



## Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### Important Notices

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Interfaith Week MATHS Week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Team Photos
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Netball Yr 9 & Yr 10 Tournament



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

The year seems to be rapidly drawing to a conclusion, and students will be choosing subjects for next year shortly. Some students know the direction they wish to take and select subjects based on what they need to set them on their way, others are not so sure about their learning pathway. Careers New Zealand suggests that studying a broad range of subjects will keep a student's career options open. Keeping up with English, Mathematics and at least one Science subject is a good place to start if a student doesn't know their career path.

Parents have asked what is required to pass a NCEA subject. In the old days passing a subject meant gaining 50% or more, these days it involves achieving 14 or more credits. To pass a subject, a student must achieve 14 or more credits at Achieved or Merit or Excellence within a single year, with a minimum of three of these credits from externally assessed standards, and three credits coming from internally assessed standards. (Courses comprising standards from Physical Education and Level 3 Visual Arts are exempt from the second requirement.) This highlights the importance of doing well in external exams at the end of the year.

We have parent teacher interviews next week, this will be a good opportunity to talk to your son's and daughter's teachers about what preparation is needed for the external examinations. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Our Commitments

Our commitment is to be respectful. A key part of being respectful is using appropriate language. Learning what words, and indeed the volume, you use in different circumstances is one of the challenges of growing up into young men and women. Teenagers find this hard to do, so talking to them and explaining how different situations require the use of different words and mannerisms is a great step on developing articulate respectful young men and women.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August school will finish at 1:00pm. Parents/caregivers are invited to come into school to discuss your child's progress with each of their subject teachers. Meeting times available are 2:00pm to 7:00pm (all staff are unavailable between 5:00pm and 5:30pm). Each meeting is scheduled to last for 5 minutes and will take place in A-Block and the Library. These are approximate times and assist teachers with preparation. We appreciate your patience during the evening.



- To make an appointment click on the link or scan the QR Code:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/3remk>



## *Interhouse Chess*

Making its third return to Otago College this week was the giant chess set, generating giant enthusiasm and displays of giant skill! The crowds, although not yet giant, showed discernible growth since previous iterations of the competition; in this regard, it was very pleasing to fulfil the goal mentioned in last year's newsletter of expanding chess to a wider audience. Particularly worthy of celebration is the fact that the competition attracted participants from all year levels and backgrounds, ranging from those who have played chess competitively right through to complete beginners. Some tuakana-teina mentoring relationships begun to be forged between the keen younger students and the older, more knowledgeable players who were able to share their advice and tips, setting a splendid example for how junior and senior students can collaborate on a school-wide level.

Congratulations to Hobson House and Zyron Beringuel for claiming victory thanks to a magnificent performance two days in a row!





## Arts and Cultural News



### **Te Tārai Rangatira The Forging of Leaders**

Benjamin Brown, Freddy Tuakalau, Jacob Paul,  
Rivah-Shae Nohe and Savannah Wilson  
Curated by Jay Mason and Anna Delany

**17 August – 14 September 2024**

Te Tārai Rangatira Collective is a group of Year 13 whakairo students from Ōtāhuhu College who have been carving for three years. They have a passion for the art form, traditional and contemporary.

Te Tārai Rangatira seeks to forge leaders through the traditional art form of whakairo.

#### **Free activities & events**

Exhibition opening:  
Saturday 17 August, 11am

Whakairo workshop:  
Saturday 24 August, 10am–12pm  
Saturday 31 August, 10am–12pm

Led by students from Ōtāhuhu College, this interactive workshop explores the art of whakairo (Māori carving). You will learn about traditional patterns and have the opportunity to sketch your own design. You will also be able to watch featured artists demonstrate their carving skills and learn kōrero around whakairo. Suitable for all ages. Bookings are essential, please contact the gallery.

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## Library News

**COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK:** Last week, we celebrated the Cook Island language week. The student led week was organized by the incredible Y13s and Mrs Tuialii. The week was opened in prayer, followed by scripture reading and ended with the Cook Island national anthem.

We held workshops throughout the week, which encouraged students and staff to partake in making their own flower 'ei. Wednesday's workshop - How to ura is always a crowd favourite, it tests your coordination and endurance. We finished the workshop on Thursday with 'how to make mainese'.

Friday was the finale, students showcased some beautiful performances and to top it off, ended it with the infamous 'round the world'. Thank you to all those involved, Angie Ruarau and her helpers, for taking lead for this year's Cook Island language week.

