



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## **Important Notices**

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year Level Assemblies
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Pride Week

### **FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

Samoan Language week has been a joyous celebration of the vibrant Samoan language and culture. Our students have done an amazing job leading the week. It has been a time to connect with our community and families and learn the Samoan language. Fa'afetai tele mo le aso o le Gagana Samoa.

Winter has arrived and it is noticeably colder. The school is open from 7am most days and the heaters are turned on at that time. The Deans have access to spare jackets, jerseys and thermals when needed and the school is very willing to help with uniform costs when families are struggling. The month of June is a very important one, both in terms of making sure attendance remains high and also that the achievement levels for every student remain at the high levels which have been reached so far this year.

Our winter sports teams are performing well, and this is a reflection of their hard work and commitment to training. I would also like to thank all the supporters on the sidelines, as well as the coaches and managers and drivers who make sport happen at Otahuhu College.

### **Our Commitments**

Our commitment next week is to be supportive. We must all be aware that we don't know what's going on in the lives of those we pass and, more than anything else, no matter where they may be, a smile and greeting is much the better engagement than to look away or at the pavement with detachment. We reap what we sow. Therefore, if we want our day to be filled with enthusiasm, logically we should be enthusiastic. If we want our day to be joyful, then we must reflect just that.

This references, of course, our inner state of mind and how we choose to present ourselves to the world – something that we completely control. We encourage each other here at College to greet and acknowledge each other with interest, putting in mind the needs of the other rather than oneself. It is good to remember when we help others, we help ourselves

### **Curriculum News**

Year 13 Geography Class

The Year 13 Geography class went on a trip to Auckland's central business district to investigate the suitability of Queen St for tourism development. Students had a great time going up the Sky Tower and hoisting the sails on the Ted Ashby through the Auckland Maritime Museum.



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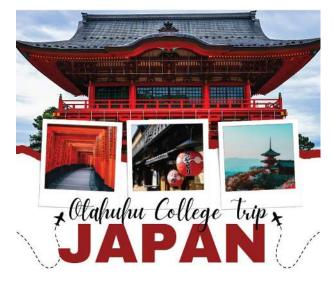






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### **STEM News**

This term some of our junior students have been preparing for Mathex. This week we sent three teams to Tangaroa College to compete in round 3 of the South Auckland Mathex Competition where one of our year 9 teams placed third after winning a competitive tie breaker. This team have been working extremely hard, attending our Mathex club every week after school. Fantastic work team!







## **Sports News**

#### Waka ama

Seventeen students took part in Waka Ama Day June 4<sup>th</sup>.

The day was called by Manukau Club President, Heremaia Rosieur, to

give students a taste of the sport and encourage them to do some training over the winter months.

Waka ama is a growing sport and excellent for upper body strengthening, timing and stamina.

There is a junior regatta coming up in November and a senior regatta in March 2025.

Any students interested please see the manager, Mr McAllister, in M1 or Nardia Dawson, captain, year 12.



**Sports Photos** 

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