



## Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

### Important Dates

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| June 22 <sup>nd</sup> – June 26 <sup>th</sup> | Assessment Week |
| July 1 <sup>st</sup> – July 11 <sup>th</sup>  | Japan Trip      |



## *From Our Principal*

Samoan Language week has been a joyous celebration of the vibrant Samoan language and culture. Our students have done an amazing job leading the week. It has been a time to connect with our community and families and learn the Samoan language. Fa'afetai tele mo le aso o le Gagana Samoa.

Winter has arrived and it is noticeably colder. The school is open from 7am most days and the heaters are turned on at that time. The Deans have access to spare jackets, jerseys and thermals when needed and the school is very willing to help with uniform costs when families are struggling. The month of June is a very important one, both in terms of making sure attendance remains high and also that the achievement levels for every student remain at the high levels which have been reached so far this year.

Our winter sports teams are performing well, and this is a reflection of their hard work and commitment to training. I would also like to thank all the supporters on the sidelines, as well as the coaches and managers and drivers who make sport happen at Otago College.

## *Our commitments*

Our commitment focus for next week is on being supportive. Classrooms where students support and pay attention to each other's thoughts, and feel safe to express their own thoughts, are more productive for learning. Where students support each other effectively, they are able to benefit from learning interactions with their classmates.

## *Attendance*

Chronic absenteeism has a lifelong impact. Research shows that chronically absent students are far less likely to achieve qualifications and, as adults, earn \$40,000 less annually by age 25. This income gap highlights the importance of addressing absenteeism early.

At Otago College, students who miss 10-15 days in a term are referred to Attendance Services for additional support, while those who miss 15 or more days trigger a referral to Oranga Tamariki. These steps are designed to identify and eliminate the barriers preventing students from attending school. Let's make attendance a priority to safeguard our students' futures.

Ko e fānau 'oku nau li'aki ako ma'u pe'e 'oku mole honau faingamālie ke ma'u ha pa'anga 'oku lahi. E a'afia le lumana'i o tamaiti pe'a le auai i le aoga. E le tutusa tupe e maua a tamaiti e le to'a'aga i le a'oga ma tamaiti e 'auai i a'oga i aso uma pe'a matutua e tusa ma su'esu'ega a le matagaluega.

## 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



## Community News



# 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! 😊

## S.T.E.M

### Careers

The Gateway Programme was highly successful over the holidays, with 89 Year 11, 12 and 13 students completing a range of credits, training opportunities, and work placements across a wide variety of industries. Students gained valuable real-world experience with organisations including Tesla, McDonald's, BFT Police Training, Taro Patch, Auckland Airport, Bidfood, community libraries, The AUT Refugee Centre, Youth Law, Heron Construction, MMB Builders, Bidfood Logistics, and Bed Bath and Beyond.

Pathways included construction, trades, hospitality, retail, logistics, aviation, legal services, fitness and public services. Students were involved with providers and employers such as Heron Construction, Ara Building, MMB Builders, Primero Profiles, Taro Patch, Bed Bath and Beyond, and Forklift Training programmes, giving them hands-on exposure to future career opportunities.

A significant achievement was that more than 20 students successfully gained their Learner Licence during the programme, creating further opportunities for employment and independence.

Due to the strong interest and success of the programme, there are only limited spaces available for next term's placements. Looking ahead, students will also have the opportunity to participate in a new Entrepreneurial Course designed for students interested in starting their own business and developing leadership, innovation, and enterprise skills.

An exciting new opportunity has also been secured for four students who will complete work experience placements with Tu Atea during the July holidays. Tu Atea is a Māori-owned company that holds a 20% share in the telecommunications spectrum and is committed to creating future pathways for rangatahi in technology and innovation. Students will gain valuable hands-on learning experiences working with 3D printers and alongside highly skilled engineers, including professionals who have previously worked in the Navy and at Rocket Lab. This placement provides students with unique exposure to engineering, technology, and future-focused career opportunities while building practical skills and industry connections.







## Afternoon Pick-Up Update for Families:

To help keep our afternoons running smoothly and ensure the safety of all students, we are making a small change to our early pick-up routine.

From **2:00 pm onwards**, we kindly ask that children are only collected early if it is for a **medical reason**. If this is the case, parents or caregivers will need to show a **medical certificate to the security team at the gate** before entering the school.

We understand that appointments do come up, so wherever possible, please try to arrange early pick-ups **before 2:00 pm**.

Thank you so much for your understanding and support.

These changes help us keep our school safe and well-organised for everyone.