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Ko te mana mō mua i te whakamana

# Ōtorohanga College

## Newsletter 7

Term 3 Week 3

Friday 12th August 2016

### Te Kahu Rolleston: Spoken Word : Poetry in Performance

After a staunch yet sensitive, and inspiring performance to the whole school by Te Kahu Rolleston: 62 students wrote and performed their own poems, under the magic spell of the word: a la a Te Kahu in a workshop for three hours: Maestro.



Ka tangi ngā kūaka

Kua tae mai te Kōanga

Māmari te Waka

Ruanui te Tangata

Mai i ngā ngāhere hāwera o Mangamuka ki ngā takutai torehape ki ngā one ātaahua hoki e kōpikopiko ana ki Te Rerenga Wairua.

I noho mātou ngā kaitiaki o tēnei rohe me Ha-waiiki hoki.

Ahakoia kei Te Whanganui-ā-tara Te Ūpoko, mā tōna hiku ia e hautū.

Ko mātou te Hiku-a-Te-Ika-a-Māui

Kurī, Takoto, Pātū, Kahu, Aupōuri, Rarawa

Nō Muriwhenua mātou

Nāu i whatu te kākahu he tāniko tāku

Haumi e ! Hui e ! Taiki e!!

Greetings and salutations to you all. Students, parents, family, staff, alumni and any who are taking the time to read this publication.

As I write this and more importantly as you read this you will all be aware that we have a number of important and significant events happening in the following few days.

The first event I refer to is our annual school ball. This is my first School Ball experience as Principal here at Ōtorohanga College. It is fair to say that I am excited. The talk around the school and the community is this is one of the highlights of the year. I am eagerly anticipating seeing our young leaders dressed up in all their finery and elegance as they take the famous walk from our gateway to the entrance of the venue which is our hall disguised as Mote Carlo or a High Roller Casino. Please take the time to come down to see this and share in our excitement as the couples arrive.

The Waiwaia festival is happening on Friday 12 August at Te Kuiti High School. This is the Maniapoto Secondary Schools Festival. Ōtorohanga College will be performing at 11.15. If you have not had the pleasure of seeing our

Kapa Haka perform then I encourage you to take the time to see them. They are an absolute testament to their tutors, whānau and school. We wish them well.

We are fortunate to have our Education Review Office (ERO) visit beginning next Monday 15 August. This involves a team of three experienced educators coming into our school and discussing with students and teachers what our school is doing. They will also like to speak with parents and they have asked that any and all parents who are available meet with them, ERO at the school on Wednesday 17 August at 14.10. This is a great opportunity for you as our whānau to speak with them and tell them how wonderful our school is, or what we need to do to be wonderful.

As you read on in this publication you will see that we are at the business end for a number of our sports codes. I attended our 1<sup>ST</sup> XV match yesterday afternoon which was a semi-final against Putaruru College 1<sup>ST</sup> XV. A report on this game is in the Sports News. Then on Saturday we have a number of our Netball Teams in finals here at the Ōtorohanga Netball Centre. The first game is at 08.30 so the more support we can get for our girls I'm sure the better they will do. Our Senior Girls Hockey Team has also earned the right of passage into the finals. These will begin early next week at the Waikato Hockey Centre in Hamilton, so I ask again that as many of us can support them at this tough stage of the season.

With all this sport and finals going on it reminds me to think and to thank all our coaches, managers, cooks, helpers and drivers just to mention a few of the people that assist us as a college to field the teams that we do. We are blessed in that we also have an extraordinary Sports Co-ordinator in Mrs Tanchia Pitts-Brown. Tanchia along with our awesome Head of Physical Education Mr Leighton Parsons have been integral in growing sport here at Ōtorohanga College. We are looking to re-brand ourselves as a College and so we will need far more volunteers to help with teams in 2017 and beyond. If you would like to be involved in any shape, way or form from a Coach or manager to

to a 'provide the oranges at half-time person' please let us know and we will pair you up with a teacher and find the team that you want to be involved with.

Finally I would like to give a brief opinion on Ōtorohanga College as a community school. Although I have only been in Ōtorohanga for three months and even less time at the helm of the college I would like to plant this seed.

In the current financial climate that New Zealand finds itself, and with the burden placed on us as a community school to be the significant learning institution for Ōtorohanga and the outer districts, I'd like to ask this question:

How free is our education in New Zealand?

I am yet to meet a Principal that can operate their school within and using the scant budget that is afforded schools at this time. This responsibility is left to the communities to fundraise with the school to ensure that any shortfall is taken care of.

Furthermore our school was selected a number of years ago to provide a Hostel whereby our coastal families could access this to enable their children to get a Secondary School Education as the school that had previously been provided by the government was closed. However, what we find is that our Hostel has become old and tired,

and although we now have spaces for 65 students, there is not only a need for more beds, but we need to acknowledge our families by providing a warm and modern environment in which they can learn. Through the hard work of our wonderful Hostel families and our sensational staff there, this is achieved. However the buildings and facilities are in dire need of replacement.

The biggest issue is that our coastal families have to pay to get their children to the hostel each week and pay for their stay. Admittedly this is subsidised by the government, however, our families still have to pay. Free education?

Over the next little while I will be adding to this column and I welcome your views.

Honour before Honours, ko te mana mō mua i te whakamana. Me whaimana te iwi, me whaimana te taiao, me whaimana te tangata.

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

Mr Lindsay Dunn

Principal / Tumuaki

Ōtorohanga College

## WAIKATO MATHS COMPETITION

Last night Mrs Eggers, Mr Buckley and Mr Mudge took two teams of Year 9 and 10 students to the Waikato Maths Competition at Sacred Heart High School Hamilton.

Jessica Russell, Nadia Solomon and Charmaine Sheffield were the Year 10 team.

Brayden Hearfield, Blair Cox and Kyah Cornes made up the Year 9 Team.

It was an awesome evening and all students did well for the first time entering this competition.



