



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024

Important Notices

Wednesday 27 th to Friday 29 th November	Year 9 Leadership Camp
Friday 29 th November	Year 11 and Year 12 Prizegiving (1:00pm start)
Saturday 30 th November	Year 13 Graduation (10:00am start)
Monday 2 nd December	Y11, Y12, Y13 End of Year Reports Emailed
Thursday 5 th December	Y9 and Y10 End of Year Reports Emailed



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

NCEA exams are going well and it is great to see that nearly every exam has had 100% of students fronting up to this challenge. This has taken a great effort from everyone involved and I know the students are very grateful for the support they have had from their teachers and families during this time.

In particular, I would like to thank the teachers and all the staff for their hard work. In most schools senior students finish classes a month earlier, but here at Otahuhu College, our staff are committed to helping our students do the very best they can. It is a privilege to work with such dedicated staff who provide tutorials, workshops and give up their time to help our students succeed.

If you know of people wanting to enrol at Otahuhu College next year, enrolments are still open for in zone students. All applications for enrolment can be done through the office.

Junior School

Year 9 Top 25

At the end of Week 7, Ms Norgate will be reviewing the Year 9 engagement in Term 4. Those students who sit in the top 25 of the cohort for their continued, consistent engagement will be treated to a trip to see Moana 2 during school time on Tuesday 3rd December.

Year 9 Petrol vouchers for whānau

During the last week of term, \$50 petrol vouchers will be facilitated to the student who has the best attendance in class to gift to their families as a thank you for your continued support, and encouragement, in getting your child to school each day.

Blues Fill the Bus campaign - We need your help!

We are trying to support families in need over the festive period by filling the Blues Bus with food!

Help us support those in need over Christmas by donating non-perishable food items.

Donations can be dropped off at main reception of given to your child to bring in.

Examples of non-perishable food items:

Canned meats, soups, stews, chili, gravy, sauces, pasta, fruits, vegetables, beans, and juices

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FILL  THE
BLUES BUS

WITH **MORE FM**
SUPPORTED BY **RITCHIES**

THE BLUES ARE COLLECTING FOOD FOR
FAMILIES IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS!

DROP OFF YOUR FOOD HERE BETWEEN
4TH NOVEMBER - 4TH DECEMBER

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
WHERE YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE
BLUES.RUGBY/FILL-THE-BUS



 **southseas**
HEALTHCARE

 **The Village**
Community Services Trust

 **Whakaora Kai**

Year 9 Leadership Camp

A final reminder to families of students involved to get all consent forms in and payments made. We hit the road on Wednesday morning, 27th November!

Poem Somewhere in The Middle by Princess Ann Bayaniro 10SD

I stand in the mirror,
A thousand faces looking back,
Each one familiar,
Yet none the same.
I carry names I've forgotten,
And some I never knew.
I moved to an unknown place where
I need to restart,
Everyone seems so friendly
Yet I can't make friends.
I search for a place to fit,
But all the pieces feel misplaced,
As if I'm waiting for a version of me
That hasn't arrived yet



I met people from my country.
But the language they speak,
I can't say it,
Yet I understand
I feel alone, though I'm surrounded
They judge me and say
"She's mean, nakakainis siya?"
They don't know me
Yet they act as if they've known me for
years
As my Papa said,
"indi ka kabalo mag-tagalog? Filipino ka,
tapods indi ka kabalo?"
You don't know how to speak tagalog? You
are Filipino and yet you don't know?
I've pulled away
Building walls around myself,
Lost in my thoughts
Drowning in tears every night
Maybe I'm just not Filipino enough
Then I met someone who changed
everything
For the first time I felt truly seen
She became my light
And I realised that life could be so
Much more beautiful
I'm starting to believe that maybe this
journey isn't as lost as I thought.

Health and Wellness Centre

An app to support mental health and wellbeing in rangatahi. Headstrong is designed to teach skills and build resilience to help rangatahi cope with the challenges they may face. It has been developed by experts in youth mental health, and is the only government funded app for young people's mental health in Aotearoa. Free to download via the Google and Apple app stores and as a web app for access via computer, and website www.headstrong.org.nz

Sports News

Otago College has a proud history in girls' rugby, and this year, two students, Moana Uiese and Shaniya Chu Kau, have been selected for the New Zealand Barbarian U18 Girls 7s Team.





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The team will compete in the Moana Pasifika 7s Tournament at Otahuhu College on December 7th, as part of preparations for the Global Youth Sevens at Dilworth College. They will face international teams from Australia, the Pacific, as well as the NZ Maoris and NZ Condors teams. We congratulate Moana and Shaniya on their selection and wish them the best in their upcoming competitions.

Last week, our Junior Boys and Girls volleyball teams competed in the Junior Auckland Champs Tournament. Both teams had a strong start, securing some impressive wins early on. The Boys' team played with determination and finished the tournament in 12th place. The Girls' team performed exceptionally well, finishing in 4th place overall, a fantastic achievement.

Both teams showed great teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship throughout the competition, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. We are excited for what's to come in 2025 and look forward to further developing their abilities and building on this year's successes.

