



Otorohanga College

Ko te mana mō i te whakamana - Honour Before Honours

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Term 1 Week 10

NEWSLETTER



Whāaea Mariana Papa

Farewell to Whaea Mariana Papa

Mariana

In January 2014 you arrived at our school
Did you ever think this journey would be so cool
For you it was coming back to your roots
A journey that has always been full of hoots

A classroom teacher, you definitely won hearts
Our Taura loved you right from the start
Relationships strengthened, results started to show
Your classroom environment certainly had flow

January 2016 bought more to your life
We watched your family grow and bring you more strife
Juggling teaching and home life was a skill
A Health class with Yr 9, the benefits of the pill

In January 2017 you gained a new role
HOF of Languages, good for your soul
Knowledgeable, strong, supportive is you
Encouraging students and staff is your cue

Your high expectations you have always made clear
Reinforcing in your students you definitely care
Hearty and confident, here for our kids
Always ensuring they don't put on the skids

Proud to be local Maaori with history to tell
We love your stories, it's not a hard sell
The Petition, your passion and commitment was real
Guiding students to Parliament to get the appeal

Dedicated, honest and definitely outspoken
Challenging questions, you won't be broken
Straight up and true, in many staff briefings
Asking those questions in serious meetings

On the outside a tough nut, firey and brave
On the inside a soft, caring person the kids fave
Vivacious, valued, vigorous and enthused
Your outbursts and comments keep all amused.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with you for the last five years and you will be missed.
We wish you all the best in your new position at the Wharekura. Our loss is their gain.
E noho ra



Message from our Principal

As term 1 comes to an end I'm pleased to be able to report that we have experienced a far more settled environment in recent weeks. Its good to see that the focus is back in the classroom and its good to see students hard to complete their assignment.

As term 1 comes to a keen interest in Maniapoto where she an end I'm pleased to their children's has moved on be able to report that progress. Some promotion and will be we have experienced frustrations was taking on the a far more settled raised over the responsibility of environment in recent amount of time leading the weeks. Its good to available given that Secondary Level of see that the focus is the evening was for the School.

back in the classroom both junior and and its good to see seniors and I will look The new Principals' students working into that before our position is currently hard to complete their next meeting. being advertised with assignment. applications closing in early Term II.

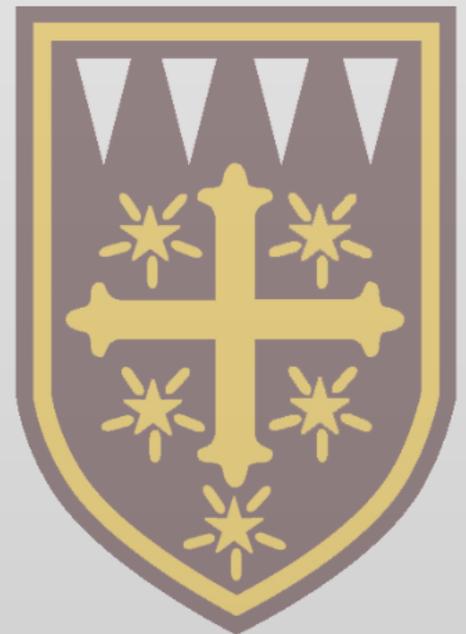
I was impressed with the recent parent/teacher evening and while some concerns were raised, the majority of feedback has been positive. It's good to see so many of our parents and caregiver taking such

Today we had farewelled a Senior member of staff Mariana Whāea Papa, Head of Language Faculty. Whaea Mariana has made a major contribution to the school both in terms of her faculty and setting high standards for student achievement. She has also provided us with a vital link between the school and the greater Maniapoto Community. We wish her well for her new position at Te Wharekura,

I wish you well for the holiday break



Mr Phil McCreery



ANZAC Remembrance Garden



Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served".

Thursday 25th April 2019

Hostel

Kia ora whanau. A big *mihi* to all the students, staff and whanau of the Hostel who have made the first term a mighty success, mighty because a settled roll of 62 tells us so. Our juniors who were once upon a time a little apprehensive and feeling a little out of their depth have most definitely found their niche and have settled well into hostel life. College remains a challenge to be faced and bettered for but 1 or 2—our hope and expectation is that they will succeed and they will rise above all expectations. As the term comes to its conclusion and as this newsletter goes to print our juniors are being introduced to perhaps their last new challenge as a hostel resident, the dreaded “**End of term spring clean**”. Aunty Caroline will be out with her white gloves, Jiff and Janola bottles, and of course the toothbrushes, to get right into where those little bits of ‘*paru*’ that might be lurking, leaving the hostel nice and clean for the impending holidays.