# Term 3 2016 Calendar

Week 3	Friday 12th August	School Ball EOTC/Maniapoto Secondary Schools Cultural Arts Festival
Week 4	Monday 15th August Tuesday 16th August  Wednesday 17th August Thursday 18th August Friday 19th August	ERO Visit Koroneihana Get2Go Challenge KC Badminton BOT Meeting WSS Ski & Snowboard Champs
Week 5	Thursday 25th August Friday 26th August	NCEA Information Evening WSS Tough Guy/Gal Challenge Rotorua
Week 6	Monday 29th August Wednesday 31st August Thursday 1st September Friday 2nd September	Secondary School Tournament Week BP Business Challenge BP Business Challenge BP Business Challenge
Week 7	Wednesday 7th September Thursday 8th September  Friday 9th September	NCEA Fees Due Senior Assessment Week Day One Summer Sports Codes Begin Senior Assessment Week Day Two Newsletter #8
Week 8	Monday 12th September Tuesday 13th September Wednesday 14th September Thursday 15th September	Senior Assessment Week Day Three Senior Assessment Week Day Four Senior Assessment Week Day Five BOT Meeting

## Art Department acknowledgement

The Art Department extends a thank you to Liz Manson who generously donated a large light box for students to produce their masterpieces. Also donated is a collection of art books and in particular "Art New Zealand". The College is grateful to her for this wonderful support. D. Grey—HOD Art

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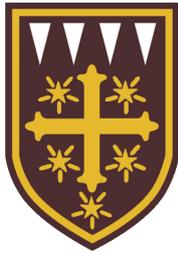
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# Ōtorohanga College

An invitation has been extended to Parents/  
Caregivers to meet with the ERO team on  
Wednesday 17 August at 2.10pm in the Staff Room.  
Alternatively you may write/email to ERO leader  
Mr Paul Matthews [paul.matthews@ero.govt.nz](mailto:paul.matthews@ero.govt.nz)  
with constructive comments about  
ways to improve etc.

## Senior Practice Examinations

Week 7, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September  
Week 8, Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be on Senior Examination Leave from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. This means that Year 11, 12 and 13 students only attend school when they have a practice examination. Full school uniform **MUST** be worn when attending **ANY** examination session.

## Social Science Faculty

The Social Science Faculty comprises of Global and Local Studies, Business Studies, Geography, Tourism and Travel, History and Economics. At Year 9 and 10 level we cover the themes of government, sustainability, equality and justice, how we identify as New Zealanders, the Treaty of Waitangi, the NZ Land Wars, global conflict and current issues.

At present classes are examining issues on and around the Olympic games. At senior level (Year 11 – 13) course content and activities are based around national curriculum. In Tourism and Travel, Geography and History some field work may be undertaken depending on the topics covered. A combination of unit standards and achievement standards are taught at senior level with Tourism and Travel comprising of unit standards. If parents have any questions about senior subjects in particular they should contact Ms Janie Meyer regarding Geography or Mr Sean Cassidy regarding other subjects for assistance. We always welcome enquiries and questions.

**Sean Cassidy—Head of Faculty**

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## Rules For Candidates

- Follow all instructions of any supervisor.
- All work you hand in for marking must be your own.
- You may only have an approved calculator in the exam room which has had its memory checked and cleared.
- You are not allowed to have the following on your person in the exam room:
  - An electronic device\*
  - Any paper
  - Any notes, in any form
  - Correcting fluid because your booklets will not be accepted for reconsideration or review.

**Make sure the above items are in your school bag or in the box at the front of the exam room.**

In an exam you are not allowed to:

- Talk to, communicate with or disturb other candidates.
- Copy other candidate's work.
- Leave the exam room within the first 45 minutes or the last 15 minutes of the exam.

### **TAKE THE FOLLOWING INTO THE EXAM ROOM:**

- a see-through pencil case or a clear plastic bag to hold your pens and pencils, including coloured, to use if needed.
- blue or black pens. Answers in pencil or erasable pen will be marked, but will not be accepted for reconsideration or review.
- an approved calculator whose memory you have cleared and then had checked by a teacher or supervisor outside the exam room.

**If you arrive more than 30 minutes after the exam has started you will NOT be able to sit the exam.**

**You must only write your exam answers in the answer booklets or on the extra paper given to you by a supervisor.**

**\*An electronic device includes any device which has the capability to store, communicate and/or retrieve information.**

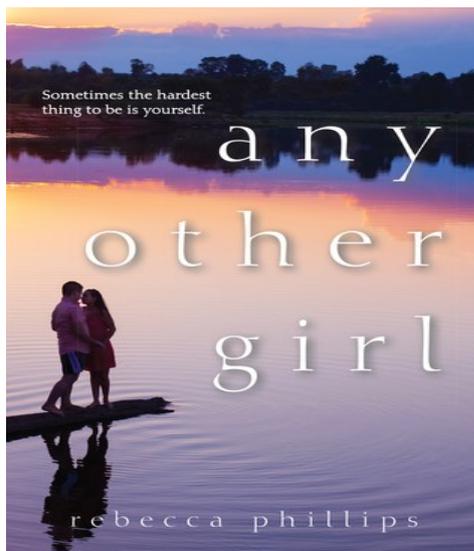
**If you are absent from an External Examination at the end of the year it is the results from your Term Three examinations that will be used to apply for a Derived Grade.**

# New EBooks in the Library

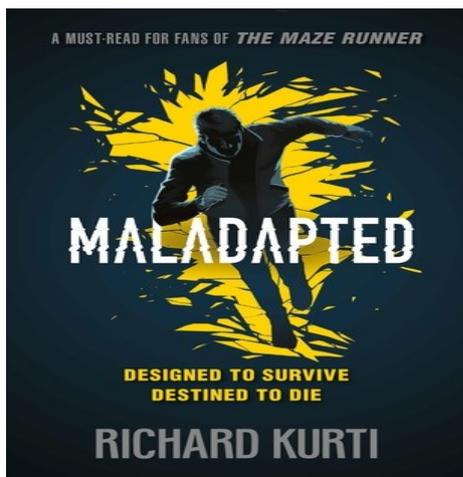
We have over 100 Ebooks in our collection and have just added 19 new titles. Logon to [Otorohangacollege.wheelers.co](http://Otorohangacollege.wheelers.co) to check them out: if you are not registered then sign up and start borrowing.

After a disastrous, reputation-destroying party at the end of junior year, Kat Henley has a new plan. When it comes to boys--especially other people's boys:

Don't touch.  
Don't smile.  
Don't charm.



