



# Otorohanga College

*Ko te mana mō mua i te whakamana ~ Honour before honours*

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Term 1, Week 5

## Canadian Rugby Team Tour 2018



## Tour Match Robert Bateman Secondary vs Otorohanga College



This week we have been hosting our visitors who are on tour from Canada. They have been billeted for three nights with Otorohanga College families giving them a great opportunity to explore the region before playing our side on Tuesday afternoon.

It was great to see players and staff bond and the learning and sharing of cultures between countries. Some players and staff even attended High Performance training. This truly added to the overall experience



Despite being pre season the Rugby match was an outstanding spectacle. Continuing from where he left off last year vice Captain Jaycee Shearer was in great form and scored early. Bateman bounced back quickly and it was soon obvious that this would be



a close game. Going into the second period Otorohanga gave all the new players an opportunity for a run. Bateman was able to exploit this running in three tries. In the last quarter Otorohanga College put their strongest team back out and clawed their way back to a final score of 22-19. The Canadians deservingly taking the win. New players Karne Barlow and Maia George had strong games on debut.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the families and staff who hosted billets. Your kindness and hospitality was well received and



will be remembered by our guests for a long time.





*Kia hora te marino*

*Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana  
Kia tere kārohirohi i mua i tō huarahi*

*May the calm be widespread  
May the surface of the ocean glisten like greenstone  
And may the shimmer of summer  
Dance across your path forever.*

These words come from this area (Rangawhenua C1880)

Something nice to say and think about as you start a meeting, start your day, start a letter, start an email, start a text message, or like I have used it to start a piece of writing

**Kia ora e te whānau whānui**

It has been another interesting period here at the College as we swing into 2018. This time is invaluable to us as we begin the process of growing new relationships with our New Year 9 students along with re-establishing our connections with our students who have been with us in previous years.

As with all new academic years, we take the time to ensure all settle and transition into their new classes as seamlessly as possible.

We also know there will be some who need more support than others do, however we would suggest that the arrival of Easter, signals the time that we are settled.

Along with the day-to-day things that we need to deal with each year, we have also had a big change with our Year 13 cohort now attending the College in uniform. I would like to take

this time to thank our whānau and our students for supporting this change. There has been and remains a significant difference both within the College and in the community as we see all of our students proudly wearing their uniforms.

Me whaimana te tangata,  
Honour each other.

Well done to Ōtorohanga South School who rallied to provide the Ōtorohanga Community with another dazzling gala. I was fortunate to go up in a helicopter, which was a gift from our local Sports world Owner Devender

Attri.

We continue to enjoy the business relationship we have with Ōtorohanga Sports World. This is certainly a business that 'Walks the Talk' when it comes to supporting the College. An example of this support is that Matua Devender will employ our students where he can.

Since the last newsletter we have had a relatively busy time. We have had successful full College events including our Swimming Sports, and Athletics Day which were enhanced with beautiful King Country weather. In amongst these events we have had some outstanding individual performances by a number of individuals.

We had another successful evening with a record number of students being involved in the tutorlidge of Te Kahu Rolleston, whereby they have presented to a large audience 'Slam Poetry'. We wholeheartedly thank Te Kahu for sharing his expertise with our students.



Another big thank you goes out to Mrs Campbell who using her own tireless hours organises this wonderful event for us.

Finally as the curtain comes down on another busy summer with the associated sports we move into winter codes. Our

netball teams are in the process of selection and preparation for another busy season. Our rugby teams are doing the same with a recent pre-season hit out against the Robert Bateman School team from Canada. Our international visitors ran out as winners in an entertaining game. Plenty of work ahead for the players and coaches.

I wish you all a pleasant Easter with your children, on this long holiday break and look forward to working with you all in 2018 and beyond in our combined efforts to be an exceptional College.

Nō reira,

**KO TE MANA MŌ MUA I TE WHAKAMANA,** Honour before honours,

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, huri noa, huri noa, tēnā mauriora tātau katoa.



