



Otago College Newsletter

Friday 31st May 2024

Important Notices

Monday 3 rd June	Kings Birthday (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 4 th – Friday 7 th June	OC Samoan Language Week
Monday 17 th – 21 st June	Pride Week



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

The 'busyness' of life at College is not just a flurry of activities, but a testament to our thriving and vibrant community. It is the perfect blend of opportunity and our students' needs and intentions that makes all the difference. Our college is a hub of activity, and it is invigorating to witness the achievements that come from the collaborative efforts of our dedicated staff and students.

The focus next week is on engagement in lessons. In class and assembly we will talk about the importance of answering questions, asking questions, discussing the work and what is being taught in class. It is great to see going around classes that students are getting better and better at this, their written work is also improving, with answers showing greater detail and more thought. This is all really good. An area we do need to work on is continuing these habits on into homework. Doing regular homework is essential for students to succeed at the level they are capable of achieving.

Well done to all those students who have been involved in the Common Assessment Activities for Literacy and Numeracy, we are looking forward to receiving the results.

We welcome and strongly encourage families and friends to enrol their children in Otago College before the end of Term 2. This is very important in terms of our planning to provide your children the best possible education next year.

Our Commitments

For our students to be engaged in their own education, they must be encouraged to read, ask questions, actively engage in discussions, write, and learn to think critically about challenging material. Every mistake our students make, every question they ask, and every time they successfully struggle with a concept, their brain grows a little bit stronger and smarter.

Interhouse Rowing Competition

Rowing: a true total-body sport which demands the optimal combination of physical strength, technical control, and pure and simple grit. Otago College students of all year levels enjoyed last week's opportunity to try their hand (and legs!) at rowing as part of the inaugural Otago College interhouse rowing competition. Some particularly fearless and hardy staff even joined in! The objective was twofold: competitively, to row 100 metres in the shortest time possible and, socially, to build house spirit and pride.

We would like to congratulate the following winners, who rowed the fastest in each category, for their superb speeds and strength:





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- Junior rowers: Shalom Silafa'i (Hobson)
- Senior rowers: Colenso King (Grey)
- Female rowers: Tu'uaki Wolfgramm (Seddon)

Considering these wins along with overall student participation, the houses emerged with the following rankings and points:

1. Seddon (8 points)
2. Grey (6 points)
3. Hobson (4 points)
4. Massey (2 points)

Congratulations to all who involved themselves, and we look forward to you rowing, running, or playing your way to further sporting successes this year!





Getting to University – Student loans and Allowances

Under the Student Loan Scheme you can borrow money interest-free from the government to help pay for tertiary study, and repay the loan once you finish studying and start earning over a certain amount. There are three parts to a student loan. Students don't have to borrow all three parts.

- Compulsory fees – These pay all of your tuition fees. Fees are paid directly to the institution by StudyLink.
- Course-related costs – A lump sum for things like stationery, textbooks, childcare, travel or computer equipment. This is paid directly to your bank account.
- Living costs – You can borrow up to a set amount each week for living expenses, which is then credited directly to your bank account. If you receive a student allowance this will reduce the amount you can borrow

More information is available at studylink.govt.nz or from the careers team.





STEM News

The EPro8 Challenge school competition ran over the first two weeks of Term 2 for 32 teams. It is a team competition where students must build hands-on solutions to practical challenges. The challenges are designed to promote science, engineering and problem solving. This year, students built solutions for three challenges which included the queen’s throne, puppet show and the buzzy bee.

See below placing of teams for the EPro8 Challenge Competition. The placed teams are working on practice challenges after school every Mondays or Tuesdays until the end of Term 2 to prepare for the Auckland Heats Competition.

Year 9 - 10 Junior Week Results:

1st Place – Team 10HB (230 points at 2:34pm)

Mj Tavita -10HB, Kalani Adams-Mills -10HB, Hamid Maqsudi-10HB and Giani Taimaleilagi - 10HB

2nd Place – Team Einstein (230 points at 2:43pm)

Yuxuan Gong - 10RY, Nuhan Ganganath - 10RY, Evan Lay - 10RY and Al-Shad Ali - 10RY

3rd Place – Player 1 (210 points at 2:25pm)

Dallas Smith - 9DN, Julius Tuioti - 9DN and Te Tahī Tiatoa-Davis - 9RY

4th Place – D.J.J.E (210 points at 2:32pm)

