



Friday 24th May 2024

<u>Important Notices</u>

Monday 20th to Wednesday 29 th May	Digital Common Assessment Activities – Literacy and Numeracy (Y10 to Y13 students)	
Monday 3 rd June	Kings Birthday (Public Holiday)	
Tuesday 4 th – Friday 7 th June	OC Samoan Language Week	

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

This week has been a busy week for many of our students as they have undertaken the Common Assessment Activities for both literacy and numeracy. All students must achieve literacy and numeracy in order to gain their Level 2 and UE qualifications.

Family life can be very busy with a lot of commitments, so establishing routines together can make sure that your child is best prepared for success.

- Study every day, from the start of each year. This can be as simple as reviewing what was learnt during the day and coming up with good questions to ask the next day.
- Start studying with your difficult subjects first, then move onto your more enjoyable subjects.
- Study in 20-30 minute blocks having a break between each one.
- Phones and other devices should be charged in a common area, so they are not used to distract from study or late at night.
- Get a good night's sleep, teenagers generally need 8 –10 hours sleep a night.

Getting into routines at home for study will help your child succeed.

With the colder weather, it is good to see most students maintaining the high standards of uniform at Otahuhu College. When there is an issue with uniform, students are reminded to see their Dean first thing in the morning so that the issue can be sorted.

Our Commitments

Our commitment this week is to be respectful. There are simple ways in which we can encourage our children to be respectful. Using more formal language when talking to adults and in particular staff and visitors to Otahuhu College demonstrates respect. Saying 'Yes' instead of 'yeah', making sure we use please and thank you regularly. Holding doors open for others to walk through. Wearing the uniform correctly to and from school. All these demonstrate respectful behaviours.

ID Cards

ID card orders close on May 31st – Please pay \$15 at the book shop. Cash or Eftpos

Junior School

Tiritiri Matangi Island

An island paradise, a bird sanctuary, and a haven for outdoor education: Tiritiri Matangi Island fulfils all these criteria, and it also proved a very fulfilling destination for forty Year 9 and Year 10 students on a first-of-its-kind trip last Friday!

Thanks to the generosity of the Growing Minds programme, the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi (SoTM) trust, and Otahuhu College's longstanding friend Mr John Boscawen, we were able to offer a day of boat cruising and island discovery to a selection of our juniors. These junior students earnt their place on the trip by attaining excellence in areas such as attendance, engagement, and the creation of Polyfest posters in term one. As a testament to their reliability and personal qualities, 97.5% of the selected students organised themselves to arrive at school by 6.45am for a sprightly departure — the dawn of a healthy habit of early rising for them, perhaps?

The day began with a bus ride to the Auckland CBD and wharf, where students took interest in discovering the city sights and completing an "I spy" challenge. Thereupon, we embarked upon a 90-minute ferry journey to Tiritiri Matangi Island, generously funded by charity. The ferry trip proved an ideal opportunity for students not only to bond with other rising stars in their cohort but also to complete reading and writing exercises about the Tiritiri bird life they were about to experience. Once on the island, students were split into five groups to tour the island via the Wattle Track, accompanied by a volunteer Tiritiri guide from whose wisdom they benefitted enormously. The guides proved both patient and knowledgeable in helping our students to learn about the unique flora and fauna of the island. Their assistance with identifying the birds darting about in the foliage overhead was particularly helpful, since we had given each group of students a different Tiritiri bird as a mascot which it was their task to spot during the day! In the afternoon, students participated in a specially designed programme of educational activities at the visitor centre, including the use of microscopes and binoculars.

Throughout the day, all students showed a positive interest in the bird life and geography of the island, as well as a willingness to challenge themselves with the uphill walking. Our kotuku represented Otahuhu College proudly; as I usually find on such trips, members of the public went out of their way to comment on how pleasant and well behaved our students were. These compliments are a credit to the character of our young people.

We are indebted to a variety of individuals and groups for making this trip possible: our volunteer guides, who made the day enriching and unforgettable; the Tiritiri team, including those who work behind the scenes on logistics and the education programme; the Growing Minds funding committee; the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi (SoTM) trust; and Mr John Boscawen.

We look forward to future iterations of the Tiritiri Matangi trip!



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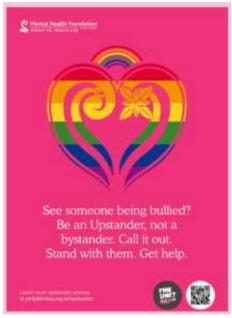




Health & Wellness Centre

The youth health council have been consolidating as a team with Youthline facilitators and pulled off a great event for Pink shirt day. The team came with awesome attitudes to pitch in and promote anti bullying so that OC can foster a safe and inclusive culture.

The fundraiser made \$235 to donate to the Mental health foundation.









Sports News

On Friday 17th May, a group of year 12 PE students participated in the Manukau Escape Rooms as part of their 2.8 assessment. Overall our OC students behaved well and enjoyed the team building experience by solving a number of puzzles and completing various challenges. Kia Tamatane, Mr Luteru

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SPORTS DRAW FOR THE WEEK ENDING 2nd JUNE

DAYS	TEAMS	VS	VENUE	TIME
MONDAY 27/05	GIRLS RUGBY	ONEHUNGA	ONEHUNGA	4.15PM
TUESDAY	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	PAPAKURA	PULMAN 1	5.00PM
28/05	SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	SANCTA MARIA	PULMAN 1	7.00PM
	U17 BOYS BASKETBALL	S.C.C	PULMAN 4	5.00PM
WEDNESDAY	SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER	AORERE	AORERE	4.00PM
29/05	SENIOR BOYS SOCCER	AORERE	OC LOWER	4.00PM
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THURSDAY 30/05	JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	AORERE	PULMAN 2	6.00PM
30/03	JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	SANCTA MARIA	PULMAN 4	6.00PM
FRIDAY				
31/05				
31/03				
SATURDAY	Y9A NETBALL			
01/06	Y9B NETBALL			
	Y10A NETBALL			
	Y10B NETBALL			
	SNR YELLOW NETBALL			
	SNR A NETBALL			
	PREMS A NETBALL	NO GAMES	NO GAMES	
	1 ST XV RUGBY BOYS			
	U15 RUGBY BOYS			
	U14 RUGBY BOYS			
	JUNIOR U14 BOYS SOCCER			
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Study News

