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Otorohanga College

Newsletter 9

Term 3 Week 10

Friday 25th September 2015

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER FINAL

Our 1st XI managed to pull off what we thought would be a big ask, winning their season final especially after suffering a number of injuries and a long week away with tournament. Well done boys we were not expecting such a great result.



And for a little icing on the cake, our juniors stamp their mark in the 5 Aside Tournament winning the Junior Boys Composite. Rumour has it they ended with the bare minimum of players. Congratulations



***Ko te manu kai i te miro nōna te ngahere.
Ko te manu kai i te mātauranga nōna te ao".
Tēnā koutou ngā manu kai mātauranga.***

A shorter writing from me this newsletter. Much of the recent news and happenings within our Kura are written about elsewhere in this newsletter.

Suffice to say, Term Three is over. It was a busy, hectic, and successful term of winter sports and assessment, and now we dig in to finish off the hard work of the academic year. For our seniors there is less than four weeks left with Senior Prizegiving scheduled on the evening of November 4th and NCEA External Assessments beginning just a few days later. We have been blessed by the huge support of our families and wider community to ensure we could compete and often triumph in many codes of sport this term. Thank you all for your hard work, your driving, uniform washing, team support, sideline cheering and all the many ways you contribute to our participation, enjoyment and success. Your large investment of time, energy and enthusiasm is very valuable and highly valued by our us all. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

We hope that families were able to attend the parent interviews this week as these are critical in helping to support the students in partnership between home and school to achieve their goals. If you were not able to join us this week to discuss your child's progress, please consider contacting the College and make an appointment to speak with your child's Dean. Please take the time to work with your young one(s) as this is the time when the pressure is really on and students need to ensure that they make everything count. Subject choices for 2016, NCEA assessments, leadership commitment, sporting responsibilities...the list is a long one and students benefit hugely from moral and practical support from home. It is vital that the logistical challenges are met for meeting deadlines and filling in forms to apply for scholarships, apprenticeships, full time employment, university or other tertiary institutions. The all important conversations that go before these applications are completed as students try to make decisions and plan for contingencies they are still working towards are absolutely vital to this process.

I want to acknowledge here that our new 'Ōtorohanga College Charitable Trust' is now

established and starting the work to build reserves in order to be able to support our students in the future. There is an article elsewhere in this newsletter with details of the trustees.

Our town Trust, the "Ōtorohanga Charitable Trust" is a valued support to us also and we hope our relationship continues to flourish in years to come. It is our great pleasure to thank the Ōtorohanga Charitable Trust for the over \$1500 they have given to College students this year to help pay for driver's license courses and testing, fees both academic and sporting and other needs. This has been instrumental in supporting eighteen of our students advance their pathways and we are all very grateful for this invaluable contribution.

The PPTA (Post Primary Teachers Association) has called for a union meeting to be held on 22nd October at 1pm in Hamilton. The College will therefore be closing at 11.45 am on that day and further information will be coming home with details of buses etc. In the interim please note this date on your calendars.

So, to all of the staff here at the College, may your holidays be blessed with wonderful family time with lots of rest and laughter. To our students/taura and whaanau, have a wonderful holiday and enjoy the chance to slow down for a bit of rest in the break from school. Use your time wisely to ensure you have every opportunity to succeed with your study and prepare for the busy time which is the final term of the year. The realisation of dreams and aspirations for you and your family can be strengthened by good use of time now.

E noho mārie/ in peace I leave you



Timoti Harris
Tumuaki/Principal
Ōtorohanga College

Term 4 2015 Calendar

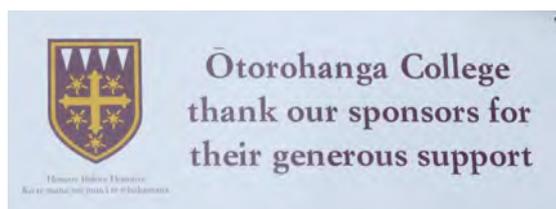
Week 1	Thursday 15th October	BOT Meeting
Week 2	Wednesday 21st October Thursday 22nd October	Speech Finals 11.30-1.30 Chemquest (Evening) PPTA Stop Work Meeting
Week 3	Monday 26th October Tuesday 27th October Wednesday 28th October	Labour Day—no school Targa Rally Supporters Evening
Week 4	Wednesday 4th November	Senior Prizegiving 7pm

Senior Prizegiving

Our Senior Prizegiving will occur on Wednesday 4th November from 7.00 pm in the College Hall. At this celebration we acknowledge and celebrate success and excellence across all aspects of College life including sporting achievements, leadership, cultural and academic. This year's guest speaker is Mr Gavin Hockly, Deputy Principal Human Resources, who sadly leaves the College at the end of Term Four.

The evening will include the presentation of the Trades Trophy, Hurley Cup, Cultural Personality Of The Year and Sports Personalities Of The Year. The culmination of the evening is the presentation of the Proxime Accessit and Dux.

All Year 11 to 13 students are expected to attend in correct uniform including Number 1s for Senior Leaders. Students from Years 9 and 10, parents, friends and supporters are warmly welcomed.



Thanks to the Lions Club of Otorohanga who kindly sponsored the Girls 1st XI Soccer for Secondary Schools Tournament.

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PPTA STOP WORK MEETING

There will be a PPTA Stopwork meeting on Thursday the 22nd of October at 1.00pm.

There will be no classes taught in the afternoon. A special notice with details will come out early next term.

SUPPORTERS EVENING

Wednesday 28th October

5.30 p.m.

College Staffroom

We cordially invite all those who support the College in numerous ways to an evening specially for you.

Respite/Carer Wanted

An honest, reliable and passionate person wanted to work with our special needs 14 yr old daughter.

References required

Monday-Friday 4-6 pm
(10min south of Otorohanga)

Phone Tracey 078712927 or

0276763004

NEWSFLASH

EFTPOS is coming to
Ōtorohanga College Office in Term Four



2015 MAGAZINE

This years magazine is on a pre-order and pre-pay system. Get your order and payment in to the College Office as soon as possible.

Cost \$25.00

Closing date for orders is
Friday 30th October.



Hello there, I am Jean McKenzie of MathZwise Te Awamutu. Exciting news - Ken Drummond has agreed to provide Tutoring in the Otorohanga area.

We are thrilled to have such a high standard of Tutor available in the area.