Eco Seik - 9HB, Jessie Cassidy- 9HB, Dayzha Harema - 9HB and Jahdaze Fuamatu - 9HB

5th Place – The Preppy Squad (180 points)

Fatima Najafi - 9GR, Gabrielle Veiqaravi - 9GR, Tanya Ape - 9GR and Sarah Cocker - 9HB

The Minions (160 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llewa Lesatele- 9RY • Lucas Tekeu - 9RY • Mya-Angel Blair - 9RY • Meleane Fakai- 9RY 	TVF_10ON (160 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaipeka Nabi - 10ON • Caleb Thomas-Fuahala - 10ON • Feagiai Sefo - 10ON • Timote Mahe - 10ON 	Starlights (150 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matilda Vake - 10EY • Tina Taito - 10EY • Selena Mutafua Lui - 10EY • Berenice Tapui - 10EY 	The Juniors (100 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zameel Ali - 9MA • Derick De Castro- 9MA • Maruf Hossain - 9EY • Abul Nawrozi - Y9 ESOLF
Team 5 (80 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aarav Kishore - 9GR • Rayan Maharaj- 9MA • Risay Raju - 9EY • Ryan Prasad - 9RY 	10EY Alpha (160 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kesi Oneone - 10EY • Asi Fukofuka - 10EY • Mohammed Nishad - 10EY • Yusuf Sahib - 10EY 	Fantastic 4 (80 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Fedae - 10HB • Avantika Naidu- 10EY • Atarah Parekura - 10EY • Anaisha Raj - 10EY 	Fobalicious (0 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neal Mudaliar - 10HB • Jonathan Unasa- 10HB • David Unasa - 10HB • Kailomani Toketa- 10HB
Team 16 (130 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joshua Gopal - 10EY • Penihea Toluta'u - 10EY 	The 10HB Baddies (80 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shona Bradley- 10HB • Lae Tausaga - 10HB • Sui Aigama - 10HB 	Beetlejuice (130 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Epifano-Toma - 10RY 	Tojian (150 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falefo'ou Afemui - 9EY • Mohammed Junaid Khan - 9EY





<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gideon Mikaele- 10EY • Kianu Teuira - 10EY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sana Katoa - 10HB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcus Goundar - 10RY • Lloyd Kuli - 10RY • Samson Panapa - 10RY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ernett Foliaki - 9EY • Kavish Gounder - 9EY
<p>SMURFZ (30 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaisalina Gago Heke - 10ON • Eseta Tufunga- 10ON • Safiyyah Azam- 10ON • Melenaite Niuafe - 10ON 	<p>Panikeke (150 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kamal Saifuddin - 9SD • Avishal Prasad - 9SD • Joseph Taupau - 9SD • Izhaan Hussein - 9SD 		

Year 11 - 13 Senior Week Results:

1st Place – Archiebogen (350 points)

Naharah Crawford - Y13, Seti Suaalii Ausagi - Y13, Vunise Vakamoce - Y13 and James Grant - Y13

2nd Place – The Marleys (270 points)

Colenso King - Y11, Brian Wilson - Y11, Wilfred Antonio Y11 and Joel Taime - Y11

3rd Place – Team 12 (260 points)

James Tanea - Y12, Cruiz Huavi - Y12, Brayden Morgan Ailao - Y12 and Alesana Va'aelua - Y12

4th Place – Princess Sparkles (230 points at 2:06pm)

Shanaya Verma - Y12, Divya Kumar - Y12, Nathalie Reyes- Y12 and Manisha Mani -Y12

