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Blind Date

Dance and Drama students showcased their fabulous talent during the recent successful performance of "Blind Date" which was directed and produced by teacher Anna Groves. The show kicked off with 3 hilarious short plays created by the Year 10 drama class about dating tips. This lead on to the main play, "Blind Date", written by NZ playwright Sarah Delahunty, which was performed by the Year 11 drama class. The grand finale was the senior dance class, who danced up a storm while "teenager in love" played and balloons floated across the hall. The show was set in the 1950's and had the packed hall falling off their seats with laughter. The night was full of music, dance and fun - no one had the chance to get bored! Ms Groves said that it was the best show she'd ever seen at a College and was honoured and proud to teach such talented students.

Comments from the audience were

All Blacks Visit College

On Thursday August 7th, All Blacks Corey Jane, Dane Coles, TJ Perenara and Julian Savea visited Ōtaki College. The visit started with a Whakatau before the players answered questions asked by Ōtaki College students. This was followed with the All Black players signing autographs, taking photos and talking with students. Ōtaki College is grateful for the All Blacks sharing their time

Alpine Trip - ODE2

Following is an extract from an article by Nicholas Su, Year 12 Outdoor Education student:

"On Monday 28th July, the Ōtaki College ODE2 classes went on a joint trip to Mt Ruapehu. The first activity was a snow walk where we learnt the basics on self-arresting so if we ever fell or tripped downhill in the snow we could save and stop ourselves. Later on we went up to the flat location where we were going to build our snow caves



Our thanks to Simon Neale for his wonderful photos of our dress rehearsal. Simon can be contacted on 020 40212078. For more photos see our [website](#).

highly complimentary:-

"...this was the most professional performance I have ever seen at the College and such complicated script, staging, scene changes etc... all

handled with such skill that the show never stumbled and we were riveted the whole way through. Brilliant!!"

"It was a stunning show and a great pick me up at the end of the week. Congratulations to all cast and crew. There was a great depth of talent on stage and a group of

actors who I look forward to seeing in action again."

"It was an amazing show! The students were superb and all represented OC with pride."



and experiences as all students were excited and inspired by the visit.



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and we started piling up some snow to begin them. After lunch we went back out to finish off mounding and digging out the snow caves. We did this for a solid 3-4 hours, when it got darker we headed back to the huts and then the girls headed down for their stay.

The next day the girls came back and said it was amazing but very wet and cold. This got me a little panicky because I'm not really good with tight spaces. Once [the boys] were all in

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our snow caves it was actually pretty warm and well insulated. On our final activities day the boys had the morning off to have a rest after a hard night out in the snow. In the afternoon, after the girls came back from their activity, we got geared up to finish off the more advanced techniques of self-arresting and to practice the use of crampons. I found the self-arresting extremely scary because I'm not very confident of going down a snow hill head first backwards. Overall this Alpine Trip was the best trip I've been on so far at Ōtaki College. It was an amazing experience and I wouldn't have spent it with any other people."

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Praise from Outdoor Education Specialist

Liz Thevenard, renowned Outdoor and Physical Educator and Chair of EONZ, recently gave up her time to help on two College Outdoor Education trips.

Writing to the Principal Liz said: "I am writing to you to say how much I appreciated the opportunity to accompany two highly skilled, experienced professionals, Howard Manins and Daniel Riggs. The trips included the Year 13's trip in the Tararua's to Kime Hut and the Year 12's Alpine Trip to Mt Ruapehu. The Ōtaki School Pride and ethos was clearly visible throughout both trips and an emphasis was placed on

taking responsibility and caring for each other. The groups were diverse with many of the students having never experienced alpine conditions and snow. On both trips the students were positively engaged in their learning and loved their experiences. The weather conditions proved challenging with rain and wind, however the students were keen and prepared to give things a go. Both Daniel and Howard provided firm expectations, clear guidance and positive leadership. Their effort and energy provided the drive and direction to make the students experiences memorable."