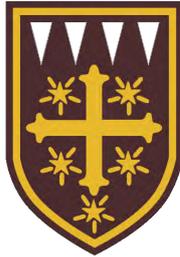
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STUDENT WELLBEING

**MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENTS AT THE FRONT OFFICE
FOR THE DOCTOR AND PHYSIOTHERAPIST
SEE MRS RUSSELL IF ANY QUESTIONS**

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Health Nurse – Anne Green Students can knock on Anne’s door to make an appointment, office situated on side of E block 10am
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physiotherapist - Kara Thomas 8.45 – 12.00 in Student Wellness 3 (Sick bay)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attendance Service - Renalda Kawau 8.30 – 3.00 in the Interview Room• Doctor Joyce Wong 10.45 – 12.45 in Student Wellness 3 (Sick bay)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drug and Alcohol Counsellor - Marlene Thompson 8.30 – 3.00 in the Interview Room• Physiotherapist - Kara Thomas 8.45 – 12.00 in Student Wellness 3 (Sick bay)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physiotherapist –Kara Thomas 8.45 – 12.00 in Student Wellness 3 (Sick bay)• Guidance Counselling available for an appointment with Christine Manson see your Dean.
ALL Week Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Careers / Pathways Counselling Daily see Mrs Flay or Mrs Hemara to make an appointment• Gateway work programme see Mrs Campbell

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Year 9 (2015)

Course Selection

Information Evening

Date: Wednesday 14th October

Time: 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Location: College Library

This evening is for you and your Year 9 son/daughter and provides the opportunity to listen to a course selection presentation as well as ask questions of teachers.

TRUSTEES ARE ANNOUNCED

The trustees for the newly formed “Ōtorohanga College Charitable Trust” have been appointed and we have great pleasure in announcing that the following people have accepted positions on the Trust. The inaugural trustees are Mrs Lorraine Fox, Mr Noel Hurley, Mr Ken Drummond, Mrs Donna Hemara, Mr Paul Singh, Mrs Renee Wylie and Mr Roy Willison. The Settlor of the Trust is Mrs Dawn Davidson and the Principal of the College is an ex-officio member of the Trust also. Mrs Dawn Davidson has also agreed to be seconded as a trustee for the first year of the Trust. We the school, students and staff, thank you all for your service to our school as Trustees and would like to express our gratitude for the work you have pledged to carry out on our behalf. It is this wonderful generosity and willingness to give of time, energy and expertise which is indeed the hallmark of our school community, rural, urban and coastal. Thank you all.

The signing of the Trust Deed by all the Trustees was carried out this week and the Deed has been sent to the Charities Commission in Wellington for registration. There will be an inaugural meeting in Term Four, to elect the officers and begin work to advance the Vision Statement of the trust “...to promote and assist the social, cultural, sporting and educational advancement, and benefit in life of the pupils of Ōtorohanga College.” The Trust will in due course be writing their own news for this regular newsletter, at this time, however I, on behalf of the school, wish the Trust well in pursuit of this vision. It has taken a long time to complete the establishment of this initiative and it is a wonderful enterprise which will no doubt be of huge value to our students in years to come. We welcome the creation of a venture which will also provide a chance for past students, the community and businesses to continue to be part of the school and help shape the future for our young people.

I particularly want to make a special tribute to Mrs Dawn Davidson who has been an enthusiastic supporter of this idea from the beginning and who has undertaken many hours of work to help us to manifest this vision. Dawn you are such a huge support to our College and we all thank you sincerely for everything you do to ensure our College provides opportunities for students both now and in the future.

The Ōtorohanga College Charitable Trust will therefore be in full operation in Term Four of 2015 and we look forward to the realisation of many plans and aspirations. Watch this space for some exciting events, the first of which is the upcoming 60 Year Reunion which will be held on the 20th February 2016. There will be more news to come.



We look forward to honouring our student leaders of 2015 when they are presented with their new badges early next term.

SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS

Students will receive their shoot keys for online team photo ordering on the 1st day of next term.

All those ordered within the first two weeks will receive free postage.

OTOROHANGA COLLEGE

60TH JUBILEE

Enrolment for 60 year celebration of Otorohanga College
20 February 2016

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A total of \$65.00

e-mail this information to Renee at foursons@vodafone.co.nz
or post to Renee at PO Box 189 Otorohanga.

Have you any people that we can contact?

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Let's Celebrate Academic Achievement

The College offers all students the opportunity to develop their potential to the greatest extent possible. Emphasis is given to academic achievement where, what is expected and accepted, is a performance worthy of ability.

At the end of Term Three celebratory assemblies were held for Year 9 and Year 10 students to recognise academic achievement; in particular greatest improvement.

The Year 9 students recognised were:

9MA

English/Wiremu Parnell and Jessie Reardon

Science/Jessie Reardon and Gypsy Pattie

Global And Local Studies/Sereana Hetet-Naqarase and Joseph Waitere

Mathematics/Michael Stockman and Joseph Waitere

Physical Education And Health/Reihana Chadwick and Thomas Holden-Howden

9TE

English/Charmaine Sheffield and Jessica Russell

Science/Neville Maxwell and Sateva Hennessey

Global And Local Studies/Ethan Lentfer and Charmaine Sheffield

Mathematics/Jacinda Baker-Singh and Nadia Solomon

Physical Education And Health/Jacinda Baker-Singh and Iris Hut

9PH

English/Corrie-Leigh Haupokia and Keeley Hughes

Science/Jessica Pickens and Bennett Sanson

Global And Local Studies/Bennett Sanson and Jessica Pickens

Mathematics/Matauri Waretini and Keeley Hughes

Physical Education And Health/Jack Wylie and Matauri Waretini

9SC

English/Dion Pye and Shivaan Naidu

Science/Chloe Smith and Shivaan Naidu

Global And Local Studies/Jodie Wilson and Laurissa Venter

Mathematics/Chloe Smith and Thea Taane

Physical Education And Health/Dylan Lyttle and Dion Pye

Rotations

Art Rotation C/Lily Mikyla Barnes and Rotation D/Jessie Reardon

Music Rotation C/Pairama Katipa-Maikuku and Rotation D/Peta Pitts-Brown

Drama Rotation C/Kymba Montgomery and Rotation D/Angel Winikerei

Te Reo Māori Rotation C/Angel Winikerei and Rotation D Paige Summerfield

Pathways Education Rotation C/Iris Hut and Rotation D/Laurissa Venter

Resistant Materials Rotation C/Jacinda Baker-Singh and Rotation D/Nadia Solomon

Design And Visual Communication Rotation C/Jodie Wilson and Rotation D/Jacinda Baker-Singh

Fabric Technology Rotation C/Neville Maxwell and Rotation D/Jennifer Clark

Food Technology Rotation C/Sateva Hennessey and Rotation D/Neville Maxwell

Digital Technologies Rotation C/Cameron Roberts and Rotation D/Kymba Montgomery



Above: Year 9 Students with Year 9 Dean Mr Leighton Parsons

Below: Year 10 Students with Year 10 Dean Miss Lacosta Hayward



The Year 10 students recognised were:

10AR

English/Seth Taylor and Cassidy King-Hayes
Science/Cassidy King-Hayes and Charm Rhind-Williams
Global And Local Studies/Aron Devenport and Charm Rhind-Williams
Mathematics/Cassidy King-Hayes and Seth Taylor
Physical Education And Health/Jossie Weteni and Brooklyn Thompson-Hemara

10DI

English/Kiana Burkett and Patrica Hirini
Science/Ngaere Ward and Kiana Burkett
Global And Local Studies/Patrica Hirini and Kiana Burkett
Mathematics/Mikaire Waretini and Te Hurinui Jones
Physical Education And Health/Matarena Kopa and Patrica Hirini

10EN

English/Sarah Murray-Smith and Paige Clarke
Science/Alec Pareanga and Angel Taane-Edwards
Global And Local Studies/Angel Taane-Edwards and Sarah Murray-Smith
Mathematics/Alec Pareanga and Tui Davis
Physical Education And Health/Luke Martin and Callen Le Lievre

10GL

English/Leah Connolly and Ashlee Hawkes-Board
Science/Dylan Roberts and Leah Knight
Global And Local Studies/Andrew Long and Reagan Te Whare
Mathematics/Breanna Edwards and Kaylee Driver
Physical Education And Health/Ashlee Hawkes-Board and Dylan Roberts

Options

Te Reo Māori Option B/Matarena Kopa and Charm Rhind-Williams
Digital Technologies Option B/Tirua George and Rasta Turner-Tana
Resistant Materials Wood Option B/Aron Devenport and Quinn Robinson
Design And Visual Communication Option B/Emma Whiteman and Ngaere Ward
Food Technology Option B/Seth Taylor and Moana Davy-Tuteao
Business Studies Option B/Jaylin Driver and Lindsey Houston

The staff and I look forward to recognising and celebrating academic achievement in Term Four at Junior Prizegiving.

Mrs Lyndsay Kurth
Deputy Principal, Learning

Duffy Books Assembly at Ōtorohanga Primary



Rhiannon Magee and Casey Toa attended and spoke at Otorohanga Primary's Duffy Books assembly.

Casey's speech....

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

Reading gives us the power to control our thoughts, whether it acts as an escape from reality, or you just want to gain more knowledge. Reading has helped get me so far in my life. I started as a shy five year old, sitting quietly in Mrs Ormsby's class reading a ten page story book about a small dinosaur being chased by a much bigger dinosaur. Now, 11 years later I am no longer that shy child, I am a confident 16 year old, who was lucky enough to be elected for the Board Of Trustees Student Representative for 2015, I never would have been able to get where I am without reading, and my love of books.

Many kids think that reading is lame, and it's for losers, well, let me tell you something, does a loser get shouted a mean feed at the Weta for reading 1,000,000 words? This may sound familiar to some of you older ones, the Lexile System, where you gained a prize for every so many hundreds thousand words you read. Those were the good days. The days when even the 'cool kids' would read as much as they could in order to get as many prizes as possible, and also to race their mates to the top of the point chart.

Reading is so important to me, I love to get lost in the fictional world of whatever novel I'm reading, especially if it's also been made into a movie. Who here has heard of Harry Potter, the extraordinary teen wizard?, what about The Hunger Games? How about Twilight or even The Lorax? Yup well let's see, book, book, book and oh yeah! Book. These movie greats, were actually all books first, and that just goes to show that reading, can benefit so many people, the author themselves, and you and me. Books can change the way we see the world. After reading, let's say Harry Potter, you may see that every old man is Dumbledore, or that every very hairy man is just good old Hagrid in disguise.

So please. Oh Please! We beg, we pray, throw your old tv set away, and in it's place you can install, a lovely bookshelf on the wall. I've told you my story now let me hear yours! Are you a singer, a writer, an alien fighter? Do you steer ships, or are you a cowboy with whips? Are you a chef or a weather-man? You can be, put it to the test! Anything is possible with reading, absolutely anything. And remember, remember, remember, we're gonna read it, read about it, we are duffy kids and so proud of it.

GLOBAL STUDIES

On Friday the 18th of September, Ōtorohanga College welcomed Hohepa from Aotearoa Fisheries to the Kura to work with Year 10 students on their marine resource sustainability projects. This opportunity was the product of a great partnership and shared vision the Kura has with Seafood NZ.

The students were shown a presentation to help develop their understanding of marine resource use in Aotearoa/New Zealand and some of the sustainability issues we are facing. Students were given the opportunity to inquire into possible solutions to assist in sustaining the resources for future generations. This opportunity had a dual purpose, to help our students with the assessment and to raise awareness of the importance of saving, restoring and preserving our marine Taonga.

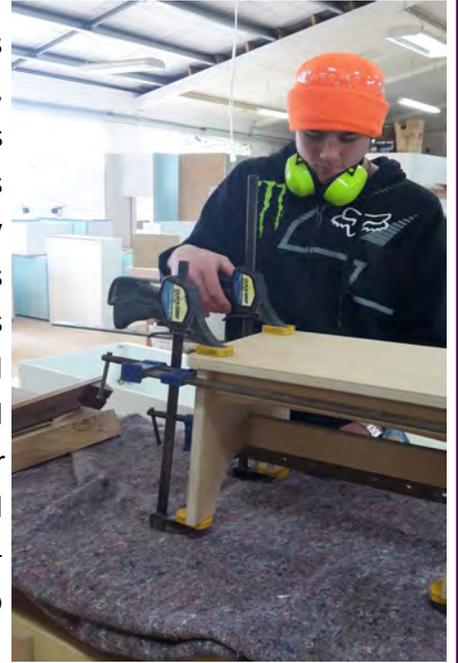
Ōtorohanga College would like to sincerely thank Hohepa, Aotearoa Fisheries, and Seafood NZ for the amazing work and assistance with the program and we as a Kura look forward to sustaining these partnerships in future years.



GATEWAY

Gateway To Fine Wood Working

Reece Martin has successfully participated in three work placements this year whilst completing relevant and individualised NCEA learning plans, achieving excellent outcomes. Each and every placement has shown his ability as a consistently reliable and talented worker. As a result of his experience at Fine Wood Working in Te Kuiti Reece has been offered a ninety day trial towards an apprenticeship in Furniture Making after school finishes this year. This will combine the skills of carpentry and design that he has studied under Mr Chetty and Mr Howitt for the last four years. Fine Wood Working is a local business with a clientele that spans the central and northern North Island. Recently their apprentice won *Apprentice of the Year* which is a great honour to them all, and bodes well for a fine and skilful future for Reece. Furniture Making is a trade that can be transferred internationally, and is highly sort after here in NZ. Reece is deservedly fortunate to have this opportunity for 2016. Congratulations Reece!



Linda Campbell



National Bookshop Day - Win your School Librarian's Height in Books.

