



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 12th April 2024

Important Notices

Monday 29 th April	First day of Term 2
Wednesday 1 st May	Anzac Assembly
Friday 3 rd May	Catch up ID Photos



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Term one has been an outstanding start to the year for the Otahuhu College community. For the first time in many years Massey won the Haka Waiata competition, we hosted our first whole school sports day since the 1960's. Polyfest numbers were back to pre-pandemic highs and we had our first ever Phillipino group compete. The summer sport season was a success, highlighted by the victory of our Senior Volleyball girls. Our Scholars Assembly acknowledged our top academic students from 2023 and we look forward to even more successes this year.

Thank you for your support during this term. May it be an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 29 April.

Kia Tamatane

ID Cards

There is a final ID card order being placed next term, in week 1 for those who missed paying in time for the first order.

\$15.00 at the book shop.

There is a photo catch up for those who missed the earlier session because they were away or are new to our school. (3rd May)

Curriculum News

French Visitors to Ōtāhuhu College

Year 11 French was very fortunate to receive a visit by two university students from France. Having arrived in Auckland only recently, Baptiste and Maëlle came and spoke with the class about their own backgrounds and the regions of France they call home, sharing the type of knowledge only locals can! The class was interested to think about the similarities and differences between life in France and life in our part of the world. Our students also gained a wider perspective on career opportunities and university study internationally when they heard about Baptiste and Maëlle's areas of study: engineering and architecture. Then, the visitors teamed up with groups of students to support them with their language learning through writing and speaking tasks. The students greatly benefitted from hearing the two new French voices, accents, and turns of phrase.

Language learning does not get much more authentic than this! We would like to thank Baptiste and Maëlle for coming and connecting with our students, as well as Mr McAllister for making it all possible.





Year 11 Commerce Visit to Deloitte

On Monday this week, students from Year 11 Commerce visited the offices of Deloitte in the Auckland CBD. The students presented their Market Day findings to the coaches from Deloitte and got to hear how the other students found it. Despite some nervousness, the students enjoyed the experience, especially the pizza afterwards.





Kotuku Unit

Kotuku class enjoyed their first session of Table Tennis for 2024. Thank you to all the adult volunteers from Auckland Table Tennis Association who give up their time to coach our students. For some of our Year 9 students, it was the first time they had played the sport, and for our older students, it was great to see them improving and perfecting their skills.



STEM News

The EPro8 Challenge Competition starts in Term 2, running in Week 1 for junior and Week 2 for senior students. This is our third year running this school competition. We have 136 students participating across the two weeks, which is our highest sign-up yet!

This is a team competition which lasts one whole day at the STEM Hub (Class L2). Science students form teams of 4 and work together to solve a list of practical hands-on tasks by using science and maths concepts.



See below for the list of students who will be participating each day.



WEEK 1 - JUNIOR WEEK Y9 AND Y10 TEAMS

Monday 29 April	Tuesday 30 April	Wednesday 1 May	Thursday 2 May	Friday 3 May
Team 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Llewa Lesatele- 9RY Lucas Tekeu - 9RY Mya-Angel Blair - 9RY Meleane Fakai- 9RY 	Team 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kamal Saifuddin - 9SD Avishal Prasad - 9SD Joseph Taupau - 9SD Izhaan Hussein - 9SD 	Team 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eco Seik - 9HB Jessie Cassidy- 9HB Dayzha Harema - 9HB Jahdaze Fuamatu - 9HB 	Team 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zameel Ali - 9MA Derick De Castro- 9MA Maruf Hossain - 9EY Abul Nawrozi - Y9 ESOLF 	Team 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shona Bradley- 10HB Lae Tausaga - 10HB Sui Aigamaua - 10HB Sana Katoa - 10HB
Team 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aarav Kishore - 9GR Rayan Maharaj- 9MA Risay Raju - 9EY Ryan Prasad - 9RY 	Team 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Falefo'ou Afemui - 9EY Mohammed Junaid Khan - 9EY Ernett Foliaki - 9EY Kavish Gounder - 9EY 	Team 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dallas Smith - 9DN Samuel Sen - Murtagh - 9DN Julius Tuioti - 9DN Te Tahī Tiatōa-Davis - 9RY 	Team 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fatima Najafi - 9GR Gabrielle Veiqaravi - 9GR Tanya Ape - 9GR Sarah Cocker - 9HB 	Team 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Fedae - 10HB Avantika Naidu- 10EY Atarah Parekura - 10EY Anaisha Raj - 10EY
Team 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joshua Gopal - 10EY Penihea Toluta'u - 10EY Gideon Mikaele- 10EY Kianu Teuira - 10EY 	Team 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matilda Vake - 10EY Tina Taito - 10EY Selena Mutafua Lui - 10EY Berenice Tapui - 10EY 	Team 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mj Tavita - 10HB Kalani Adams-Mills - 10HB Hamid Maqsudi- 10HB Giani Taimaleilagi - 10HB 	Team 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neal Mudaliar - 10HB Jonathan Unasa- 10HB David Unasa - 10HB Kailomani Toketa- 10HB 	Team 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yuxuan Gong - 10RY Nuhan Ganganath - 10RY Evan Lay - 10RY Al-Shad Ali - 10RY
Team 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kaisalina Gago Heke - 10ON Eseta Tufunga- 10ON Safiyah Azam- 10ON Melenaite Niuafe - 10ON 	Team 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaipeka Nabi - 10ON Caleb Thomas-Fuahala - 10ON Feagiai Sefo - 10ON Timote Mahe - 10ON 	Team 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kesi Oneone - 10EY Asi Fukofuka - 10EY Mohammed Nishad - 10EY Yusuf Sahib - 10EY 	Team 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom Epifano-Toma - 10RY Marcus Goundar - 10RY Lloyd Kuli - 10RY Samson Panapa - 10RY 	