We would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge our Dorm Leaders for 2019. They are as follows;

Dorm 1 – Ariana Kawhena

Dorm 2 – Kate Ngaru

Dorm 3 – Pedro Maikuku

Dorm 4 – Reihana Chadwick

We thank you for the *maihi* and guidance you have shown thus far.

As previous newsletters attest the year has been very busy indeed. These are the comings and goings since our last newsletter item for *Kaainga Rua*:

Maths Tuition – Big thumbs up to Mr Ken Drummond for giving up his personal time to come and help our year 11 student with their Mathematics every Monday and Tuesday nights. Our students look forward to him coming and working well, and are looking forward to working with him next term.

Gateway – Lots of our senior students have been involved with the Gateway Program this year – going out on work placements and course. Thanks to Linda Campbell and Claire King for your encouragement and guidance.

Touch Comp - Over the last week all our hostilians have been participating in an inter-hostel Touch competition. It was great to see all students participating, even in the dark. We congratulate you all.

The final results are as follows;

Girls Comp – Dubz lead by Moana Kawhena

Boys Comp – Bro-ly Lead by Clinton Uerata-Karipa

The Mixed comp will be completed next term

Hostel Fees

Invoices were sent out earlier in the term. Falloon House enrolls boarders on the understanding that boarding fees will be paid on a term by term basis. We incur considerable costs in keeping the boarders safe, healthy and well cared for. At the same time, every attempt is made to keep the boarding fee costs affordable for all our families within our contributing school districts. In taking this approach, Falloon House operates on a very thin margin. Therefore it is crucial all families pay their boarding fees regularly to help keep Falloon House economic and more importantly, open.

Finally we would like to wish you all a very safe holidays and look forward to seeing you all in term 2.

Te Reo Maaori

E ngaa tini, e ngaa mano, he mihi manahau nunui ki a taatou katoa!

What a warm and welcoming place to be! Thanks to all, but especially to Whaea Mariana who has been a rock of guidance and support from the beginning. We will certainly miss her humour and humble expertise. You best live it up on your next adventure Whae!

Originally from the coastal farmland of Taranaki, I am humbled to have experienced lived in an array of different places and am hugely grateful to be now situated here in Ōtorohanga. This community college is abound with aroha, manaakitanga and of course the welcoming, as its name suggests.

My personal passion in teaching and learning has always been grounded on the faith that eventually everyone will come to value the beauty and importance of Maoritanga. Thanks to the students and staff who have already contributed so positively in the singing, playing, acting, speaking and learning tasks with such enthusiasm. As the whakatauaki says, 'Tama tu tama ora. Tama noho, tama mate' (An active person will remain healthy, while a lazy one will become sick)

Kapahaka is up and going on Tuesdays and Thursdays 4—6pm. Matua Des and Whaea Jaimee are bringing together a fine group of disciplined young people with mana and poise. Bring on the upcoming competitions next term.

As difficult as the decisions were, special congratulations to the first recipients of our department Attitude Awards:

Yr 9 Te Reo Maaori	Tauira Wallace
Year 9 Te Ao Maaori	Javanique Te Uira
Year 10 Te Reo Maaori	Ruby Hooper
Year 11 Te Reo Maaori	Akoia Tamaki
Year 12 Te Reo Maaori	Portia Taane-Edwards
Year 13	Niamh Sowerby and Kirikowhai Maihi

All whaanau are welcome to attend our first hui aimed at Raising Maaori Student Achievement on Tuesday 7th May 6—8pm in the staffroom

We look forward to an informal gathering of getting to know one another, brainstorming ideas to further develop our school-wide plan of Raising Maaori Student Achievement and sharing a kai

***Naau te rourou, naaku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi
(with your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive)***

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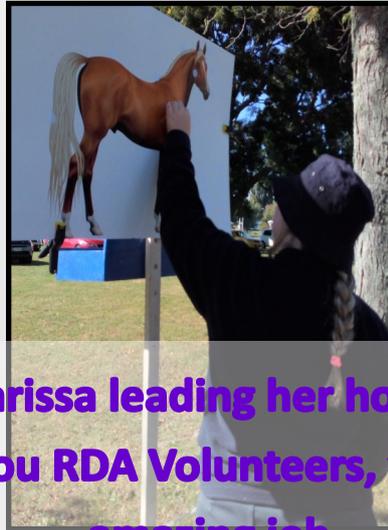
Hei koonaa

Whaea Mel (Melissa Goodin)

Teacher of Maaori



B2'S World



Larissa leading her horse
Thank you RDA Volunteers, you do an
amazing job

Annette & Larissa

Never regret a day in
your life: good days give
happiness, bad days give
experience, worst days
give lessons, and best
days give memories.