In the past, drawing attention to herself helped distract people from what really makes Kat different--having two gay parents. But it also cost her friendships.



Cillian is the sole survivor of a devastating terrorist attack on a packed Metro train. How did he survive when everyone else was killed? Searching for answers with the mysterious Tess, Cillian discovers that his father has links to P8, a group of genetic scientists operating outside the laws of Foundation City. The shocking discoveries he and Tess make at P8's secret hospital start to make Cillian ask not who he is, but what he is.

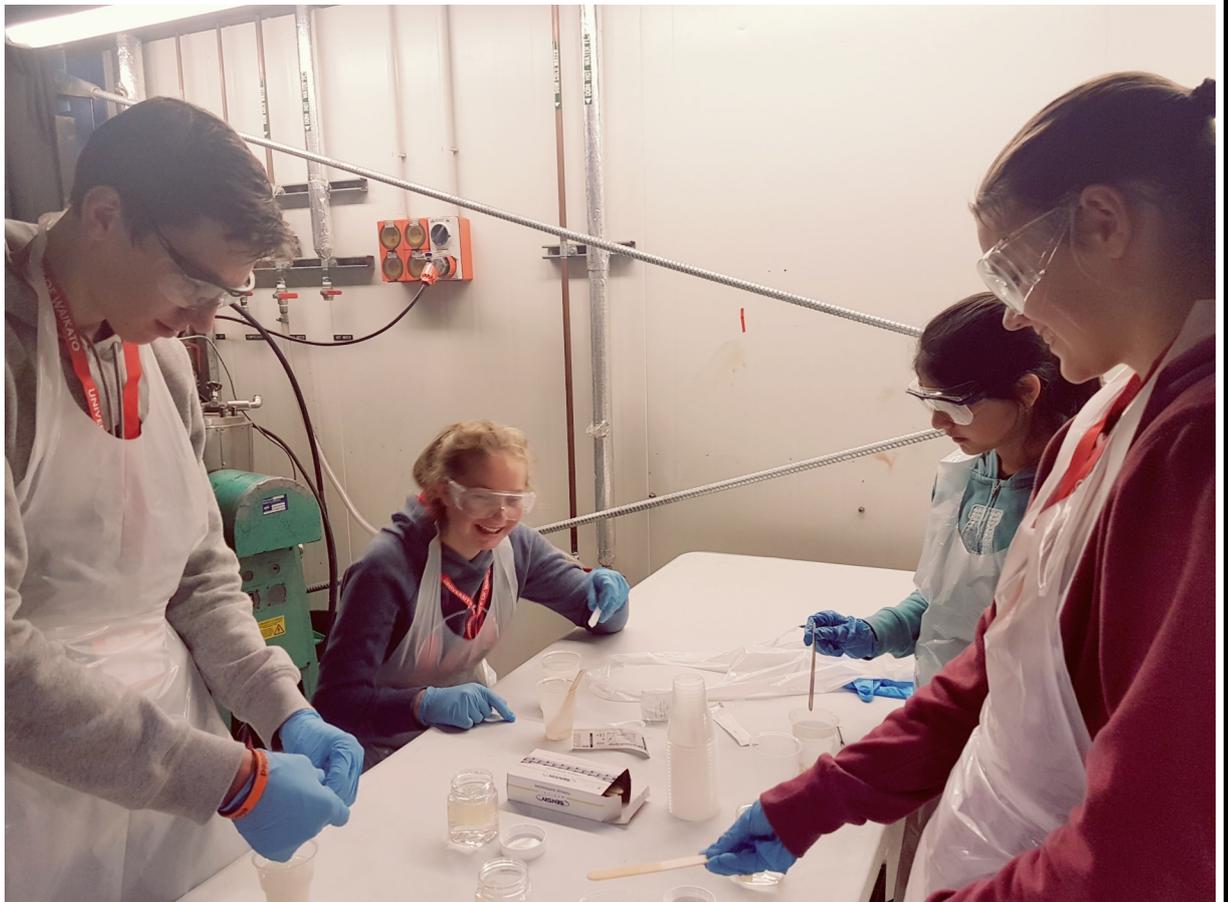
# Gateway to Engineering

## School holidays well spent!



**Above: Alex Bell Engineering Work Placement**

**Below: The winning team! Engineering School Waikato Uni Alex Bell, Jessica Sheehy and Shannon Hofer-Nigg**



# Kristen Joyes celebrates with, and farewells her Year 12 and 13 students



# Level 3 Hospitality Trip to Pio Pio

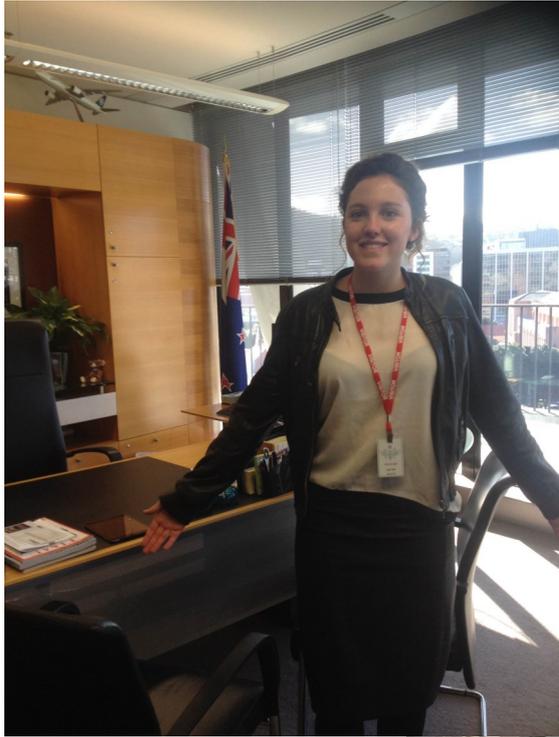
On Friday the 29th of July a group of Level 3 Hospitality students travelled down to Pio Pio College to complete a Level 3 Food Safety course worth 4 credits. The course was successful with all 6 students completing it. The highlight of the trip was most likely Mrs Thomas taking the students out to lunch at the famous Fat Pigeon Cafe in Pio Pio where they had a feast of curly fries, iced chocolates, hot chocolates, Bagels, cake to name but a few. The lunch was paid for by the Cafe on Wheels money that the students have made this year. If you would like to know more about our courses run at the college, please come and see me.

