland Writers Festival on Wednesday 14th May. Congratulations to our individual winners and to Grey House for being the overall winner of Book Week.





Ōtauhu College's Jigsaw Puzzle Club meets in the library every Wednesday and Thursday. The difficulty level of the puzzles has been slowly ramping up, with groups now taking on 1000-piece puzzles. The sense of satisfaction when placing that final piece can't be beaten. Anyone else who might want to join is still very welcome – come along during Break 2 on Wednesday and Thursdays.





Arts and Culture News

SCHOOL PRODUCTION: 2025

This week our school production cast had a special opportunity to work with 'Teacher Artist' Miriama McDowell. Miriama is one of Aotearoa's most respected actors with an extensive stage and screen background which includes *Dark Horse* and *Head High*. During May we have been fortunate to bring in 3 Creatives so far who have been helping our cast develop new skills as theatre makers. These other artists have included Dominic Ona-Ariki (One Lane Bridge) and former student Villa Lemanu (Far North). The funding for this unique opportunity to develop our drama 'tool kit' has come from a significant grant that we received from Creative Communities NZ. We also wish to thank Massive Theatre Company for lining up these brilliant artists.

In June our cast will use these new and exciting skills to develop our original school production that will be performed for our community from July 23 to 25th. This show will also tour to the East Coast of the North Island for 4 days from August the 4th to 7th. More details about our evening shows and how to purchase tickets will be published before the end of the term.

Below is a photograph taken at the end of Wednesday's workshop with Miriama.

Ka Kite
Kerry Lynch HOD Dance and Drama.





Year 12 & 13 Students Shine at Their First MUNA Experience

On May 16 and 17, eight of our Year 12 and 13 students proudly participated in their very first Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), organized by Rotary Auckland. The event was held at Rosmini College in Takapuna, with sessions kicking off bright and early at 7:30am each day. MUNA is a simulation of the real United Nations, where students take on the roles of country delegates and debate current global issues. It is a truly enriching experience that teaches diplomacy, critical thinking, teamwork, public speaking, and leadership.

Our students had been preparing since Term 1, diving into research, writing position papers, and practicing the formal procedures of UN-style debate. Representing the nations of **Norway** and **Argentina**, they entered the event with energy, passion, and a clear sense of purpose.

Despite this being their first MUNA, the students threw themselves into the experience wholeheartedly, lobbying, forming alliances, and debating passionately for their causes. They confidently gave speeches, answered challenging questions with grace, and boldly posed questions to other countries — truly embracing the spirit of international diplomacy.



A highlight came from **Team Argentina**, who submitted an insightful amendment to **Remit- 1: "That access to the internet be recognized as a universal human right."** While acknowledging the importance of internet access, they argued that for many developing countries, the focus must first be on infrastructure and digital education before such a right can be meaningfully implemented. Their amendment resonated with many delegates, securing **30 signed votes** and earning the well-deserved recognition for **Best Amendment for Remit 1**. They didn't just speak for Argentina – they powerfully represented Latin America and the Global South.





The feedback from all eight participants has been overwhelmingly positive. Students reflected on how the experience helped them learn the art of diplomacy, improve their public speaking, develop negotiation skills, and build friendships in a completely new environment. One common sentiment of Year 13 students was that they were sad they couldn't return next year — a true sign of how much this opportunity meant to them.

We are proud of the way our students represented their assigned countries and our school with maturity, confidence, and intelligence. Their performance reflected the values of international understanding, empathy, and responsibility.

MUNA was more than a debating competition — it was a powerful sight of global integration, where students explored international issues, witnessed how the United Nations works, and began their journey toward becoming thoughtful, informed, and active global citizens.





Stem News

Over the past three weeks, we had 137 students participate in the EPro8 Challenge School Competition. The EPro8 Challenge is a team-based event where students create practical solutions to various challenges. These challenges aim to encourage skills in science, math, engineering, and problem solving.

This year students tackled three specific challenges: The Jack in the Box, Shoe Throwing Scales and Ball Launcher. In the past, we faced the EPro8 Challenge with tasks that were easy to medium difficulty. However, this year the challenges were significantly tougher. Our students took on these difficult tasks with amazing determination and teamwork, achieving fantastic results. Their creativity and hard work truly stood out, and they met the challenges in the most inspiring way!

Junior Weeks Competition:

- 1st Place at 240points – Year 10 Team named “The Last”
- 2nd Place at 220 points – Year 10 Team named “Pflaume”
- 3rd Place at 210 points – Year 10 Team named “J.T.M.O”

Senior Week Competition:

- 1st Place at 360 points – Year 12 Team named “Psych 2.0”
- 2nd Place at 270 points – Year 12 and 13 Team named “Newton’s Nephews”
- 3rd Place at 260 points – Year 11 Team named “The Munch Bunch”

The students who placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd also earned house points.