Meitaki Ma'ata.





## Sports News

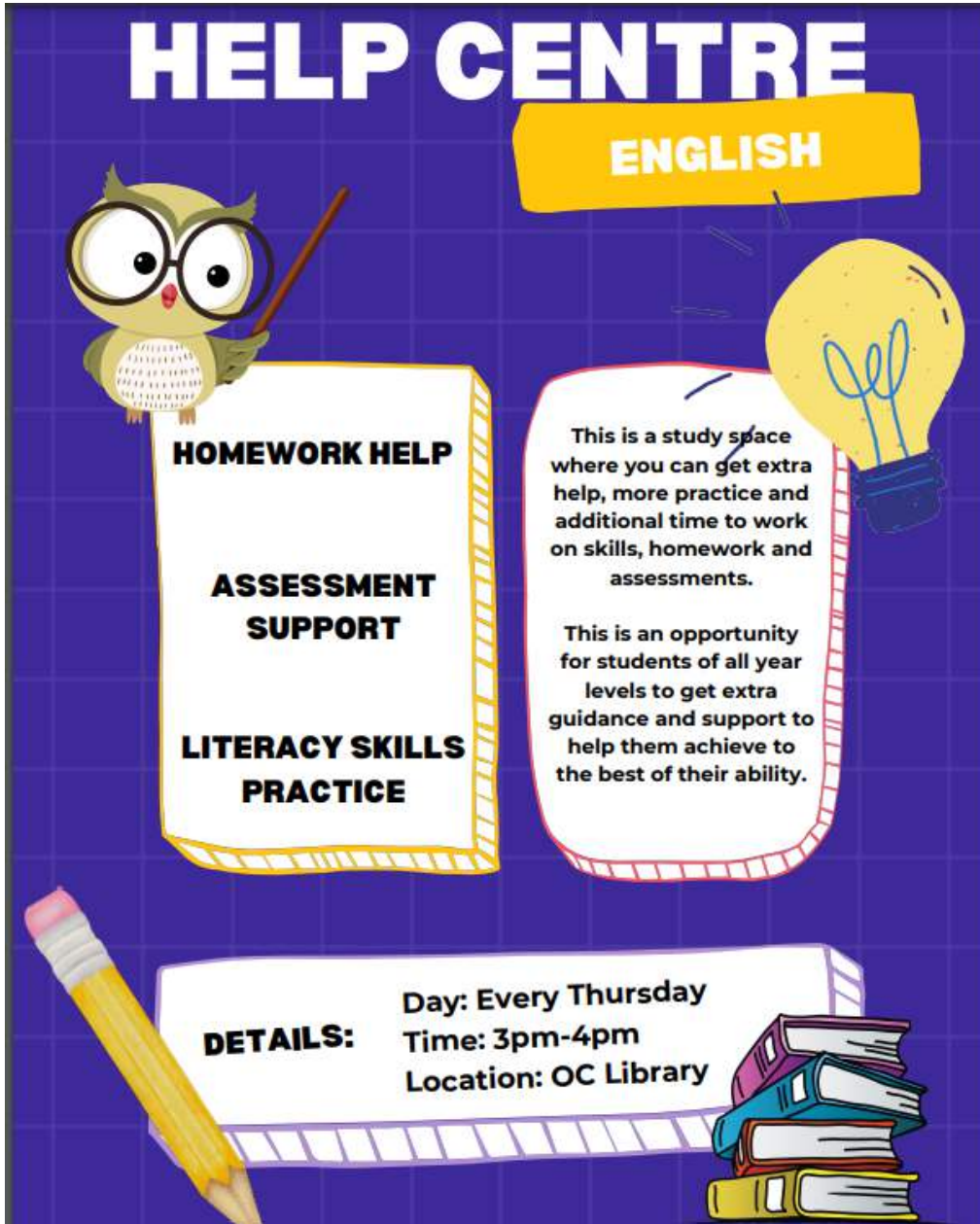
Our Rugby 10s Girls played their semifinals against One Tree Hill on Monday. The game was very intense, and One Tree Hill was a great team who gave our girls a good run. Our girls kept fighting and held on to come away with the win 22-19. The girls will play the finals on Monday against Onehunga.



Winter Sports photo Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August in the school gym.



## 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

The poster features a cartoon owl with glasses and a pencil, a glowing lightbulb, a stack of books, and a pencil.

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