To celebrate National Bookshop Day on October 31st we've partnered with the wonderful folks at Harper Collins NZ to give every school in New Zealand a chance to win their librarian's height in books. (short librarians may wear heels, short male librarians included, but no step-ladders allowed).

To enter simply wow us with stories about you or your librarian's sheer awesomeness, desperate need or examples of going the extra mile. Entries can come from grateful parents, awed teaching colleagues, proud librarians, boastful principals and of course children themselves. Letters, stories, poems welcome - 50 words each max.

Books can be used to supplement libraries, provide school prizes, school fair raffles ... and the books pictured are the actual prize. Lucy, our average height senior bookseller in the picture is not part of the prize package (she's priceless). Post, deliver or email entries to us, to arrive before 5.30pm Friday October 30th.



Engineering Future in Tech

On Monday, 15 students were treated to a lunchtime presentation from Dinah Ioasa, who is an Engineer from Graymont, most commonly known to us as "McDonald's Lime".

Dinah graduated three and a half years ago from Auckland University, previously graduating from Auckland Girls Grammar as Head Girl. With emphasis on the skill of time management, the essentials of Physics, Calculus and English as Level 3 subjects, the endurance of the 4 year uni study, the rewards and scope of the various career pathways within engineering, the great salaries, the internationally sort after NZ qualifications, mostly it was about how Dinah loved her job.

Dinah has worked at McDonald's Lime/Graymont since she graduated. In that time she has travelled to many countries within her work. In less than a week she heads off to Canada on an 18 month contract for Graymont Canada. She was inspirational, and down to earth in the gear and attitude she wore. She loved Maths and Physics at school, and worked on English as an important tool for her future. Many of the students at the presentation have all the goods necessary for a brilliant career in engineering, and several of them are already enrolled for 2016. As Dinah would say; it is all about your time management!

Linda Campbell



Ōtorohanga College High Performance Sports Program



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In 2016 Ōtorohanga College will launch a High Performance Sports Programme for its top 20 athletes.

The High Performance programme goal is to provide support to talented sporting individuals from Ōtorohanga College. This will be done by providing facilities and opportunities where athletes from different sports can come together, train, attend workshops, and receive advice and instruction in various athlete performance support disciplines. They will develop individual plans to better prepare athletes for High Performance.

The Ōtorohanga College High Performance Sports development programme is an exciting new step in athlete development and will be very beneficial in helping young athletes better understand, and transition to, the High Performance environment.

Programme Goals

- To maximise the opportunity for talented sports individuals to excel.
- To see our sportspeople excel beyond Otorohanga College in their chosen sport.

What the program will give our students:

- A mentor for their code. This would likely to be a professional, ex professional or specialised coach in their code. Students will meet with mentors and set goals, discuss training needs and explore other ways to move forward in their code.
- Training sessions with the group twice a week for six weeks of each term. This will include cross fit, plyometrics, core training, endurance, speed work and agility.
- Subsidised trips to sporting events/trainings or activities.
- Some sponsored High Performance kit (training shirt/training bag)
- trips to workshops including; sports nutrition, training and the institute of sport for all members

Entry and Selection Criteria

Ōtorohanga College top team representative in their main sport (e.g. College A/1st XV)

King Country Representative/Waikato or equivalent status

Outstanding potential

Students must be playing their main code for Ōtorohanga College

Criteria:

1. Coaches from top teams of each code nominate their most gifted athletes.
2. A maximum of 20 athletes will be selected from these nominations or individual applications.

From Here;

1. Applications and Advertising for the 2016 group will be started in Week One of Term 4 2015.
2. The selected students for 2016 will be made in Week 4 Term Four. The students are then named and recognised at Senior Prizegiving.
3. The elite training group would commence training in Week 4 Term One 2016 until the end of that Term.

Senior Hospitality and Food Technology

The Food Department have had a busy term where students were involved in number of exciting opportunities and activities.

Barista

This year we have had a Barista course up and running at the Kura for Level 2 Hospitality and Level 3 Food Technology students worth 9 credits. Students have completed plunger, filter and espresso coffee assessments this term. The department has all of the essential equipment required for barista and we are fortunate enough to be able to run such a course. The course was very popular among the students, which was evident in the success that was gained. Mrs Thomas and Mrs Russell would just like to say well done to all of the students who will have completed this course, you have worked really hard and the effort has paid off. To those that think they may be interested in completing this course next year, be sure to pick Level 2 Hospitality or Level 3 Food Technology as a subject option.



Drew Narbey-Nimeti and Nicole Bond with their mochaccino, cappuccino and long black espresso coffees that they prepared for their assessment.

Seafood Bizarre

The Level 2 Hospitality class were fortunate to have Seafood Bizarre come in and demonstrate fish filleting with the class. Seafood Bizarre brought in an impressive fresh catch of warehou, snapper and gurnard which students filleted and cooked in a variety of ways such as pan-frying, deep frying, ceviche (raw fish) and crumbed.



Café on Wheels trip to Wintec

The Level 2 Hospitality class have been running a successful Café on Wheels at the Kura, where students have planned, prepared, presented and sold a range of food and espresso coffee to the staff. This has been popular among the staff. The aim of the café was to give our Hospitality students an opportunity to cook food and prepare espresso coffee for customers as they would if they held a job in the Hospitality industry. It was decided that the funds that were raised would go towards a trip to the Wintec restaurant in Hamilton, which is run by its cookery students. This happened last Friday and we were fortunate to see Christy Bond an ex Hospitality student at Ōtorohanga College in action.



Level 2 Hospitality class at Wintec



Café on Wheels - Kendall French and Claudia Leaning selling their Savoury Scones

MUSIC MENTOR

Hani Totorewa was a member of NZ Reggae band 'Katchafire' for 15 years. On the 17th and 18th September senior music students had the privilege of working alongside Hani for two days as he visited our school as a part of the NZ Music Commission's Music Mentor programme. Students heard about careers within the NZ Music industry and then were led by Hani in learning about group performance skills and songwriting. The students thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and were proud to perform one of their original songs at the Music Performance Evening.



MUSIC PERFORMANCE

An excited crowd gathered in the hall on Thursday night 24th September to celebrate the skills of our students in the areas of Music and Dance. Many hours of rehearsals and lots of nerves came together to produce some impressive performances which were enjoyed by an appreciative audience. Group performances by the senior classes were a highlight, especially the original composition "One Love". Vocal highlights were Tremont Rhind-Williams singing "Chivalry is Dead" and the finale song from Paige-Beth Tamaki singing "I Know Where I've Been" from Hairspray. Theodore Mataeo's guitar improvisations featuring the use of a loop pedal were also impressive and Heremaia Koroheke's passionate vocal performances made him a crowd favourite. Special commendation to Stanley James and Sophie Jones, who as juniors stepped up and performed with maturity and professionalism. Liam Fox's drum playing was well executed and all of the performers can be very proud of themselves. The evening was topped off with an energetic and fun dance performance from members of the Performing Arts class. Well done to you all!