**Mr Lindsay Dunn  
Principal / Tumuaki**



# Board of Trustees

Kia ora koutou katoa

At the Board's February meeting Paul Singh resigned as Chair and I was nominated to step into the role. Thank you to Paul for your focus and dedication to Otorohanga College over the last nearly two years and we look forward to your continued strong contribution on the Board. Our Board is united and committed to ensuring that Otorohanga College continues its journey towards being the best it can possibly be for our taonga, our students

## **Staff Breakfast**

The Board hosted a breakfast for all staff this morning by way of saying a huge thank you to all staff for their hard work and dedication. Our staff are our key to continuing our success. We know it is a regular thing for staff to go well above and beyond the call of duty for our students. Staff...we know how hard you work and how passionate you are about Otorohanga College...a heartfelt thank you to you all from the Board.

## **C Block Consultation**

On Thursday evening the BoT held its first consultation meeting to receive community input regarding the condition and future of C Block. The discussion was based around two philosophically differing views that focused on current pedagogy and learners' needs and the building's heritage. Due to the cost of repairs and remediation (estimated \$350,000) three options were put to the community that were discussed (full removal, partial removal and no removal). As a Board we will drill down further and provide community members the opportunity to walk through the building. Student voice was a feature in the discussion - 'what are the students' experiences of C Block? What are students' needs?' We will keep you posted.

## **Succession Planning**

Early in 2019 school communities will again be considering Board triennial elections. If you have skills, experience and knowledge that would benefit the governance and strategic direction of Otorohanga College, and in turn our students, then I invite you to consider standing for the Board of Trustees. By being a school trustee you can affect change that is in the best interests of our young people. Want to learn more about trusteeship? Go to <http://www.nzsta.org.nz/representation/board-of-trustees>

## **Parent Forum**

We heard feedback from staff and parents about our first parent consultation hui this year and we promised to offer another parent forum in term 2 so we can keep strengthening our communication and links to parents. The date for the 2nd parent forum is 21 May 2018 - 6 - 9pm. Lock in the date!

Thank you to our Board members for their continued focus on making Otorohanga College the best it can be: Mr Lindsay Dunn, Anthea Tata, Paul Singh, Maree Bublitz, Chris van der Heyden, Keith Edwards, Ashlee Hawkes-Board and Brenton Irwin.

Ngaa mihi nui

Lorraine Fox

Board of Trustees Chairperson

If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn.

- Ignacio Estrada

# McQuilkin Cup

## 1st XV

On the back of our first Rugby game of the season against our Canadian visitors, our 1st XV squad headed to Taupo to compete in the prestigious McQuilkin Cup King Country 1st XV Competition. Numbers were down to just 3 teams this year as there were no teams from Te Kuiti, Pio Pio or Taumarunui. Our first game was against Tauhara, and although we didn't come away with a win, there was some good skill shown and the boys put in a massive effort to stay in the game. Second half tries were scored by Clinton Uerata and Jaycee Shearer.

Our second game against Taupo Nui a Tia showed our determination as our very tired bodies were pushed to continue against a very

strong and well-oiled side. The squad kept their heads up, tackling hard until the final whistle.

It was great to have our season begin with these fixtures, and we look forward to training and developing our fitness, strength and skills for our upcoming Saturday rugby in the Waikato Secondary Schools Competition.



## Girls 7's

Otorohanga College girls sevens team comprising of 17 keen young girls went down to Taupo to compete in the McQuilkin cup. The girls improved every game that they played. In their 3rd game against the top team the girls played close at their potential and only went down three tries to one. The final game which was the playoff for 3rd and 4th was a fantastic game with 3 tries each but Taumarunui were able to kick one more conversion to win by 2 points. The girls enjoy the experience and grew as a team working well together throughout the day.



# Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

**Thursday 12 April**

**1.30pm to 6.00pm**

Parent/ Student/ Teacher Interviews support the three-way partnership that exists in a student's journey through school. Positive relationships among parents, students and teachers result in everyone working together with the student's educational success as the priority. The academic and personal achievement of your child is at the heart of everything that we do at Ōtorohanga College.

With this in mind, you are warmly invited and encouraged to attend the Parent/Student/ Teacher Interviews on Thursday 12 April. Interview bookings of 10 minutes/teacher can be scheduled on line or through the main office at a time that best suits your needs and schedule. To book your times and teachers, go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the event code 92w3j. All normal timetabled classes will be running on 12 April with an adjusted timetable to enable an early school closure at 1:00. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend the interviews with you.

