



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2024

Important Notices

Friday 5 th July	Last Day of Term 2 - 2:20pm Finish
Friday 5 th July	School Reports Emailed
Friday 19 th July	School Ball
Monday 22 nd July	Term 3 begins



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

The second term has been an excellent ten weeks for our students. Academically we are doing the best we have ever done at this time of year and well on track for our students to achieve at the highest levels and for most Year 13s to gain UE@OC. In terms of turning up to school, our attendance rates regularly exceed the average attendance across the country, thanks to the hard work of families to making sure their children attend every day. Sports participation is up and our athletes are training hard and improving week upon week.

During the term break I am attending a weeklong course at Harvard University and Ms Norgate attending a course at Cambridge University. Otahuhu College is very grateful for our supporters and sponsors who have made these professional development opportunities available.

OC never sleeps, and over the holidays there are tutorials, workshops, rehearsals and practices and it is fantastic that so many of our students take up these opportunities. Thank you for your support this term, may you and your family have an enjoyable break and I look forward to seeing your sons and daughters at the start of the third term.

Curriculum News

Five year 12 and 13 students spent the morning at Boss Architecture in the CBD July 1st.

The students had expressed an interest in architecture as a career. Leading architect Michael O'Sullivan was happy to spend time chatting and show them the intricate scale models and watercolours drawings in the studio.

The students then lay on their backs on a table on the studio's rooftop deck and made an upside-down blind contour drawing of the clouds and buildings. Then they painted them with watercolours.

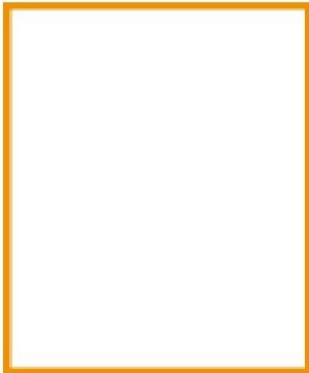
Michael O'Sullivan has close links to Otahuhu. After the trip he texted, 'They were a lovely group of kids. If you've got another group that you want to bring up, just let me know'.



Numeracy Hobbies

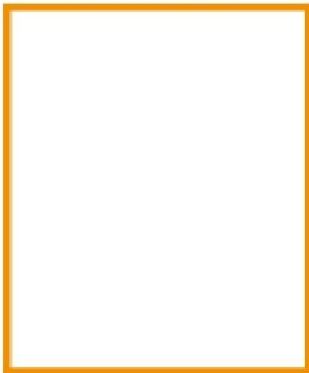
So you think numbers are not fun?!

Your favourite hobby



Draw your favourite hobby! What is it? How does it use maths?

A family member or friend's favourite hobby



Draw your family member's favourite hobby! What is it? How does it use maths?

To help your child, use the following to give pointers:

- How is time used in the hobby?
- Is money needed – to buy things or make decisions?
- Is data useful in any of them – such as information using numbers, league tables, graphs or charts?
- Would you need to use measurements – such as weights, heights or lengths?
- Where can you see shapes?
- Are there any calculations needed? Is it useful to add things together or divide things up? Is a percentage needed anywhere?

Possible Answers

Baking or cooking

- Using complex timings to ensure everything is ready at the right time
- Weighing and measuring ingredients
- Understanding recipes
- Multiplying ingredients to bake products for the right number of people

Painting

- Mixing paint colours with the right ratios
- Ordering the right size canvasses and/or frames
- Understanding proportion to keep paintings lifelike
- Estimating the amount of paint needed to make sure there is enough of each colour



Sports News



Year 11 Turbo Tournament

We're delighted to share a recap of the exhilarating first time ever Year 11 Turbo Touch Tournament that recently took place! ✨

Miss Toleafoa, Miss Manase and Mr Ali's year 11 students showcased incredible skill and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, demonstrating agility, strategy, and teamwork in every game. The competition was fierce, with each team giving their all to secure victory and make their mark in Turbo Touch history.

A massive thank you to all the participants, especially to Mr Tamati's Year 12 PE class who helped with officiating our turbo touch tournament for the year. Thank you also to our supporters and staff, your



enthusiasm and dedication contributed to making the tournament a resounding success. We're proud of our students' achievements and their commitment to excellence both on and off the field.

Girls Rugby Team

We are thrilled to announce the outstanding achievement of our Girls Rugby Team as they capped off the term with an impressive 43-12 victory against Aorere College! 🏉

Throughout the term, our girls have shown remarkable dedication and skill, resulting in an unbeaten streak that has captivated us all. Their commitment to excellence, both individually and as a team, has been truly inspiring.

The recent match against Aorere College showcased their strength, strategy, and unwavering teamwork on the field. With each game, they have continued to demonstrate resilience and a passion for the sport that is commendable.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to every member of the team, as well as their coaches and supporters, for this well-deserved achievement.

As we look forward to upcoming seasons, let's continue to support and celebrate our Girls Rugby Team's accomplishments, fostering a spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie within our community.



Culture News

Otago Team Shines at Bollywood Showdown Dance Competition



The highly anticipated Bollywood Showdown Dance Competition took place on Matariki, 28, June 2024, at Mahatma Gandhi Centre, Auckland. They showcased the incredible talent and creativity of students from 18 schools. Among the participants was the Otago team, who performed at their best, captivating the audience with their awe-inspiring choreography based on the theme of time travel.

The Otago team presented a stunning performance where one group time-travelled from 2004, leading to an exhilarating dance-off. The highlight of their performance was a beautifully crafted time machine from which the participants emerged, adding a magical touch to their routine.

The competition was fierce, with each team delivering brilliant performances that included acrobatics, robotic dance, breakdance, war dance, classical dances from various Indian states, Bollywood hip-hop and fusion dances. Each performance, including our team's, was a shocker, power-packed and left the audience in awe. The variety and skill displayed were truly remarkable.



The team practiced relentlessly the whole term, dedicating themselves every day after school hours, and even on weekends and holidays. A heartfelt and special mention goes to Nardia Dawson (Year 12 student), whose relentless dedication and passion were the backbone of our team's success.

Nardia not only assisted the team every single day, fine-tuning their movements and perfecting their dance, but she also created an amazing OC signboard that glowed in the dark, lighting up the spirits of the Otahuhu team during the competition.

Thanks to our wonderful teachers, friends, and families who attended the competition to cheer the team up, their support was invaluable and deeply appreciated.



Our team's performance was outstanding, with seamless transitions and breathtaking costumes that, in our opinion, were the most beautiful of all.

The winners of this year's competition are Lynfield College, Ormiston Senior College, and Avondale College respectively. We are immensely proud of our team's brilliant performance and look forward to working hard for next year's competition.

Congratulations to all the participants of OC for making the Bollywood Showdown Dance Competition 2024 an unforgettable event!

Health and Wellness Centre

The Youth Health Council wanted to provide the students with some stress relief after a week of exams. The YHC with support of faciliters Noms and Eps of Youthline held a Panikeke eating competition that drew a crowd and created some fun vibes.

Congrats to Falz (1st, Seddon and a prezzi card!), Dayton Rimunui (2nd, Seddon), Crystal Mafi (3rd, Massey) and Benjamin Brown (4th, Grey)