INTERHOUSE TUG-O-WAR

Last week saw the ever popular Interhouse Tug-o-War competition. Changing the rules for participation for this event ensured that every time a House competed they had to have a complete new team until it came to finals. The finals allowed the Houses to choose their strongest team. Eveleigh Seniors earned the honour of taking on the Staff All Stars team. Eveleigh proved too strong and took the win.



BYOD UPDATE

The development of a web-based learning approach has been initiated at Ōtorohanga College with excellent results. This approach allows the learning in classes to easily dovetail with online materials. We have embraced the use of many resources that have been developed by Google. These are gaining popularity with thousands of secondary and tertiary educational institutions in New Zealand and around the world.

The Ōtorohanga College teaching staff have taken part in sustained improvement of their understanding and implementation of online learning. This means we are ready to make web-based devices the expected platform for classroom learning in 2016. Through the journey Ōtorohanga College has already undertaken with technology-based learning, we can now be confident that Laptops and Chromebooks will usually be the best type of device to engage with meaningful and effective learning in classrooms. Therefore, we have developed a set of criteria that will assist parents and caregivers in making informed decisions when choosing a device for students to use in 2016. These have been published in a previous newsletter and are outlined below.

We look forward to further exciting developments over the next few months. These will further enhance the integration of learning-based technology with that used daily by most members of the community. The goal is to have the Ōtorohanga College website linked with a website for Learning Area ie. Mathematics. The subject area will link to the websites of all teachers. These websites will contain much of the material and assessment resources that students will need to excel in learning at Ōtorohanga College. This will allow parents, caregivers, students and teachers the opportunity to cooperate to achieve better learning and results.

Cheaper options are a poor investment and lead to frustration with any online activities. Accordingly, we will not be registering any tablets or cell phones. Instead we will require a laptop with a keyboard.

The minimum specifications are: 2GB RAM Memory, 32GB Storage and 1.83 GHz processor speed. Our local **100%** store is offering a **Nextbook** that fits these requirements and **Noel Leeming** has an **HP Stream II Laptop (Horizon Blue)** that is equally suitable. Check out their current prices.

To help students that do not have their own device the College, from its ICT budget, is supporting Faculties by ensuring they each have access to a set of 25 laptops.

Our communications on BYOD/Blended Learning will continue with you through our newsletters this year. We welcome your comments and queries; please feel free to ring the College and ask for Mr Hockly in the first instance.

On behalf of the Senior Management Team – Mr G. Hockly



Left: **Nextbook**

Right: **HP Stream II Laptop (Horizon Blue)**





Tournament week for some may have been a new experience, one I hope was a fond, memorable one. For others it would have been their last. We often hear of comical stories when they return which I hope is shared in the writeups that the coaches or managers share further in this newsletter.

PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The next big item on the sporting agenda will be our "Supporters Evening" on Wed 28th October. This is our opportunity to say thanks to all our volunteers, sponsors, supporters and the parents who helped out with either transport or washing uniforms. We feel it is extremely important to recognise these helpers as they are all volunteers who offer their time freely.



Once again we were host to William Clarke College, from Sydney, Australia. This biannual visit normally falls during the Term 2 holiday break, but they have changed the tour date bringing them out at end of their (and our) season. This time frame proved ideal for the weather conditions. Despite the difference in level of play they were delighted with our students' ability to play extremely fair.

Invitation Rugby team beat William Clarke College:

An invitation Rugby team consisting of 1st XV and Under 15 rugby players had a convincing win over the touring Australian team William Clarke College. What was most pleasing was how the Under 15 players comfortably stepped up to play some excellent rugby. Tremont Rhind-Williams was named man of the match by the visiting side.







With the term holidays just around the corner some of us will be making the most of the break before heading off to Hillary Outdoors (formerly OPC) Tongariro National Park with a bunch of enthusiastic Year 10s. During Week Two of the holidays Miss Hayward and I will be looking forward to spending time with students away from the “school” environment. This is where we learn about the students themselves which is one of the bonuses of being on camp with them.

Netball News:

Saturday 19th September saw three of our netball teams face William Clarke College from Kellyville, Sydney, Australia. We have a visit from them every second year. They stay at Waitomo for two nights and we are always their first school visit on their arrival in NZ.

We were expecting rain, however, the weather was kind to us and allowed us to complete all three games of netball and rugby before it started.

The first two games up were College Jnr Development and College Senior. College Jnr Development had a few players unavailable through injury and prior engagements, however, they were able to pull two subs in to field a team. They played exceptionally well and showed William Clarke that just because they are a young team they are a talented and a force to be reckoned with. Our girls dominated the game with their solid skill base and played with heart, good sportsmanship and they did themselves proud as ambassadors for our school. Well done girls.

The College Senior team had a few of the Hostel team players due to others not being available, however, they did very well and totally outclassed their opponents. It was pleasing to see a team pull together despite not having any recent practices. College Senior took advantage of all shooting opportunities and it was pleasing to see them play with commitment, but also fair play and good sportsmanship. Congratulations girls.

College A began their game as strong as they ended their tournament week games dominating William Clarke to take a good lead at the first break. Changes were made throughout the game to ensure everyone had game time and had the opportunity to experience the one handed passing Australian netball is known for. It was great to see the same fair play and sportsmanship demonstrated as in the other two games. Well done girls.

Thanks to all the Coaches, Managers and those girls who made themselves available to play in this Exchange visit. You showed Honour For Yourself and Honour For Others. Congratulations. Thanks to our Umpires; Jo Butcher, Josie Butcher, Holly Carr-Paterson, Morgan Strawbridge and Colleen Hawkes-Board. Without you, we would not have been able to play our games.

We now look forward to our next Exchange visit with Genazzano from Melbourne returning next year to stay and challenge us in netball.

College A kept their best till last—Upper North Island Secondary School Tournament week showed we peaked at the right time. Ventura Inn really looked after us and it was an awesome place to stay. It was a season of ups and downs, however, our concentrated preparation and extra games against Te Kuiti, Pio Pio and Te Awamutu College in the three weeks before tournament ensured we were ready to take on other teams our age. We finished on a high note and now look forward to next year in an effort to improve our seeding.

We had an amazing time on tournament, made many memories, laughed more times than I can count and played some outstanding netball. We finished 18th in the B Grade which is where we started, this was a great achievement. There were two highlight games for the week. The first one was playing Hamilton Girls Open A on the first day and only losing to them by two! The second was playing Te Awamutu College and smashing them by 13. Our week is one that the girls will surely not forget. Going out to Gengy's was a highlight, our last night with secret presents and skits and the dance off against Tauranga Girls High School.