EPro8 Challenge

Engineer Problem Solve Innovate

WEEK 2 - SENIOR WEEK Y11, Y12 AND Y13 TEAMS

Monday 6 May	Tuesday 7 May	Wednesday 8 May	Thursday 9 May	Friday 10 May
Team 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andy Nguyen - Y12 John Matekuolava - Y12 Om Prakash - Y12 Sonny Stewart-Samuels - Y12 	Team 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shanaya Verma - Y12 Divya Kumar - Y12 Nathalie Reyes - Y12 Manisha Mani - Y12 	Team 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tay Ler Yer Say - Y12 Humaira Ali - Y12 Annam Khan - Y12 Shafifa Begum - Y12 	<p style="text-align: center;">No Competitions today because there are Parent Teacher Meetings.</p>	Team 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colenso King - Y11 Brian Wilson - Y11 Wilfred Antonio Y11 Joel Taime - Y11
Team 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devesh Chand - Y11 Bounpheng Thaivichith - Y11 Rocky Neil - Y11 Rahil Singh - Y11 	Team 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurul Ibrahim - Y12 Shavil Deo - Y12 Christian Leilua Y12 Anthony Moenoa - Y12 	Team 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiti Pasa - Y12 Melemafi Pahulu - Y12 Shiloh Liti - Y12 Tamara Tiumalu - Y12 		Team 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naharah Crawford - Y13 Seti Suaalii Ausagi - Y13 Vunise Vakamoce - Y13 James Grant - Y13
Team 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Tanea - Y12 Cruiz Huavi - Y12 Brayden Morgan Ailao - Y12 Alesana Va'aelua - Y12 	Team 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anya Dayal - Y12 Lupe Fanua - Y12 Raihaan Ali - Y12 Reshav Kishore - Y12 	Team 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tieri Antonio - Y13 Maria Iakopo - Y13 Angite Ruarau - Y13 Nora Mataora - Y13 		Team 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jillian Bayaniro Y11 Ramielle Lacuarin - Y11 Kate Soliman - Y11 Jeanne Nebria Y11
Team 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moeroa Enoka - Y11 Zaira Talau - Y11 Montana Saulala - Y11 Xavier Etuale - Y11 	Team 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mustakim Hussain - Y11 Ashmeet Lal - Y11 Sandeep Ram Y11 Lawrence Sen Y11 	Team 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morina Kaikura - Y11 Victoria Heffernan Y11 Mele Otuhouma - Y11 Faith Taikato Holoia - Y11 		



House News

Junior Interhouse Netball

The second week of junior interhouse netball proved just as thrilling as the first, as we moved through the semifinals and final. House spirit strengthened as the days passed, with our juniors showing excellent maturity and teamwork in encouraging each other and deciding who would play, in which position, and when. Players' netball skills also noticeably improved as they gained more practice, resulting in competitive but fair and rule-respecting play.

Congratulations to Massey House for winning the tournament!





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Sports News

ŌC Boys Football

Boys football is on the rise at ŌC, as we train new players, expand the number of competitive teams, and welcome the arrival of assistant manager Mr Malcolm. Highlights from term 1 have included:

- **Futsal:** A squad has been competing in the weekly Central futsal (indoor football) league for the first time. The team has adjusted impressively to the fast pace of the indoor game, and sits in 5th place (out of 8) with one round to play.



- **Hauraki Plains trip:** A senior squad travelled down to Hauraki Plains College in Waikato for a weekend exchange recently. The team secured a stylish 8-0 win, punctuated by some exceptional long-range goals.

This was our first trip out of Auckland in a number of years, and we were humbled by the manaakitanga of our hosts who shared food and kōrero with us.



Aorere pre-season: The 1st XI contested a hard-fought 2-2 draw with local rivals Aorere College on Tuesday. After a pulsating encounter in which the lead changed hands multiple times, we look forward to meeting again in our winter league.



We are still looking for players to join both our boys and girls teams. If your son or daughter would like to give football a go, please get in touch with Mr McKenzie (lmckenzie@otahuhucollege.school.nz) or Ms McKinlay (bmckinlay@otahuhucollege.school.nz). You can also encourage your child to attend training on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30pm on the lower fields next term.

Lawn Bowls

Otahuhu College played for the very first time in the Auckland Secondary Schools Lawn bowls competition. It was a great day for our taira who enjoyed the experience of playing in this competition. All of our Pairs teams competed well with one of our pairs teams going through undefeated and narrowly missing out on a medal on points differential. They have never played bowls before and this was acknowledged by the green keeper who voted them best team of the competition.





Senior Kilikiki Tournament

It has been years since we last entered a Kilikiki team in the Auckland secondary school tournament. This year, the students were ecstatic to put in a team in the Championship division for both boys and girls team.

The competition was fierce with the boys first game against Kelston Boys High School. It was not the result we wanted but it was definitely a good game to start with. The girls played against our neighbour school McAuley High, where we came, second best.

The day was exciting and vibrant with lots of participating schools. In the end both boys and girls team came 3rd place in their division. Thanks to Mr Tupe and Mrs Tualii for organizing and coaching the teams, we look forward to next year.





Health and Wellness Centre

Youth Health Council –

Introducing our 2024 student leaders at school assembly, as supported by Youthline facilitators.

Representing a group of passionate students who are working behind the scenes to create projects that will benefit the health & wellbeing of our students.

“Our burdens we share. Kia Tama Tane”

