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Ko te mana mō mua i te whakamana

# Otorohanga College

## Newsletter 2

Term 1 Week 6

Friday 13th March 2015



Above: Thanks to our helpers at the end of the pool on stopwatches as well.

Below: The commitment and concentration of staff on the track to ensure stopwatches are started when the smoke rises from the starter gun is obvious.



## **Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, greetings to you all.**

To all families/whānau new to our College we hope these first few weeks of the academic College year have gone well for you. Change can bring with it challenges; we at the College are all here to support you in any way we can. If there is anything troubling you please contact the College office in the first instance or consult our website or the College's four Facebook pages as sources of helpful information. If you are a student and something is worrying, or simply confusing you about an aspect of life at Ōtorohanga College, please talk with your Whānau Class teacher, a Student Leader or go to your Dean. Our College is still enrolling students at this time, so although I can report a good increase in our student roll for 2015, I cannot give you the exact figures at this time.

Our two big College sporting events, which are also most important for House points accumulation for 2015, have concluded. First was the College Swimming Sports held a couple of weeks ago. It was a great day, with sun, laughter and House Colours being the order of the day. The events were full and the impressive participation meant that not all the scheduled events could be run! All swimmers and participants were stars, although four students in particular stood out for the records they broke. Grayson Fortis, winner of all of his events, by the end of the day was the new holder of 9 College Senior Boys Swimming records. Kate Russell claimed the 1L Backstroke Seniors Girls record and Jessica Russell claimed the Junior Girls 4L Medley, Jordan Connolly broke the Intermediate Boys 1L Backstroke record. At our athletics day one record was broken by a Year 9 student, Angel Winikerei in the Junior Girls Javelin. This record was held since 1972. To all competitors "well done to you all", it was a wonderful way to start a College year with so many of our students fully involved. Swimmers who qualified for the King Country Swimming Championships at Taumarunui have since competed and results are listed else where in this newsletter, we congratulate you all

Athletic Sports provided another wonderful day. I particularly want to acknowledge the wonderful House spirit, commitment to competing hard and giving support to others was so evident during

the event. I do so celebrate young people who give their all, who try new things and who are always there encouraging and enriching their own experiences and those of others. With that in mind, I particularly enjoyed watching Year 9 students competing in Javelin for the first time, a new skill and experience and a demonstration of students willing to step up to new challenges. Our winners and champions are listed elsewhere in this newsletter, suffice to say here "well done" to all of our winners and indeed to all of our competitors on the day.

Our excellent Athletics Day results created a need for a bus to be hired to take all the qualifiers to Te Awamutu to compete in the King Country Athletics Championship along with seven other Secondary Schools. As is noted each year, the behaviour of all of our competing students was exemplary. The staff who travelled with them were full of praise for the positive and supportive attitudes displayed. The day concluded with nearly half of our students achieving well enough in their events to compete in the Waikato Bay of Plenty Athletics Championships. Well done to you all, a fantastic start to the sporting year. It is very exciting to see our College going from strength to strength in our sporting performance.

Winter code sports musters and trials are underway as I write this letter. If you want your child to play this year for a College Team, please do not hesitate to ring the College and speak to our wonderful Sports Coordinator Mrs Tanchia Pitts-Brown. 2015 will see our College defend its' "Under 15 Rugby" title, defend the McQuilkin Cup for Rugby and prepare the best teams possible to represent our College at the annual Secondary Schools Sports Teams Tournament in the first week in September. This year may well see another team or two win their division and bring home a new trophy for the College. All required sport uniforms are supplied by the College and the fees for each code are set and available now. These are listed in the sports section in this newsletter and can also be obtained from the Teacher In Charge (TIC) of each particular sporting code, from Mrs Pitts-Brown or from the College Office staff.

As you will have read in the College's first newsletter, this year sees the full school implementation of Positive Behaviour for Learning. This programme focuses on, and rewards students who do honourable acts. The programme gives credit to those who do the right thing to avoid giving too much attention to students who do not do the right thing. The College adopted as its School-wide focus, Me whaimana te Iwi/Honour Others, Honour the Environment/Me Whaimana te taiao and Me whaimana te tangata/ Honour yourself, which is an expansion of our long held College Motto.