Our tournament would not have been as successful without the continuous coaching during the season from Luran Robinson and support from our manager Sally van der Hayden. There is not a big enough thank you in the world that we can say to them! Also a big thank you to Karen Flay (Mama Flay) and Jaimee Tamaki for being our chefs, mums and our go to people when we need our hair done or a massage. Also I would like to thank the nine girls that made the week outstanding, so thank you to:

- Sophie aka V.C Eat or Be Eaten
- Kayla aka Kopua
- Tori aka The Terminator
- Zoe aka Sinclair
- Filma aka Dance Goddess
- Kaylee aka Crippled
- Jessica aka The Baby
- Jayda aka Player of the Tournament
- Paige aka Our one and only Year 13!

Thank you!!

Kate Russell Captain





Junior Development

What a fantastic season for Junior Development. All the players, parents and supporters of Junior Development have been wonderful sporting role models for Ōtorohanga College on and off the court and should all be extremely proud of themselves for an awesome season of netball. The season was intense.

The team of Year 9 & 10's focused on winning the Ōtorohanga Netball Centre A Reserve grade. This meant winning week after week to make the A Reserve grade, and then winning the Semi Final. A closely fought final game against Kio Kio Sports Club, which resulted in a draw, meant Junior Development was up against the top seeds Ōtorohanga Sports Club in the Semi Final. The Semi Final was intense, played in atrocious weather, goal for goal all the way, and at the final whistle, Ōtorohanga Sports Club had won by one goal!!! The team was gutted, but held their heads high and acknowledged Ōtorohanga Sports Club for the great game that it was. Ōtorohanga Sports Club went on to beat Kio Kio Sports Club by two goals in the final.

Players from Junior Development all developed over the season. We were given so many opportunities to grow, Monday Night League, Ōtorohanga Netball Centre U 15 Reps, umpiring opportunities, coaching, tournaments and the season finale – Kurangaituku last weekend.

Kurangaituku was so much fun and a wonderful way to end the season for such a great group of girls and parents. The team played nine games, against secondary school teams from Rotorua, Taupo, Hastings and Auckland. With some team members being unavailable we were honoured to have Sophie, Kayla and Tori join the girls. What exceptional role models these three ex Junior netballers are. Their guidance on the court gave the Junior Development players a new focus on broadening their netball play and playing hard at 100% on attack and defence. Their fun personalities off the court made it a pleasure to have them join our team and be a part of one big happy Junior Development Whānau. Good luck to the girls with their future goals and aspirations for 2016. I would like to once again thank the team members, parents, managers, Vianni and all the supporters of Junior Development for making the season such a wonderful experience.

Dorothy Carr -Coach Junior Development



Hockey Boys Tournament

2015 saw the College sending mixed senior boys hockey team down to Whanganui for Tournament week. Coach Simon Hall and the boys roped in Mr Buckley a hockey novice to assist with the week-long event. This year there were 17 teams at the Tournament and Ōtorohanga College finished a respectable 13th. This was pleasing as most of the team are in their final year at the College so they can leave with their heads held high. Another positive outcome was the way the team managed to source some outside players. A few College players dropped out at the last minute leaving gaps up the front end of the field. The team had one practice on Sunday afternoon and then we were straight into the matches first thing Monday morning rain and all.

Tyson did a great job in the goal with good support from his trusty backs being marshalled by the rock captain Mason Reedy.

Tawa College from Wellington were our main rivals in our pool managing to sneak past us in the dying minutes of the last game with an amazing penalty stroke. Having Mason lead both teams in a Haka to end the tournament was a very special moment for all those who had watched the game.

Mr James Buckley



Girls Hockey

During Tournament Week our girls hockey team went on a tour of Rotorua. We left on the Wednesday morning with a stop at Te Waihou Blue Spring in Putaruru, which if you have not done before, is well worth the visit. Our first game was against Rotorua Girls High 1st XI. Girls High beat us by one goal last year so the rematch was much anticipated. It took a while for our girls to get into the game, but we had a 3-2 lead with 10 minutes to go. Girls High did well to sneak in a goal just before the end for a 3 all draw. After an hours break our next game was against John Paul College 3rd XI. John Paul College has 5 hockey teams and their 1st XI plays in the top National Tournament each year. Beating their 3rds comfortably by 5-1 showed how much our young team has developed, as this game last year was a lot closer.

We stayed at the Thermal Holiday Park in Rotorua which is a great place for a team to base themselves, as the hot pools are part of the deal. The girls were in cabins of four and it was their job to organise and prepare their own dinner each night as in a flatting situation. Having a budget to spend could have been dangerous, but the girls showed great restraint and skills in this area. Thursday was meant to be the hardest day for our team, as we played two 2nd XI teams from the two big hockey schools of Western Heights and John Paul College. Both games were played in good spirit with very little niggles and full acceptance of the umpires calls. Ōtorohanga came out on top in both games as we started to play how we finished in our final in Hamilton. Scores of 5-2 over JPC and 5-1 over Heights were well deserved and it was a little unexpected how much we dominated both these teams of older girls.

Friday was our last day and we really did save the best for last. Te Kuiti High School had also come on the tour with us and they played and won the grade higher than Ōtorohanga in the Waikato Hockey Competition this session. Both teams warmed up together which was awesome and then went out and played an amazing game of attacking hockey. Te Kuiti, as they have all season, were hot on attack from the start, but Epitome Wilson showed how far she has come as a goalie in her first session by making some great saves. After surviving the initial onslaught Ōtorohanga had chances of their own, but couldn't quite finish them off. The second half was all Ōtorohanga College and the Te Kuiti goalie. With our backs pressing up high, we shut down any counter attacks, picked up the loose ball, fed it back to our attack and completely dominated the half, with Te Kuiti rarely getting past half way. It just seemed a matter of time before Ōtorohanga would score, but it was not to be with the Te Kuiti goalie pulling out many saves of the season. A nil all draw was still a great result and enabled both teams to finish unbeaten on their tours. Speeches and a shared kai with Te Kuiti was well received and it was an awesome way to finish what was a great three days of hockey. Many thanks to our parents Tarsha, Erin and Kristin for all your support and to the girls for doing as you were asked on and off the field, amazing people you all are.



Soccer Report

2015 proved to be another fantastic year for Ōtorohanga College Soccer with five teams in “5 a side in the Waikato Secondary Schools Annual” 5-a-side competition, four teams in the League Competition, and two teams in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Soccer Tournament, the tremendous growth in player numbers.

The 2015 season was a unique and extraordinary year for College Soccer.

2015 Ōtorohanga College Soccer fielded four soccer teams in the Waikato Secondary Schools League Competition. All the games were played -on the away and home bases.

