



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 06th June 2025

Important Notices

13 th June – 19 th June 2025	Mid-Year Assessments
23 rd June 2025	Y13 Art Workshop Day
20 th June 2025	Matariki – no school



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Talofa lava, this week has been a celebration of Samoan culture and language at Otahuhu College. A big thank you to all the students who have been involved in sharing their culture with the rest of our community.

As you are well aware attendance has been a big focus this year, and currently Otahuhu College students are attending school more regularly than the average student in New Zealand. Of course our community is way better than average and in terms of attendance another 30 to 40 students at school each day would make Otahuhu College up with some of the other best schools in our country. Most importantly for those extra students their future prospects will be greatly enhanced.

Mid-Year exams and assessments start next week, ironically on Friday the 13th. All students need to be studying for their exams and assessments.

Manuia le Vaiaso O le Gagana Samoa

Fa'afetai Lava

Our Commitments

Our commitment next week is to be supportive. We must all be aware that we don't know what's going on in the lives of those we pass and, more than anything else, no matter where they may be, a smile and greeting is much the better engagement than to look away or at the pavement with detachment. We reap what we sow. Therefore, if we want our day to be filled with enthusiasm, logically we should be enthusiastic. If we want our day to be joyful, then we must reflect just that. This references, of course, our inner state of mind and how we choose to present ourselves to the world – something that we completely control. We encourage each other here at College to greet and acknowledge each other with interest, putting in mind the needs of the other rather than oneself. It is good to remember when we help others, we help ourselves

Attendance

Every day missed from school is a missed opportunity to learn, grow, and prepare for the future. Chronically absent students are significantly less likely to earn qualifications and, by age 25, they earn on average \$40,000 less annually than their regularly attending peers.

To support our students, Otahuhu College monitors absences closely. Students with 10-15 days absent per term are referred to Attendance Services, while those missing 15 or more days may be referred to Oranga Tamariki. These systems ensure students get the help they need to stay in school and secure better futures.

‘Oku mahu’inga ke ma’u ako ‘i he taimi kotoa pē, ke ma’u ha ngāue lelei mo ha kaha’u ‘oku lelei.

O le masani i le alu i le aoga i aso uma e fesoasoani i tamaiti i galuega ma fa'ai'uuga fai i le lumana'i .

Senior School (Year 11-13)



SOUTH AUCKLAND



SCHOOLS CAREER EXPO 25'

24-25 June 2025 | DUE DROP
EVENTS
CENTRE

EXPLORE JOBS & STUDY PATHWAYS!

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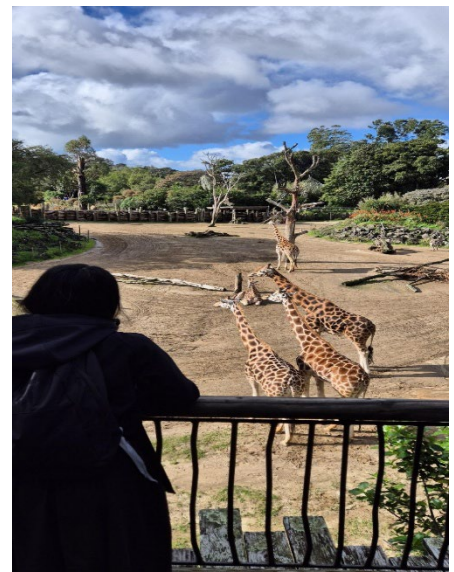
Thank you to everyone who have already put their names down for the Careers Expo.

If you haven't, there's still time please. HURRY spots are filling up fast!

To confirm your place and cover the bus costs, please pay \$10 to the Cashier in the Bookshop by **Wednesday 18 June.**