**Two of our students turned
18 this week.**

**Happy birthday Larissa & Jennifer
Happy Easter & Happy Holidays**



SPORTS COMMITTEE

FRIENDS OF THE ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE SPORTS COMMITTEE

AGM

WHEN	8th May 2019
TIME	5.30 pm
WHERE	Upstairs in the College GYM Study Room

We welcome all those interested in supporting sport in the College

Objects of the Sports Committee

To advance the direction of sport within Ōtorohanga College by:

- 1 Improve development opportunities across all sports within the college
- 2 Providing a link between school, students, parents and community where ever sport is concerned within the College
- 3 Raising funds to provide improved equipment and opportunities for all students where ever sport is concerned
- 4 Carrying out other activities consistent with the charitable objects of the organisations

On a team, it's not
the strength of the
individual players,
but it is the strength
of the unit and how
they all function
together.

- Bill Belichick

NETBALL

Netball News

This year the College has fielded four teams in the local Netball Centre competition. College A, B Gold (Seniors) and Maroon (Juniors). Due to all netball now being played on Friday nights in Ōtorohanga, we have some players involved with other club teams as in previous years for Friday night. It is pleasing to see a number of our students on court no matter what team they are playing in. The atmosphere last Friday night was awesome and players enjoyed their first outing. At present all teams are in grading rounds with competition starting on the first Friday back after the holidays. After this Friday night there is no netball for two weeks during the holiday break.

On Sunday 28th April College A and B have their first two games in the Monday Night League. This League goes for the first 5 weeks of Term Two.

Thank you to the following people who have stepped up to help with our teams.

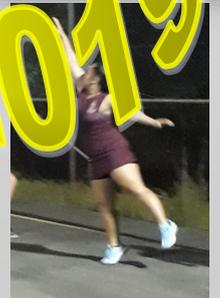
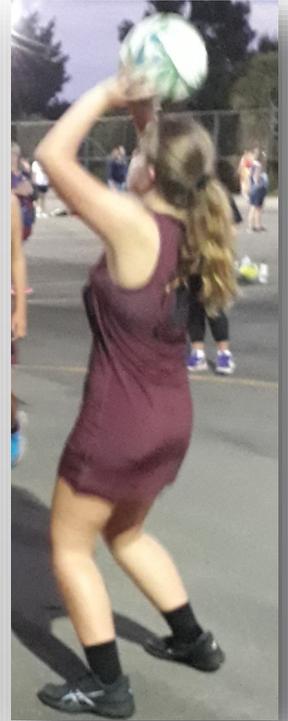
TEAM	COACH	MANAGER
College A & B	Jaimee Tamaki	Karen Flay
	Nikita Dorne (co-coach)	Vicki Cornes
College Gold	Kayli van der Heyden	Parent
College Maroon	Seilala Makasale	Melissa Grey

MELBOURNE NETBALL TOUR

After a long hiatus College Netball finally has a tour on the calendar. Plans are well underway for our tour to Melbourne in July 2019. We have 15 girls touring with 4 staff and 1 parent. We will be paying a return visit to Genazzano FCJ, we host them every second year and this is our opportunity to see them in their environment. They are planning an afternoon/night tournament for us to play some tough competitive netball which will allow our girls the opportunity to experience more of how the Aussies play. We will also have a game against Loyola College, who we hosted in December 2018. Plans to do a range of sightseeing activities and fun experiences are underway and everyone will enjoy some shopping as well. Individual fundraising is underway and next term we will have some group fundraising, watch out for us on our Facebook page or in the newsletter.

Netball

“FOR SUCCESS
ATTITUDE
IS EQUALLY
AS IMPORTANT
AS ABILITY.”



Netball 2019

1st XI Cricket

A fantastic season came to an end for our 1st XI Ōtorohanga College cricket side on Saturday. The team comprising of Year 9-12 players, were outstanding, finishing unbeaten in their division.

Special mention goes to Bradley Anderson, Mitchell Lewis, Brayden Hearfield, Reece Elsmore & Quin Stephens (TK) who all scored 50's and a massive congratulations to Quin who scored a magnificent century. Quinn was in fine form all year with the bat. With the ball Buster Harper showed he is one to watch for the future with his consistent line and length, while Zach Coles was a live wire in the field.

A huge thank you to Peter Harper for once again giving up his time to coach the boys. His exceptional coaching of the boys is of tremendous value and very much appreciated.



RUGBY



After heartbreak losing 10-5 to Taupo-Nui right on full time, the boys finished with a 17-5 win over Taumarunui. A few highlights were tries to Matauri Waretini, Mitchell Lewis, Sam Oakley-Smith and Harry Pungatara, meanwhile Manaaki and Sid Marsters were solid on debut.

