

## Te Kāreti o Ōtaki

Tawhiti rawa tou haerenga ake te kore haere tonu  
Nui rawa ou mahi te kore mahi nui tonu  
We have come too far not to go further  
We have done too much not to do more

## News and Events

### Chromebook Update

Following a successful introduction of four Digital Classrooms to Ōtaki College in 2014, the Board of Trustees has supported giving access to Digital Learning for all Year 7 to 10 students in 2015. Using Chromebooks and other learning tools in a supportive e-Learning classroom will enable students to develop their ability to; self-manage, participate and contribute, think, collaborate, articulate ideas, and use text and images to learn and to share their new learning with a wider audience.

### Chromebook Offer to 2015 Year 11-13 students

Teachers of Senior classes, Years 11 to 13, where access to these digital devices would be useful have indicated their support for students to have access to Chromebooks in their

classes. Our plan is to have 1 device per student supported digital learning for all year levels by, at latest, 2018.

If students wish to purchase them for their senior years it will be with the following in mind:

- subject teachers will not necessarily be providing content/learning targeted to Chromebook use
- Chromebooks will be able to be used by students in the classroom when and where appropriate
- their log on to the College network will be through their Ōtaki College email only
- they will need to meet the Kawa of Care
- depending on their year level, hire purchase will be set to this time period.

### 2015 Year 12 and 13 students

During our transition time to full Chromebook classes, if your Year 12 or 13 student in 2015 has a computer already that they can bring along this will be supported with a log on to the network.

### How and when can I get a Chromebook for my child?

To be in a digital classroom, where there is one computer to each student, each student will be required to lease or purchase a Google Chromebook through the Te Reanga Ipurangi Education Trust.

An opportunity to sign up for Chromebook purchase will be given in Term 4 2014 so that we have the Chromebooks ready for 2015.

**Marion Lumley**  
*Deputy Principal*

### Maths on the Marae

On 10th September, 16 students, Mr Fraser and Mr Georgetti travelled down to Whakarongotai Marae in Waikanae where they joined students and teachers from Paraparaumu College for an exciting day of maths.

The purpose of the day was to help year 11 students with their algebra skills, as a build up to the Year 11 Algebra exam.

Throughout the day students worked together, in small groups, to solve different problems. Help was available from the three maths teachers present. Students were chosen at random to provide answers and explanations to the rest of the room, which sometimes took some encouragement.

A pizza lunch provided a much needed break from the intense concentration - with Mr Wood timing his arrival nicely to finish off the last of the pizza.



The students all contributed very well, got involved in all the exercises, and showed great motivation, right to the end of the day. It was wonderful to see how well students, from both schools, mixed and how they respected and included each other in group activities.

Students had lots of positive feedback for the day, saying they enjoyed it,

and not just for the pizza lunch. Some quotes from students were;

“Today was cool. I had heaps of fun and learnt lots”.

“Today was very fun! I thought that learning in this environment was good. Some questions were a tad difficult but I really liked this and would like to do it again next year”.

“I think today was worth my time. It was fun, really different to what I have learnt and have learnt dif-

ferent ways to solve equations, which is good. Thank you.”.

Thanks to the marae committee for the use of Whakarongotai Marae and welcoming us onto such a wonderful and peaceful venue and to all the students and staff, from both Colleges, that made the day the success it was.

**Chris Georgetti**  
*Curriculum Leader Mathematics*

### Subscribe to OC News

Our website now has a newsfeed page. If we have your current email address you have been automatically subscribed and will start receiving an email each Friday listing our latest news items, Newsletter and

messages. If you are not receiving the emails, please [subscribe manually](#) - go to [www.Ōtakicollege.school.nz](http://www.Ōtakicollege.school.nz) and click the “subscribe” button near the bottom of the homepage.

**Congratulations to Ines Depner, our new Student Representative on the Board of Trustees.**

# News & Events

## Year 13 Outdoor Education Alpine Trip



Nine International and two Kiwi students embarked on an overnight mission to camp out in the snow on Mt Ruapehu. With 20kg packs, including hardware (ice axe, crampons, shovel, tents, cookers) on their backs the group climbed for 3 hours to find a flat camping area in a small valley below a waterfall on the southern slopes of Mt Ruapehu.

