



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026

Important Dates

25 th September	Last day of Term 3
5 th October	Office Re-opens
12 th October	First Day of Term 4



From Our Principal

The OC KC exchange made a welcome return this week. Our Year 12 students ably assisted by our prefects got to experience a bit of Kings College, and their students experience Otahuhu College. It was a great day, and an experience that will hopefully lead to lifelong connections for some students. Most importantly it was an opportunity for young people from different communities to come together and celebrate what makes our country so special.

Year 11 students have also been busy this week working on gaining their literacy and numeracy qualifications for their Foundation Certificate.

These next two weeks are an important time and there are a lot of workshops and tutorials on at the school and all senior students need to attend. Most importantly students need to be taking responsibility for their own study during this time. For each subject with external exams we would recommend a minimum of thirty minutes study Monday to Friday over the September holidays.

Thank you for your support over this term. Have a safe and enjoyable two week break.

Sport and Extra-Curricular Participation

We do want to increase the number of students participating in extra-curricular activities. It is vital that students taking part are also completing their academic studies. The following is our attendance policy regarding extra-curricular participation:

Students who are less than 80% attendance will not be able to participate in extra curricular activities:

- Only when students have maintained regular attendance (90%) for the four weeks preceding the finalisation of the team/activity group may the principal consider a dispensation.
- For students granted a dispensation they must maintain regular attendance to continue to participate.
- If a student who was granted a dispensation, attendance improves to over 80% then they can participate.

It is important that all families are aware of this and work with their children so that they do not miss out.

<u>Extracurricular Activities Running in Term 426</u>			
Activity	When	Where	Teacher in Charge
Scholarship English	Tuesdays 3pm a– 4pm	A1	Mr. Hart
Art Club	Thursdays 3:00–4:00pm	M27	Ms. Allan
Crochet Club	Tuesday & Thursday 3:00–4:00pm	A16	Ms. Thomason
Philosophy Club	Thursday 3pm–4.15pm	A1	Mr. Hart
Robotics	Tuesday and Thursday 3:05–4:00pm	M10	Mr. Morales
Duke of Edinburgh	Thursdays 8am	M17	Ms. Bulteel
French Club Beginners	Thursdays Break 2	A1	Mr. Hart
French Club Experts	Friday 3pm – 4.30pm	A1	Mr. Hart



Sports on offer in Term 4

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Training Times</u>	<u>Teacher in Charge</u>
Junior Boys Volleyball	Boys Training: Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays 3pm-4.30pm	Ms. S Ofanoa
Junior Girls Volleyball	Girls Training: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 3pm-4.30pm	Mr. L Tamati
Junior Boys Basketball 3v3	Boys Training and Girls Training: Wednesdays 3pm – 4.30pm	Mr. J Parsons
Junior Girls Basketball 3v3		Ms. P Robati
Senior Girls 7s	Girls Training: Mondays and Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm	Ms. M Feterika
Senior Boys 7s	Holiday Training – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Pavilion: 9am – 1pm 7s Pre-Season Tournament - Friday 9 th October at Papatoetoe Rugby Club Boys Training Term Time: Monday and Wednesday: 3:15pm – 4:30pm	Mr. R Brown
Junior Boys 7s	Holiday Training – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Pavilion: 9am - 1pm Boys Training Term Time: Monday and Wednesdays 3:15pm-4:30pm	Mr. R Brown
Junior Boys and Girls Tag	Boys and Girls training Friday 3pm-4.30pm	Ms D Pulusi Ms M Feterika Ms M Toleafoa
Senior Boys Football	Tuesdays - 5.30pm	Mr. S Roberts
Waka Ama	Mondays & Wednesdays - After school	Mr. M McAllister



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

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REMINDER:

ALL STUDENTS 9-11 REQUIRE A CALCULATOR
AS PART OF THEIR EQUIPMENT.

Senior School (Year 11-13)

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Qualifying Trip

From Sunday to Tuesday, four intrepid y13 girls undertook an intense tramp through the Waitakeres as the finale of their Duke of Edinburgh (Duke of Ed) programme. Tu'uaki Wolfgramm, Victoria Heffernan, Morina Kaikura and Savannah Ofahengaue tramped 30 kilometres over 3 days, carrying all of their food and water, as well as tents and sleeping bags.

While designed to be challenging, it was also a great experience. We camped in a valley with no road access, where nature was the only sound; hiked along black sand beaches; and saw Piha's famous Lion Rock.

The girls were able to overcome challenges ranging from blisters to heavy packs to steep climbs. They looked out for each other and found new reserves of strength in themselves. The Duke of Ed programme is designed to build resilience and demonstrate students' strengths and skills for universities and employers, and these girls have shown they are capable of whatever they put their mind too. As the teachers on the trip, we're very proud of them!

-Ms Bulteel and Mr Shaun



Health and Wellness Centre

This is one of about 25 students that were excited to try their new glasses. Their comments of "Wow, I can actually see faces instead of blur!" was priceless. Thanks again to University of Auckland, Optometry department and students for making this possible for our Otago College students



Sports News



(Pictured –Junior A Team with Silver Fern Commonwealth Gold Medallist Catherine Hall)

Junior A Netball – Auckland Netball Year 10B Grade Section 1 Champions

Congratulations to our Junior A Netball Team on an outstanding season, finishing as Year 10B Grade Section 1 Champions at the Auckland Secondary Schools Netball Competition.

The team was proudly co-captained by students Ilaisaane Tausala (year10) and Kalita Saua (year 9), who led the team with commitment, resilience and determination throughout the season.

With a team consisting of seven Year 9 students and three Year 10 students, the girls played exceptionally and remaining undefeated throughout the season with just one draw. Their success and individual development were recognised through the selection of more than half of the team into the Premier Team, a fantastic achievement for our Junior A players.

Their championship season provides a strong foundation as they look ahead to 2027, where they will step up into the Year 10A Grade.

We are incredibly proud of the girls and look forward to seeing them continue to work hard, challenge themselves and finish even stronger in 2027.

Director of Netball - Ms Pulusi



Careers

STUDYLINK HOLIDAY WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS

A Study Link Holiday Workshop will be held for Year 13 students who need support with their StudyLink application.

 Date: Wednesday, 7 October 2026

 Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

 Location: ICT Suite (Library)

Important:

- Please bring your own device if you have one.
- You will need your RealMe ID to attend and participate in the workshop.
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Please make sure you have your RealMe ID ready before coming to the workshop.

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 follow the instructions on the Auckland Netball website to register online. Auckland Netball will cover all netball costs. Auckland Netball will cover all netball costs. Auckland Netball will cover all netball costs.



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