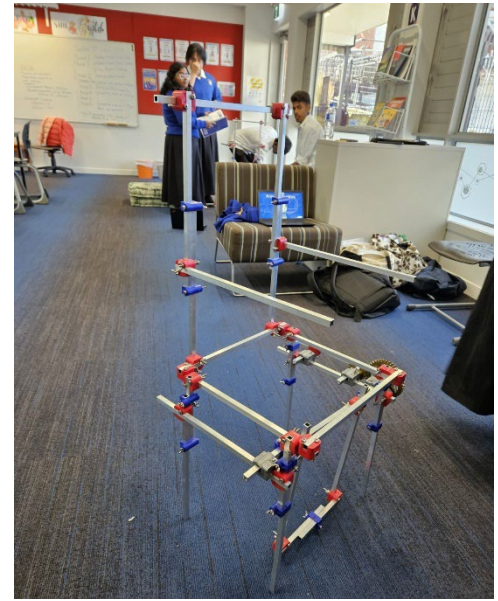
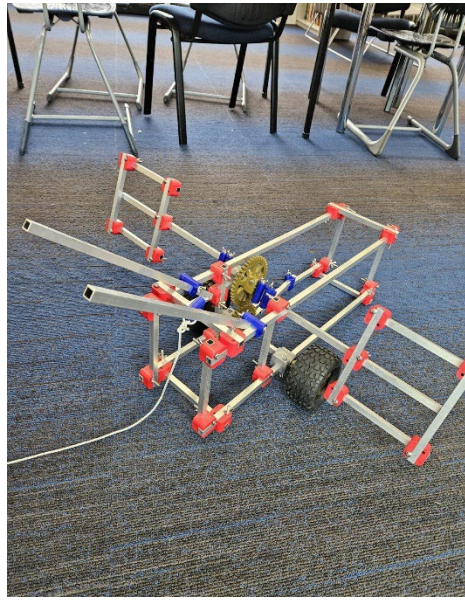
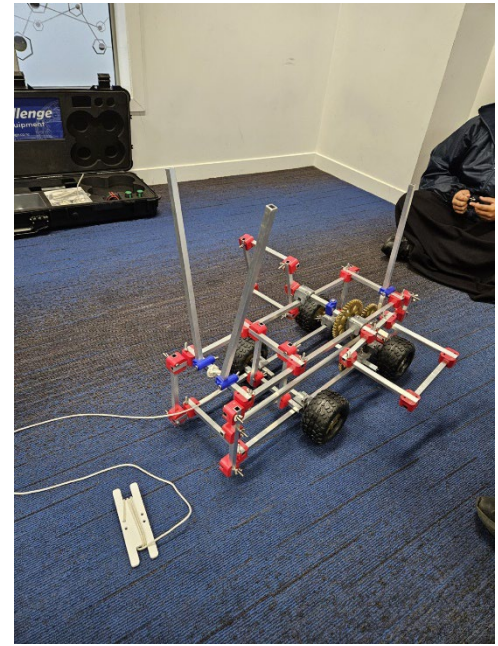
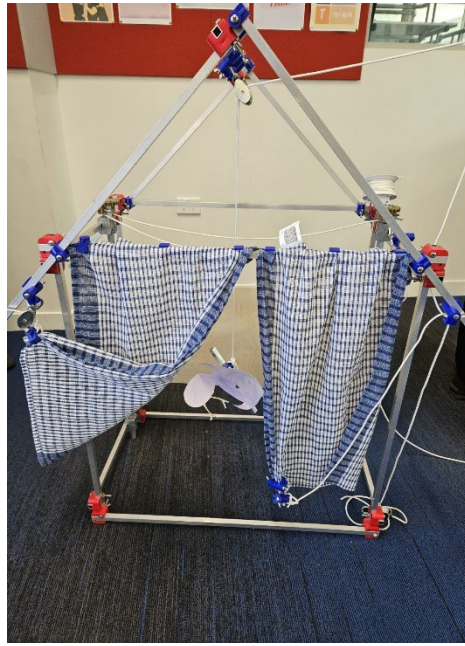
5th Place – Hustler Squad (230 points at 2:35pm)

Andy Nguyen - Y12, John Matekuolava - Y12, Om Prakash - Y12 and Sonny Stewart-Samuels -Y12

<p>Sellers (130 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devesh Chand- Y11 • Bounpheng Thaivichith - Y11 • Rocky Neil - Y11 • Rahil Singh - Y11 	<p>F.O.R.T. (220 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morina Kaikura - Y11 • Victoria Heffernan Y11 • Mele Otuhouma - Y11 • Faith Taikato Holoia - Y11 	<p>Team 1 <i>Did not participate.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tay Ler Yer Say - Y12 • Humaira Ali - Y12 • Annam Khan - Y12 • Shafifa Begum - Y12 	<p>Team 6 (100 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jillian Bayaniro Y11 • Ramielle Lacuarin - Y11 • Kate Soliman - Y11 • Jeanne Nebria Y11
<p>Team 14 <i>Did not participate.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moeroa Enoke- Y11 • Zaira Talau - Y11 • Montana Saulala - Y11 • Xavier Etuale - Y11 	<p>Team 5 (120 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurul Ibrahim - Y12 • Shavil Deo - Y12 • Christian Leilua Y12 • Anthony Moenoa - Y12 	<p>M.F.T.S. (100 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiti Pasa - Y12 • Melemafi Pahulu - Y12 • Shiloh Liti - Y12 • Tamara Tiimalu - Y12 	<p>The Kalavos (70 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tieri Antonio - Y13 • Maria Iakopo - Y13 • Angite Ruarau - Y13 • Nora Mataora - Y13
<p>Lazy Gang (130 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mustakim Hussain - Y11 • Ashmeet Lal - Y11 • Sandeep Ram Y11 • Lawrence Sen Y11 	<p>Naruto (130 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anya Dayal - Y12 • Lupe Fanua - Y12 • Raihaan Ali - Y12 • Reshav Kishore - Y12 		