Team	Coach	Manager	Referee	Sponsor	General Manager
Senior Girls	Mr. Marcus Paterson	Mrs Barbara Jones	Mr Marcus Paterson	Bailey Ingham	Mr. D. Bailey
Junior Girls	Miss Michelle Ward	Mr. Lee Hurley	M Lee Hurley	Bailey Ingham	Mr. D. Bailey
1 st X1 Boys	Mr. R. Chetty	Mr. K Drummond	Mr. Dave Wrack	Bailey Ingham	Mr. D. Bailey
Junior Boys	Mr John Varga	Renee Wylie	Mr Varga	Bailey Ingham	Mr.D Bailey
5-A-Side	Mr. R. Chetty	Mr.R. Chetty	RC and DW	Oto Sponsors	Mr. Bailey
Tournament Team	Mr. R. Chetty	Mr. K. Drummond	Mr. R. Chetty Mr. K. Drummond	Oto. Sponsors	Mr. Bailey

Ōtorohanga College Junior Girls

Junior Girls Football Team End of Season Report 2015

After the early seasons grading the Junior Girls team was placed in Waikato JG Division 2. All the teams in this division were right on the Waikato boundaries, so it meant we did a lot of travelling for away games. So we know every McDonalds outlet from Ōtorohanga to Whitianga.

We had two trips to Whitianga (460km) round trip to play the 1 ½ hour game, we however, treated these trips as team building so it built a better tolerance of other members within the team, we also made some good impressions of Ōtorohanga College on the other teams by our commitment to going all that way to play and our attitude on the field. This was for some of our girls their first trip to the east coast and white sand so we stopped off in Tairua for a play on the beach on one of our trips.

Due to our team only being 12 players, most games were played with no sub and the girls had to play through injury and sickness as they had no options and were committed to making sure we fielded a full team.

Lee Hurley the coach was excellent value through his two trainings per week, Saturday support to the team and all the girls who were willing to listen to his advice have benefitted greatly from the expertise and knowledge he imparted. He has built a good football grounding/understanding in the girls which will only improve over time.

We would also like to thank Cathy Wilson, Tom McDonald and Michelle Ward for their days given driving the cars and vans to the away games, without this support a number of games would not have happened.

The team finished the season on 3 wins, 2 draws, 3 loses, Overall putting the team in 5th place in their division. A great achievement considering for half the team this is their first season playing football. Thanks: Michelle Ward (Junior Girls Coach/manager).

Ōtorohanga College Junior Boys

The team had mostly Year 9 students. The level of soccer they played was good and the team demonstrated a good understanding of their various roles within the team. The transition from primary level to secondary level of soccer was a step up for them. This is a credit to Mr. John Varga for coaching and looking after the team. The team finished in the bottom half of their Division. Next season we will be liaising with other assisting coaches with regards to what we would like to see developed as well as building on the tactical foundations we have started on during the last season.

Ōtorohanga College Senior Girls

The Senior Girls team worked hard in training and in the games they played. The fact that a number of the players on this team have stepped into roles both within the Senior and the 5 a-side teams, shows how versatile some of these players were. This season the Senior Girls team finished second (runners up) in their grade. This Girls team participated with pride and determination.

Ōtorohanga College Senior Boys

It has been a privilege to coach these young men. The level of understanding and team work demonstrated in a team this young was outstanding. Their attitude to training and matches as well as to me has been brilliant, I hope the team continues on next year to fulfil their undeniable potential. Mr Dave Wrack and Mr Drummond were extremely helpful to me all season and their hard work over the year shines through this team.

“Jan” our exchange student, left us after six games, he always showed strength and composure which was an asset to the team. He was also given the role as a Defender and played that role with promise and determination. There was a “big gap” in the field to be replaced, ...but Alex and Daniel did not take long to fill this!

There were players, who were huffing and puffing, running around in circles and got them tired due to not understanding the concept of positioning. Towards, the end of the season, the light bulb flashed and the players started understanding the concept and what needed to be done. There was not a moment during the training and games when the players did not have fun, especially the “coke Challenge” Even when we did not win a lot of games, the players were always happy and most really loved to be there. Our Defenders were very strong together and helped the goalkeeper saved many goals. They were both fierce and would always protect the goal to the best of their abilities. Jake, towards the end of the season was discovered to be an amazing goalkeeper.

1st XI New Zealand Secondary Schools Soccer Tournament in Napier

Mr Drummond, Mr Chetty and sixteen boys travelled to Napier for this tournament. Almost every day we had parents from Ōtorohanga supporting our team, for which we were most grateful. The boys played very well in both daily games and were exhausted. It was wonderful to see both Mr Alan Anderson and Mrs Debbie Anderson supporting the team daily by washing and transporting. We all went to the hot pools which was a great treat!

Dinner was cooked by the boys, while the lunches were prepared by Mr Drummond and Mr Chetty. We all worked in harmony both on and off the field. There was a real team spirit among everyone. Thanks to all the sponsors, parents/care givers and supporters.



Soccer Tournament Team—Napier
30 August – 4 September

Shirt No	Surname	First Name	Tournament Name	Game Calls
9	Anderson	Patric	Patty	!00% mate
12	Anglesey	Harry	Hurry	Use your Speed
7	Bell	Alex	Lexy	Use your Skills
10	Cashell	Josh	Cashy	Use your Body
5	Fortis	Grayson	Grayssey	Use your strength and speed
4	Fox	Liam	Foxy	Be more physical
16	Hetet	Bradlee	Braddey	Let those legs move faster than your hands
13	Kenny	Josh	Joshy	Use your speed and go
15	Maguire	Dallas	Dally	Stay close to the man
2	Marcroft	Jake	Jakey	Time Time!!!!!!
11	McConnell	Max	Maxy	Ball and m....
?	Narby-Nimeti	Drew	Drewy	Use your strength
3	Ward	Charles	Charley	Stay with your man
8	Wrack	Nathanial	Nat	Use your skills...fall back...
17	Wright	Bailey	Bailey	Use your confidence...keep it safe
1	Wylie	Daniel	Danney	Boom ...bom..



Boys 1st XI Soccer 2015 season by *Grayson Fortis, 1st XI Captain*

We have had great results from our senior soccer team this season, winning our division. Our team of boys were a mix of skill and age, but we were all keen to play and learn each week. Mr Chetty, as always was a dedicated coach running two trainings every week which included push ups for being late or just not listening!

During the season we won all our games except for one loss to St Pauls when they scored in the dying minutes of the game.

This meant we played St Pauls in the final on their home ground. It was a pretty hard ask as we had just arrived back the day before from a week at in Napier and most of our team was injured.

On the bus trip up to Hamilton for the final, we were ready for the game and out to win, but I knew our bodies were going to struggle.

The weather was awesome and I think there were more Otorohanga supporters than St Pauls, I know Oto were definitely louder anyway!

It was a tough game with both sides playing to win. Mr Chetty and Mr Drummond rolled subs, taking off players when they were obviously injured and replacing them with less injured players. At one point towards the end of the game Nat limped off and Josh limped on to replace him.

