



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 21st August 2026

Important Dates

30 th August – 4 th September	UNISS Netball Tournament
7 th – 18 th September	CAA's Literacy/Numeracy
25 th September	Last day of Term 3



OTAHUHU COLLEGE

From Our Principal

Mālō e lelei

It was great to see so many families at the Parent Teacher interviews on Thursday.

Tongan language week was a huge event and thanks to all those involved in the preparation and performances. The support from families and the community for this week is truly something special. This week saw our Dance crew make the finals of Stand Up Stand Out. Our Table tennis team won the Auckland D grade championships. Mathex competed in the Auckland Finals, EPRO8 narrowly missed the Auckland Champions of Champions. On Saturday our Year 10 netball team are playing their final.

This term the key focus is on getting our students working a lot harder so that they are prepared for the curriculum and assessment changes over the next few years. It is great to see the large number of Year 10 students attending tutorials for their CAAs.

Thank you for all your support.

Mālō 'aupito

Our Commitments

Our focus for next week is being engaged in lessons. On the basic level it is making sure that every student takes individual responsibility to have their books and pens. To make sure that as soon as they get into class that they have their books out, bags on the floor, and they are ready to learn. 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

Did you know that chronically absent students, by the time they are 25 years old, earn an average of \$40,000 less per year than their peers who regularly attended school? Missing school doesn't just affect students' academic progress—it impacts their long-term career opportunities and financial stability.

At Otahuhu College, we take absenteeism seriously and intervene early to prevent long-term consequences. Students who miss 10-15 days in a term are referred to Attendance Services, while those with 15 or more days absent are



reported to Oranga Tamariki. These measures ensure that students and their families get the support they need to prioritize attendance. Let's work together to secure brighter futures for our students.

Ko e fānau 'oku nau nofo mei he akó, ko e ki'i pa'anga si'isi'i pē 'oku nau ma'ú, \$40,000 'o a'u ki he'enau ta'u 25. Koia ai, ma'u ako 'i he 'aho kotoa pē ke ma'u ha kaha'u 'oku lelei.

Ua fa'amaonia i su'esu'ega o tamaiti e le to'a'aga i le a'oga e maua se tupe itiiti e \$40,000 i le tausaga i le taimi e 25 ai tausaga le matua. E fa'aluaaina ma fa'atoluina lea seleni pe'a to'aga i le a'oga i le taimi e aulia ai le 25 tausaga. To'aga i le aoga i aso uma mo se lumana'i manuia.

Senior School (Year 11-13)

Thanks to the New Zealand Board of Geography Teachers, our students were given the opportunity to attend two lectures at the University of Auckland's School of Environment.

These sessions saw guest lecturers talk about the sustainability of food production, cultivated (lab grown) meat and the ethics around this, disaster response and displacement of people within and across borders, and responses to climate change induced disasters.

This provided an invaluable experience for our Geography Scholarship team to experience learning in a context outside of the classroom and explore parts of university life.



STEM

This term, our junior and senior teams proudly represented our school in the EPro8 Challenge Auckland Heats competitions.

Our junior team, The Stallionz, competed on Thursday 23 July. Made up of Pennie, Tala, Samarah, and Zsabrina, the team worked hard throughout the challenge and demonstrated excellent teamwork and problem-solving skills. One of their tasks involved building a scissor lift. Despite strong competition, they achieved an impressive 5th place finish. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to building on their skills for next year's competition.

Our senior team, Psych 3.0, consisting of Colenso, Rahil, Brian, and Kreesh, competed in the qualifying round on Wednesday 5 August. The team successfully completed a challenging Mario Kart build, showcasing their creativity, engineering skills, and teamwork. Their hard work earned them 4th place, securing their place in the semi-finals.

Psych 3.0 then competed in the semi-finals on Tuesday 18 August, where they took on a lighthouse build challenge and achieved a commendable 5th place finish. Although they did not progress to the finals, they should be extremely proud of their efforts. Throughout both rounds, the team demonstrated resilience, and strong problem-solving skills while representing our school exceptionally well. Congratulations to both teams on their achievements and for embracing the challenges of the EPro8 competition with such enthusiasm and determination.



Health and Wellness Centre

As part of our yr 9 health checks, we're able to screen students who have altered vision. Thanks to funding and support from UoA optometry team, our students receive a full vision test and can choose their own frames for prescription glasses at no cost to families. We are grateful for this service and the year 9's on the follow up list have been engaging well.



Donate today in support of daffodil day:
<https://www.daffodilday.org.nz/otahuhu-college-youth-health-council>

Sports News

A huge congratulations to our very own Year 12 student **Jeremiahnevah Tuimalatu** Who has been selected to represent Samoa as members of the **National team in the upcoming ICC U19 Mens World Cup East Asia Pacific Quilifier.**

This prestigious regional tournament offers a remarkable opportunity for Jeremiahnevah to showcase his cricketing talent on an international stage and compete against some of the finest teams in the region.



Enrolments 2027

Enrolments for 2027 are now open. Please pick up an enrolment form from our school office or fill out a form online on our School Website.

Click the link below for the Enrolment Form

<https://otahuhucollege.school.kiwi/enrolment>

Enrolment requirements:

- Birth Certificate / Passport
- Visa / Proof of Residency
- Proof of Address
- School Report
- Current Phone Number

For any further assistance please email: enrolment@otahuhucollege.school.nz

Music

Well done to our Stand up Stand out entries this year. We entered into the Dance category with our dance crew 'Members only', Solo vocal category with entries from Almond Thongtha, Joel Taime and Halatau Teputepu - accompanied by Ikapoti Taalo. Our instrumental category featured Joel Taime on Guitar and Halatau Teputepu on Drums. All of our entries brought the energy, good vibes and high levels of musicianship and choreography. We are proud to announce that 'Members only' have made it through to the FINALS of SUSO and Joel Taime, the defending 2025 winner has made it through to semi-finals for the Original Composition category.

SEMI-FINALS

Saturday 5 September
9.30 - 3.30pm
Auckland Town Hall
Free entry

FINALS

Saturday 26 September
3.00pm - 7.30pm
Auckland Town Hall
Free entry



