



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 30th May 2025

Important Notices

02 nd June 2025	No school public holiday (King's Birthday)
03 rd June – 07 th June 2025	Samoan Language Week
03 rd June & 4 th June 2025	Performing Arts Roadshow
13 th June 2025	Mid-Year Assessments



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

This week has seen the completion of the CAA (Common Assessment Activities) for Literacy and Numeracy. Over 300 students have sat these tests, and it was great to hear the positive feedback on the effort put in by our students.

The 'busyness' of life at College is not just a flurry of activities, but a testament to our thriving and vibrant community. It is the perfect blend of opportunity and our students' needs and intentions that makes all the difference. Our college is a hub of activity, and it is invigorating to witness the achievements that come from the collaborative efforts of our dedicated staff and students.

The focus next week is 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 are capable of achieving.

We welcome and strongly encourage families and friends to Enrol their children in Otago College before the end of Term 2. This is very important in terms of our planning to provide your children the best possible education 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.

Attendance

The financial consequences of chronic absenteeism are alarming. By age 25, individuals who were chronically absent in school earn \$40,000 less per year than their peers who regularly attended. This significant gap underscores the critical importance of keeping students in school.

At Otahuhu College, early intervention is key. Students missing 10-15 days in a term are referred to Attendance Services, and those absent for 15 or more days are reported to Oranga Tamariki. These steps are part of a broader effort to tackle absenteeism and set students up for success in life.

Ko e fānauako 'oku 'ikai ke nau ma'u akó, 'e 'ikai te nau ma'u 'a e pa'anga 'e \$40,000 'i he ta'u.

O tamaiti e le to'a'aga i le a'oga e maua se tupe itiiti e \$40,000 i le tausaga pe'a fua atu i tamaiti e 'auai i le a'oga i aso uma. E taua le alu i le aoga.

STEM News

Year 13 Chemistry Trip to Ardmore Water Treatment Plant

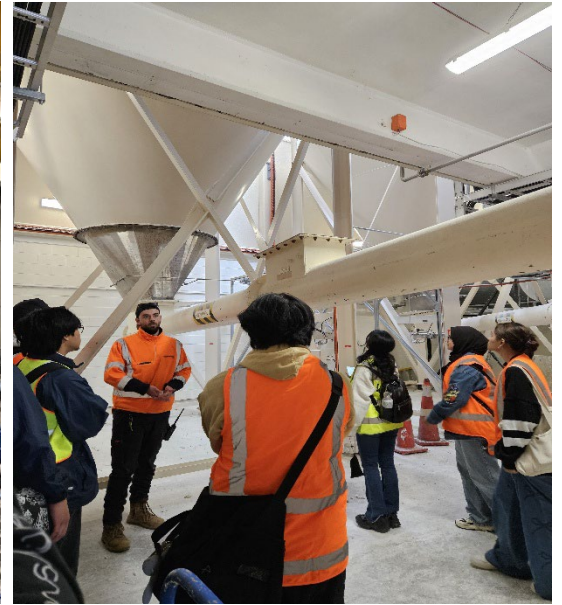
On Friday 23 May, our Year 13 Chemistry students had the unique opportunity to visit the Ardmore Water Treatment Plant, hosted by Watercare. This engaging and educational trip offered students a firsthand look at the complex chemical, engineering, and quality assurance processes that ensure Auckland's water supply is clean and safe.

Watercare staff shared their expertise and passion, guiding students through the various stages of water treatment and highlighting the critical role of chemical engineers, both on-site and in laboratory settings. The visit provided valuable real-world context for the students' Level 3 internal assessment, deepening their understanding of water chemistry and the importance of rigorous testing and review.

It was an inspiring day that not only enriched classroom learning but also showcased the dedication behind one of our most vital resources - clean water.

A huge thank you to Watercare for being such amazing tour guides and for organising this insightful and memorable experience for our students!





EPro8 Challenge After-School Practices

The following students will be representing Otahuhu College in the Auckland Heats Competition in Term 3. See below for after-school practice sessions from 3:15-5PM in Class L2 for this term.

Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Friday
Colenso King - Y12 Rahil Singh - Y12 Wilfred Antonio - Y12 Brian Wilson - Y12	Meleane Fakai – Y10 Lucas Tekeu – Y10 'Ana Pau'u - Y10 Mya-Angel Blair – Y10 Dayzha Harema – Y10 Jessie Cassidy – Y10 Eco Seik – Y10 Ayesha Cruz – Y10	Meleane Fakai – Y10 Lucas Tekeu – Y10 'Ana Pau'u - Y10 Mya-Angel Blair – Y10 Evan Lay – Y11 Avishek Naidu – Y11 Junior Iakimo – Y11 Hamid Maqsudi - Y11

Sports News



During the April school holidays, four students from Otahuhu College had the opportunity to attend the Moana Pasifika Youth Leadership Programme, hosted by the Pasifika Medical Association.

