



# ŌTĀHUHU COLLEGE



## Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### *Important Notices*

**HAVE A GOOD STUDY BREAK**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

- First day of TERM 4



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

This term has been a busy and successful term at Otahuhu College. A clear highlight has been the performance of our teams at Tournament Week. With increasing numbers playing sport it was great to see the commitment and dedication of the students who worked hard to perform consistently week in and week out. The number of families at the sidelines was fantastic.

Academically, our students continue to do better and better. In NCEA more and more classes are performing at levels better than most other schools in the country in their internals. This is great. However, it must be backed up with equally good performances in the end of year exams. Employers, Universities always look at how students do in both internals and externals. Rightly or wrongly they use externals as a way to judge the quality of all the other grades. Our challenge for Term Four is make sure that every student does their very best in the exams in November. During the next two weeks there are workshops and tutorials running, these are compulsory for students to attend, when not attending tutorials students in Year 9-11 should be doing a minimum of an hours study every day, Year 12 two hours and Year 13 should be doing three hours study daily.

Thank you for your support for your child and for Otahuhu College and we look forward to the start of the fourth term.

## Study Break

All students should be using these two weeks to study for their upcoming exams. A basic rule of thumb is that Year 9-11 students should be doing a minimum of an hour a day, Year 12 students two hours, and Year 13 students 3 hours study a day.

## Arts and Culture News

YOUR LEGACY PROGRAMME

Mission: To protect the value of our school, *“Be like Tamatane”*

Interactive Drawing Therapy



## Robotics Team

The Otago College Robotics Team embarked on an exciting journey this year, participating in the 2023-2024 National competition. The experience was immensely rewarding for our students, igniting their passion for robotics. As the new season, 2024-2025, commenced, a dedicated group of 14 students joined the team. The students have been diligently working on constructing their robots for the upcoming competitions.

The competitions require teams to build mechanical structures capable of picking up plastic rings and placing them in a mobile goal. These mechanical challenges are demanding, necessitating creativity, scientific application, and problem-solving skills.

In addition to the mechanical aspects, students must also program their robots, typically using Python. The team has participated in scrimmages, where they have tested their robots against other teams. These scrimmages have yielded satisfactory results, providing valuable insights for improvements and new ideas.

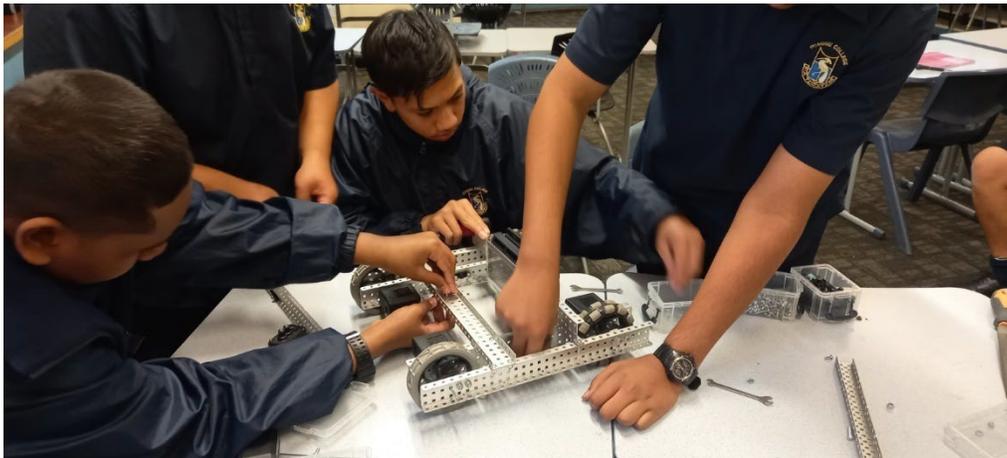


The students have successfully developed a robust robot model capable of completing all the required tasks. This achievement is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and innovative thinking.





The Otago College Robotics Team is poised for success in the upcoming season. With their enthusiasm, talent, and commitment, these students are well on their way to becoming future engineers. We wish them the best of luck in their endeavors.



## [Sports News](#)

On Tuesday, our student leaders selected for the Blues Leadership Programme held a follow-up presentation. They shared insights and experiences from the four-week program, highlighting key lessons and personal growth. The students discussed various skills they developed and how these will benefit them moving forward. It was an inspiring session, showcasing their hard work and commitment to leadership. Overall, the presentation emphasized the value of the program and the impact it had on each participant.

We're proud of their achievements and excited to see how they will apply what they've learned in the future. learned in the future. Congratulations to all our teams and players for their hard work and impressive results!



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