Thanks,  
Mrs Lucy Thomas



# Youth MPs in Parliament

121 Youth MPs from every electorate, all fulfilling the various significant roles of parliament, converged in the middle of the school holidays to explore parliament, debate fiercely, speech make vociferously, and share cutting edge youth opinion, drive and dreams. Leah was the second speaker of 45 others, in the debating chamber where she delivered a leading speech about our commitment to securing a National Day of Commemoration for the New Zealand Land Wars. She was in the Social Services Select Committee addressing the needs of children of teenage parents; and attended a women's forum run by Louisa Wall on commonwealth women, how to increase the success of girls in education, and aims to prevent violence and abuse against women in New Zealand and the world. The Youth MP from Hillcrest High School, the Youth MPs of the junior and senior whips, and Leah ran through the beautiful parliament buildings with Senior Whip Tim Macindoe, where they ended up in the office of the Prime Minister (see photo below left).



As Barbara Kuriger's MP, it has been a wonderful experience for Leah from the beginning to this end. She is inspired by the political potential of like minds and driving spirit.

# Hostel: Falloon House - *Kāinga Rua*



Kia ora whānau. Firstly our apologies to all our Hostel whānau for having not made the past two college newsletters as we found ourselves, as we all have, a little frenetic and therefore a little behind the eight ball, we hope this article will fill in some of those blanks.

As always we are indebted to our awesome Hostel whānau of; our students, their families, our staff and the wider whānau of the college who continue to ensure 2016 remains a success in so many ways. One of the indicators of this success must be our consistent roll of 62. This has remained steady at 60 plus throughout the year, a huge achievement considering that at this same time in the previous 3 years the roll had already dipped below the targeted 60 threshold. We can only put this down to the great work everyone involved with the Hostel is putting in, thank you all so very much.

## Happenings since our last article

New students: In this newsletter we have the enormous pleasure of welcoming two new students and their families to the Hostel: *Kāinga Rua* whānau;

- **Miss Hine Rata** - Year 11 - all the way from Te Pahu and younger sister of ex Hostel student Master Antonio Rata-Hau
- **Master Oliver Greenbank** - Year 10 - a Kawhia resident recently returned from Australia

“**Nau mai, haere mai ki te whare o Kāinga Rua**”, we thank their whānau for thinking of Ōtorohanga College and its Hostel as their choice of Secondary Education providers.

Winter Sports: each year the Hostel encourages its residents to enrol in, and participate in, as many winter sports on offer as possible and this year has seen 2/3's of its residents take up the challenge with **only 4** of the 1/3 **not participating**, who are incidentally all precluded from participating because of a serious medical condition, are not playing only because other extenuating circumstances outside their control prevent them from doing so. This said it is worthy of note that this non-participating group do and will ultimately end up lending their services, time and energy to many other college and hostel pursuits. Once again we are extremely proud of these statistics and a 100 % winter-sport participation remains the ultimate goal.

New coach—Hostel Netball: Unfortunately, this year Aunty Caroline has been too busy to entertain the thought of coaching our Hostel girls netball team and are extremely thankful that Turia has volunteered to take up this role. By all accounts the girls continue to enjoy their weekend netball. It would be remiss of us to not also acknowledge our Y13 girls who have taken on the responsibility of leading this team whenever Turia has been otherwise engaged, the Hostel thanks you all Miss Kysahna Roach, Miss Te Kahu Whatarangi and Miss Zoe Henderson.

Winter sports Friday night stayovers: These have been another tremendous success with many of the residents taking advantage of this opportunity with numbers reaching a maximum of 27 students with dinners being almost always take-away's including Fish & Chips, Pizza's, Chinese and Butter-Chicken. Students have invariably been absolutely wonderful additions to our Friday evenings and early Saturday mornings.

1st XV Gold Coast Tour: We would like to add our voices of congratulations too to the 1st XV on their recent tournament in Australia on the Gold Coast. The Hostel is extremely fortunate to have 9 of our senior Hostel boys selected for the 1st XV and the Tour party. Special congratulations to Master Ted Holmes who was selected for the Harlequins XV made up of all the top players at the tournament. Congratulations gentlemen on doing your kura, your whānau and, most of all, yourselves proud.

Kapa Haka—Waiwaia: This year the Hostel residents have been encouraged to once again support Kapa Haka and we thank all those students who took up the opportunity to attend practices and in preparation for the annual Waiwaia Festival to be hosted this year by Te Kuiti High School. In so doing they have had the honour and privilege of benefitting from the knowledge, skills and teachings of 4 college haka stalwarts in pāpā Arana, whaea Meti, uncle Des and aunty Jaimee together with their supporting crew lead by the all enveloping care and aroha of aunty Yvonne Mita. Our congratulations to all those students who have made selection for Waiwaia and we wish them ihi, wehi and wana! Although numbers initially gave tutors a headache, we hope it was a welcome dilemma. It is one of the Hostels sincere goals that all of it's residents will make the support of, and participation in, Kapa Haka a foregone conclusion, an unconscious accepted part of being a Hostel resident, not to provide a headache, but more so as a way of saying thank you to Ngāti Maniapoto, Ōtorohanga College and its community.

Rededication of Maketu marae ancestral house: Hostel pupils by virtue of their genealogy were an integral part of the successful rededication celebrations that were held on Friday July 22nd at Maketu marae, Kawhia. Their work drawing praise from several quarters including kaumātua, extended whānau and committee members alike. Their contribution helping ensure the months of preparation, weeks of planning and the actual day was a complete and utter success.



### **Upcoming events**

Waiwaia 2016: at TeKuiti High School Friday 12th August. The Haka troupe departs Ōtorohanga College at 9.00 am.

OC Ball 2016: Friday 12th August, College Hall, 7.30 pm to 12.00 pm

Hostel Pre-Ball Dinner: Now an anticipated annual event will be held on Friday 12th August at 5.00pm in the Hostel dining room, with photo's taking place at 7.00 pm. As always this is only made possible with the unstinting and gracious support of our awesome staff, their friends and our hostel whānau, ka mau te wehi koutou, thank you one and all.