On arriving at the Ōtorohanga College foyer, the Student Leadership Team will guide you to the classrooms in which your interviews will be held. We eagerly anticipate seeing you at the Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews as they are a wonderful opportunity to connect, communicate and collaborate with your child(ren)'s teacher/s and to discuss the ways in which we can use a team approach to enhance achievement.



## Are you using the Parent Portal?

The Parent Portal enables you to track your child's progress in a number of ways including live attendance information and academic achievement.

Parents/caregivers are able to see the following data:

**Calendar**

**Details**

**Timetable**

**Attendance**

**NCEA Summary**

**Current Year Results**

**All Results**

**Groups**

**Reports**

**Fees**

Follow the three steps below using your unique username and password:

- 1 Enter the web address: [www.otocoll.school.nz](http://www.otocoll.school.nz) into the address bar
- 2 Click on the Parent Portal
- 3 To obtain information about your child enter the unique username and password at the login section

**From Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March your child's Term One Progress Report can be viewed on the Parent Portal. If, however, you would like a paper copy of the Term One Progress Report please contact the College Office.**

# NCEA Fees

## 2018 NCEA Qualifications

There is a standard annual fee which students must pay to have their results recorded on their New Zealand Record Of Achievement and for the awarding of qualifications.

The fee is collected by the College and forwarded to NZQA. Fees are due by Friday 7th September. If the fee is not paid by this date a candidate will have to pay NZQA directly using the School Candidate Form—Payment of NZQA Fees. You can get this form from the office. After the 3rd December, NZQA will add a \$50.00 late fee.

### How much does it cost?

The following fee structure applies for 2018 (GST inclusive):

<b>Entry for all NCEA standards</b>	<b>\$76.70</b>
<b>Entry for each New Zealand Scholarship Subject</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

### Can I get help to pay?

To be eligible to apply for financial assistance you must be the fee payer and able to meet at least one of the

following criteria:

- Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit (benefit-based application)
- Be a fee payer with two or more children who are candidates irrespective of family income, where the total fees you would have to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum

### How do I get help?

To get financial assistance you have to fill in a Financial Assistance form and hand it in to the College Office. You can get this form from the office.

***Education is the most powerful  
weapon which you can use to  
change the world  
Nelson Mandela***



# NCEA Timetable 2018

**NZQA**

NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY  
 HAUKI Kaitiaki Māori  
 QUALIFY FOR THE FUTURE WORLD OF  
 KĀI HĀKI TAIAKATU KI TŪ KAPUHE AŌKI

2018 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
DATE	TIME	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	SCHOLARSHIP
Wed 7 Nov	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance	Art History	Earth & Space Science
	2.00 pm		French		Drama
Thurs 8 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Earth & Space Science	Drama	Chemistry
	2.00 pm	Sāmoan / Spanish	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira / Social Studies / Psychology	Sāmoan
Fri 9 Nov	9.30 am		Physics	Business Studies	Calculus
	2.00 pm	Geography	German	Dance	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
WEEKEND					
Mon 12 Nov	9.30 am	English			Statistics
	2.00 pm		Media Studies	Home Economics	English
Tue 13 Nov	9.30 am	French	Business Studies	Calculus	Media Studies
	2.00 pm	Economics		Accounting	
Wed 14 Nov	9.30 am		Mathematics & Statistics		Classical Studies
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Thurs 15 Nov	9.30 am	Science		Making Music	History
	2.00 pm	Chemistry	Geography	Chemistry	Te Reo Rangatira
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY					
WEEKEND					
Mon 19 Nov	9.30 am		English		
	2.00 pm	History	Te Reo Māori	Biology	Economics
Tue 20 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics			Biology
	2.00 pm		Drama	Physics	Art History
Wed 21 Nov	9.30 am	Japanese		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics		Geography
Thurs 22 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	
	2.00 pm	Chinese	Spanish / Health	Earth & Space Science	
Fri 23 Nov	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	Physics
	2.00 pm	Physics	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Japanese
WEEKEND					
Mon 26 Nov	9.30 am	Drama	Chemistry	Music Studies	Spanish
	2.00 pm	Health	Sāmoan / Education for Sustainability	Te Reo Māori / Latin	Chinese
Tue 27 Nov	9.30 am	Biology	Music	Media Studies	Accounting
	2.00 pm	Business Studies	Social Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science / German / Chinese	
Wed 28 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira / Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Sāmoan	Te Reo Māori / Latin
	2.00 pm		History	Health	Music
Thurs 29 Nov	9.30 am	Accounting	Te Reo Rangatira / Latin	Japanese	German
	2.00 pm	Dance	Classical Studies	Spanish	
Fri 30 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Māori / Art History	Chinese	French	
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies		Economics	

