



ŌTĀHUHU COLLEGE



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 14th June 2024

Important Notices

Monday 17 th – 21 st June	Pride Week
Friday 21 st June to Thursday 27 th June	Mid-Year Assessments
Friday 21 st June	Applications close for the 2026 Japan Trip. Form link: https://forms.gle/nCq5CNvZx8c7eojV6
Friday 28 th June	Matariki Public Holiday



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Regrettably, an unacceptable incident occurred at the end of the First XIII League game. The action of our students cannot be condoned or accepted under any circumstances and has brought embarrassment to our school, our students, and the wider community. This incident cast a shadow over the large number of sporting fixtures, competed fiercely, but fairly, amongst schools each week.

Otago College has an obligation to protect those students in our care, as well as those who we compete against, in addition to being transparent and honest when any party associated with the school oversteps the boundaries of what is viewed as acceptable conduct and behaviour. We are an educational institution and need to be impeccable in terms of the standards and example we set for our students. It is within this context that I want to assure you that the necessary disciplinary action will be taken with relevant consequences for those involved.

In addition to the above, our management team and coaches will review our own actions and spectator code of conduct to ensure that going forward all parties act within the spirit of what school sport is all about. Sport is about having fun, healthy competition and creating lifelong friendships.

Academically our results continue to improve with more students gaining Merit and Excellences than ever before. Our message to the students is that everyone should be able to gain Merits in their favourite subjects.

In two weeks we have exams and assessments. As always good preparation is important, and the aim has to be to prepare better for these assessments than before. All students should be studying and preparing and in this week leading up to the exams. 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. 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 in the upcoming exams.



Our Commitments

Our commitment for next week is to be on time. This means more than just being at school by 8:30am and moving quickly and quietly to class. Good time management is an important aspect of being successful. For our students they need to know when their assignments are due to be handed in. A good idea is 3 days before the due date for your children to show you their assignments, this way you can check if they have finished, or need to work really hard to get the assignment finished by the due date.

From time to time students may not have finished all the expected work during class time, when this happens in the last period of the day, your child will likely be required to stay behind 5-10 minutes to complete the work to a standard expected at Otago College. If you have any concerns regarding this please contact the Principal

Attendance and Extra Curricular Activities

Attending regularly is defined by the Ministry of Education as attending over 90% of half-days. A half day means that a student is present for teaching and learning for either 2 hours in the morning or 2 hours in the afternoon. Chronically absent at school is defined as attending 70% or less. From Term 3 Students who are chronically absent from school will not be able to participate in extracurricular activities

- a. Only when students have maintained regular attendance (90%) for the four weeks preceding the finalisation of the team/activity group may the principal consider dispensation.
- b. For students granted a dispensation they must maintain regular attendance to continue to participate.
- c. If a student who was granted a dispensation attendance improves to over 70% then they are no longer chronically absent.

Mid-Year Assessments

Mid-Year Assessments will take place Friday 21st June to Thursday 27th June. The whole school will have a double Period 3 during this time. Year 9 and Year 10 students will have 2-hour English, Science, Social Studies and Math's Exams. All Assessments/Exams will take place in classrooms.