You will be able to update yourself on the Positive Behaviour for Learning programme in newsletters throughout the year and we invite you too to become involved. Please keep us informed of any student you see acting honourably perhaps in a sports team you manage or coach, or down town, on a trip, even on the school bus, whatever the circumstances we wish to celebrate all those students who are behaving in a way to that bring honour upon themselves, their environment and others. Thank you.

All Heads of Faculty of Curriculum and Learning Areas meet with the College's Board of Trustees on the night of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March for a three hour session to share their NCEA results for 2014 and the Faculty or Learning Area Goals that have been set for the 2015 academic year. This night is special in that it is the first time all Curriculum and Learning Area Leaders are to share their results with the Board in one sitting. Board members will also be able to question and review these academic results and hear the academic goals from each leader. This will be a special night I am sure, as I firmly believe that professional debate and review will drive us forward. This evening will be a good lead-in for the NZQA audit visit to the College in two weeks' time to review our assessment and moderation systems, procedures and processes.

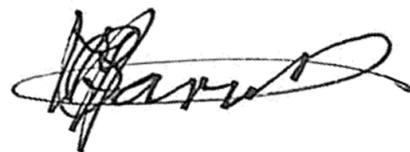
There continues to be much happening in the College. Assessment has begun in most curriculum areas and homework tasks should be keeping your young one busy. Any concerns or queries round homework set please contact the

Dean or Whānau Class teacher concerned. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held at the end of this month, 26<sup>th</sup> March, so that too will be a great time to come and meet the teachers and talk over concerns and queries which you may have, or indeed give positive feedback. Details to book appointments are on the noticeboard page in this newsletter. Enjoy reading the rest of this newsletter and celebrate the wonderful young people who make up the College this year and the stories of some of their journeys thus far. Our Student Leaders featured are great examples of young people going places, ngā Rangatira mo apopo, they are the Leaders For Tomorrow.

It is hard to believe we have only three weeks left of this first term. If you want an exciting conversation with your child, consider exploring with them their dreams and aspirations. Young ones today seem to have nearly unlimited information and options directed at them yet they need time to think, ponder, dream and to explore; Whānau/family are so essential in this exploration. Our Pathways Centre Staff and Deans are helpful ports of call also for adding information to these discussions.

Remember, we are always only a phone call away and we value and welcome you here at the College if you have a need. Until next time, enjoy your young people and the spirit and energy which they bring.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki e tiaki hoki/be blessed



Timoti Harris  
Tumuaki

# Term 1 2015 Calendar

<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Wednesday 18th March</b> <b>Thursday 19th March</b> <b>Friday 20th March</b> <b>Saturday 21st March</b>	<b>EOTC Biology Yr 13 Trip</b> <b>BOT Meeting</b> <b>Year 8 School Experience Day</b> <b>Taupo-Nui-a-Tia 7's</b> <b>Hostel host Taihape Area School</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Monday 23rd—Friday 27th March</b> <b>Tuesday 24th March</b> <b>Thursday 26th March</b> <b>Saturday 28th March</b>	<b>Senior Skills Academy Camp</b> <b>EOTC Year 12 Biology Trip</b> <b>Winter Sports Codes begin</b> <b>Parent/Teacher Interviews 5.30-8.00 p.m.</b> <b>North Island Secondary School Athletics</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Wednesday 1st April</b> <b>Thursday 2nd April</b>	<b>McQuilkin Cup Rugby, Girls 7's</b> <b>Waikato Secondary Schools Swimming</b> <b>EOTC Senior Science Students Trip</b> <b>Newsletter #3</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Thursday 23rd April</b>	<b>BOT Meeting</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Saturday 25th April</b>	<b>ANZAC Day</b>

## LEADERS ASSEMBLY

**Right: Rhainnon Magee (Head Girl)**

**Below: Philip Lord (Head Boy)**



# LEADERS ASSEMBLY



Top left: Kate Russell (Sports Council Student Rep)  
Top right: Thomas Anglesey (Sports Council Student Rep)  
2nd row left: Nicki Hayes (Brown House Leader)  
2nd row right: Drew Narbey-Nimeti (Eveleigh House Leader)  
3rd row left: Kiso Eti (Kedgley House Leader)  
3rd row right: Chey Willison (Falloon House Hostel Leader)  
Left: Grayson Fortis (Hotson House Leader)

# LEADERS ASSEMBLY



Top left: Filma Tapara (Yr 12 Hotson House Student Council)

Top right: Casey Toa (BOT Student Rep)

2nd row left: Leah Bell (Yr 12 Kedgley House Student Council)

2nd row right: Anna Connolly (Yr 12 Brown House Student Council)

3rd row right: Josh Kenny (Yr 12 Eveleigh House Student Council)





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## Students Need To Attend College

Attendance v Activity Participation at Ōtorohanga College 2015.