# Students Achieving Excellence in Science

## Level 1 Science

Ayden Thomson  
Kyah Cornes  
Daniel Court  
Kerry Long  
Leanne Hofer-Nigg  
Ryan Cave  
Kelsey Knight  
Reinder Post  
Roka Turner-Tana  
Emma van der Hoek  
Sid Marsters  
Aimee Drinkwater  
Monique Fagan  
Liam Klaus  
Manaaki Rewi-Wetini  
Hayze Carr

## Level 2 Chemistry

Jacinda Baker-Singh  
Samantha Coles  
Matthew Connolly  
Jessica Russell  
Harry Sheehy  
Chloe Smith

## Level 2 Biology

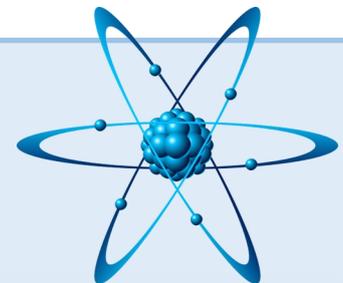
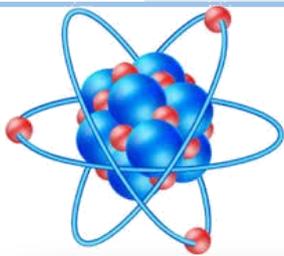
Jacinda Baker-Singh  
Samantha Coles  
Matthew Connolly  
Jessica Russell  
Harry Sheehy  
Chloe Smith  
Megan Park  
Paige Summerfield  
Shaolin Tapiata

## Level 3 Chemistry

Jaylin Driver  
Kaylee Driver  
Mallory Fraser  
Courtney Irwin  
Andrew Long

## Level 3 Biology

Kaylee Driver  
Emily Corin  
Mallory Fraser  
Dylan Roberts  
Courtney Irwin  
Andrew Long  
Ashlee Hawkes-Board  
Kayla Malan  
Harry Sheehy



Caitlin Capper-Muraahi  
Dorothy Ward  
Shynal Chandra



# B2's Corner

## Special Olympics Swimming Meet

On Tuesday 6 th March 2018, students travelled from Matamata, Tokoroa, Hamilton, Cambridge, Te Awamutu and Otorohanga to the Te Awamutu pools to attend the Special Olympics Swimming Meet. Otorohanga College was represented by Jennifer Clark and Heremaia Koreheke.

Jennifer participated in:

25 metre freestyle in which she came 2 nd .

50 metre freestyle in which Jen also came 2 nd .

Heremaia participated in:

25 metre breaststroke in which he came 3 rd .

25 metre freestyle in which he came 1 st .

Jennifer also had the opportunity to swim in a relay with Patricia Avenue School Te Awamutu in which they came 3 rd .

It was an amazing day. Otorohanga College can be proud of how well they were represented.



**Special  
Olympics**  
New Zealand



# NZ War Commemoration Update

On March 9<sup>th</sup> a delegation from Maniapoto travelled to Paihia and on to Kororāreka to participate in Te Pūtake o Te Riri. Our ex-student stalwarts from the original petition to parliament were invited to speak at a youth forum on March 10, and the next day at the formal commemoration of the 'Sacking of Kororāreka (Russell)', well noted to mark the beginning of the NZ Land Wars. Below is the speech that Zak Henry, Waimarama Anderson and Leah Bell wrote and delivered.

memorate the New Zealand Land Wars began with Rangatahi, was lead by youth, and has become the responsibility of young people -- our generation. A campaign for all our people; to become conscious of the history that our forebears were forced to suppress. In Waikato, we are surrounded by lush land, deep rivers and lakes, that bury the blood, bones and stories of those wars and their on-going consequences. Little rural schools that no one has heard of are dotted across this land, such as ours – Ōtorohanga College where the petition was born.