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Sports News



Junior Boys Football Team great win against Botany Downs 2-0



SPORTS DRAW FOR THE WEEK ENDING 9th JUNE

DAYS	TEAMS	VS	VENUE	TIME
MONDAY 03/06	GIRLS RUGBY	KINGS BDAY	KINGS BDAY	-
TUESDAY 04/06	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL U17 BOYS BASKETBALL	ROSEHILL ORMISTON ORMISTON	PULMAN 3 PULMAN 3 PULMAN 4	6.00PM 7.00PM 6.00PM
WEDNESDAY 05/06	SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER SENIOR BOYS SOCCER 1 ST XIII RUGBY LEAGUE 2 ND XIII RUGBY LEAGUE	STRATHALLAM SANCTA MARIA AUCK 7 TH DAY ONEHUNGA	OC LOWER FIELD OC LOWER FIELD AUCK 7 TH DAY OC PAVILION	4.00PM 4.00PM 4.00PM 4.00PM
THURSDAY 06/06	JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER	SANCTA MARIA MANUREWA AORERE	PULMAN 2 PULMAN 4 AORERE	6.00PM 6.00PM 3.40PM
FRIDAY 07/06				
SATURDAY 08/06	Y9A NETBALL Y9B NETBALL Y10A NETBALL Y10B NETBALL SNR YELLOW NETBALL SNR A NETBALL PREMS A NETBALL 1 ST XV RUGBY BOYS U15 RUGBY BOYS U14 RUGBY BOYS JUNIOR U14 BOYS SOCCER SENIOR BOYS C SOCCER	WAITING ON THE DRAW ONE TREE HILL DE LA SALLE AGGS SACRED HEART GLENDOWIE	DRAW WILL COME OUT NEXT WEEK OC PAVILION DE LA SALLE AGGS OC LOWER FIELD OC LOWER FIELD	 12.00PM 9.15AM 10.30AM 9.00AM 10.00AM

Curriculum News



OC Numeracy @ home

How old would you be if you lived on Jupiter?

Time passes in different ways when you're in space. Calculate what your age would be if you lived on a different planet!

Would you be older or younger?

Activity length: 25 minutes

What you'll need:

Paper, pen/pencil, calculator, and this worksheet.

It takes the Earth 365 days to orbit around the Sun once. We call this a 'year' or an 'earth year', and all of us use this to measure our age.

The other planets in our solar system take different lengths of time to orbit around the Sun.

So, if you lived on Mercury and society in Mercury also measured age by living through a year, a journey once around the Sun, then you would be a different age right now!

To work out your age on Mercury:

1. Mercury takes 88 earth days to travel once around the Sun. Multiply your age in years by 365 to turn your age into days. (e.g. if you are 12 years old, multiply 12 by 365 = 4,380)
2. Divide this amount by 88 to give you your age in years on Mercury. (e.g. $4,380 / 88 = 49$ years old)

Planet	Earth days to travel once around the sun	Your age on this planet
Mercury	88	
Venus	225	
Earth	365	
Mars	687	
Jupiter	4,333	
Saturn	10,756	
Uranus	30,687	
Neptune	60,190	



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How old would you be if you lived on Jupiter?

Which planet do you want to live on?

Why do the years get longer from Mercury to Neptune?

Extra learning:

See if you can find out which object in space is the furthest away from us, and what that tells us about the age (and fate) of the Universe.