Tents were pitched while three students spent two hours digging snow caves for themselves. As the sun disappeared over the horizon and the sub-zero cold of evening came in dinners were cooked and the comfort of sleeping bags sought.

The moon was full and the sky full of stars but this was not really appreciated as the students hunkered down with their thermal clothing, polar fleece liners and sleeping bags synched up tight to reveal only a mouth or one eye. Although they all felt the chill they all admitted to a reasonable night but still welcomed the first rays of sun and another stunning day on the mountain. After a warm breakfast and hot drink the group descended back to the car park via a different route and enjoyed being able to once again sit down on something that wasn't cold. Showers at home then became top of the wish list.

During the trip students learnt to walk in different snow conditions from soft deep snow to firm steep snow using crampons. In case of a slip self arresting with an ice axe was practised. An awareness of avalanche conditions was reinforced by using transceivers to search for one hidden in the snow. The big lesson of the trip was self management in an alpine environment for a period over 24 hours, without the backup of a lodge or van nearby. Mission accomplished!!

**Howard Manins**

*Outdoor Education Instructor*

## 2014 Prizegivings

Whanau are warmly invited to celebrate the achievements of OC students in 2014.

Sports Prizegiving:  
7.00pm Thur 30 October

Senior Prizegiving  
7.00pm Thur 6 November

Year 9&10  
Thur 4 December

Year 7&8  
Friday 5 December

## Netball Success

A culmination of a four year process and sheer determination saw Ōtaki College Senior 1 Netball go through as unbeaten winners of the 2014 Lower North Island Netball B Grade Tournament. The tournament was the pinnacle of our netball season. The Senior A Netball team travelled through to Hawkes Bay staying at the Sylvan Lodge on the 31 August, we had a great trip full of fun and laughter and positive vibes.

Looking back, our first experience at this tournament 4 years ago saw us come 23rd out of 26th. We were ecstatic, at least we were able to give ourselves some goals to work towards. Moving forward, next year, our Senior 1 team will play in the A Grade at this tournament against some pretty big schools. That's a challenge that our team are more than ready for! Our season has also finished as winners of the Collegiate grade for

## Visit by Fijian Secondary Schools Rugby Team

On 24th September the College welcomed the Fijian Secondary Schools Rugby Team. After the powhiri the team trained at the College grounds to get ready for their encounter with the Australian Secondary Schools which will take place at the Levin Domain on 26th September. This was a fantastic experience with the Fijian team keen to share their culture and wonderful singing.

## Board Policies

The Planning and Review policy is currently under review. If you would like to view the policy and comment please go to the website and then email [vwt@otakicollege.school.nz](mailto:vwt@otakicollege.school.nz).

[View Calendar](#)

For Full Listing of Upcoming Events

## Netball Raffle Winners:

1st - Ticket 98

2nd - Ticket 74

3rd - Ticket 75



Horowhenua Netball and second in the Wellington Regional Secondary Schools Division 2. What a season! A huge thankyou to all our supporters/family/friends who helped with fund raising and to those who came up and either stayed with us or came up for day trips. Your support is always valued! Also, Ōtaki Home & School for funding, Kim Cook for your amazingly successful application to Pub Charities and to parents for all your ongoing support of Senior 1 Netball!

**Monica Fraser**

*Senior 1 Netball Coach*



# From the Principal

## Continued Student Sporting Successes

The College has continued to show that despite its size it can match it with much larger colleges and come out on top! This is credit to the talent and determination of our students as well as the time and effort that our parent volunteers and staff put into the coaching and managing of these teams.

### Senior A Netball

Sincere congratulations to the Senior A Netball team who have ended the season as winners of the Collegiate grade in Horowhenua Netball, 2nd in the Div. B Wellington College Netball (promoted to Div. A) and most recently, winners of the Lower North Secondary Netball Tournament (promoted to Div. A). Congratulations to all the players in this team – you have all had an exceptional season. Congratulations also to Karapapa Hika and Alana Fraser for selection in the Lower North Div. B Tournament team.