On a school excursion in 2014, just half an hour away from our Kura, we visited the Ōrakau battle-site and Rangiaaowhia where, in 1864 the militia burnt out elders and children, breaking the agreed rules of engagement. Most of the 190 of us students present had never visited before, let alone heard of these battles, invasions and contrived land confiscations. Our kaumātua and kuia travelled with us. We witnessed their anguish as accounts of their ancestors' peril were explained. We heard stories of valour, struggle and veracity from Pākehā soldier perspectives, and of the warrior whaanau, including women, and children who so valiantly defended mana whenua.

When we witnessed the grief of our elders, we realised that it was shameful that we did not know our connections with such formative history. We were learning about parallel events far away, but we did not know anything at all about what had hap-

pened in our back yard. We heard Matua Rahui Papa and Nick Tuwhangai say that for years the old people had tried to have this historical reality addressed, to no avail. We felt their grief. We knew in that instant that we had to do something. A petition was born.

Two weeks later at the sesquicentennial commemoration of Ooraakau, Kiingi Tuheitia signed a letter which became the first signature to a petition to parliament seeking redress to this historical amnesia. The Kiingitanga proved to be relentless in its' support of this kaupapa. Whaea Nanaia Mahuta readily agreed to sponsor and table the petition in parliament. Two years of hard work followed where we petitioned on the streets, at festivals and to anyone who would listen, to gain 13,000 signatures. We quickly realised that our people would only sign when they heard the story face to face, hence why 12,000 of those signatures represent 12,000 face to face conversations. We were overwhelmed with support from both Maaori and Pakeha, but also met strong resistance.



*Mai i Te Rerenga Wairua ki Rakiura,*

*Mai I te maunga tapu o Takanaki ki Hikurangi*

*Kei ngaku iti, kei ngaku rahi,*

*E te iwi o Ngaapuhi nui tonu*

*E ngaa Mana whenua o Ngaati Rahiri me Ngaati Kawa*

*Nei raa maaua ko e mihi ana*



The journey of the petition to com-

We learnt that finishing what you start takes commitment, courage and resilience.

people in power. Stories of heroism, women and men, fighting until their very last breath on all battlefields.

repatriated, Ooraakau battle site returned, battle sites protected, and this very commemoration. Te Reo classes are exploding, Land War texts are sold out. A conversation has been raised.

Across the world colonial history is being challenged. The time come.

We are humbled and honoured to support Te Puutake o te Riri in Te Tai Tokerau.

In the ode of remembrance we say “Lest we forget”, today and forever more we say “we must remember - me maumahara tātou”.



We learnt that to bring a whole community along with the kaupapa alienates nobody.

We also learnt that once the kaupapa gains traction, people want to join. Once you have media attention, even those who were initially negative will support it.

On December the 8<sup>th</sup> 2015, we arrived at parliament supported by a huge contingent of people from across the motu. The petition was received and endorsed by members of all parties. We sought a statutory public holiday to commemorate the New Zealand Land Wars: to have this included in the New Zealand Curriculum: and to have this resourced.

In Parliament’s Banquet Hall, that afternoon, Andrew Little, the then leader of the labour party, stated that Labour would honour this should they become the government. [pause].

We are known to be a country of immense pride. We three come from Te Rohe Pootae where stories of horror, deceit, abandonment, bloodshed and confiscation abound. We also have stories of friendship between Pākehā and Māori: people forced to fight each other due to the greed of

Stories that are embedded in this kaupapa.

This is not a black and white history. Guilt and shame are irrelevant emotions which have hindered the illumination of our history. For we fear such shame. Sorry John Key, but Aotearoa was not founded peacefully. It did not begin as a colonial country with a peaceful Treaty signing between two peoples and miraculously leap forward in time to the World Wars; which is how history has been taught in our schools for generations. How can we as Rangatahi possibly know why we have Treaty settlement processes, when we do not understand that the New Zealand Wars breached treaty agreements beginning here, where we stand today. Truthful stories are what we Rangatahi want to know. This is the history we deserve as citizens of Aotearoa. And young people, with the platform of social media and the pathways that our older generations have given us, will stop at nothing to know our truth. Hand in hand, aiming to be together, as one.

