



# ŌTĀHUHU COLLEGE



## Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Important Notices

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y11, Y12 and Y13 Mid-Year Assessments
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y9 and Y10 Mid-Year exams (English, Maths, Science, Social Studies).
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Matariki (school is closed)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of Term 2 (Mid-Year Reports emailed to caregivers)



## *FROM OUR PRINCIPAL*

Exams started today, they are over the next week. Sitting school Exams as Year 9 and 10 students allows students to begin to develop successful routines around setting goals, exam preparation, exam behaviour and self-review. These routines can then be refined to improve student performance in externals when they reach the Senior school. It has been great to walk around the school this week and see students engaging in the goal setting and preparation phase with all of their teachers. Good luck to all concerned.

Academically our results continue to improve with more students gaining Merit and Excellences than ever before. Our message to the students is that everyone should be able to gain Merits in their favorite subjects.

Getting to school on time is an important part of belonging to Otahuhu College. Students who arrive after 9am will need to have a note from home.

## *Our Commitments*

Our commitment for next week is to be on time. This means more than just being at school by 8:30am and moving quickly and quietly to class. Good time management is an important aspect of being successful. For our students they need to know when their assignments are due to be handed in. A good idea is 3 days before the due date for your children to show you their assignments, this way you can check if they have finished, or need to work really hard to get the assignment finished by the due date. 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 Otahuhu College. If you have any concerns regarding this please contact the principal.

## *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 academics 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 lesona.

## Junior School (Year 9-10)

Mid-Year Exams - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. All Y9 and Y10 students will have 2-hour Exams for English, Maths, Science and Social Studies. Students are preparing for these Exams during class time and should also be revising and studying at home.

## Senior School (Year 11-13)

Mid-Year Assessments – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. All Y11, Y12 and Y13 students will have a double Period in each of their subjects during this time. Depending on where they are at in their courses, students will either be completing internal assessments, working on portfolio's and/or sitting an Exam. It is an important time of the year; students should be encouraged to prepare well at home and make the most of the opportunities available to them during class time.

## Arts and Culture News



## ŌC Pride Week 2025

We have had a lovely week of celebrations! Our trusty Allied

Army crafting for the past couple of weeks to pin rainbows on all the staff; our VOGUE dance workshop; our Beautify day where we had stickers and tattoos galore; and our fabulous Rainbow Bake Sale - so many delicious and colourful treats!

Thank you to all our team and supporters 🌈



## WHAT IS MVPFAFF+??

- M Mahu (Hawai'i and Tahiti)
- V Vaka sa lewa lewa (Fiji)
- P Palopa (Papua New Guinea)
- F Fa'afafine (Samoa)
- A Akava'ine (Rarotonga)
- F Fakaleiti (Tonga)
- F Fakafifine (Niue)

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## WE'RE HIRING



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### 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](mailto:kngauchun@otahuhucollege.school.nz)

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مهارت‌های دوزبانه شما می‌توانند آینده‌های روشن‌تری بسازند! 😊



## Sports News

The Boys and Girls Basketball teams have started the season on a strong note, showing great progress over the past five weeks. Their hard work, teamwork, and dedication are clearly paying off as they aim to qualify for the Auckland Championships. Each week, the players continue to improve and rise to the challenges of competition. All games are played on Tuesday nights at Bruce Pulman Arena, creating a competitive and exciting environment. Coaches are proud of the teams' efforts so far and confident in their potential to achieve great results as the season continues



## Netball Academy!





This week, our Year 9 and 10 Netball Academy students took part in the South Schools Netball Cluster Tournament as umpires, held at the Bruce Pulman, Papakura Netball Centre.

This event was part of their practical assessment of earning their Centre Badges. Many of the girls started the day feeling nervous, as it was their first time umpiring and a step outside their comfort zones. However, by the end of the tournament, their confidence had grown immensely—and we were proud to see them all excited and volunteering to umpire at the next event.

Umpiring has allowed these students to develop a deeper understanding of the game, along with important skills like leadership, decision-making, and communication. We're incredibly proud of the progress our Netball Academy students have made so far this year.

We hope to see our students umpire at the North Island Secondary Schools Competition later this year.

Well done, girls!

## Sport Results

DATE	TEAM	VS	VENUE
TUE 03/06	<b>BASKETBALL</b>		
	SENIOR A BOYS	MANUREWA	W 57-49
	SENIOR B BOYS	ORMISTON	W 51-29
	U17 BOYS	MANGERE	WBD
	U17 GIRLS	MANUREWA	W 29-27
WED 04/06	BOYS NETBALLS	JAMES COOK	Cancelled
	PREM NETBALL GIRLS	ROSEHILL	Cancelled
	RUGBY LEAGUE BOYS	TAMAKI	Cancelled
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI SOCCER BOYS	TUAKAU	Postponed

## Library News

“Ia malu lou sã. Folau I lagimã.

“A well grounded self, is a successful self.”

Last week we celebrated Samoan Language Week and like previous years, the students came in ‘clutch’. As per tradition, we opened the week with the ‘Ava Ceremony’ an important custom in Samoa which marks an important occasion. It was led by Mr Usufono and his senior class. The three main positions were performed by Serafina Matafeo (Taupu), Saua Lalotoaga (tufa’ava) and Chanel Silao (tautu’ava).

Amongst the guests were Mr Watson, Tā Jay Mason, Mrs Otunuku, Mrs Stretton and Mr Tupe.

Throughout the week during assembly, there were dance performances from students of all levels. We also had a live siva afi demonstration, performed by the fearless, fierce 12 year old Julia Pula from Rise Up Academy. We prepared hot koko Samoa for people to try, which fresh bakery bread and butter – a combination that never misses.

The Year 13 Samoan class attend their first so’otaga (cluster of schools) hosted by De La Salle College. It was a great way to collaborate with other students taking Samoan as a subject.

There’s no better way to close off a Samoan language week, than a feast. The Samoan teachers made Sapasui (chop suey), fa’alifu fa’i (cooked bananas with coconut cream), fai’ai elegi (mackerel baked in coconut cream), pua’a (pork), mamoe (lamb), fualaau salaki (surimi sala), pai fala (pineapple pie) and more.

Thank you to all those involved, special mention to Phoenix Mealamu, Sally Auva’a-Vaili, Luana Patelesio Peteru, Vanise Leaana and Fiti Pasa for leading this years’ SLW.







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