## Property Projects Underway

Te Whare hui – Can you Help?

The plans to extend Te Whare hui have been submitted to Kapiti Coast District Council. Lotteries Commission have supported this project but it will require support from parents and community to complete the labour side of the project. Upon completion the extension will provide an office, storage areas for resources, a toilet, shower and kitchenette. This will enable us to establish an after school homework centre and place for other groups to meet.

The College wishes to extend its thanks and gratitude to Rob Kofoed

## XŌtaki whanau alumni

The College looks forward to the ongoing support of parents and the community as we continue to move forward and build on our educational,

Other notable successes are as follows;

### Football

Congratulations to our senior Girls Football Team who were runners up Northern Div 2. A huge thank you to Ashleigh Stevenson who managed this team.

### Rippa

On Wednesday 20th August our rippa girls attended the Kapiti School Girls Rippa day. They played well and all enjoyed the outing.

### Surf Lifesaving

Two of our students attended New Zealand Pool Championships in Auckland. Damien Doyle and Daisy Davis won bronze medals in the medley relay event.

### Duathlon

Mitchell Rutter attended the New Zealand Duathlon Championships in Taupo, winning a silver medal in the

who has completed all the planning work free of charge and to Murray Ropata, Hadley & Kyllie Gardner for their input and support for this project. If you are willing to give up some time and expertise to help on building and fitting out this extension please ring Viv White, Principal's Secretary, to pass on your details. Many thanks in anticipation.

## New Car Park Construction Commencing

Please be aware that the new car parking area will commence construction over the coming school holiday

sporting and cultural successes.

A reminder if you are an ex student, ex staff member or have a relationship with the college to go on line and join

U19 age group.

### Winter Tournament

On 11th September 40 of our year 7 and 8 students competed in Netball, Rippa and Football. All teams played well, with the Boys Football coming 3rd.

### Netball

McDonald's Springtime Netball Tournament - our year 7/8 Team and Y9/10 teams won this event.

During the weekend of 13/14 September 3 of our netball teams travelled away to tournaments. Our Y7/8 team went to Taupo, Y9 team to Wanganui and our Senior 2 team went to Rotorua. All 3 teams came 2nd in their tournaments.

### Basketball

Kahurangi Sturmey and Hinemoa Rudolph won Gold medals at Senior Basketball Div 2, playing in the WRM team.

break and will continue for at least two weeks into Term 4. This is an important phase in returning the internal college area to a pedestrian zone for students.

It would be hugely appreciated if private vehicles are only driven into the college in emergencies. This car park will be used predominantly by staff but can be used by visitors. There is now a visitor's car park area available at the top of the drive in behind the Ministry of Education building and we would urge parents to use this.

the XŌtaki whanau alumni group and help support your community college - <http://xotaki.org.nz/>.

## Culture Week 22-26 September 2014.



The student led PB4L and Cultural Committee headed by Bailey Strawbridge, Alyssa Kata and Alice Yung have successfully run a week of cultural activities to celebrate the different cultures within the college.

These activities have included: Sumo wrestling, an Indian and Chinese day - with free Indian and Asian food, performances from the Japanese Taiko Drum Team from IPC in Palmerston North and the Taitoko School Polyne-

sian Dance Group. Also a Kiwi Sausage sizzle and visit from Mr. Whippy, followed by a Mufti Day - where students and staff were encouraged to dress up in a culture they either identified with or were interested in. The prize for the best dressed student was a \$300 Fujifilm Camera. There were also spot prizes given out. A good week was had by all, it was a great way to end the term.

**NZ Business Week - Palmerston North: 6-11 July**

Neha Singh, Hayden Rings and Alice Yung participated in this event this year. Neha and Alice were kindly sponsored by the Rotary club of Ōtaki and Hayden by the Ōtaki College Home and School Association. Here are some thoughts from the week from the three of them:

“New Zealand Business Week was a very intense week of personal development, team building activities, and learning real business skills for the real world.

