



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2025

Important Notices

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



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

“Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou” - the importance of learning is key to your wellbeing.

It has been wonderful to see our students' effort and engagement in their Mid-Year Assessments throughout the week. Senior students have been able to spend extra time in their subjects working on the completion of internal assessments. Y9 and Y10 students have had a rigorous timetable of Exams .

The learning that takes place throughout this entire experience cannot be underestimated. Good results in these assessments reinforce the current study techniques, systems and behaviours that have been applied. Poor results mean that perhaps a different or more concerted approach is required next time. Students should reflect on their performance this week and discuss with their teachers some new strategies to use in future assessments to improve their results.

On Thursday we celebrated Matariki in assembly and we wish all families the very best for Matariki.

Our Commitments

Our commitment is to be respectful. A key part of being respectful is using appropriate language. Learning what words, and indeed the volume, you use in different circumstances is one of the challenges of growing up into young men and women. Teenagers find this hard to do, so talking to them and explaining how different situations require the use of different words and mannerisms is a great step on developing articulate respectful young men and women.

Attendance

This week over 60% of students who arrived extremely late to school, used the excuse that they had slept in. Punctuality matters. When students arrive at school by 8:35 a.m., they have time to prepare mentally and emotionally for the day ahead. Regular lateness disrupts learning and can make students feel out of place. At Otahuhu College, we encourage students to make punctuality a habit that will serve them throughout their lives.

Parents, you can support this by creating morning routines and teaching your child the value of timeliness. Let us ensure that all students are set up for success by starting each day on time.

‘Oku mahu’inga ke kamata ma’u pē e akó ‘aki ha ‘aho ‘oku fo’ou. Fiema’u ke ke ‘i ai ‘i he 8:35 pongipongi.

Aua le tuai i le aoga i le taeao. O le taimi 8:35 e amata ai galuega a le fanau.

Junior School (Year 9-10)

The Junior House Table Tennis tournament was held this week and proved to be an enjoyable event for all involved. Students participated with enthusiasm and demonstrated good sportsmanship throughout the matches.

We would like to extend our congratulations to William Fanua of Grey house, who performed consistently well and was named the overall winner of the tournament. Their efforts were commendable and contributed to a successful competition.



Food Technology

Yr 10 Food Technology students baked and iced star cookies today.



Arts and Culture News

Bollywood Showdown 2025: A Dazzling Celebration of Dance and Culture



The most awaited event of the year — Bollywood Showdown Competition — took place on 14 June at the vibrant Victory Convention Centre. With 23 incredible teams competing, the energy was high, the competition was fierce, and the spirit of dance lit up the stage.

Our Otago College team poured their heart and soul into their performance, rehearsing tirelessly for five weeks — often staying back until 6 p.m. Their dedication and passion truly paid off as they delivered a stunning act that celebrated the richness and diversity of Indian dance forms.

The performance opened gracefully with Kathak, a classical dance known for its intricate footwork and graceful spins, set to soft Hindi melodies. From there, the tempo lifted with Garba, a high-energy folk dance from Gujarat that included the traditional use of dandiya sticks, adding rhythm and flair. The final segment exploded with bold and electrifying Bollywood hip-hop — full of power, sharp choreography, and vibrant stage presence.

What made the performance even more special was the choice of songs in three different regional Indian languages, highlighting the team's appreciation for India's linguistic and cultural diversity. Their transitions between dance styles were seamless, and their expressions told stories that captivated the audience from start to finish.



Bollywood dance, as a genre, is an exciting fusion of styles — combining classical Indian forms like Bharatanatyam and Kathak with folk styles like Bhangra and Garba, and modern influences such as jazz, hip-hop, and freestyle. It's this rich mix that makes Bollywood dancing so engaging and universally loved.

Students from all cultures and backgrounds were seen participating in the 22 teams, which added to the event's richness and true spirit of inclusivity.



Beyond their on-stage brilliance, the Otahuhu team stood out for their remarkable sportsmanship cheering for every other team with genuine enthusiasm and positivity. This time, with perfection in their choreography, costumes, and expressions, they not only impressed the judges but truly won everyone's hearts.

At Otahuhu College, we don't just celebrate performances — we celebrate people, cultures, and the bonds that bring us together. We are one big family, proudly embracing our unique heritage while growing stronger together.