The College attendance rates are set as a College Target for 2015.

They are:

Year 9 - 12 92% attendance including justified absence

Year 13 85% attendance including justified absence

If a student's attendance falls below this they will not be permitted to

- Attend the College Ball
- Take an active part in away trips as part of the College's activity week
- Be involved in leadership roles at the College's two Experience days
- Involvement in other special events held within the College throughout the 2015 year

Student involvement in Tournament Week, Gateway placements and Fieldtrips will be assessed on a case by case basis; suffice to say - students would only be considered for exclusion in these activities in exceptional circumstances, decided by the SMT of the College.

All Deans will be asked to submit to the Principal in last week of each term, a list of any student who has attended 95% or more (each student to have their actual percentage stated up to 100%) and each of these students will receive a letter.

These attendance expectations will be advised to parents in three newsletters of the 2015 year; it will be stated at assemblies by Mr Hockly and communicated verbally by each year level Dean.

Finally, all notes supplied to Whānau Teachers explaining a student's absence must be dated and handed in within 10 school days of their returning to the College after absence.

This procedure requires all Whānau Teachers and Deans to be accurate in roll markings and attendance totals and all lists of attendances will be displayed by each Dean in a set place in the College once a week so that students at that year level can check for accuracy and their accrued totals of attendance.

Thank you.

Timoti Harris  
Tumuaki  
Ōtorohanga College  
March 2015

# NOTICE BOARD

## PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

You are warmly welcome to attend the parent / teacher interviews from 5.30pm to 8.00pm in the College Hall. Interview bookings can be made online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) - using the school code HKFAZ - or by phoning the College Office on 873 8029.

**SENIOR COLLEGE BALL DATE IS  
7th AUGUST**

Coaches, Managers and umpires are still required for netball (it looks like we will have six teams again), if you would like to be involved please contact Tanchia Pitts-Brown at the College.

## STUDENT SERVICES

Physiotherapist - Jane McIlroy

Tuesday and Friday

Make your appointment at the front office

Doctor Wong's Clinic

Wednesday 9am – 11am

Make your appointment at the front office

Drug & Alcohol Counsellor – Marlene Thompson

Thursday

See your Dean to make an appointment

A new school jacket is available at Haddads Menswear for \$49-95



## 1st XI Cricket Raffle

Thanks to those who supported our raffle. Congratulations to Pete Morgan who was the lucky winner.

## OUTSTANDING FORMS TO BE RETURNED

There are still a number of outstanding forms that were mailed out with Newsletter #1 that have not been returned to indicate where your son/daughter will be during Recreation time which starts on Thursday 26th March. Could you please return these urgently.

## NEWSLETTERS

From now on the newsletter will be emailed, however, hard copies are available from the College Office. If you would like to be added to our email list please contact Renee at the Office.

The only hat that is permitted to be worn in Terms 1 and 4 are to be plain navy. There are 3 styles available at the front office for \$10 each.





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Thanks to Lauran Robinson for her support with photographing events to be used for a range of school media.

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# Parent Portal Has Arrived

In 2015 Ōtorohanga College is introducing a system which enables parents/caregivers to be able to track their child's progress in a number of ways including live attendance information and academic achievement.

Parents/caregivers will be able to see the following data:

- Personal Details
- Timetable
- Attendance
- NCEA Summary
- NCEA Current Year Results
- NCEA All Results
- Fees

If you would like to take advantage of this initiative all you need to do is follow the three steps below after you receive a letter from the College about the Parent Portal via the post on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. The letter will state what your unique username and password is as well as when the Portal can start being used.