Ōtorohanga U21's : Our local U21 side has made the Waikato U21 Grand Final to be played this Saturday. Win or lose it is such a great pleasure to see college students continuing to join their own local club and to see the club embrace and lend their support to these young men. This years team has remained a team stacked full of ex-college 1st XV members some of whom are Hostel old boys. Well done gentlemen, congratulations and good luck for this Saturdays game.

2016 Koroneihana at Turangawaewae - Next week the Hostel will continue to re-affirm its volunteers role at the week long celebrations held annually in Ngāruawāhia when they will travel with Uncle Roy and his Huntly old Boys and Girls working behind the scenes, adding their small contribution to the many contributions made by many other volunteers. As this takes place during preparations for the end of year NCEA examinations I will not take any seniors [any students preparing for NCEA] without the express consent of their teachers and or parent[s]/caregiver[s]/gaurdian[s].



ERO: The Education Review Office [ERO] will make their first three year cyclical visit next week, thanks to the outstanding hard work our previous Principal Mr. Timoti Harris, his Board of Trustees and staff did to get this cycle re-instated. We look forward to their feedback on what we are doing well and what improvements we can make to ensure the Ōtorohanga College Hostel: Kāinga Rua continues to deliver on it's Motto and vision of a safe, caring and nurturing "Home away from home".

### Reminders

- Absences: Whānau please remember to let us know, or the college, or both, when and if your child is going to be absent. You may call or text Roy Willison on [022] 412 8495 or the Hostel on [07] 873 8176 or email [willisonr@otocoll.school.nz](mailto:willisonr@otocoll.school.nz) or [willisonc2@otocoll.school.nz](mailto:willisonc2@otocoll.school.nz)
- Visits/appointments during and outside normal hours: Students may come and go whenever, to wherever and as often as they wish as long as their parent[s]/caregiver[s]/guardian[s] let us know before hand. So whānau keep those early texts, emails and calls coming well before the event or occasion if possible please. In this vain we must give a big thank you acknowledgement to aunty Shani, aunty Keri, aunty Carey, aunty Yvonne, aunty Joanne Wooten, aunty Suprane, aunty Sue, aunty Louise mums who always keep us informed of their baby's movements and schedules well before hand.
- 2017 Timetables: Please ensure that you have sat down with your baby to complete their subject selections for 2017 as this week is supposed to be the last week for all subject choices to be in so the College can begin to shape its subjects, focus and timetable structure for 2017. Nothing is set in concrete and I am certain that the College is always open to clear, frank and respectful discussion and dialogue, however, these have been discussions that all year level Deans, whānau teachers and staff in general have been asking students to have with their parent[s]/caregiver[s]/[guardian[s] since we returned this term [Term 3]. If your baby hasn't yet commenced talking with you about their respective subject choices for next year [2017] then I would suggest they have been a tad remiss and will need to have this discussion urgently.
- NCEA Practice Examinations: Please ensure that your child is studying and preparing accurately for their practice exams coming up toward the tail of this term and exams themselves next term. An exam timetable can be viewed on the NCEA web-page.
- Tournament week: Week 6 August 29th—September 2nd

*Aroha tino nui the Hostel whanau of 2016.*

## CONGRATULATIONS

Colleen Hawkes  
on winning the  
Girls Hockey Team  
Fundraiser Raffle

Colleen had the choice of a  
Treadmill or Crosstrainer and chose  
the Treadmill



## Excellence Luncheon

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August an Excellence Luncheon was held to acknowledge and celebrate the very highest achievement.

Students who had gained one or more Excellence/s in Internal Standards by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August were personally invited to attend.

In Year 11, 31 students attended: Jaide Barlow, Leah Connolly, Ruth Connolly, Emily Corin, Jaylin Driver, Kaylee Driver, Mallory Fraser, Jake Griggs, Briar Hall, Ashlee Hawkes-Board, Zachary Hill, Patricia Hirini, Shannon Hollis, Lindsey Houston, Courtney Irwin, Sophie Jones, Ashleigh Kelly, Leah Knight, Callen Le Lievre, Andrew Long, Kayla Malan, Sarah Murray-Smith, Katie O'Reilly, Dylan Roberts, Quinn Robinson, Tarryn Tata, Oceania Te Uira, Tayla Toa, Ngaere Ward, Simon Whitbread-Edwards and Emma Whiteman.

In Year 12, 14 students attended: Kairangi Anderson, Patric Anderson, Josh Cashell, Olivia Dodunski-Bulford, Shannon Hofer-Nigg, Ted Holmes, Matt Kerr-Bell, Sam Lewis, Dallas Maguire, Jake Marcroft, Tori van der Heyden, Mi-Claire Venter, Charles Ward and Khelli Willison.

In Year 13, 9 students attended: Alex Bell, Leah Bell, Alex Carroll, Anna Connolly, Liam Fox, Caitlin Katipa-Maikuku, Trent Maguire, Kate Russell and Bailey Wright.



Gaining an Excellence at any level of NCEA takes determination and hard work. The students' achievements are to be applauded.

Everyone has all the potential in the world to do whatever it is they dream of or want. Following the key principles of personal excellence below will go a long way in bringing you to Excellence:

1. Have the hunger for excellence; YOU need to want to achieve excellence
2. Benchmark against the best
3. Believe that you can do it; self-belief is paramount to every success
4. Build a concrete plan
5. Learn from the best
6. Do not limit yourself
7. Go all out; work really hard
8. Focus your efforts
9. Never give up

Work on embodying these excellence principles in you and start seeing yourself soar to Excellence.

Lyndsay Kurth  
Deputy Principal, Learning

# TOUR PHOTOS AND COMMENTS



It's obvious Mr Parsons is one thrilled coach



## Sam Lewis

"I really enjoyed the tour. The funniest part was the ice baths because they were cool. The Rugby was challenging to start with, but once we adjusted to the heat we played better. I liked surfing on the Gold Coast main beach. Thanks to everyone who helped me be able to go on this trip, it was amazing."