McQUILKIN CUP



Pathways with Whaea Claire

Welcome to the Pathways Centre at Ōtorohanga College.

Whaea Claire and Linda Campbell understand that figuring out what you want to do or be is exciting and can also be really challenging, but we are here and ready to help you navigate the choices for YOUR future.

Come and see us for information on:

- Careers and transitions advice and guidance
- Gateway; workplace experience for senior students
- STAR; tertiary “tasters” and experience days
- CVs & Cover Letters
- Job applications & interview preparation
- Pathway identification, planning and support
- Information on a wide range of careers, tertiary providers and courses
- Driver Licencing

Here in the Pathways Centre, we acknowledge that no two situations are identical and we embrace individuality. Let us help you draw the map to your future.

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/otocollpathways/>

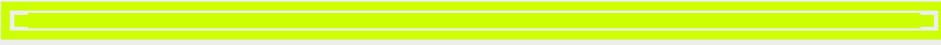
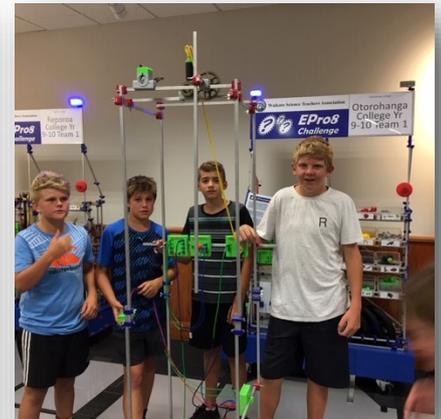


Be true to what naturally interests you – and be brave enough to turn an obsession into a profession.
- Shelly Branch

Science Lab

On Thursday 15th of March, a team of Buster, Hamish, Reece and Zach travelled to St Pauls Collegiate in Hamilton for 3 hours of engineering challenges as part of EPro8,

The EPro8 Challenge is a competition, an engineering and problem solving race. Every year over 10,000 students from 900 schools from throughout New Zealand take part.

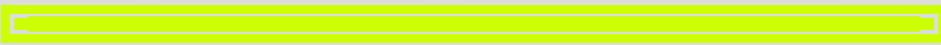


Level 2 Biology Trip

Pureora Forest Park

On Monday the 4th of March, 33 level 2 Biology students and three teachers, had an exciting and informative day in Pureora Forest Park. Everyone had a lovely day.

The aim of the trip to collect data for a Biology Assessment on Stratification.



Level 2 Biology

Lamb Heart Dissection

Internal transport systems

On Wednesday 27th March, the BIO21W class dissected lamb hearts to investigate transport systems in mammals



Year 13 Bio



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

Guidance counselling available for an appointment with **Naomi Bennett** see your Dean.

FOR AN APPOINTMENT SEE YOUR DEAN

Tuesday

Physiotherapist - Kara Thomas

8.45 – 12.00 in Student Wellness 3 (Sick bay)

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Wednesday

Attendance Service

8.30 – 3.00 in the Interview Room

Guidance counselling available for an appointment with **Naomi Bennett** see your Dean.

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Thursday

Drug and Alcohol Counsellor Available

Youth Intact

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Friday

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8.45 – 12.00 in Student Wellness 3 (Sick bay)

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT AT THE FRONT OFFICE

Doctor Joyce Wong

1.00 - Student Wellness 3 (Sick bay)

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT AT THE FRONT OFFICE

Contact Us

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.

Did you know?

For absentee students...

You can tell us your child will be away by:

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

www.otocoll.school.nz/absences

- ♦ Email admin@otocoll.school.nz
- ♦ Phone 07 873 8029

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

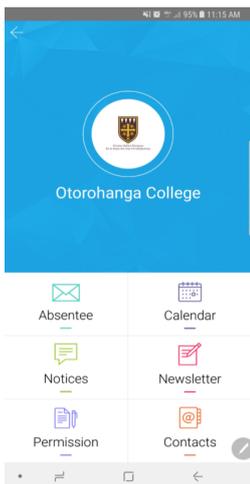
If a student becomes ill during the school day, the student reports to the front Office and every endeavour will be made to make contact with home. Students will not be allowed to go home without a caregiver being contacted.

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

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- ♦ Notices
- ♦ Push notifications
- ♦ Absentee information
- ♦ Current newsletter
- ♦ Permission forms

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and use

School Calendar

DATE	ACTIVITY
29 April	Term 2 begins
7 May	Year 10 Vision testing
9 May	Class Photo & ID photo
10 May	Newsletter #4



“The object of education is to teach us to love what is beautiful.”

– Plato



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