Career options:

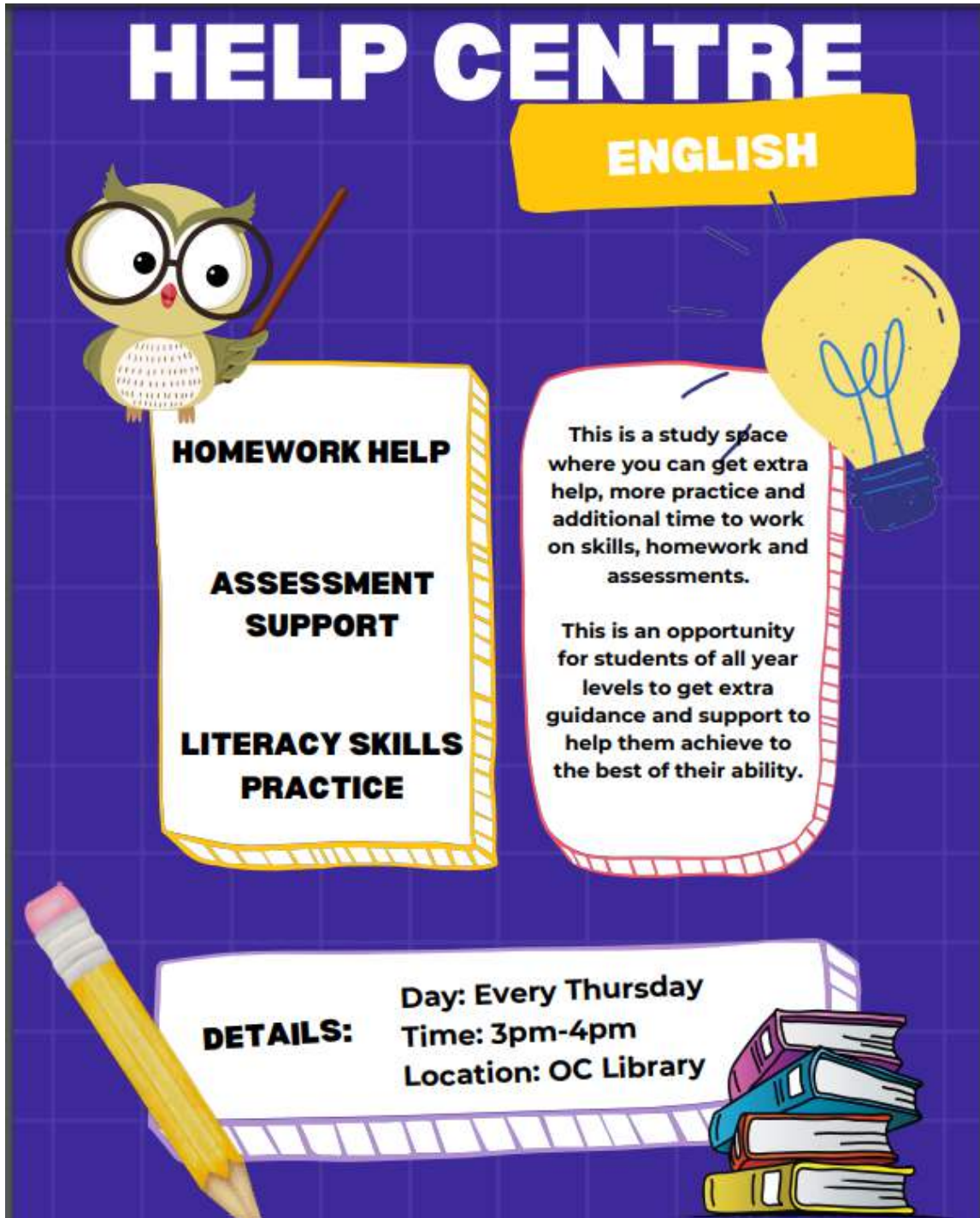
If you study astrophysics at university you could be a researcher, astronomer, astrobiologist or astronaut amongst other things. The sky isn't the limit in the space industry! For more information about careers in space have a look at www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/space/careers-in-space

Share your results with your maths and science teachers. We would love to know if you did this with others at home, how did your ages compare?



Thanks to National Numeracy for creating this resource

Study News



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ASSESSMENT SUPPORT

LITERACY SKILLS PRACTICE

This is a study space where you can get extra help, more practice and additional time to work on skills, homework and assessments.

This is an opportunity for students of all year levels to get extra guidance and support to help them achieve to the best of their ability.

DETAILS: Day: Every Thursday
Time: 3pm-4pm
Location: OC Library