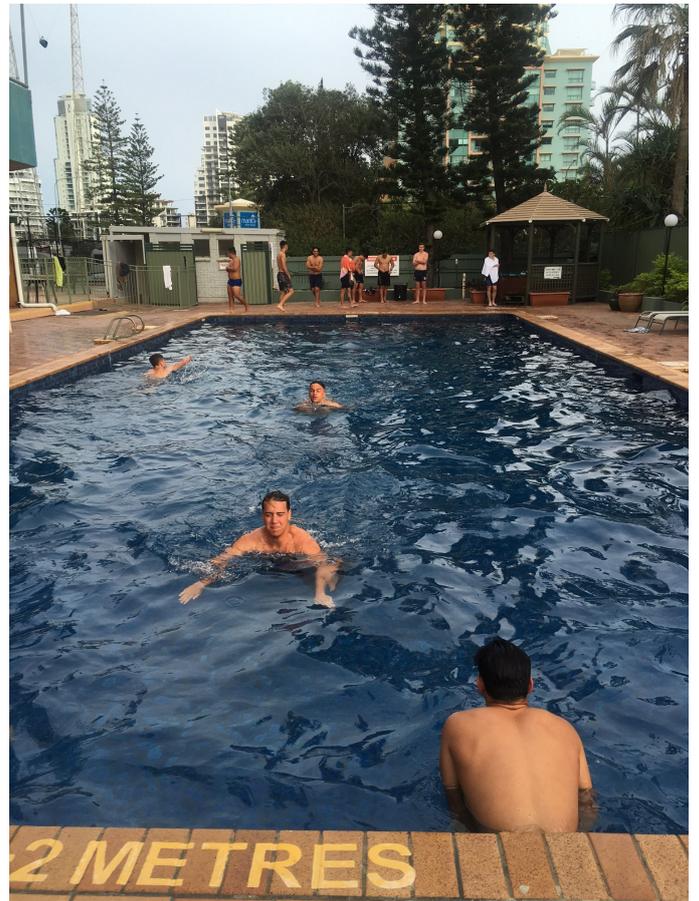
## Ted Holmes

"I liked the tour. I enjoyed the atmosphere before we watched State of Origin. Thanks Miss Hayward for the stale buns. I want to go again."

## Alec Paeranga

"It was awesome being part of the team vibe and spirit. The first day of Rugby didn't go so well, but the rest of the games were mean. Ted and I found a nice little pig at the supermarket and Miss Hayward nearly stole it. It was an awesome experience and I look forward to going again next year."

# TOUR PHOTOS AND COMMENTS



## Josh

It was an awesome experience going a rugby and winning the tour was good. I would tell anyone who had this opportunity to go and make the most of it. Thanks to everyone, Managers, Coaches, Mrs Flay and everyone else involved.

## Henry

It was an exciting tour. It was fun with the boys. I was a proud captain when our team won. It was an unforgettable experience. If anyone gets the chance they should go on a tour with the College.

# SPORTS CORNER



## Sports News

Some of us are living the dream at the moment. Nothing like turning on the telly and watching sport for breakfast, lunch and dinner.....who cares about the daily chores.....let's enjoy the Olympics while it lasts.

**PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES** We are now heading into the serious end of the season with our Netball teams playing finals and our Hockey along with Rugby into the semis. Nail biting time for us all, but it's a great predicament to be in, supporting our teams at this crucial time. Good luck to everyone, don't forget....."Play Hard, but Play Fair".



## 1st XV

### Tour Success:

The Ōtorohanga 1st XV have just returned from Australia being crowned The Division 2 Champions of The World Sport Gold Coast Rugby Tournament. After tournament grading on day one, the side went on to be undefeated in pool play and go on to make the Division 2 finals. This included wins over Sydney Boys High School (29-21) and Pack Pines College (34-6). This gave the boys a spot in the semi-final. In the semi we came up against Aquinas College. It was a very tough and close game. Vice-captain Josh Kenny scored in the dying minutes to give Ōtorohanga College a 22-18 win and a spot in the final.

In the final, Ōtorohanga came up against John Paul College who they had lost to previously in grading. Fortunately for Ōtorohanga College they were well up for it and played some of their best footy in the tournament. The increased intensity and aggression at ruck time, ensured they dominated the final to win 17-0 and be crowned World Sport Gold Coast Division 2 Winners. A great moment for the side and to watch captain Henry Te Aretoa lift the trophy in front of a big audience will be something coaches Paul Kenny, Ross Fenton and Leighton Parsons will always remember.

If you would like to see some footage...follow the link below to take you to the College Sports page. Scroll through the posts where you can view the final and prize giving.

<https://www.facebook.com/OtorohangaCollegeSports/>



Henry Te Aretoa accepting the Winners Trophy



### **Stratford Exchange:**

Needless to say everyone, staff and students included were somewhat apprehensive as we all boarded the coaches for our first away trip in a very long time.

It was a no brainer as to who had dibs on the “Chiefs” bus. The trip down was broken with a quick refreshment and toilet stop in Mokau, sales for the local shop would have exceeded their daily takings with quick purchases for the rest of the journey.

Upon arrival we were greeted with an awe-inspiring student lead pōwhiri followed by the updated timetable and billet lists.

Day 1—Unfortunately, Hockey didn’t secure the first win for us as the start of the game did look promising. Both our Mixed Volleyball team put together on the bus and our staff team kicked off our first wins for the day. It was an outright win for our student team and the staff team looked to have it wrapped up until the last set winning by that 1 almighty point.



Our Basketball teams were outclassed with some very impressive NZ rep players for both teams. It was great to see the both of our teams battling it out and trying to improve on their game despite the margins.



## Day 2

Netball looked to have the upper hand as we left to support our other codes. It was a surprise to hear we only just won this game again by a single point. The girls really enjoyed this experience.



We were very confident with our Soccer teams, however, the girls lost in the penalty shoot-out. I still struggle with the way Soccer does this, there must be another way...perhaps a player drop off like other codes. It's must be so hard on the Goalie having so much pressure.



Finally, our time to outshine the opposition! Our boys Soccer team quite convincingly took this win which put us on a tie for the trophy.....which meant it was all down to the rugby. Unfortunately, our boys were still harbouring injuries and perhaps weary from the last encounter during the Gold Coast tour in grading.

Despite coming home with no trophy this time, we are confident the students didn't come home empty handed. We hope they have formed new relationships and shared the hospitality received from Stratford High School. We do look forward to meeting again next year on home turf.

Thank you to all our staff, coaches and managers who were able to attend and help with this event.





