



Otahuhu College Newsletter

Friday 13 August 2021

From our Principal

The year seems to be rapidly drawing to a conclusion, and students will be choosing subjects for next year shortly. Some students know the direction they wish to take and select subjects based on what they need to set them on their way, others are not so sure about their learning pathway. Careers New Zealand suggests that studying a broad range of subjects will keep a student's career options open. Keeping up with English, Mathematics and at least one Science subject is a good place to start if a student doesn't know their career path.

When our students enter the classroom we expect that there is attention to detail – arriving on time, with the correct uniform, holding doors open for others and greeting the teacher. These expectations set the tone for the class and help enhance the learning environment for all students. When teachers provide feedback on work, students not only need to focus on what they did well, but they also need to take the time to seek out every opportunity to improve their work and look for the opportunities for incremental improvement. It is often the small detail that can be the difference between Merit and Excellence. By paying attention to the small things we are able to continually look for areas of personal and collective improvement. If we sweat the small stuff, we will be further along in our aim to achieve the best possible education for each and every child in our care.

We have parent teacher interviews next week, this will be a good opportunity to talk to your son's and daughter's teachers about what preparation is needed for the external examinations. I look forward to seeing you there.

Important Dates

16-17 August	Cook Island Language Week
17 August	Winter Sports Photos
19 August	Parent-Teacher Meetings
26-27 August	Year 11 Leadership Camp

Option Choices for 2022

Year 10, 11 and 12 students will be able to choose their options for 2022 from Monday 16th August to Friday 27th August. These selections will be made on the Kamar Portal. Students will receive instructions on how to make their selections via email and at Assemblies.

Mid-Year Reports and Parent-Teacher Meetings

All students Mid-Year Reports have been emailed to parents/caregivers. They are also available for viewing on the Kamar Portal. These Reports discuss the progress made to date and provide information on how to be successful for the remainder of the year. Parent-Teacher meetings on Thursday 19th August, between 2pm and 7pm, will be a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress and also discuss their Option choices for 2022. Appointment instructions have been emailed to students and their parents/caregivers.

Our Commitments

The focus for next week is being on time. Students are expected to be at school by 8:30am, and then seated in the correct space in assembly. With the weather due to change to more wintery conditions, your child should have a plan to get to school on wet days on time. With Auckland traffic this often means leaving 10-15 minutes earlier.

Please remind your child that they need to move to class as soon as the first bell goes, and they should be seated, with their books out and bags on the floor ready to learn by the second bell.

Planning Ahead for COVID

The Government announced this week that there is likely to be a quick lockdown if the Delta variant gets into New Zealand. It is important that students are ready for this. Currently about half of our students have laptops or devices at home. Chromebooks are still available at the office.

Curriculum and Study News



Social Sciences Department 2021



Health and Physical Education

On Friday 6th August a group of year 12 Physical Education students departed for an event called Tough Guy Touch Gal as part of their 4 credit achievement standard. This event consisted of a 6km run through the countryside hills, muddy terrain and obstacles in Helensville, which included over 300 participants from other schools.

On arrival we were met with a warm welcome, showered by the classic rain and hail which made our day more memorable. Our students were roaring to go as they were filled with anticipation on their minds, and water in their shoes before the start of the run. Throughout the course the students had shown a great deal of enjoyment as they climbed up slippery surfaces, slid down banks, crawled under wires, jumped over walls, and getting stuck in the mud while losing a few pairs of shoes. Seeing our students cross the finishing line and witnessing their faces of self-accomplishment, self-confidence and worth was the highlight of the day.

We are extremely impressed and proud of our students which represented Otahuhu College with a high standard.

Kia Tamatane!

Mr Luteru & Mr Ridgeway



STEM News

Next week's Science Department Tutorials:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break 2	CHE2U (TMU)	CHE3U (TMU)		
3 - 4 pm		SCI1U (KRB) PHY2U (MKZ)	BIO3U (KRB) SCI1U (OFA) BIO2U (HAR) PHY3U (DUF)	BIO2U (SWZ) BIO3U (HAR) CHE3U (VKR)

Sports News

Congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the next round of Auckland Rugby Representative trials. This Sunday.

Auckland U16 South

Nato Silao
Tulima Pritchard
Larry Leha
Matiasi Lolesio
Kaz Tere-Kaivananga

Training will be on Sunday 15th August at 10am-12pm here at Otahuhu College Rugby Fields

Auckland U14 South

The following players have been selected in the South U14 Squad to assemble this **Sunday 15th August at East Tamaki RFC 10am.**

George Vaiotu
Mapa Tuipulotu
Paea Ilangana
Sam Fruean
Tuu Otani
Stanley Kivalu
Tane Tahlia
Aleki Fatataofi
Sila Faasisila
Edward Kelepi
Chanel Silao

Players are required to bring

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- Boots
- Water Bottle
- Training gear
- Warm change for after training

Auckland U18 Divisional

Training will be on Sunday 15th August at 1pm at Auckland University Rugby Club

Xenith Tofilau

Darren Fili

Mose Tuialii

Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected in to the Auckland U18 South East team for 2021

Felecia Gatoloai

Helendaisy Mulitalo

Pisila Katoa

Moana Uiese

Lata Lolesio

Arts and Culture News

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

It is now Stand up Stand out season and we have already achieved success in our entries so far. We had Magnique choir enter Group vocal – 32 entries, and we were so happy to make top 5 finalists. In the solo vocals section, we entered 7 students. Overall there were 180 entries, and we had Falefitu Ulutoa (Year 11) gain Top 30 for semi-finals. At the time of writing, we still have the Band category and solo instrumental category to go. All the best to our remaining students still competing.