Year 12 Geography Trip to the Zoo

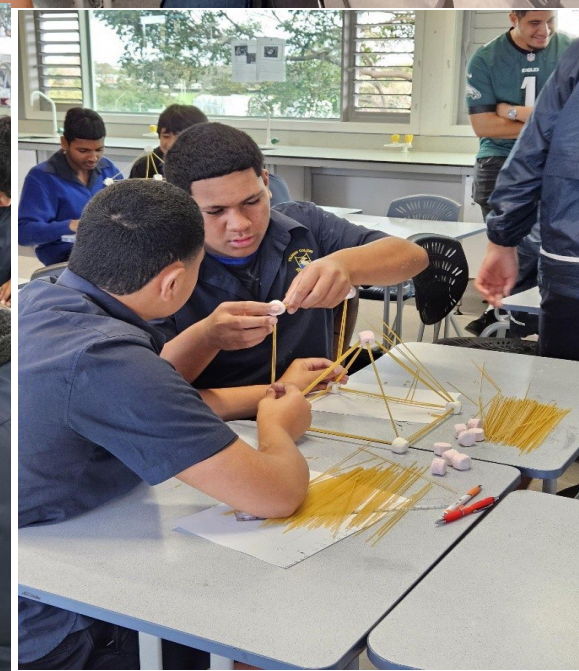
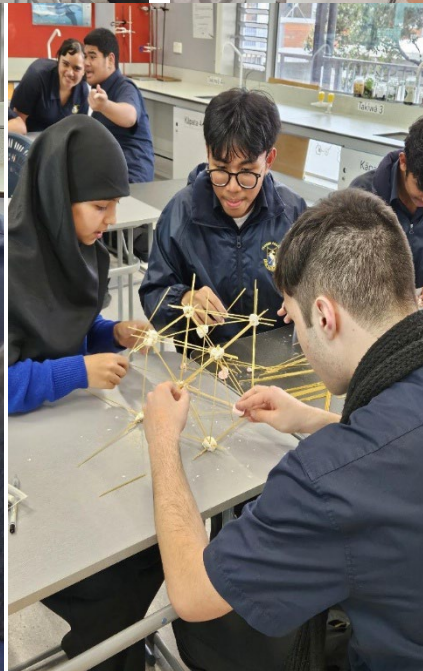


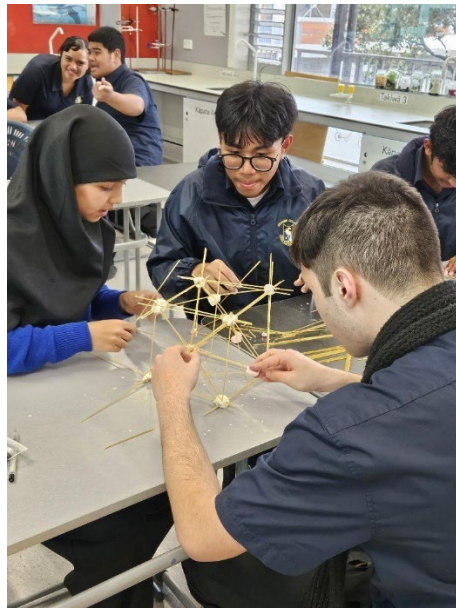
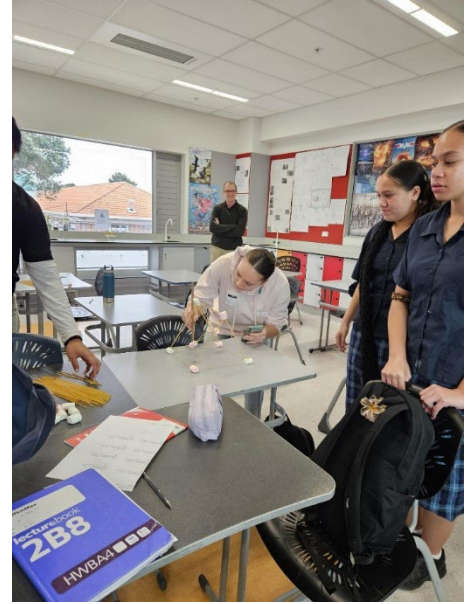
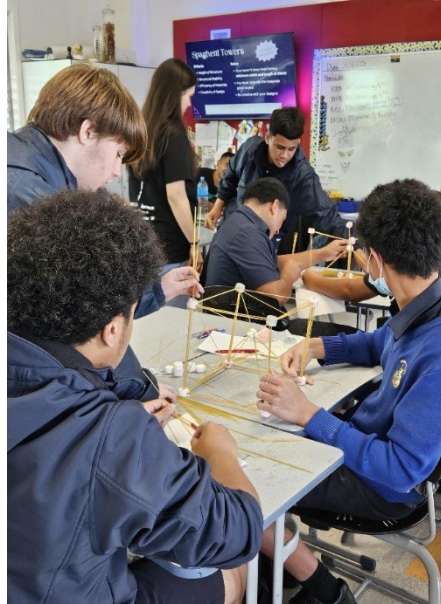
STEM News

SPIES Visit to Year 10 Science Classes

We were excited to welcome the South Pacific Indigenous Engineering Students Association (SPIES) from the University of Auckland to Otago College on Tuesday 3 June and Wednesday 4 June. The SPIES ambassadors spent time with our Year 10 students, helping them explore which areas of engineering might suit them best based on their personalities and the things they enjoy.