Since the petition was initiated there have been commemorations across the motu, open discussions between whaanau, communities, schools and politicians. We have seen Rangiriri



#### Further Media:

Livestream of Sunday’s korero

<https://tinyurl.com/livestream-korero>

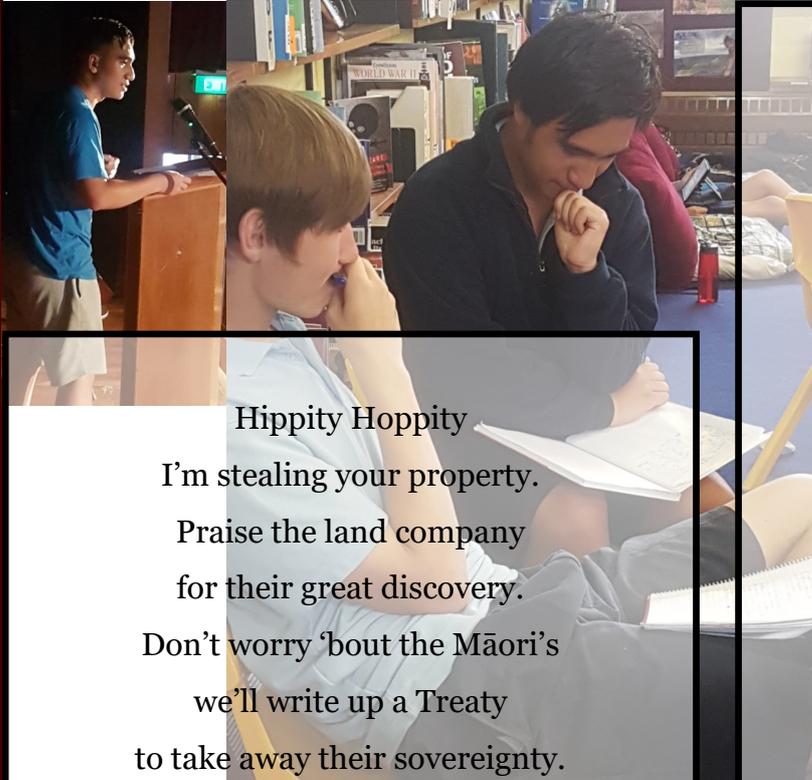
Dr Joanne Kidman on Youth Activism

<https://tinyurl.com/jkidman-orakau>

# Te Kahu Rolleston Spoken Word: Poetry in Performance

From the 2-6 March we had the privilege of our nationally acclaimed poet returning to us for the third time: writing with 49 of our students across all year groups, and developing 33 of them into a public performance night, with the kaupapa of the NZ Wars making the podium for many of them.

The photos and following poems should be read with the rhythm of live performance in mind.



Hippity Hoppity  
I'm stealing your property.  
Praise the land company  
for their great discovery.  
Don't worry 'bout the Māori's  
we'll write up a Treaty  
to take away their sovereignty.  
We'll write some Māori trickery,  
to scam all of the Māori chiefs.  
We'll destroy their identity  
with our civility.  
Just like Nazi Germany.

We're starting a new colony,  
controlled by British tyranny.  
We'll create a new economy,  
Start a dairy industry,  
Divide the Māori families,  
businesses and companies,  
McDonalds and KFC  
(I'll have a Kiwi burger please),  
struggling in poverty,  
cutting down the native trees,  
Māori dying of disease

The cultural conflict of the west  
As the Government tries their best  
To forsake their identity  
Without sentimentality  
As they ignore the riots  
And attempt to deny it  
That a war is raged over the pulpit

As they try not to offend  
They forsake their own men  
As they lust after the prosperity  
Wrought by other's nationality  
Cultural obliteration  
Is the next iteration  
In the history of the western nations

When two cultures meet one of two things occur  
Either one is forgotten or both of them burn



*The witches of the night were women in WW2 who flew at night time dropping bombs. One General, male, initially complained about being sent a "a bunch of girlies" instead of soldiers. But the women and their flimsy little crop-dusters and their ill-fitting uniforms and their 23,000 tons of ammunition soon proved him wrong. And they did all that while decorating their planes with flowers and using their navigation pencils as lip-colour.*

**The Witches of the Night.**

We were taught.

