



Otago College Newsletter

Friday 16 April 2021

From our Principal

It has been an extremely successful term for our students and we can be very proud of their efforts and the great support they get from their families. The effort and thinking which is going on in classes, and indeed in tutorials is impressive, and it is great to see so many students of all different ages sign up for the many holiday programmes that are running. Of particular note this term is the increase in the number of students reading for pleasure.

Today, we thanked Barbara Wills for her 31 years of service to our College and wished her all the best in her retirement. Barbara has been instrumental in the Learning Centre and in particular her work with special assessment conditions has benefitted so many of our students. We are humbled by her service and wish her the very best in her retirement.

With Anzac Day over the next two weeks, it is a good time to take time out with our families to reflect on the sacrifices that have been made so that we can provide a brighter future for our children. Thank you for your support throughout the term. I would like to wish everyone the very best wishes for the April holidays.

Important Dates

19 – 23 April	Connection Club Holiday Programme
20 – 30 April	Sports Trainings – see note below
21 April	WEN Buddy Programme – Auckland University
29 April	Engineering Workshop – Waikato University
3 May	Term Two Starts
3 – 7 May	XXM Mobile Dentist
12 May	Team Photos
13 May	Teacher Only Day
20 May	Parent-Teacher Meeting

Curriculum and Study News

Sports News

RUGBY HOLIDAY TRAININGS

Rugby training will continue through the holidays as we prepare for the upcoming rugby season which will begin on Saturday 22nd of May. If your child wants to play rugby then they will need to ensure that they attend trainings and register on line. All trainings will be at the Memorial fields

WEEK 1

Tuesday 20th April 10.00am

U14
U15
U16
2nd XV
1st XV

Wednesday 21st April 10.00am

U14
U15
U16
2nd XV
1st XV

WEEK 2

Tuesday 27th April 10.00am

U14
U15
U16
2nd XV
1st XV
Girls 1st XV

Thursday 29th April 10.00am

U14

U15

U16

2nd XV

1st XV

Girls 1st XV

Basketball Holiday training

Basketball training will continue in the holidays as they prepare for their upcoming season which will begin in the first week of term 2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Wednesday 21st April

Girls Basketball 10.00am-11.30am

Boys Basketball 12.00pm-2.00pm

Friday 23rd April

Girls Basketball 10.00am-11.30am

Boys Basketball 12.00pm-2.00pm

Winter Sports Registration

The following sports registrations are now being taken online through the following links

RUGBY,

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/142847>

NETBALL

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/152912>

SOCCER

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/162727>

Arts and Culture News

ART TUTORIAL OVER THE HOLIDAYS

For Year 11, 12 and 13 visual arts students

30th April, 9am-1pm (last Friday of holiday)

All are encouraged to attend!!!



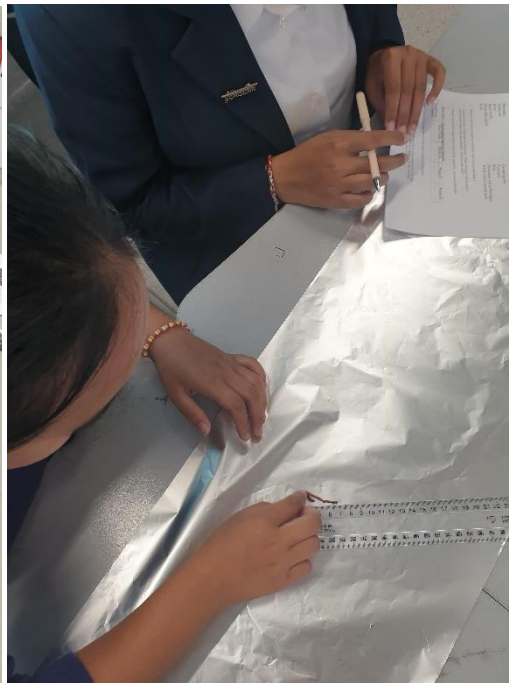
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

On Wednesday 14 April, we had our first music showcase in a year and a half!! It was a packed line up of 20 performances and a sold out event spilling out into the foyer. Thank you immensely to our families and student friends that came to support and of course to our ever wonderful student performers who have given hours and hours of their time to perfecting their craft. We have had a full on term with performances at our 90th reunion, our Music Showcase and finally our End of Term concert today, and I am very proud of our dedicated and talented students. Next term we look forward to our competitive season beginning with many a competition. Well done everyone, have a safe and blessed holidays. Kia Tamatane!

Stem News

Science Fun

Biology 3U students observed how earthworms respond to light, moisture and ammonia chemicals. They discovered that earthworms displayed negative Phototaxis and negative chemotaxis. They also discovered that when earthworms were exposed to dry conditions this increased their orthokinesis and klinokinesis.



Year 13 Physics Students working hard on their internal assessment:



Library News

With the learning interruptions this term due to covid, the students have been utilizing the library space more and more to catch up on homework and assessments in both the research room and ICT suite.

A friendly reminder all books have a two-week loan period. If students have not finished their book and wish to continue to read it, bring the book back and the librarians can reissue it.

Congratulations to Y9 Sela Sali of Hobson house for winning the last double movie pass for the Read a book competition.



Read a book extended the competition to all Houses and Hobson House took 1st place.

Hobson House must have the most avid readers in the school. Congratulations Ms Toleafoa and your prefects for encouraging your Hobson students to take part, great job.



We have some exciting things planned for next term: Writers Festival, Language week begins.

To keep up to date with the libraries movements visit our page by clicking the link below:

<https://library.otahuhucollege.school.nz:8443/#!/dashboard>