Students also had a wonderful time building spaghetti towers, a fun and creative challenge that encouraged teamwork and imagination. It was a joyful couple of days filled with curiosity, connection, and inspiration. We are truly thankful to the SPIES team for sharing their time, energy, and passion with 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


Community News






SCHOOLS' PRIDE WEEK AOTEAROA


JUNE 9-13 2025






MONDAY

Rainbow Ribbon Pins
 Make your own!
 M2 - Break 1 & 2

TUESDAY

VOGUE
 Dance Workshop
 Break 2

WEDNESDAY

Beautify the School
 Tattoos & Stickers

THURSDAY

Rainbow Bake Sale
 Break 1

FRIDAY

Out on the Shelves
 LGBTQIA+, MVPFAFF, Takatāpui Library Display



WE'RE HIRING



❄️ به تیم ما در کالج اوتاھوھو پیوندید ❄️

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

Bilingual Learning Assistant: Farsi and/or Arabic

We're looking for a passionate **Bilingual Learning Assistant** to support our diverse and vibrant school community. If you're **fluent in Farsi and/or Arabic** and want to help students succeed, this could be the perfect role for you!

What will I be doing?

- Assisting bilingual students with their learning and language development.
- Supporting teachers in creating an inclusive classroom environment.
- Helping students achieve their full potential by bridging language gaps.

What are we looking for?

- Proficiency in **Farsi and/or Arabic**.
- A friendly and approachable attitude.
- A passion for education and student success.
- Availability during **school term time only**.

Hours & Details:

📅 Monday to Friday

🕒 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

📍 Based at Ōtāhuhu College

Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

✉ Please email your enquiries to kngauchun@otahuhucollege.school.nz

به ما پیوندید تا تفاوتی معنادار در زندگی دانش‌آموزانمان ایجاد کنیم.
مهارت‌های دوزبانه شما می‌تواند آینده‌های روشن‌تری بسازند! 😊

Sports News

Moana Pasifika Netball Representative! Congratulations, Promise To'a!



We are incredibly proud to announce Promise To'a, our outstanding Year 10 student, for being selected to represent the Moana Pasifika Netball Team – Under 16's in the upcoming North Harbour and Waitakere Netball Representative Tournament this June!

This is a tremendous achievement and a testament to the hard work, growth, and talent Promise has shown throughout the season as part of our Netball Academy. We know this is just the beginning, and we look forward to seeing many more of our students follow in her footsteps.

Well done, Promise – your school and teammates are behind you all the way!

SPORTS RESULTS

DATE	TEAM	VS	RESULT
MON 26/05	GIRLS RUGBY	TAMAKI COLLEGE	LBD
TUE 27/05	BASKETBALL SENIOR A BOYS SENIOR B BOYS U17 BOYS U17 GIRLS	WAIUKU JAMES COOK SANCTA MARIA SANCTA MARIA	W 56-54 L 18-26 W 33-12 L 50-12



WED 28/05	BOYS NETBALLS	ORMISTON	W 16-11
	PREM NETBALL	PAPATOETOE	L 14-37
	GIRLS	AORERE	W 34-0
	RUGBY LEAGUE	ORMISTON	L 1-0
	BOYS		
	2 nd XI SOCCER		
	BOYS		

Sports Fee

This year, we are introducing a \$20 sports fee for all students participating in school sports. In previous years, we were fortunate to receive funding that covered many expenses, including transport, uniforms, entry fees, laundry, and new sports gear. Unfortunately, that funding is no longer available, so we need to implement this fee to help cover these costs. The \$20 fee is a one-time payment, allowing students to participate in as many sports as they choose throughout the year. This contribution will go towards all expenses related to school sports, ensuring we can continue offering a variety of athletic opportunities for our students. We greatly appreciate your understanding and support as we work to maintain a strong sports program. Thank you for helping us keep sports accessible and enjoyable for our students. Sports fees can be paid to the student centre, or you can pay online

Otago College
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Please put the students name as reference, and put the Particulars as sports

ARTS News

Performing Arts Roadshow 2025



On Wednesday and Thursday of this week 22 musicians, actors and dancers took to the road and performed their 50-minute show to 5 Intermediate schools. This tour largely featured original work that has taken place in our classrooms. The only exception was our traditional Hip Hop performance that was created after school and choreographed by a former pupil. This year's choreographer was Naharah Crawford who last year received the Supreme Dance award at our annual Arts Awards.

The 5 schools visited were Bader Intermediate, Mangere Central School, Ferguson Intermediate, Otago Intermediate and Papatoetoe Intermediate. The overall audience was estimated to be just under 2,000 excitable and captivated pupils. The tour was a great success and most importantly it was an opportunity for our own artists to develop and craft their performance skills in front of new audiences and in new spaces. A big shout out to Eternity Puea and Phoenix Su'a Mealamu who as Master of Ceremonies held our show together and to Nio Soo Choon for his hard mahi as the audio technician. I also wish to acknowledge every performer who created a piece of magic that will stay in the hearts of our appreciative audiences.

We also wish to thank our following Sponsors for making this annual tour possible.





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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