The programme, designed to inspire and equip young Pasifika leaders, provided students with valuable insights into leadership, identity, and future pathways. Over the course of the event, students engaged in interactive workshops, met with professionals across various fields, and built strong connections with other young leaders from across Auckland.



Students described the experience as both empowering and educational. They returned with a renewed sense of confidence, cultural pride, and a deeper understanding of how they can contribute to their communities and pursue their goals.

Otahuhu College is proud of the students' participation and looks forward to seeing how they apply their new knowledge and skills in their studies and future leadership roles.

DATE	TEAM	VS	VENUE	TIME
MON 02/06	KINGS BDAE	NO SPORTS TODAY		
TUE 03/06	ROWING TRAINING	BOYS AND GIRLS	T7 GYM	3.00PM
	BASKETBALL		PULMAN	6.00PM
	SENIOR A BOYS	MANUREWA	PULMAN	4.45PM
	SENIOR B BOYS	ORMISTON	PULMAN	4.00PM
	U17 BOYS	MANGERE	PULMAN	5.00PM
	U17 GIRLS	MANUREWA		
	NETBALL TRAINING	GIRLS	SCHOOL GYM	3.00PM
WED 04/06	BASKETBALL TRAINING	BOYS	SCHOOL GYM	3.00PM
	BOYS NETBALLS	TBC		5.10PM
	PREM NETBALL	TBC	PULMAN	5.10PM
	GIRLS		COURTS	
		TAMAKI	PULMNA	4.00PM
	RUGBY LEAGUE BOYS	TUAKAU	COURTS	
				4.00PM
	2nd XI SOCCER BOYS	BOYS AND GIRLS	OC PAVILION	7.30AM
			OC LOWER FIELD	
	ROWING TRAINING		T7 GYM	
THUR 05/06	BASKETBALL TRAINING	GIRLS	SCHOOL GYM	3.00PM
	NETBALL TRAINING	GIRLS	SCHOOL GYM	4.30PM



FRI 06/06	BASKETBALL TRAINING	BOYS	SCHOOL GYM	3.00PM
	ROWING TRAINING	BOYS AND GIRLS	T7 GYM	3.10PM
SAT 07/06	1ST XV RUGBY BOYS	TANGAROA	OV PAVILION	12.00PM
	U15 RUGBY BOYS	HILLARY	OC PAVILION	9.15AM
	U14 RUGBY BOYS	TANGAROA	OC PAVILION	10.30AM
	NETBALL GIRLS	KINGS	COURT 12	10.45AM
	PREMIER	ST KENTS	COURT 4	11.40AM
	SENIOR A	BARADENE	COURT 29	8.00AM
	Y10A	PAKURANGA	COURT 8	9.50AM
	Y9A	ST KENT	COURT 5	8.55AM
	Y9B	BOTANY	OC LOWER	10.00AM
	1st Xi SOCCER BOYS	AGGS	OC LOWER	10.00AM
	JNR SOCCER BOYS	BOYS AND GIRLS	AUCK ROWING	7.30AM
	ROWING TRAINING			

BOYS NETBALL

Our fabulous Boys Netball team had a fantastic game this week, beating Ormiston Junior College 16-11. We play every Wednesday at Pulman Arena and the game is looking less and less like an indoor rugby match and more and more like real netball! Well done boys! Special mention: Xavier Etuale stepped up this week - leading his team admirably.






SPORTS RESULTS

DATE	TEAM	VS	VENUE
MON 19/05	GIRLS RUGBY	BYE	BYE
TUE 20/05	BASKETBALL SENIOR A BOYS SENIOR B BOYS U17 BOYS U17 GIRLS	ASDAH TANGAROA JAMES COOK ROSEHILL	W 58-39 L 14-40 L18-38 L 19-30
WED 21/05	BOYS NETBALLS PREM NETBALL GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE BOYS 2 nd XI SOCCER BOYS	ONE TREE HILL PUKEKOHE MANGERE MANGERE	L 17-41 L 9-26 D 12-12 WBD
SAT 24/05	1 ST XV RUGBY BOYS U15 RUGBY BOYS U14 RUGBY BOYS NETBALL GIRLS PREMIER SENIOR A Y10A Y9A Y9B 1 st XI SOCCER BOYS JNR SOCCER BOYS	BYE TANGAROA ONE TREE HILL EPSOM DIOCESAN MARCELLIN ST KENT SELWYN ST KENT BYE	BYE L 21-25 L 26-29 L 17-32 W 24-18 L 16-25 W 22-12 W 30-4 L 1-7 BYE



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

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