## Volleyball Exchange Staff v Staff Win to Ōtorohanga

### **Netball: College A:**

College A have gone from strength to strength during the season. All their hard work and trainings mean they have gelled as a team and are peaking at the right time for Upper North Island Secondary School Tournament from 29th August—2nd September in Auckland. For our new players in the team they will find out quickly how demanding this tournament is. Our aim is to finish in the top 16 in B Grade out of 32 teams.

On Tuesday August 2nd College A played their competition game against Coast (CDM) which had been postponed on the Saturday. This was the last game in the A Grade round robin competition. College A came out all guns blazing and took control of the game right from the start. It was such a change to play on a dry court, this was evident in the fast action packed game for the entire hour. Winning this game meant College A finished the season in second place and CDM in third. Disappointingly they were unable to play their semi final last Saturday because CDM were unable to field a team due to injury and work commitments therefore winning by default, thus making the A Grade Final.

Last Sunday they attended the Waikato/BOP Zone tournament in Rotorua. The weather conditions challenged the girls as it was extremely windy with an ice cold chill factor. The girls did themselves and our College proud with their results. Currently they are seeded 18th in the B Grade at UNISS, they played the following teams with their seedings at UNISS—Rotorua Girls High 22-5 loss 12th seed A Grade (played in the final of this zone tournament), St Peters Cambridge 14-15 loss 21st seed in the A Grade, Trident 11-15 loss 26th seed A Grade, Matamata College 14-10 win 10th seed B Grade and Te Puke 19-13 14th seed B Grade. With all five teams seeded above us at UNISS this was a real boost for the girls to have some close games with them.

At present they are playing in a newly formed Waipa/King Country League with Taumarunui High School, Te Kuiti High School, Ōtorohanga College and Te Awamutu College. This has been a successful league and these games have been important in our build up to UNISS.

They are competing in a Lodge Realty Hamilton City Tournament on Sunday where they will play three teams graded in the A Grade at UNISS, this will challenge them.

College A have proved they are a team to be taken seriously by making three finals this season.

First was the Hamilton City Montana Catering Monday Night B Grade Final—Winners

Second is the Otorohanga Netball Centre A Grade Final this Saturday at 11.10 against Huhu.

Third is the Waipa/King Country League Final in Te Awamutu on Monday night against Te Awamutu College at 6.30pm.

It is great to see these girls encourage each other, support each other and have fun together.

Thanks to our umpires who have given up their time to umpire for us, parents, supporters and all those involved with the team. Good luck girls.

### **Junior Development:**

One game to go and Junior Development are excited about the opportunity to play OSC in the A Reserve final for the second year running. OSC bring strength and experience to the court, while Junior Development brings speed and youth. It's going to be a great game. Capitalising on all ball whilst on attack and finishing the goals will be the key to success. We hope to have lots of support on the side line.

The team is going from strength to strength with incredible skill shown by many players enabling versatility across the court. Grace Tamani and Caitlyn Morrison combined well in their game against Taumarunui on Monday night. Grace using her long reach and agility to gain defensive ball for the team. Blending our experienced players with our new girls has worked well this season, with our new girls gaining confidence in every game. Mallory Fraser continues to captain with enthusiasm, setting high expectations leading by example on and off the court.

After the A Reserve final, Junior Development are looking forward to their team wind down, a two day tournament in Rotorua; having fun and spending time together on and off the court to finish the season on a high.

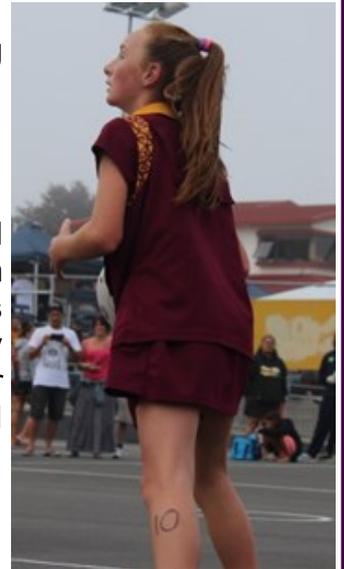
The team has a wonderful bond, with all players actively encouraging each other on the court and supporting those off the court with the many challenges life brings.

A big thank you to our wonderful whānau who are always side line supporting us in all that we do.

Dorothy Carr, Debbie Fraser, Louise Rasmussen and Helen Hunt

### **Tainui Netball:**

Lily Carr Paterson represented Tainui Waka U 15's at the Aotearoa National Māori Netball tournament over the Easter holidays, which was held in Hamilton. 11 Waka from Aotearoa played at this tournament, with grades ranging from U 13's through to Premier. Trials for Tainui Waka are held every November in Hamilton and Te Awamutu, with teams training from November through to Easter. Congratulations to Lily on her play at a national netball tournament. Dot Carr



### **Rugby:**

1st XV vs Stratford, Putaruru and Fraser:

Post tour the boys returned from Australia and unfortunately have not been able to recapture their form. Injuries and a lack of intensity have cost the boys in these two games ending in losses. Last week the boys have been working extra hard at training to prepare for Saturdays game against Fraser. It was an important game as we head into semi-finals and the boys were able to hold on for a 12-10 win. Although it was a much improved team performance, Te Oru Te Huia stood out with an impressive defensive game. He was rewarded for his good form by scoring a quality try.

Semi Final versus Putaruru

Despite a valiant effort, the 1st XV's season ended today as Putaruru snatched victory in the dying minutes of the Waikato Secondary Schools 1st XV Div 2 Semi Final.

In a very entertaining game in ideal conditions, both sides were able to put together some fantastic tries in front of a vocal local crowd. Captain Henry Te Aretoa led from the front, breaking the line at will and having a huge running game. Aaron Ormsby was able to bag a double in the first half and Josh Kenny was in fine touch at fullback rewarded for his high work rate scoring a great try from set piece.

At halftime Ōtorohanga College turned around two tries in front, but Putaruru were able to use the breeze and one man advantage (Tremont in the bin) to play deep in Ōtorohanga territory. They then executed a forward orientated game plan that Ōtorohanga battled to defend. The lead then went back and forth 4 times before Putaruru sealed a deserved victory in the dying minutes.