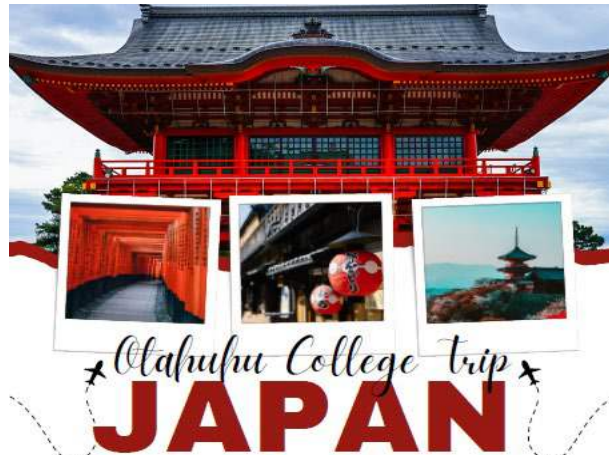
Term 2 Mid-Year Assessments 2024

	Friday 21st June	Monday 24th June	Tuesday 25th June	Wednesday 26th June	Thursday 27th June
8:40am	Period 1	Period 1	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly
8:50am			Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
9:50am			Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
10:50am	Break 1	Break 1	Break 1	Break 1	Break 1
11:20am	Whanau Time	Whanau Time	Whanau Time	Whanau Time	Whanau Time
11:35am	Y11 Y12 Y13 Double Period 3				
	Y9 English Exam	Y9 Maths Exam	Y9 Science Exam	Y9 Social Studies Exam	Y9 Double Period 3
	Y10 Science Exam	Y10 English Exam	Y10 Social Studies Exam	Y10 Maths Exam	Y10 Double Period 3
1:30pm	Break 2	Break 2	Break 2	Break 2	Break 2
2:00pm	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5
3:00pm	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish	Finish

Japan Trip July School Holidays 2026

An exciting opportunity has been presented to Otago College. There will be a trip overseas to Japan in the July holidays 2026. This is open to current Year 10 and 11 students only. The cost of the trip is \$6500 including flights, accommodation, attractions, transport, breakfasts.

Students will have the experience to learn about Buddhism, look at the impacts of World War 2 on Osaka and Hiroshima, learn about the development of tourism in Japan and see Mt Fuji. Applications close at 3.30pm on the 21st June.



Explore the charm of Japan! Stopping in Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka and more. Feed deer on an island, see the site of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima, discover the magic of Disneyland and gaze at Mt Fuji.

Applications close 21 June at 3.30 pm



2026 Scan me!





Students will need to complete the application form here: <https://forms.gle/QPE6GywHSmmgFohh9>

Curriculum News

French Film Festival

Otago College has grown its presence at the annual French Film Festival, with the largest ever group of students attending this week! For four years running, the Bridgeway Cinema has proven an excellent venue for this event, with a charming, boutique-style ambiance and very professional service. The cinema's location on the North Shore also allowed for some sightseeing of the Harbour Bridge, the Sky Tower, and the Hall's Beach foreshore area. Thus, the students were able to expand their horizons not only to French cinema but also to exploring a picturesque and different area of their own city.

This year, the film on show was *Le règne animal (The Animal Kingdom)*, which provided a heady mix of horror and adventure: featuring zoomorphic creatures which transform from human into animal, the film appealed to our students' sense of imagination, such that, in the words of one Year 11, she "wanted to laugh and cry at the same time."

The attending students ranged from Year 9 to Year 12 and comprised both high-achieving and highly engaged option French students, as well as French Club members. Special praise is owed to Jahdaze Fuamatu of Year 9, who took the initiative of sitting with a pen and paper to note down new vocabulary he discovered in the film. In doing so, he embodied exactly the type of independent, self-motivated learning which we encourage at Otago College.



OC Numeracy @ Home Japan In Numbers Quiz

1. The population of Japan is 125.1 million. 12.59 million people there are over 80 years old. What percentage of the entire population are over 80?
2. The traditional Christmas eve meal in Japan is KFC. An estimated 3.6 million people eat this Christmas meal. If one bucket weighs on average 1.5kg. How many tonnes of chicken would they need for Christmas eve?
3. The tallest mountain in Japan is Mount Fuji with its elevation 3,776m. What is the elevation rounded to the nearest thousand?

5. The bullet train from Tokyo to Kyoto takes 2hrs 2 minutes and travels at a speed of 320km/h. What is the distance from Tokyo to Kyoto?

Spending on Rice and Bread in Japan



6. What does the graph show about the amount of rice consumed in Japan over the years?

7. Looking at the map. In which direction are you travelling from Osaka to Tokyo?

- A) North West
- B) North East
- C) East
- D) West



Submit your answers to Miss Channer in A10.

All correct entries will be entered into a prize draw!

Bonus question: Why does this quiz not include a question 4?



Scan me for more info on the 2026 Japan Trip!!





House News

Interhouse Football

The rivalry between the school's four houses has once again seen a resurgence, as students of all year levels represented their house in a football tournament this week. Games were brief, compact, and intense, as the small size of the artificial court and the five-per-side player limit prompted the teams to adapt their technique and take every opportunity to score. Congratulations to Hobson House for an unbroken succession of victories which culminated in 1st place and 4 house points!





Arts and Culture News

Otago College Performing Arts Roadshow 2024.