Sports News

CrossFit Makes Its Debut at Our School – Girls Excel at College Youth Games

This term, our school has proudly introduced CrossFit as a brand-new sport, both within our Senior PE curriculum and as part of our wider school sports Programme. To mark this exciting new direction, two teams of senior girls represented our school at the first-ever College Youth Games, held at the Due Drop Events Centre on Sunday, 15th June.

With a freezing 6 AM start and only two training sessions leading up to the event, our students showed incredible courage and commitment. Competing against 134 schools, they stepped up to a demanding CrossFit-style challenge filled with high-intensity functional movements — a real test of strength, endurance, teamwork, and mental toughness.

Despite their limited prep time, both teams delivered amazing results. The first team — Mele Taukafa, Shaniya Chu Kau, and Camellia Faaumu — placed an impressive 10th overall, showing focus, strength, and unity throughout the event. The second team — Alexis Fortes, Melenoa Fangufangu, and Sosefina Toupili — also did the school proud, placing 21st and giving their all in every workout.

It wasn't about fitness — it was about resilience, teamwork, and representing our school with pride. Our students truly lived out the spirit of CrossFit: community, perseverance, and self-improvement.

The event also gave us a glimpse into the potential CrossFit has to offer as a long-term sport in our school. Already, interest is growing as more student's express excitement about trying it for themselves. The energy, challenge, and variety that CrossFit brings make it an appealing addition to our sports culture.

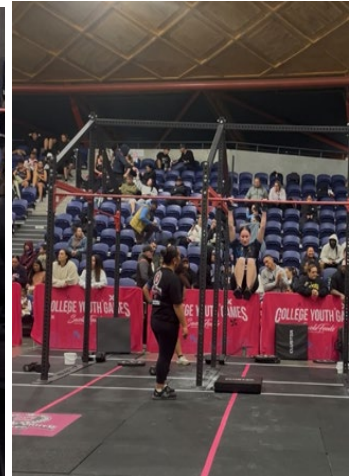
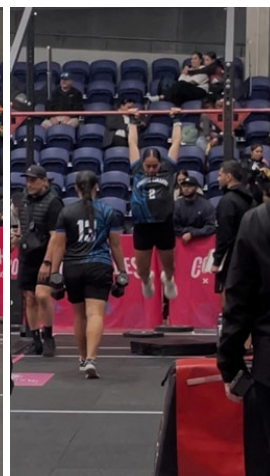
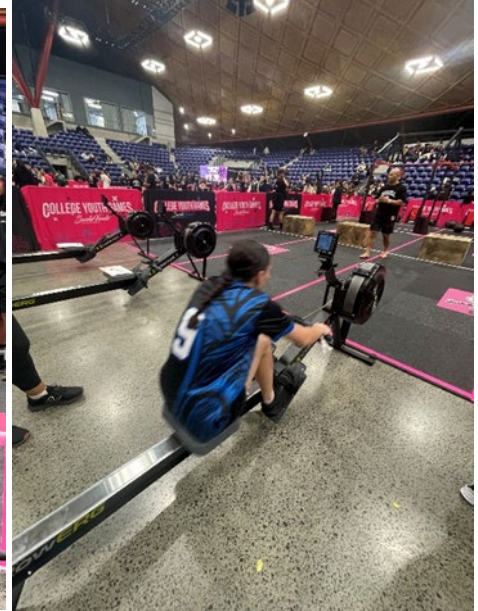
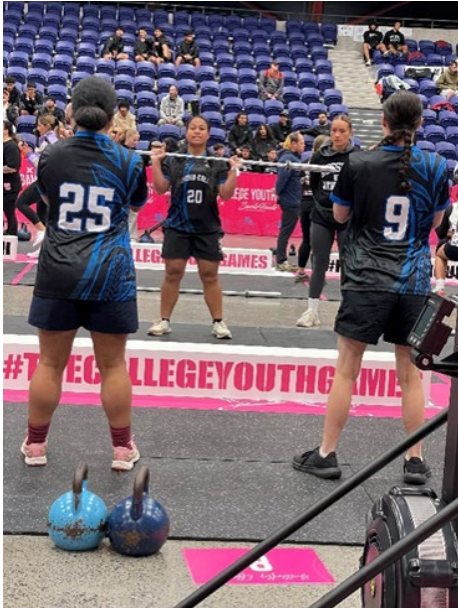
We're proud of our students for being the first to represent our school in CrossFit, and we're excited to continue building this Programme in the months ahead. More training opportunities, team development, and competitions are on the horizon.

A huge congratulations to our athletes — you've set a strong foundation for the future of CrossFit at our school. Your determination, teamwork, and spirit were inspiring to all who watched.

