



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 02 April 2026

Important Dates

Monday 13th April	School Office re-opens 8am – 3.30pm
Monday 20th April	First Day back for Term 2
Monday 27th April	ANZAC Day No school



From Our Principal

It has been an extremely successful term for our students and we can be very proud of their efforts and the great support they get from their families.

The effort and thinking which is going on in classes, and indeed in tutorials is impressive, and it is great to see so many students of all different ages sign up for the many holiday programmes that are running. Of particular note this term is the increase in the number of students completing their homework to a high level.

With both Easter and Anzac Days over the next two weeks, it is a good time to take time out with our families to reflect on the sacrifices that have been made so that we can provide a brighter future for our children.

I would like to wish everyone the very best wishes for the April holidays.

Study News

Please see the College website for NCEA assessments with due dates and assessment periods, for years 11 – 13. <https://www.otahuhucollege.school.nz/ncea-assessment-schedule/>

Common Assessment Activities (CAAs) – Coming Up Next Term

In term 2, weeks 5 and 6 (18 May – 29 May), many of our students will take part in the Common Assessment Activities (CAAs). These are online assessments for Literacy (Reading and Writing) and Numeracy.

Students need to achieve these corequisite credits (10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy) to gain NCEA Level 2 and Level 3.

In May:

- All Year 10 students will sit the Reading CAA.
- Some students in Years 11–13 will sit one or more CAAs. These students' parents | caregivers have been notified by text message.

The next round of CAAs will take place in **September**, and more details will follow in due course.

To support students, two helpful links are included:

- One shows how to access past CAA assessments. These can help students become familiar with the format and try some practice questions.

How to Access Past CAA Tests for Practice.pdf



- The other includes fun, everyday activities from the Ministry of Education that families can explore together. These activities build reading, writing, and numeracy skills in simple and practical ways.
Fun everyday activities for numeracy and literacy.pdf

The upcoming break could be a great opportunity for students **to try out past assessments and explore some of the fun learning activities at their own pace**; using them to become familiar with the skills and format.

We are dedicated to supporting your children's learning at school, and we truly appreciate your partnership and support as we work together.

Thank you and best wishes for quality family time in the upcoming break.

Melinda Christensen | Academic Navigator – Senior School
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Student Photos

Photolife has informed us that Student individual photos are now live and ready to view and order.

Keycodes will be sent via email to parents/caregivers. This is a new system, so please check your junk, spam, or promotions folders, in case the message is filtered.

Free delivery applies to orders placed before midnight on Sunday, 26 April 2026.

Please contact Photolife directly if you have any questions: enquiries@photolife.co.nz



Library News

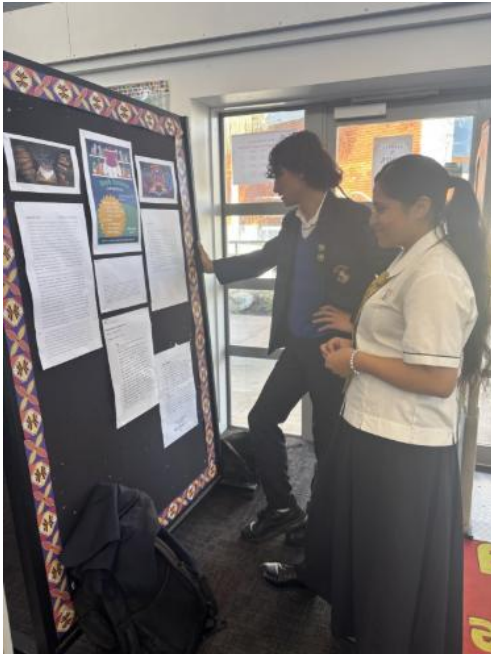
Congratulations to the Library Book Review Competition Winners!

1st - Tyler Marker

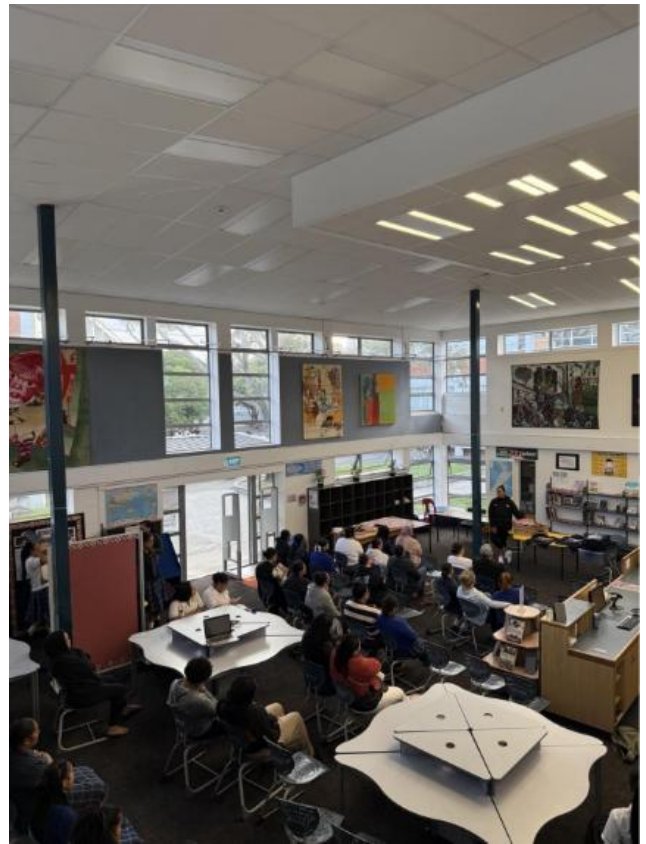
2nd - 'Ofa Siaki

3rd equal - Luse Nielson and Mary Tuimalatu

Thank you to our Head Students for judging our competition



Sports News



Netball Parent Evening

A huge thank you to all of our parents and whānau who attended our **Netball Parent Evening last night**. It was wonderful to see such strong support for our netball programme and for our students as we head into another exciting season.

Your ongoing encouragement, commitment, and support play a huge part in helping make our netball at Otago College successful each year. We truly appreciate everything you do behind the scenes to support our students/players, both on and off the court.

Thank you for continuing to back our netball programme and our students as we look forward to another successful year ahead.

Ms Pulusi – Director of Netball

Senior Boys Volleyball Season Wrap Up

In Week 9, our Senior boys volleyball team competed in the North Island Secondary Schools Satellite tournament. The team performed strongly throughout the 3 day tournament, progressing through pool and crossover matches with a series of 2–0 wins against opposing teams. By the third day of tournament, the boys had made it to the playoffs and were successful in winning both the quarter finals against Western springs college and semi-finals against ASDAH, in 2 sets each. The team progressed to the final, where they faced Liston College. The final was played at a high intensity and provided a genuine test under pressure. The boys matched the level of the occasion, competing with energy and heart throughout. The second set was closely contested, with Otago narrowly losing 23–25 in a tight finish.

Whilst the final result did not go in our favor, I commend the team on their performance over the tournament and season, which has consistently demonstrated development in both individual skill execution and team systems. A notable strength of this season has also been the positive team culture, which has regularly been reflected in how the team has competed and responded to pressure. Well done team, and thank you for your contribution to the growing success of our boys' volleyball programme here at OC. We look forward to building on this progress in the year ahead.

Ms. S 'Ofanoa | Boys Volleyball Coach





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