On June the 5th and 6th, 24 musicians, dancers and actors performed at our 5 local Intermediate schools. These schools were Mangere Central School, Bader, Ferguson, Papatoetoe and Otago Intermediate. It is estimated that we performed to over 1,600 pupils! This annual event began in 2014 and is now one of the highlights of the arts calendar year. Congratulations to the students who performed with great pride and passion, we are certain that your talents will have inspired many Year 7 and 8 ākonga. Congratulations also to Oceania Collier and Albert Hafu who were our outstanding MC's for our 50 minute show. Otago College is also grateful to our 2 sponsors; the Dew Drop Events Center and Waka Pacific for making this tour possible.



Ngā Manu Kōrero 2024.

On Friday 07 June, Hāmuera Broderick represented Ōtāhuhu College at the annual regional speech competition for Māori students hosted by Aorere College, supported by a small group of our ākonga Māori. Throughout the day we heard kaupapa from our rangatahi about identity, politics, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and pūrākau along with other social issues that are affecting them. Hāmuera spoke about his 100-day plan for Aotearoa and challenged some of the policies coming from the new government. He was then required to deliver an impromptu speech with only 5 minutes preparation time, in which he placed 5th overall.

Ka rawe e tama, e Hāmuera, e poho kererū ana mātou i a koe e takahi nā i te ara o ō tātou tīpuna. Well done representing our college with dignity and flare, leading the way for your teina to follow in the coming years. Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei. Kei te mihi ki te mana whenua, ki te haukāinga, ki te Puru Tangata o Aorere i ā koutou manaakitanga i tērā Paraire. Mei kore ake ko koutou hei karanga mai ki a mātou honohono ai. Ka nui te mihi.



Library News

We celebrated Samoan Language Week, a week late due to internal exams. But that did not deter the hype our students displayed throughout the week. Morning assemblies was full of wonderful solo and group performances from students of all year levels.

The students also planned a daily workshop to showcase things that are significant to the Samoan culture, such as learning how to make kopai – a simple and delicious dessert. Also learning how to make ‘ula lolo’ lolly necklaces and to top it off, how to make a pale fuiono – a traditional headpiece. Special mention to Manuia, Sani, Lepo, Koreti and the senior Samoan class for leading the week.









Study News

HELP CENTRE

ENGLISH



HOMEWORK HELP

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



Sports News

Sports Photos

Our parents have been emailed their child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2024 School Photos. ***FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 16th JUNE *** Please check your junk email if you haven't received this

SPORTS DRAW FOR THE WEEK ENDING 23rd JUNE

DAYS	TEAMS	VS	VENUE	TIME
MONDAY 17/06	GIRLS RUGBY	TANGAROA	TANGAROA	4.15PM
TUESDAY 18/06	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	TANGAROA	PULMAN 1	5.00PM
	SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	ALFRISTON	PULMAN 1	6.00PM
	U17 BOYS BASKETBALL	ALFRISTON	PULMAN 5	6.00PM
WEDNESDAY 19/06	SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER	WAIUKU	OC LOWER	4.00PM
	SENIOR BOYS SOCCER	AL-MADINAH	OC LOWER	4.00PM
	1 ST XIII RUGBY LEAGUE	ALFRISTON	OC PAVILION	4.00PM
	2 ND XIII RUGBY LEAGUE	GREEN BAY	GREEN BAY	4.00PM
THURSDAY 20/06	JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	MISSION HEIGHT	PULMAN 1	4.00PM
	JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	TANGAROA	PULMAN 4	6.00PM
FRIDAY 21/06				
SATURDAY 22/06	Y9A NETBALL	NO DRAW UP	NO DRAW UP	
	Y9B NETBALL			
	Y10A NETBALL			
	Y10B NETBALL			
	SNR YELLOW NETBALL			
	SNR A NETBALL			
	PREMS A NETBALL			
	1 ST XV RUGBY BOYS	WAITAKERE	WAITAKERE	12.00PM
U15 RUGBY BOYS	WESTLAKE	OC PAVILION	9.15AM	
U14 RUGBY BOYS	WESLEY	WESLEY	11.45AM	
JUNIOR U14 BOYS SOCCER	GLENDOWIE	OC LOWER	9.00AM	
SENIOR BOYS C SOCCER	MACLEANS	MACLEANS	8.45AM	