Watch this space — this is just the beginning!



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DATE	TEAM	VS	VENUE	TIME
MON 16/06	BOYS BASKETBALL	TRAINING	GYM	3.00PM
	1 ST XIII LEAGUE	TRAINING	PAVILION	3.00PM
	NETBALL TRAINING	TRAINING	TURF	3.00PM
TUE 17/06	ROWING TRAINING	BOYS & GIRLS	T7 GYM	3.00PM
	BASKETBALL			
	SENIOR A BOYS	PAPAKURA	PULMAN	7.00PM
	SENIOR B BOYS	TANGAROA	PULMAN	5.30PM
	U17 BOYS	SANCTA MARIA	PULMAN	4.00PM
	U17 GIRLS	TANGAROA	PULMAN	5.00PM
	NETBALL TRAINING	GIRLS	SCHOOL GYM	3.00PM
	U14 RUGBY BOYS	TRAINING	PAVILION	3.00PM
	U15 RUGBY BOYS	TRAINING	PAVILION	3.00PM
WED 18/06	1 ST XV RUGBY	TRAINING	PAVILION	3.00PM
	NETBALL	TRAINING	TURF	3.00PM
	BOYS NETBALLS	TUAKAU	PULMAN	4.10PM
	PREM NETBALL	PAPAKURA	PULMNA	5.10PM
	RUGBY LEAGUE BOYS	JAMES COOK	OC PAVILION	4.00PM
	2 ND XI SOCCER BOYS			
THUR 19/06	ROWING TRAINING	JAMES COOK	JAMES COOK	4.00PM
		BOYS & GIRLS	T7 GYM	7.30AM
	BASKETBALL	GIRLS	GYM	3.00PM
FRI 20/06	TRAINING			
	NETBALL TRAINING	GIRLS	TURF	4.30PM
	U14 RUGBY BOYS	TRAINING	PAVILION	3.00PM
	U15 RUGBY BOYS	TRAINING	PAVILION	3.00PM
	1 ST XV RUGBY	TRAINING	PAVILION	3.00PM
	NETBALL BOYS	TRAINING	TURF	3.00PM
SAT 21/06	BASKETBALL	BOYS	SCHOOL GYM	3.00PM
	TRAINING			
	ROWING TRAINING	BOYS & GIRLS	T7 GYM	3.10PM
SAT 21/06	1 ST XIII RUGBY	TRAINING	PAVILION	3.00PM
	LEAGUE			
	1 ST XV RUGBY BOYS	WAITAKERE	WAITAKERE	12.00PM
SAT 21/06	U15 RUGBY BOYS	S.C.C	S.C.C	9.15AM
	U14 RUGBY BOYS	DE LA SALLE	AORERE PARK	11.45AM



	NETBALL GIRLS	NO NETBALL GAMES THIS WEEK	COURT COURT COURT COURT	
	PREMIER SENIOR A Y10A Y9A Y9B			
	1 st XI SOCCERBOYS JNR SOCCER BOYS	NO SOCCER GAMES		

SPORTS RESULTS

DATE	TEAM	VS	RESULTS
MON 09/06	GIRLS RUGBY	AORERE	L 20-32
TUE 10/06	BASKETBALL SENIOR A BOYS SENIOR B BOYS U17 BOYS U17 GIRLS	AORERE NGA TAPUWAE ORMISTON ALFRISTON	L 40-54 L 17-24 W 42-39 L 36-26
WED 11/06	BOYS NETBALLS PREM NETBALL GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE BOYS	JAMES COOK ROSEHILL PAPATOETOE	WBD L 15-32 W 24-0
SAT 14/06	1 st XV RUGBY BOYS U15 RUGBY BOYS U14 RUGBY BOYS NETBALL GIRLS PREMIER SENIOR A Y10A Y9A Y9B 1 st XI SOCCER BOYS	MANGERE DE LA SALLE TANGAROA MARCELLIN MT ALBERT BARADENE AGGS ST CUTHS	W 60-0 L 19-12 L 10-51 L 13-26 W 31-21 W 19-16 W 17-7 W 16-8



	JNR SOCCER BOYS	GLENDOWIE GREENBAY	L 4-5 DEFERRED
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Our School **BOOKSHOP IS OPEN** 8.30 AM TO 1 PM
Monday to Thursday for students to buy stationery and
pay for trips, pay their sport fee etc.

The shop is **CLOSED EVERY FRIDAY.**

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