



Otahuhu College Newsletter

Friday 6 August 2021

From our Principal

Wednesday night saw the opening night of 'Wheelers Luck', which has proven to be a success with the audience and a real showcase of the talents and dedication of our students. It was great to see so many families at the opening night. Our musicians have also been competing in Stand Up Stand Out and we are looking forward to hearing of their successes.

Otahuhu College has made a submission to the investigation into school attendance being conducted by the parliament. There is no doubt that students who attend regularly (90%) do significantly better in their schooling which then sets them up for a brighter future. We appreciate the support of our families in working together to ensure that all our students are attending regularly.

On Tuesday we have a Teacher Only Day, which will affect secondary schools across Auckland. This is because of the major changes that are occurring in NCEA in 2023. With NCEA moving to 50% external grades there is significant planning needed to ensure that Otahuhu College students continue to be amongst the most successful in Auckland.

Important Dates

10 August	Teachers Only Day
17 August	Winter Sports Photos
19 August	Parent-Teacher Meetings
26-27 August	Year 11 Leadership Camp

Our Commitments

Our focus for next week is being engaged in lessons. On the basic level it is making sure that every student takes individual responsibility to have their books and pens. To make sure that as soon as they get into class that they have their books out, bags on the floor, and they are ready to learn.

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 will be emailed to parents/caregivers on Tuesday 10th August. They will also be available for viewing on the Portal. These Reports will give a good indication of 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 will be emailed to parents/caregivers next week.

STEM News

Next Week's Science 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)

Science Fun

Year 9 students are currently learning about Astronomy. Here, 9RY is observing the moon, and also looking the sun through special solar filter.



Recently, the Year 13 Chemistry learners at Otahuhu College had the opportunity to engage with the crew from Mint Innovations. Mint Innovations is a New Zealand startup that has developed a unique bio refinement process for mining gold and precious metals from e-waste. The crew from Mint Innovations also discussed future career pathways with our young scholars and discussed their personal journey to become Chemical and Materials Engineers in one of Aotearoa's leading bio refinement firms.



Career Information/University

COMING UP

-Year 13 and Year 12 **Women In Trades** evening event Thursday 19 August. If you would like your daughter to explore the trades, please advise their Dean or Ms Cusack by phone on 963 400 Ext 4033 and leaving a message, or by email to: chcusack@otahuhucollege.school.nz

-**UNITEC** On-Line Open Day Tuesday 24 August

-**University of Auckland** and **AUT** Saturday 28 August. Free bus departing 8am for Year 13 and Year 12 students, plus Dean's nominated ten x Year 10 students.

-**UNITEC** Open Day Saturday 4 September

The Ako Centre Opens Next Week!

All welcome! Come and join us in the Library every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-6:00pm. Develop your skills at your own level and pace, in a friendly environment, with the support of both Staff and Senior students. Education is the key to opportunity, so unlock the door of the Ako Centre to have fun, make friends and learn something new. Food will be provided.