



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

Important Dates

25 th September	Last day of Term 3
5 th October	Office Re-opens



From Our Principal

This week has seen our senior students sitting their Derived Grade Examinations. From these exams, both students and staff will know the areas to work on to perform at the highest level come November. Doing well in the November exams is vital for several reasons: for some students they will need to pass to gain their desired qualification, for Year 12 students they need to pass to gain UE Literacy. Overall, as a College and a Community, the November exams is the opportunity for every student to show how good we are compared to the rest of New Zealand.

Certificates will be awarded in House assemblies early in the new term for all students who have regular attendance (90% or better), for these students if they do not have a blue Otago College tie, they can collect one from the Bookroom free of charge, by showing their certificate. Year 11 and 12 students if they have exemplary attendance by the 31st of October will have earned a complimentary College Blazer.

A reminder that for Year 11 students, when they are choosing their subject options, they are doing so for both Year 12 and Year 13.

Thank you once again for all your efforts supporting your child's education.

Our Commitments

For our students to be engaged in their own education, they must be encouraged to read, ask questions, actively engage in discussions, write and learn to think critically about challenging material. Every mistake our students make, every question they ask, and every time they successfully struggle with a concept, their brain grows a little bit stronger and smarter.

Each week our students receive an engagement grade based on a 1 to 5 scale. To get a 5, students need to attempt all classwork and homework, and consistently strive to produce work at or above the level expected from this pupil as indicated by past academic results. You can help by encouraging your child to do homework work, and independent study. Encourage your child to always participate in class discussions, by volunteering to ask and answer questions.



Attendance

Every absence matters, and providing a note explaining why your child missed school is an important step in supporting their learning. Whether the absence is due to illness, family commitments, or unforeseen circumstances, informing the school ensures transparency and allows us to address any underlying barriers.

At Otahuhu College, our whānau teachers and attendance staff are here to assist families. Let's keep the lines of communication open to promote consistent attendance.

Fiema'u ke fakamatala'i ke mahino 'a e 'uhinga na'e nofo ai ho'o tamá 'i he akó.
Faafeso'ota'i le aoga e faailoa le mafua'aga ua le alu ai i le aoga.

Sports News

Otago College Year 11 student Dante Ikitoelagi was selected to represent the New Zealand Ironblacks under16 Juniors, for the festival of Football (American football) against Australia which was held in Tamaki Makaurau at Trust Stadium on 11th July this year.

Junior Boys Volleyball

This term the Junior Boys Volleyball team has been busy training and preparing for their upcoming season in Term 4. The team currently train three times per week, with sessions focused on developing technical skills, understanding systems and team play.

Term 3 & Term 4 training times

Monday: 3.00pm–4.30pm

Wednesday: 3.00pm–4.30pm

Saturday: 10.00am–12.00pm

Term 3 Holiday training times

Tuesday: 10am-12pm

Thursday: 10am-12pm

Saturday: 10am-12pm

Alongside their work on court, the boys have been taking part in weekly 'Psychology of Sport' sessions. Three of the key areas they are exploring are:

- **Reframing “failure”** — learning to view mistakes and setbacks on the court as learning opportunities.
- **Self-talk** — understanding how internal dialogue can influence confidence, focus and performance.
- **Performing consistently under pressure** — developing strategies to stay composed and focused when the pressure is on.

These sessions are another part of the boys' preparation, recognising that developing as a great athlete involves pairing the right mindset with physical and technical ability.



A big thank you to our families for your support so far, our players for the commitment they continue to show at training, and our student coaches Lockington Maota, Ikapoti Taalo and Aiden Tahere-Senio, for the time and dedication given to the boys' volleyball programme. We look forward to the junior season ahead and seeing all the preparation put into practice on court.

Malo aupito
Kia Tamatane
Ms S 'Ofanoa
Boys Volleyball Coach

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



Study News

Holiday Tutorials :

Date	Time	Location	Tutor	Subject	Year Level
28 - 29 Sep	9am - 3pm	M8	Mr Martin and Ms Duynhoven	English FAO	Yr 12 and 13
29-Sep	10am -12pm	L4	Mr Andrews	Biology	Yr13
6-Oct	10am - 12pm	L4	Mr Andrews	Biology	Yr 13
8-Oct	10am -12pm	L4	Mr Andrews	Biology	Yr13
29-Sep	9.30am -12.30pm	L3	Ms Leslie	Biology	Yr 13
30-Sep	9.30am-12.30pm	L3	Ms Leslie	Biology	Yr 12 and 13
28 Sep – 1 Oct	10am - 3pm	Library	Ms Reuelu	Learners Licence	16 and over
6-Oct	8am - 4pm	Library	Ms Reuelu	Learner Licence	16 and over
9-Oct	10am - 12.30pm	Otahuhu Town Hall	Ms Reuelu	Pacific Cadetship Programme	Open
6-8 Oct	10am - 1pm	T12	Ms Toleafoa	Health / PE	Yr 12 Health Yr13 PE
5 - 7 Oct	12pm - 4pm	A12	Ms Avci	Calculus	Yr 13
30 Sep - 2 Oct	12pm - 4pm	A12	Mr Hart	Scholarship	Yr 13
5-6 Oct	12pm -4pm	A12	Mr Hart	Scholarship	Yr 13

Community News

SUMMER NETBALL

Starts 14 October - 3 December 2026



Get a group of friends, your school or work mates together and join our fun summer netball. Register as a team, or an individual player.

Seniors: (Snr- Ladies & Open, College- Girls & Open)
\$435 per team, or
\$85 for individual entries

Juniors: (Year 1-8)
\$375 per team, or
\$65 for individual entries

Walking Netball: (Ladies & Open)
\$435 per team, or
\$85 for individual entries

Venues:
St Johns - Thursday nights, starts 15 Oct or
Mt Eden - Wednesday nights, starts 14 Oct

Runs for 8 weeks

Entries close October 8th

Register online:

Scan the QR code or fully completed directly to Auckland Netball's official website
<https://aucklandnetball.co.nz>
Search for teams - Auckland Netball will cover
all netball netball information on payments via
whatfud.co.nz



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