During the week each team was given two clothing businesses to run through a computer simulation. In the computer simulation we were given a scenario or situation and we had to make a company decision on that. Those decisions were to be handed in at the end of each company meet-

ing and our company's stock prices and retained earning were decided depending on whether or not we did a good job in making those decisions.”

**Neha Singh**

“One of my favourite team activities and also something that I feel has had an influence on my future career choice is the day we visited Toyota. We got to listen to a lady named Susanne Hardy about her job as an assistant Manager Interactive Marketing and Communications at Toyota NZ. I learnt how so many aspects of your business rely on successful marketing. It covers advertising, public relations, promotions and sales. It's the process by which a product or service is introduced and promoted to any potential customers. Your business can offer the best products or

services in the entire industry, but if you lack effective marketing, you won't get anywhere. Your potential customers won't know about your product or even about your business. From this, I took that without marketing, sales will fail and your business will consequently fail.”

**Alice Yung**

“As soon as I walked into the area where everyone was meeting and greeting I felt so overwhelmed because I was surrounded by people that think like me and who have the same goals and directions in life. Day by day was action packed with loads of stuff to do and you never stopped having fun.”

**Hayden Rings**

**Past Student Profiles**



**Haley Bertelsen (ŌC Student 2004 – 2010)**



student.

As part of my study I have carried out both academic and practical work and gained experience in the clinical sport and exercise industry ranging from development and delivery of structured exercise programs to the Kilbirnie Fire Service, Berhampore rest home, Kapiti Cardiac Clinic, Massey University Cardiac Clinic, a cancer survivor and paediatric cohort. I have been involved in numerous sport and exercise research projects most recently looking at the benefits of exercise for cognitive function in children, and the role of recumbent exercise in stroke patients. Ōtaki College has contributed to a number of aspects of my current achievement. From being the reason

for my choice in tertiary study, to providing appropriate subjects (in particular Biology, Chemistry and Physical Education) to gain admission into university, but also providing a head start in my first year at Uni as almost half the learning content became revision as it was previously taught at OC. In addition, the teacher support I was provided in pushing my work to a high standard meant I was eligible for a \$3000.00 scholarship in my first year of Uni. OC taught me many essential skills, particularly being head girl. I obtained crucial leadership, organisation, and communication attributes which became necessary in my current study.

[Haley's full profile is available on our website.](#)

enrolled at Massey University Wellington 2011 – 2014, and completed a Bachelor of Health Science with a Major in Sport and Exercise Science, and currently completing my fourth year as a postgraduate honours

**Jemal Bowler (ŌC Student 2002 – 2007)**



Royal NZ Navy.

Since joining the RNZN, Jemal has gained qualifications in Marine Engineering, specializing in Electrical work as well as many leadership and firefighting skills. This led to Jemal gaining electrical registration as a qualified electrician.

Whilst at Sea, Jemal has held the position of Electrical Systems Maintainer and as of September 2012, he has been posted to the Recruit Training Squadron as a recruit instructor, training the future of the Navy, where he was one of Iriapa Moeau's instructors.

are visiting many new and exotic countries, including China, Tuvalu and Singapore. Jemal also visited Turkey in April 2014 as a part of the NZDF guard contingent for the ANZAC Day commemoration Dawn and Chunuk Bair services at Gallipoli. This visit remains a highlight in his career to date so far.

Jemal has found that although coming from a small town, he has achieved a lot in his career to date and is ample proof that anything is possible, regardless of where home is.

[For Jemal's full profile, please go to our website.](#)

Career highlights to date for Jemal

Jemal is currently a leading Marine Technician (Electrical) with the



**Ōtaki College Gala**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**11am – 2pm**

Last year's gala was such a success we are doing it all again this year!

The gala was so successful because of the support we received from our whole community - students, families, staff, and local community members. We need your support again this year to ensure the continued success of our gala. From here on in we'll be doing regular updates on what's needed and how you can help. For starters here are some things we would appreciate family/whanau support with now:

- \* A non-perishable food item from each family for our raffle
- \* Plastic Bags
- \* Save/bring in your surplus items e.g. white elephant, book, toy, and clothing  
(Note we will not be taking old t.v. sets, whiteware or large items)
- \* Vouchers/prizes for the winning wheel
- \* Volunteers for stalls

We will be running a raffle again and raffle books will be sent home with the students in the next few weeks.