- 1st Place at 20 points – Grey House
- 2nd Place at 19 points – Hobson House
- 3rd Place at 15 points – Massey House
- 4th Place at 13 points – Seddon House

See below results for all the teams who have participated.





EPro8 Challenge

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JUNIOR WEEKS - Y9 AND Y10 TEAMS

1 THE LAST - 240 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MELEANE - 10FM • LUCAS - 10RV • 'ANA PAU'U - 10GD • MELE - 10RV 		2 PFLAUME - 220 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAVSHA - 10FM • JESSIE - 10HB • ECO - 10HB • AVESHA - 10FM 		3 J.T.M.O - 210 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JUOJE - 10GA • MAIRE - 10GA • TANVA - 10GR • 'OFA - 10ON 	
J.T.M.O 210 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Taufellia - 10GR • Maire Henry-Jones - 10GR • Tanya Ape - 10GR • Ofa Siaki - 10ON 	SIGMA PEOPLE 140 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoey Amituanai - 9ON • Andantae Penala - 9ON • Sina Ali - 9SD 	THE 4 MUSKATEERS 90 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nabeela Shabnam - 9ON • Faalzah Basha - 9SD • Khadeejah Salim - 9SD • Narjes El-Ibrahim - 9SD 	FANTASTIC 4 140 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percy Sione - 10EY • Vikel Prasad - 10HB • Xiao Omid - 10MA • Mohammed Junaid Khan - 10FM 	THE LAST 240 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meleane Fakai - 10FM • Lucas Tekeu - 10RY • 'Ana Pau'u - 10GD • Mele Latu - 10RY 	MONEY MAKERS 30 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memphis Boyce - 9SD • Dallas Remana Leefe Porter - 9SD • Mezhiah Palavi - 9SD
A.R.R.K 120 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rayan Maharaj - 10MA • Kavish Gounder - 10EY • Rishav Raju - 10FM • Aarav Kishore - 10GR 	DRAGON MAFIA 100 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abisek Irfan - 9AH • Anaru Pitman - 9AH • Ryan Singh - 9AH • Lotuseini Teula - 9AH 	KULUPI 0 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salome Toluta'u - 9SD • Gillissanne Faletese - 9EY • Tongamauea Laumanu - 9EY • Meliua Filipe - 9HB 	D.Z.M.A 170 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abul Nawrozi - ELINT • Zameer Ali - 10MA • Derick De Castro - 10MA • Maruf Hossain - 10EY 	PFLAUME 220 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dayzha Harema - 10FM • Jessie Cassidy - 10HB • Eco Seik - 10HB • Ayesha Cruz - 10FM 	GR 200 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pennie Takari - 9GR • Francis Clarke - 9GR • Jeremiah Havili - 9GR • Zephaniah Aloa-Tuamailu - 9GR
NYALUNGA 130 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sera Tinai - 10SD • Sereana Naidini - 10SD • Mafi Vea - 10SD 	Team 7 DID NOT COMPLETE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reeshab Sharma - 9SD • Obadiah Malava - 9SD • Izaan Shamim - 9SD • Siba Baker - 9MA 	TEAM BLUE 50 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phillip Stevens - 9ON • Levi Muiipola - 9ON • Te Rupe Taukolo - 9ON • Cassian Otani - 9ON 	THE MIGHTY CHICKENS 140 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Mafoa - 9ON • Wesley Tupua - 9ON • Fatani Tausi - 9FM • Alden Autaua - 9ON 	50 RUPEES 190 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leon Thomas - 10GR • Izhaan Hussein - 10SD • Kamal Saifuddin - 10SD • Faigaluga Vau Samau - 10SD 	PANIPOPO 110 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anastacia Sione - 9FM • Joel Killata - 9FM • Mackenzie Va'aelua - 9FM • Krystal Heke-Mugridge - 9FM
DREAMERS 90 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isabella Roko - 10AH • Joseph Isofo - 10AH • Diantay Mills-Marsters - 10AH • Skysin Tusa - 10AH 		Team 20 130 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ace Pio Maunga - 9FM • Kepueli Paongo - 10MA • Tevita Masima - 10ON • Harlym Tangata - 10MA 	HIPPO INVENTOR 7 140 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyler Marker - 9GR • Tausa Wight - 9GR • Tetaunga Marukore - 9GR • Min Maung - 9GR 	Team 21 DID NOT COMPLETE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azariah Rau - 10HB • Diana Latu - 10HB • Silia Fineisalo - 10HB • Tulai Fiaui - 10HB 	BOB THE BUILDER 140 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TJ Tukumoeatu - 9EY • Lepeka Faingaaunu - 9ON • Joanne Taamai - 9ON