For our Y13s Foxy, Henry, TK and Josh it was the last time they put on the College jersey. We acknowledge their blood, sweat and tears they have given their team and our school, week in week out. We wish you well and all the best. To the rest of the boys, thanks for all your hard work. Keep fit and look forward to 1st XV 2017. Thanks to those awesome parents and supporters who have helped

and supported the boys this year. And to Paul Kenny, Rossco (when available) Miss Hayward and Mrs Andrews for their exceptional coaching and management. 2016 will truly be a memorable season for this group.



#### **Under 14:**

The final 3 games of the regular season has seen the team come away with 3 wins and earn a home semi-final this weekend (13/08).

A narrow 40-38 win against Tokoroa, who had beaten us 27-7 during grading started the ball rolling. The holiday break and a lack of quality training time because of the wet weather got us off to a slow start against HBHS Black. However, a late intercept try to Matthew Bolger sealed a 22-17 win over the 2<sup>nd</sup> equal place side. The final game of the regular season against Cambridge resulted in a 55-7 win ensuring a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish. Players showing good late season form include Karne Barlow, Zylar Hatu-Pratt and Maia George. Coach Nathan Pye

#### **Congratulations:**

Congratulations to Jaide Barlow and Alec Pareanga who trialled in Taupo on Sunday and were selected in the King Country Under 16 representative side. We also have a number of Under 18 players involved in trials. Mr Parsons

## **Basketball: Senior Boys**

Monday night saw a diminished senior boys basketball team due to injuries and sickness face off against Putaruru. The last time we faced this team we lost by 8 points. The first half was pretty close with Ōtorohanga slightly ahead, but the second half was dominated by Ōtorohanga with good set plays and some brilliant individual efforts by our shooting guards. But overall it was a strong defensive effort and team work that lead us to a 31 point win final score 55 - 24. A big thanks to Bennett Sanson and Matauri Waretini for stepping up from the juniors and filling in for us, you guys played really well. Thanks to Tanchia and Ernest for being our officials and finally thanks to the team you guys put in an awesome effort, all heart boys, keep it up. Coach Sheridan Tata

## **Hockey:**

The hockey girls really enjoyed the Stratford exchange and thought it was a great experience. Most of the team were really nervous to find out who their billet was for the night, but everyone ended up really happy and enjoyed getting to know new people and all the girls were welcomed very warmly into their billets homes. Our game against Stratford High was very intense and both teams played hard to the whistle, they just had better overall skills that really helped them to end up with the ball in the net, our girls all came away from the exchange with new friends and goals to improve our skills so we can bring it to Stratford next year and hopefully come away with the win. In our Waikato Secondary Schools comp we have nearly finished pool play and have one more game till the semis which we have made, finishing third on the table. Our goal for the season was to reach the semis which we have done so that's really good work from the girls so far this season. - Quinn Robinson



## **Rep Basketball:**

Portia Taane Edwards and Arahia Trent were part of the C.C.B.A (Central Country Basketball Association) Under 15 girls team which travelled to Wellington for the New Zealand U 15 Basketball Nationals during the second week of the July holidays. C.C.B.A qualified for Nationals at the Regionals which were held over Queens Birthday weekend defeating Tauranga and Thames Valley.

The team placed 13<sup>th</sup> at Nationals beating Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley and Wellington. C.C.B.A representative team incorporates the small towns surrounding Hamilton City and is a wonderful opportunity for all basketball players. Jayden Heke is also a part of this team, but unfortunately could not travel to Wellington. Congratulations to all three team members on a wonderful season for C.C.B.A. Dot Carr



## **Soccer**

### **1<sup>st</sup> X1 Boys:**

So far the 1<sup>st</sup> X1 Boys' team have played 11 games and won all of them. The team have scored a total of 115 goals and have conceded only 8. The highest number of goals was scored by Trent Maguire (36). This year, as always, 16 selected players with Mr Ken Drummond and Mr Ram Chetty will be travelling to Wanganui to take part in the New Zealand Secondary Schools National Tournament from 28<sup>th</sup> August to September the 2<sup>nd</sup> (2016). (Please contact College Office for any further enquiries). The players are training for this Tournament on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. Once again thanks to all the Sponsors, supporters, Caregivers, Parents, Friends, Referees, Coaches, Teachers, Groundsman, Managers and the players for their contributions and efforts. Coach Ram Chetty

### **Reminders:**

All selected players please pay your Tournament fees at the main office and remember to prepare well for the "Tournament". Thanks Ram Chetty

### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls:**

The Girls 1st XI Soccer Team has been playing in the 4th division this year, and we've had some very competitive games against some good teams. So far we've kept things very even, drawing two games, losing two games and then winning our last two games. We were sad to lose Sammy and Caitlin Katipa-Maikuku at the end of last term. But our younger players have stepped up, and the team has been playing some really good football. Caitlin French has saved some great shots on goal, we admire the way she is willing to put her body on the line. Nicole, Mi-Claire, Sophie and Kendall have also been very solid in defence, not being intimidated by anyone! In the midfield Holly, Kayla, Paige and Nadia have been combining well, covering a lot of ground and doing some great tackling. Up the front, Libby and Keeley, and Sarah and Anna have also formed good partnerships. Sarah has been our top goal scorer, getting in some beautiful curved balls that have really impressed the opposition, as well as her own supporters!

We are very grateful to Mel for all her efforts with coaching, and to Mr Howitt for his willingness to take over the reins when Mel's farming commitments got too much during calving, also to all our loyal mums and dads for transport and side-line support. Cheers, Barb Jones

# *The Finals*

Let's all get down and support our teams, the more the merrier.....

### **Finals - Saturday 13/8**

Netball A 11.10am vs Huhu at Ōtorohanga Netball Centre

Junior Development Netball 8.30 am vs OSC Dental Surgery at Ōtorohanga Netball Centre

College Senior 10.00am vs Coast Prezzies at Ōtorohanga Netball Centre

### **Waipa King Country League Netball Final - Monday 15/8**

Netball A 6.30 pm vs Te Awamutu College at Te Awamutu Netball Centre

### **Semi-Finals - Saturday 13/8**

U14 vs Tokoroa 10.40am Home game

U15 vs Matamata 10.45am Away game

Girls hockey. Tuesday 4.40pm water 2 vs Hamiton Girls High