All money raised at the gala is invested back into Ōtaki College and our children so please, get in behind OC Home and School Association and help to make this year's gala an even bigger, better event!

# Community Notices

“Do you have a talent? Singing, dancing, music, acting or anything you think might win you prizes?

The Coastlands Star Search talent competition is on in Coastlands shopping town, in the second week of the October school holidays.

Be in to win awesome vouchers from Harvey Norman – first prize is a \$400 voucher!

Pick up your entry form from the Coastlands information desk, or search Coastlands Star Search on facebook. Entry forms must be in by Tuesday 30th September.

In conjunction with Coastlands Shopping Town, The Hits and Harvey Norman.“

Please support Birthright and Cobwebs by taking second hand uniform to their stores. Both these organisations strongly support our families in need.

Capital Football in association with Kapiti Coast United and Waikanae JFC, are pleased to announce that their ASB Holiday Football Program for the school holidays will be happening again at Mazengarb Reserve (Sep 29 - Oct 1) and at Waikanae School (Oct 6 - 8). The program is suitable for both boys and girls aged between 7 - 12 years of age.

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$20 per person per day. (\$60 for 3 days)

For further details please contact Sam Blackburn <sam@capitalfootball.org.nz>

Youth2U Dollars:

Youth2U Dollars are open again. This is a funding scheme run by the Kāpiti Coast Youth Council. People between the age of 12-24 can apply for money of up to \$300 for individuals and \$500 for groups for anything they have a passion for and want to grow in their chosen field.

If you have something you want to try or want to go further in, then Youth2U Dollars is for you.

You can pick up an application form from the school office, your local library, go on to the council website or our facebook page.

## Otaki Athletics – Registrations & Start Date

Otaki Athletics Club offers age appropriate track & field events for our everyone in our community aged 3yrs-19yrs. Club nights are held at Otaki Domain on Mondays during terms 4 & 1 (except public holidays), from 5.15pm-7.00pm. Sausage sizzle at the end of every club night. Season start date - Monday 20 October.

Registration Dates:

Otaki Domain (grandstand) – Monday, 13 October – 3.30pm-4.30pm & Monday, 20 October from 4.30pm

Waitohu School (library) – Thursday, 16 October – 3.00pm-4.30pm

Phone Barbara on 364 7711 for more details.

Otaki Athletics – Annual Bike Buy Sell & Community Car Boot Sale Saturday, 22 November from 10am-2pm at Waitohu School, Waitohu Valley Road. A great chance to earn some extra Christmas dollars!

Fundraising sausage sizzle & cake stall will be happening again for the Club. \$10 per stall or bike(s) to sell – limited space so book early. Donations of bikes welcome; we're happy to collect.

**The Ricki Herbert Football Academy are running a Kapiti Holiday Youth Programme in the school holidays:**

**Date: 7th - 9th October**

**Times: 9am - 3pm (everyday)**

**Venue: Weka Park**

**Ages: 8-15 Cost: \$99.00 To register and for more information please go to [www.rickiherbert.co.nz](http://www.rickiherbert.co.nz)**

## OTAKI POTTERY CLUB SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLAY WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. 8 – 18 yrs.

With Paula Archibald.

- Tuesday 30th September 1pm-4pm.
- Thursday October 2nd 1pm-4pm
- Tuesday October 7th 10am-1pm.

12 places in each workshop. \$20 per person includes all costs. 20% reduction for more than one enrolment.

ALSO.... CREATIVE CLAY, 8 weeks.

Mondays 3.30pm-5pm, starting 13th October. \$70 (or 2 payments of \$35) includes all costs.

To enrol: contact Margaret Hunt. 06 348 053 [mhunt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mhunt@xtra.co.nz).

Otaki Community Expo  
18 October 2014

Memorial Hall, 9.00am – 1.00pm.

Join a group, start a new hobby or find out about support within the community. There is something for everyone, so do come along.

For further information contact Carol Ward 364 7732