We had plenty of shots at goal, missing way more than we should have, but in the end the score was 2-1 to us.

Thanks to Mr Chetty for the time that you spend away from your family to support the College soccer teams and for the individual support you give to us, and of course for shouting us feeds!!

To the whaanau that come to the games and run us around every weekend, it would be impossible without you all.

Thanks to Mr Drummond for being our manager for the season and tournament.

Thanks also to David Wrack for being our ref.

Thank you to David Bailey and Bailey Ingham for our sponsorship.

It was a great end to our season that started with a group of boys playing soccer and ended with a strong team that won the final.



Waikato Secondary Schools 5 a side Tournament

Results:

Teams	Coaches/Managers	Captains	Results
College Senior Boys Maroon	R.Chetty/ J Fortis	Grayson Fortis	Semi finalist
College Senior Boys Gold	R.Chetty/ Dave Wrack	Daniel Wylie	Semi finalist
College Senior Girls	R.Chetty/ Mrs Connolly	Kairangi A/A Connolly	Runners up
College Junior Boys	R.Chetty/Mr Wylie	Jack Wylie	Winners
College Junior Girls	R.Chetty/Bryan/Connolly	Sarah Murray	Runner up

" It is very difficult to digest the losing end as a result...of Spot/ penalty kick because it kicks the hearts of the players, coaches and supporters. "But this is the only way to find the winner of the game.....3 games having to finish in this manner was a lot to digest..."

On Saturday 12th September 38 students travelled to Janssen Park in Hamilton for the annual Waikato Secondary Schools 5 a side Soccer tournament. Our group consisted of two girls & three boys' teams. We had an early start to the morning leaving at 6.30am & despite many of our senior players carrying injuries from tournament week they were still keen & eager for the day ahead. This was a new experience for our juniors and they were just as excited to be a part of the tournament instead of sitting on the side line supporting their siblings as they had done in previous years. This time they actually got to be a part of all the fun & action.

Congratulations to all those who participated. You wore your strips with pride & came away with some very pleasing results after some nail biting penalty shoot outs.

To the Junior Boys who were supported by other team members a huge congratulations for being plate winners in your division, and to Mr Chetty and our wonderful group of dedicated parents who were prepared for all four seasons, thanks again for your support & encouragement & another great day out. Mrs Daniel Wylie

It is important for us to acknowledge the sponsorship and support given to our College 5 a side Teams, without which it would be impossible to continue.

This year we continued our association with and sponsorship from the Business groups listed below. We thank these groups for their substantial financial commitment to building soccer community in Ōtorohanga College. We also received support from Physical Education Department in getting the players physically fit and healthy for the season's games.

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Ōtorohanga Club
Ōtorohanga Transport (OTL Group)
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We encourage all our supporters and the "the Team" delegates to personally thank our sponsors if the opportunity presents itself. We are appreciative of their interest in our "TEAM" endeavour and grateful for their support. It is through community collaboration that "the team" will continue to gain momentum and achieve success.

1st X1 Girls Season & Tournament:

The 1st XI soccer finished off with a very enjoyable season on Saturday 5th September with a Home game against Taumarunui which they won 10-0. This was their 10th game in a week, after spending five days in Auckland together at tournament week. The girls have developed a strong team culture over the season with an emphasis on supporting your team mates, fair play and always striving to do your best. The results during the second round of the competition showed huge improvements, with wins over the top two sides Te Kuiti and Pio Pio. All our players had different skill levels and fitness levels at the start of the season, and every one of them improved their standards by the end of the competition.

Tournament Week in Auckland was the highlight of our season. The girls and their families did a fantastic job fundraising and planning their trip. They stayed in three apartments on Queen Street and had three meals with management and staff each day. Each one of them were fantastic role models to their school with other teams and officials endorsing their attitudes on and off the pitch. The games were very tough and the girls showed great character when playing schools with well-resourced squads with our smaller squad we had to pace ourselves in a match against St Andrews from Christchurch. Otherwise there was no holding back in any of the other matches. We finished off the tournament with three goals and a win, which was two firsts for the girls at tournament week. We beat Spotswood College from New Plymouth 2-0, with Sarah Murray scoring two great goals. This meant we finished 22 out of 24 teams. A big thanks for the year goes to all the players and their families for their attitude and support. There was not one issue that we had to address all year from any of the players. They were all polite mature and hard working. Big thanks to Sharnay Toa our captain who led her team well as both a player and a role model. She was a great link between the girls and the team management. Last of all, thank you to Barbara Jones and her husband Tim Jones for all the work they have done with the efforts through fundraising and support for the team throughout the season. Barbara put heaps of work into our preparation for tournament week and made sure the girls had such an enjoyable week. Thanks also to Mr Howit who stepped up and as teacher in charge to spend the week with us in Auckland, he was great at keeping the girls sprit up with his sense of humour. He's not a bad driver either. I'd like to wish the girls all the best for next year. *Marcus Paterson Senior Girls Coach*





As Coach and Teacher In charge I would like to congratulate all for having participated in the Waikato Secondary Schools Soccer League Competition, Waikato Secondary Schools Annual 5 A Side Competition and New Zealand Secondary Schools Soccer Tournament this year. We have this year celebrated another achievement with 1st X1 Boys as winners, 1st X1 Girls as Runners Up and Junior Boys as winners in 5 a side. A Team such as Ōtorohanga College Soccer is only as good as its volunteers and we have a small dedicated band of them. Mike Smith getting the fields prepared, Michelle, John, Marcus and RC coaching, Ken, Lee, Dave and Jane managing, Dave, Zoe and John refereeing and the parents/caregivers transporting. Also, Ken and Cheyne Waldron who are our finance team and also Tanchia Pitts-Brown who ensures that the season runs smoothly. But most importantly there are the mums and dads who give up their time to support and manage their children's gear and wellbeing, they are the life blood of the teams and to them the teams say a great big thank you. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2016 and we will try to organise some special events to celebrate another Ōtorohanga College Soccer, one of the greatest family show in Sports Ōtorohanga.

**“Many things you have given us
Skills, strength, encouragement.**

And more.

So grateful we are for the givings

And more.

We will keep them in our Pouch

Thank you very much Coach”

Ramzy15



Rugby League:

Rugby League at Ōtorohanga College yesterday afternoon with our boys up against a combined PioPio/Te Kuiti side. Great game that was played in good spirits despite the wet conditions. Ōtorohanga College ended up winning 18/0. Thanks Larz and Nick from Sport Waikato for organizing/supporting the game .



King Country Touch Taster

Congratulations to both our senior and junior teams competing in yesterday's taster in Te Kuiti. Despite the limited training time, teams finished well, with Seniors placing 5th and Juniors placing 3rd.