Course Selection

All Year 10-12 students have been given course selection booklets. These show all the courses running in 2015 and students have been asked to confirm their courses with parents and return their forms to College by 5th September. If you have any questions regarding 2015 courses please phone or email Hamish Wood on hwd@otakicollege.school.nz

The Hon Nathan Guy recently invited Heads of School from Colleges in his electorate to join him for dinner at Parliament. Alyssa Kata and Hamish McMillan represented Ōtaki College.



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As we know that more and more of you like to read the Newsletter on-line there are now live links - to more photos, email addresses and websites. You may need to download the pdf for these links to work correctly.

Sports Results

CSW Road Running Championships

Four students attended this competition held in Upper Hutt. All students ran well.

Football - Ōtaki College vs Saint Bernards

On Wednesday 6th August our senior boys met Saint Bernard's for a friendly fixture. Saint Bernard's were too strong beating our team winning 8 -2.

The following week we met again. This time it was the turn of our year 7/8 team. Our team beat Saint Bernard's in an outstanding display of football talent 12 - 1. This annual exchange between our

colleges is a great addition to our sporting calendar with all participants enjoying the games and the chance to make new friends at the after match function.

Southern Tournament Boys Tackle Rugby - Y7/8

It was great to see Ōtaki College represented at this tournament. This new team played well. We have two keen coaches wanting to develop this team so if your Y7 / 8 son would be interested in joining this team, please contact me.

Senior Netball

Congratulations to the Senior Netball team who came 2nd in the Wellington Region Secondary Schools League, Division 2 competition.

From the Principal

Ōtaki College – A positive place full of talent

This college is full of students who just brim with talent!

Last week I was able to go and watch our Year 7&8 students play soccer against St Bernard's. I was so



impressed with how well drilled the team was, the high level of skill all the players exhibited and the way that they positively supported and communicated between one another. Clearly they understood that there was no "I" in team and just played brilliantly to win 12 - 1 over an opposition team that was no push-over despite what the score suggests. This can only come about by great coaching and I want to acknowledge the work and time that Joseph Te Wiata has put into this team. It also comes about because the players are prepared to listen, train and apply themselves! This team will be a force to be reckoned with as they continue to build on their successes.

Last Friday night I had the pleasure of coming along to watch the drama production "Blind Date". I was blown away by the talent exhibited by the students on stage and the show was just outstanding! There were also other students involved off stage with lighting and other support roles and they too showed great skill and commitment. Students can only have these opportunities through the support of committed staff so I want to thank Anna Groves for all her efforts to put this show on stage, Stephen Aitken for his technical off stage skills and all the other staff who got in behind this and helped out. These are just two recent examples of the college being filled with positive staff and students and we all know that when you are surrounded by positive people then positive things happen.

This leads me into the positive support that we are receiving from our Home and School team and the [XŌTAKI Alumni Whanau Trust](#). The H&S Quiz Night was a fantastic community event and I do not know of anyone that attended this event that did not have a great night out! Our Alumni group is seeing a growing response to people joining and the new scholarships coming from this can only

continue to help our students as they move on to future study and careers. A big thanks to both these groups of parents and past students for all your work and effort.

Past successful students

Sometimes when you speak to students they have a tendency to doubt their ability to be successful because they come from a small town or a small college. We continually tell them that this is not the case! Success comes in many shapes and forms. To help us illustrate that we would love to hear from you about past students that you think would be useful to profile to show our students that anything is possible if you work hard enough for it so you can live your dream.



A recent visitor to College was past pupil, Scott Wylie, now an Executive with Microsoft USA

We are a PB4L School so what is Positive Behaviour 4Learning (PB4L) School-Wide?

PB4L SW began in New Zealand in 2010. Ōtaki College took the opportunity to be part of this initial roll-out of this initiative. SW has three tiers. During Tier 1 schools put in place a core set of behaviour support systems and practices designed to be used consistently by all to encourage positive behaviour (see below). Each school forms a team to implement SW in a way that is collaborative, data-driven, and problem-solving.

The core features of PB4L School-Wide Tier 1 are:

1. The school principal provides support and promotes participation and ownership. The principal works to get at least 80% buy-in from staff before joining SW. A representative team which includes a school coach and team leader, and parent and community members, is formed to lead consultation, decision making, and implementation.
2. A common purpose and approach to

discipline is developed in collaboration with the school community.