Taught to fight

But

Instead of fighting for the right to vote

We were fighting for more

Protecting our homes, our children

Protecting our country

We were marching,

Marching not in protest

But with soldiers

We were soldiers

In a time where we

We were still denied so

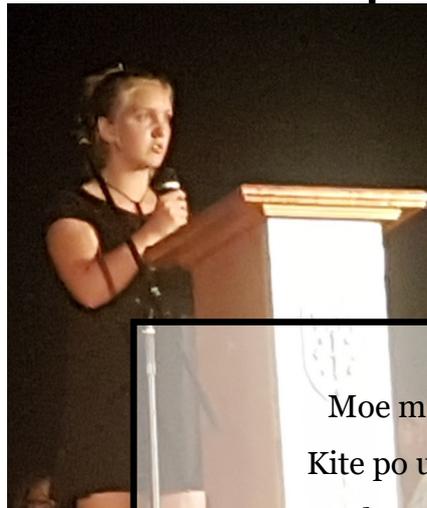
So many basic rights

We were armed

With anything but the best

Still we fought

We were not deterred



**SPOKEN  
WORD!**

Moe mai ra koutou kua tiraha  
Kite po uriuri kite po tangotango  
They started from Rangiriri  
They killed both hapu and iwi  
Killing

The younger generation  
By-passing Paterangi  
The sky bled red  
I whakawhero te Rangi

Unable to break through  
they went around  
to Rangiaowhia  
Whānau were left to fight  
an unexpected invasion  
an attempt to eradicate the native

We will never forget, kei wareware  
we were Captured in our own whare  
Peering out through lit fire  
the ambush and raid upon the Ngati Apakura empire



# Year 10 Spirit of New Zealand

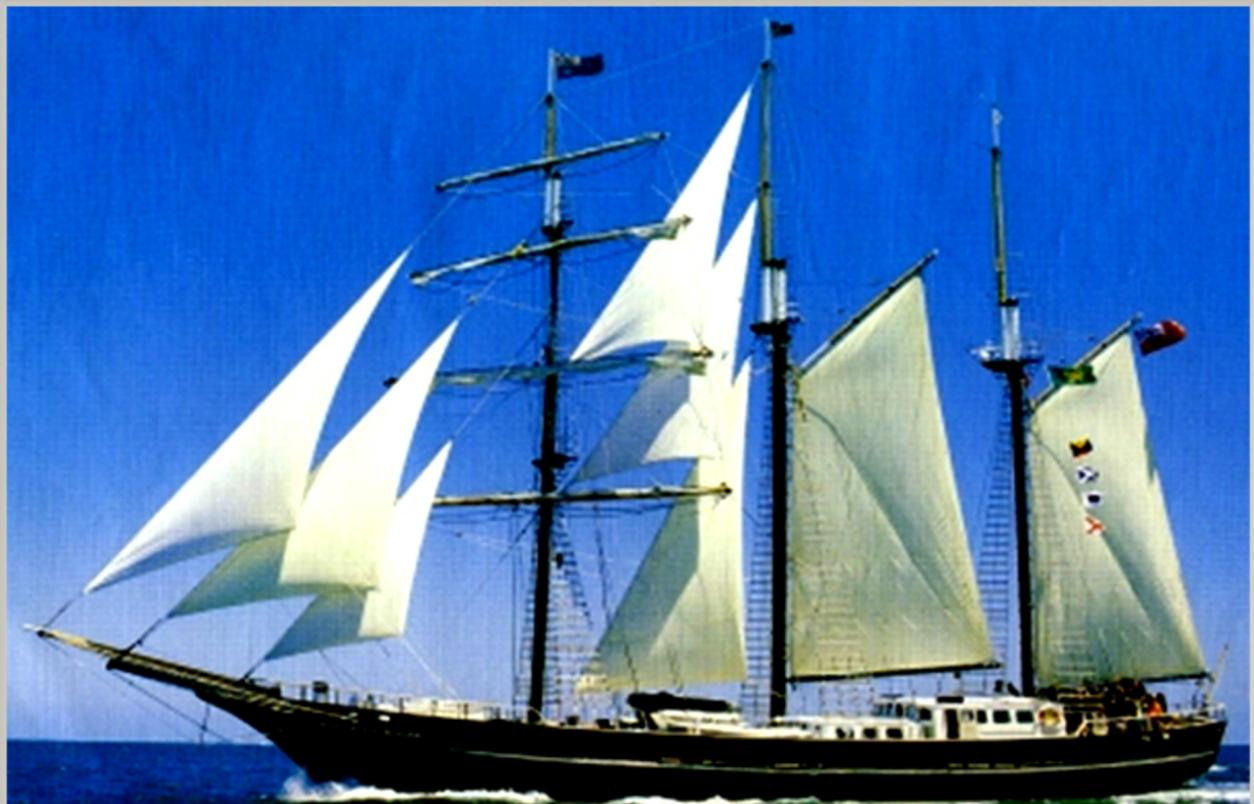
The 5 day Spirit of new Zealand Trophy Voyage 28th Oct – 3rd November 2018. This is a wonderful opportunity for 10 of our students , however, it is costly hence the early notice.