EPro8 Challenge

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SENIOR WEEK - Y11, Y12 AND Y13 TEAMS

1 PSYCH 2.0 360 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COLENZO - Y12 • RAHIL - Y12 • WILFRED - Y12 • BRIAN - Y12 		2 NEWTON'S NEPHEWS 270 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KRISTIAN - Y12 • ANNAM - Y13 • AFIYA - Y13 • SHAFIFA - Y13 		3 THE MUNCH BUNCH 260 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVAN - Y11 • AVISHEK - Y11 • JUNIOR - Y11 • HAMID - Y11 	
NEWTON'S NEPHEWS 270 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristian Lai - Y12 • Annam Khan - Y13 • Afiya Khan - Y13 • Shafifa Begum - Y13 	L.S.T.D 220 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lavinia Ikani - Y13 • Danny Fanga-i-Uihia - Y13 • Tamara Tiumalu - Y13 • Shiloh Liti - Y13 	LISHA 210 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avantika Naidu - Y11 • Reesha Singh - Y11 • Anaisha Raj - Y11 • Sarah Fedae - Y11 	THE WILD GROUP 150 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanish Thakur - Y11 • Rishav Chand - Y11 • Kalani Adams-Mills - Y11 		
BIG DREAMS 220 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashmeet Lal - Y12 • Sandeep Ram - Y12 • Mustakim Hussain - Y12 	TEAM SA 240 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yvonne Malivao - Y13 • Metanoia Falevaai - Y12 • Faith Tuifao - Y13 • Resandy Ah Far - Y12 	PINK PANTHERS 230 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taanvi Pratap - Y12 • Avni Raj - Y12 • Devesh Chand - Y12 • Bounpheng Thaivichith - Y12 	THE MUNCH BUNCH 260 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evan Lay - Y11 • Avishek Naidu - Y11 • Junior Iakimo - Y11 • Hamid Maqsuda - Y11 		
GADGET GIRLS (G.G) 180 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anya Dayal - Y13 • Alexis Fortes - Y13 • Lena Thomas - Y13 • Leia Samuel - Y13 	G.O.V.A 180 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mele Otuhouma - Y12 • Savanah Ofahengaue - Y12 • Ginny Oakelin - Y12 • Tu'uaki Wolfgramm - Y12 	PSYCH 2.0 360 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colenso King - Y12 • Rahil Singh - Y12 • Wilfred Antonio - Y12 • Brian Wilson - Y12 	CHALLENGER DEEP 250 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yuxuan Gong - Y11 • Franco Cajayon - Y11 • Sui Aigamaa - Y11 • Rishika Prasad - Y11 		
SPICE GIRLS 210 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manisha Mani - Y13 • Humaira Ali - Y13 • Ayena Prakash - Y13 • Prisha Shandil - Y13 	DUMBER AND DUMBEST 120 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehan Khan - Y13 • Rishant Kumar - Y13 • Gaurav Maharaj - Y13 	SHARKIEZ 240 POINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Heffernan - Y12 • Morina Kaikura - Y12 • Faith Taikato Holoia - Y12 • Ryan Kumar - Y12 			







Sports News

Rowing News

On Sunday our Rowing crew were very grateful to receive a donation of a new four (boat) from Westlake Girls. This adds substantially to our growing fleet of boats and we look forward to being able to step up our training further.





DATE	TEAM	VS	Results
MON 12/05	GIRLS RUGBY	PAPATOETOE	W 35-22
TUE 13/05	BASKETBALL		
	SENIOR A BOYS	PAPAKURA	L 50-51
	SENIOR B BOYS	HILLARY	L 11-39
	U17 BOYS	SANCTA MARIA	L 21-35
	U17 GIRLS	ORMISTON	W 40-16
WED 14/05	BOYS NETBALLS	JAMES COOK	L 7-12
	PREM NETBALL GIRLS	PAPAKURA	L 19-31
	RUGBY LEAGUE BOYS		
	1 ST XI SOCCER BOYS	JAMES COOK	W 14-12
		TANGAROA	W 2-1
SAT 17/05	1 ST XV RUGBY BOYS	AVONDALE	L 14-17
	U15 RUGBY BOYS	AORERE	W 42-7





	U14 RUGBY BOYS	MANUREWWA	W 45-15
	NETBALL GIRLS		
	PREMIER	ST CUTHBERTS	L 11-22
	SENIOR A	ST KENTS	W 22-18
	Y10A	DIOCESAN	W 20-8
	Y9A	AGGS	W16-9
	Y9B	ST CUTHBERT	W 20-11
	2 ND XI SOCCER BOYS JNR SOCCER BOYS	BYE MAGS	W 4-1

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