ŌTĀHUHU COLLEGE



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Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2026

Important Dates

18th – 20th November	**Level 1 Literacy FAO**
20th November	**Last Day for Years 12 and 13**
28th November	**Year 13 Graduation**

From Our Principal

Despite the technical difficulties faced last week, the external as well as the Year 9 and 10 exams are going well.

On Monday 23 November, our 2027 Year 9 students will be sitting their entrance exams, and getting their orientation of the College. It is good to see so many families have already pre-enrolled their children.

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.

Attendance

Punctuality matters. When students arrive at school by 8:35 a.m., they have time to prepare mentally and emotionally for the day ahead. Regular lateness disrupts learning and can make students feel out of place. At Otahuhu College, we encourage students to make punctuality a habit that will serve them throughout their lives.
Parents, you can support this by creating morning routines and teaching your child the value of timeliness. Let's ensure that all students are set up for success by starting each day on time.

'Oku mahu'inga ke kamata ma'u pē e akó 'aki ha 'aho 'oku fo'ou. Fiema'u ke ke 'i ai 'i he 8:35 pongipongí.
Aua le tuai i le aoga i le taeao. O le taimi 8:35 e amata ai galuega a le fanau.

Sports News

Otahuhu College was given the opportunity to referee netball at the CM Games at Bruce Pulman Arena for the Year 5–8 age groups.

This was a great opportunity for our students to develop their officiating skills, build confidence, demonstrate leadership, and gain valuable experience while supporting young netball players. A fantastic experience and an opportunity to represent Otahuhu College with pride!



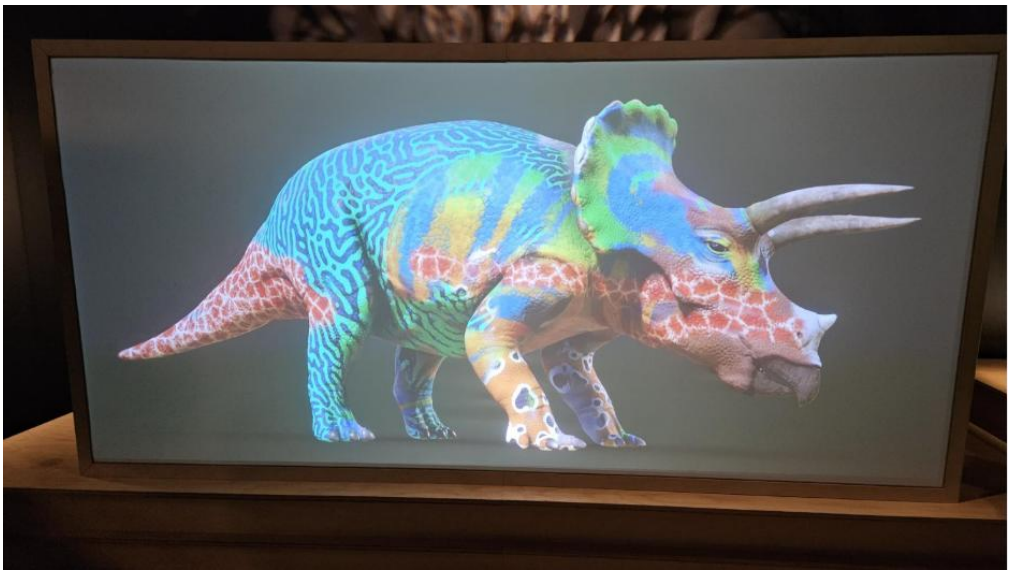
Stem

A group of Year 11 Science students spent Wednesday 11 November attending a special trip to celebrate the conclusion of the Auckland Bioengineering Institute (ABI) Outreach Programme. Over the past two years, the programme has provided students with valuable opportunities to explore bioengineering concepts, participate in hands-on engineering activities, and learn more about university pathways and future careers in STEM.

As a fitting finale to their journey, students enjoyed a day of fun and celebration, including a visit to the Auckland Museum. The trip recognised their commitment, enthusiasm, and achievements throughout the programme, while providing an opportunity to reflect on all they had learned and experienced along the way.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Recep and the ABI Outreach Team for their ongoing support, guidance, and dedication to providing our students with such an enriching and inspiring experience. Their efforts have played an important role in fostering students' interest in science, engineering, and future study opportunities.





Study News

Level 1 Literacy FAO – An Important Opportunity for Year 11 and 12 Students

A reminder that our compulsory Level 1 Literacy Further Assessment Opportunity (FAO) will take place next week for Year 11 and Year 12 students who have not yet achieved their 10 Level 1 Literacy credits.
The assessment provides students with an opportunity to achieve 5 Level 1 Literacy credits towards the 10 they need.

Assessment details:

- **Dates:** Wednesday 18 – Friday 20 November 2026
- **Time:** All day, Periods 1-5 (students who need extra time may need to stay until 4.00pm)
- **Venue:** Otahuhu College Library

Attendance on all three days is compulsory. Students involved have been given a hard-copy letter by their whanau teacher, and parents and caregivers have also been emailed the assessment details. A text message reminder will be sent home early next week.

Please check in with your child, make sure they know when and where they need to be, and support them to attend all three days and arrive on time, with a pen! **All students need 10 Level 1 Literacy credits to achieve their NCEA Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications, so this is an important opportunity to gain 5 Level 1 Literacy credits.**

If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Christensen, Academic Navigator – Senior School at mchristensen@otahuhucollege.school.nz

Enrolments 2027

A reminder that we are still accepting enrolments for 2027.
Please collect a form from our school office or click the link below to apply online.
https://otahuhucollege.school.kiwi/enrolment

Required documents:
Birth Certificate / Passport
Visa / Proof of residency
Proof of Address
Most recent School report
Current phone number

Please note the following important dates:

Monday, 23 November 2026 – Entrance Examination and Orientation Day
Tuesday, 2 February 2027 – First day of school for Year 9 students