\$350 per person per day, inclusive of GST. This means the total 5 Day Trophy program cost is \$1750 per person.

Please contact Mr Howitt if you have any questions.

I have included a link to the web site

<https://www.spiritofadventure.org.nz/voyages/voyage/5-day-spirit-trophy>  
for your information.



# STUDENT WELLBEING

THESE ARE THE SERVICES THAT ARE CURRENTLY  
AVAILABLE HERE AT ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

**Monday**

**Public Health Nurse Clinic – Anne Green**

Office situated on side of E block

10.00 – 11.00

**MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT AT THE FRONT OFFICE**

**Tuesday**

**Physiotherapist - Kara Thomas**

8.45 – 12.00 in Student Wellness 3 (Sick bay)

**MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT AT THE FRONT OFFICE**

**Guidance Counselling** available for an appointment with  
**Christine Manson** see your Dean.

**FOR AN APPOINTMENT SEE YOUR DEAN**

**Wednesday**

**Attendance Service**

8.30 – 3.00 in the Interview Room

**Doctor Joyce Wong**

9.00 – 10.45 in Student Wellness 3 (Sick bay)

**MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT AT THE FRONT OFFICE**

**Thursday**

**Drug and Alcohol Counsellor Available**

**Youth Intact**

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**Friday**

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## Attendance

It is a legal requirement that students attend school. Requests must be made in writing to the Whānau Teacher for any time out of school. At Ōtorohanga College we have a system where contact is made on the first day of absence by the Whānau Teacher to the family for an unexplained absence. You will also notice that we regularly send out text messages to families of students that have an unexplained absence. We ask that families / caregivers ring the College Office to explain if your child is sick each day.

In our student management system students will be marked absent and the code will be changed when contact has been made with the school.

For a student staying home sick the code is changed to a M, a medical certificate must be supplied after 3 days of Ms.

The code will be changed to a J for Justified absence if for example the bus breaks down, or there is an accident or a road closure or in extreme weather conditions that stops the student being at school.

It will change to an E for Explained absence, but not justified in the following cases: a student looking after their siblings for the day, a student took the day off for

a haircut.

The Ministry of Education require us to code a family holiday during term time as G, this is not a justified absence.

Students who still have an unexplained absence on the second day will be referred to the Dean. Students who have 3 days of unexplained absences will be referred to the Attendance Service.

## Sickness

If a student becomes ill during the school day, the student reports to the front Office and every endeavour will be made to make contact with home. Students will not be allowed to go home without a caregiver being contacted.

## Signing Out

If a student needs to leave College during the school day they will need to bring a signed note from home to the front Office to sign out. Students without notes are not permitted to leave the school grounds. Students may apply for a lunch pass; if approved this allows students to go to their family home for lunch during lunchtime. The student will be issued with a laminated lunch pass which you must carry on you when leaving at lunchtime. A lunch pass still requires you to sign out each day although you do not need to bring a note every day. Please see

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## For absentee students...

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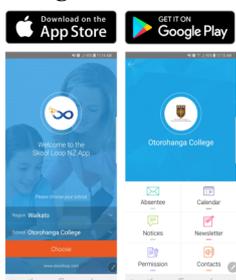
- Using the **Skool Loop NZ** App
- Using the absentee form on our school website (Smart phone friendly)

[www.otocoll.school.nz/absences](http://www.otocoll.school.nz/absences)

- Email [admin@otocoll.school.nz](mailto:admin@otocoll.school.nz)
- Phone 07 873 8029

Mrs Russell if you think you may need a lunch pass.

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