3. A set of three to five whole-school positive behaviour expectations, and a matrix which defines what these behaviours look like in different settings, are collaboratively developed and agreed on with staff, students, parents, and whānau.
4. Behaviour expectations are actively taught and staff and students promote these behaviours to their peers.
5. Positive behaviour is reinforced by systems such as positive teacher attention, praise, and rewards.
6. Consistent consequences are developed to discourage unwanted behaviour. Behaviour incidents are classified as minor (addressed by all staff) and major (addressed by senior staff). Behaviour incidents are addressed consistently and fairly and documented through an Office

Discipline Referral (ODR) process. Ōtaki College uses restorative practices to maintain accountability and repair relationships where this is required.

7. Schools develop data-based decision-making systems to enable staff to identify and address problem behaviour and contexts. Data are shared with the school community and used to evaluate the effectiveness of SW.

Ōtaki College has successfully embedded Tier 1 and is now commencing Tier 2 training which focuses on working with students that have a higher level of needs around behaviour and engagement in learning. The main outcome of this programme is a healthy school culture that builds strong relationships and a positive climate for engagement in learning.

Notices

On the Sporting Calendar: Upcoming Events in Term 3

Week 6

Thursday 28th August to Sunday 29th August, New Zealand Pool Championships, Westwave Auckland

Good luck to our two students heading off to this event - the largest pool competition in NZ.

Week 7

Monday 1st to Friday 5th September, Netball, Winter Tournament Week

Good luck to our Senior A Team

Week 8

Thursday 11th September, pp date Thursday 18th September - Y7/8 Winter Tournament, Rippa, Netball, Rugby U65kg, Football

13th-14th September, Netball:

Blue team are playing in the Junior Netball Festival in Taupo, Yr9/10 Team are heading to Wanganui and Senior B team are playing in Rotorua

Week 10

Monday 22nd September, Solway Dressage Event, Masterton

Wednesday 24th September - date tbc, Y9/10 Football Fixture

Triathlon

Any students interested in being part of a college tri-athlon team with the goal of representing the college at Secondary School Championship in March 2015 please see Kirsty. We are hoping to enter teams and individual athletes.

Sports Photos will be taken on Friday 19th September

If you think your child could be interested in entering any of these events or would like further information please contact Kirsty 364 8204 x 734 or email: kdl@otakicollege.school.nz

Community Health Clinic

There will be an eczema/asthma clinic at Ōtaki Primary School Dental Nurse Clinic on Wednesday September 3 from 1pm-3pm. The clinic is available for children from 2-16 years. The clinic is run by Paediatric nurse specialists from Palmerston North Hospital. If you would like a referral to this clinic please contact Olive McKay, Public Health nurse on 027 243 1929,

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Ōtaki Museum's new exhibition Ōtaki Remembers World War 1 is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.

The exhibition commemorates World War 1 with displays telling how men and women from Ōtaki, Wai-kanae and Manakau served our country, and how the people who stayed at home supported the war effort. The exhibition runs until the end of April 2015, with new displays due to be added later this year and early next.

Ōtaki Museum, 49 Main Street, Ōtaki. Entry is free.

We welcome visits from school groups. Please phone the museum 364 6886 or email otakimuseum@paradise.net.nz to arrange your visit.

Board Policies

The Governance, Board - Principal Relationship and Policy Making policies are currently under review. If you would like to view the policies and comment please go to the website and then email vwt@otakicollege.school.nz.

Kids Cross Country for Year 1-8 Children Sunday 31 August (Tawa) & 14 September (Mt. Victoria) Enter by 24 August to get your personalised race bib Cost - \$7 per person per event Enter online at www.athleticshub.co.nz

Paraparaumu PopUp



Free 5km Timed Run

10 am 7 September 2014,
Kapiti Coast District Council Building,
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Ōtaki Athletics Club - AGM

Date: Wednesday, 10 September 2014

Venue: 177 Waitohu Valley Rd, Ōtaki

Time: 7.15pm for 7.30pm start

New committee members are sought - please show your support for your child/children's club by attending. Further info - barbara@franksassociates.co.nz or Phn. 364 7711