



## Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Important Notices

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Arts Week
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Arts Awards
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Sports Awards



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Bula Vinaka , this week we celebrated Fijian Language Week, which has been a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the rich culture and heritage of our Fijian students and families.

Once again, our Service Awards evening was an excellent start to the awards season. This event was a testament to the incredible leadership and contributions of our students to our school community. By serving others, our students are not only making a difference but also strengthening the bonds that hold our community together.

As we approach the exam season, I want to emphasize the importance of consistent study habits. Years 9-11 students should aim for at least 1 hour of study per night, while Year 12 students should increase this to 2 hours. For our Year 13 students, 3 hours of dedicated study each evening is recommended. Let's work together to ensure our students are well-prepared and confident as they tackle their exams.

## Our Commitments

Our focus for next week is being engaged in lessons. On the basic level it is making sure that every student takes individual responsibility to have their books and pens. To make sure that as soon as they get into class that they have their books out, bags on the floor, and they are ready to learn. 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.

## Community News

In late November, Science teacher Mr McKenzie will take up an exciting opportunity to represent Ako Mātātupu (TeachFirst NZ) at the Teach for Malaysia summit in Kuala Lumpur.

Much like TeachFirst NZ, Teach For Malaysia aims to combat educational inequality by developing and accelerating young leaders within their education system. The conference will be bringing together 200 students, parents, teachers, and community partners and is based around the idea of student voice and student-adult partnership.

Mr McKenzie is looking forward to networking with industry leaders and developing a global perspective on education which can continue to inform and improve teaching practice here at Ōtāhuhu College.





## Arts and Culture News



Congratulations to Rokara Naidiri who has been made head of the Photography club for the rest of this year and the beginning of 2025.

## Sports News

**Join the Rowing Team.** No experience necessary. We train 3-4 times a week after school at OC and the Auckland Rowing Club. All transportation to and from school is organized. Free to join. This is a wonderful way to gain fitness, strength, and discipline. Rowing provides a fun team environment and opportunity to spend time out on the water. We are looking to compete at the Maadi Cup (Nationals) in March. Contact [LTuiasosopo@otahuhucollege.school.nz](mailto:LTuiasosopo@otahuhucollege.school.nz) for more information.

**Girls EmPOWERment Group.** Girls of all ages, sizes and backgrounds are welcome! This will be an informal group with the simple goal of moving our bodies for our health and wellbeing. No experience in sport required. Contact [LTuiasosopo@otahuhucollege.school.nz](mailto:LTuiasosopo@otahuhucollege.school.nz) for more information.