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

Lyndsay Kurth  
Deputy Principal, Learning

## COLLEGE WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES

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

<http://www.facebook.com/OtorohangaCollege>

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# National Certificate Of Educational Achievement NCEA Your Questions Answered

## How Much Does NCEA Cost?

There is a standard annual fee which students must pay to have their results recorded on their Record Of Achievement and for the awarding of qualifications. Candidates who do not pay fees are not eligible to:

- have results transferred to their Record Of Achievement, which only indicates the results for which payment has been received
- have NCEAs or other National Certificates or UE awarded, because unpaid results are not on the Record Of Achievement

The fee is collected by the College and forwarded to NZQA. Fees are due by **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**. If the fee is not paid by this date a candidate will have to pay NZQA directly using the School Candidate Form - Payment Of NZQA Fees. You can get this form from Mrs Kurth. After the 1<sup>st</sup> December, NZQA will add a \$50.00 late fee.

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

- Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit (benefit-based applications).
- Have a joint family income that would entitle the applicant to receive a Community Services Card from Work and Income (income-based applications).
- Be a fee payer with two or more children who are candidates irrespective of family income, where the total fees you would have to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum.

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

## How Does The College Ensure A Student's Work Is Their Own?

This is called AUTHENTICITY. A student is required to sign a declaration that each piece of work submitted for assessment is their own.

When marked work is returned to a student, teachers will clarify with them any concerns about authenticity that have developed as a result of the assessment task.

Where a breach in authenticity is detected the Head Of Faculty will refer the matter to the Principal's Nominee.

## What Happens If An Emergency Prevents A Student From Sitting Their Exams At The End Of The Year?

This is called a DERIVED GRADE and is available if a student is entered for an External Examination and for an approved reason is unable to attend. If this happens the student must see the Principal's Nominee as soon as possible. The Principal's Nominee will collect standard specific evidence to support their application.

## What Happens If A Student Is Absent For An Assessment?

**BEFORE:** If a student knows in advance that they will be absent for an assessment they can make an application for another opportunity or an extension of the assessment date using the LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM available from the Principal's Nominee.

**AFTER:** If a student is unable to attend an assessment opportunity or hand in an assessment on the due date because of illness or another unexpected event they can make an application for another opportunity or an extension of the assessment date using the MISSED OR LATE ASSESSMENT FORM available from the Principal's Nominee.

## What Happens If A Student Submits Late Work?

Late assessments are not accepted unless covered by a medical certificate which explains why it was not possible for a student's work to be presented on the due date. Late work will receive a Not Achieved grade unless they have applied to the Principal's Nominee for an extension using the MISSED OR LATE ASSESSMENT FORM.

## What Happens If A Student Believes They Have Been Treated Unfairly In An Assessment?

They have the right to an APPEAL. If a student has a question about the marking of an Internal assessment they should discuss this with their classroom teacher at the time their work is returned or within two school days.

If a student is still dissatisfied with the outcome they must complete Section A of the NCEA ASSESSMENT APPEAL FORM, which can be obtained from the Principal's Nominee, within five days of having their work returned.

The Principal's Nominee will then investigate, consulting with the Head Of Faculty and the Appeals Committee.

## How Is High Achievement Recognised?

NCEA qualifications can be endorsed with Merit or Excellence to reflect high achievement.

Certificate Endorsement is where a student gains 50 or more credits at Excellence level over all the courses they are studying, their NCEA certificate will be endorsed with Excellence. If a student gains 50 or more credits at Merit and Excellence then their NCEA certificate will be endorsed with Merit.

Course Endorsement is where a student gains 14 or more credits at Excellence in a course in a single year, they will be awarded an Excellence endorsement in that course; or a Merit endorsement if they gain 14 or more credits at Merit or a mix of Merit and Excellence. At least three of these credits must be from externally assessed standards.

## How Does A Student Know That They Are Given The Grade They Are Told?

Students' GRADES will be recorded by their course teacher in KAMAR, the College's software.

Students will be provided with a printout of their individual data to enable them to check the accuracy of the data entered.

## Does A Student Get To Sit An Assessment Again If They Gain A Not Achieved Grade?

This is called a RESUBMISSION when a student has the opportunity to correct simple errors or omissions in their assessed work that they have discovered for themselves.

A FURTHER ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITY is when a new quality assured assessment is provided for a student after the first assessment opportunity and further teaching and learning has taken place. A student can have up to one further assessment opportunity per standard per year. This could be a new test, a new writing topic or a new research topic.

## How To Support Your Child's NCEA Study

The more parents know about NCEA, the more they are able to help their children to succeed. Discuss your child's needs and aspirations with teachers - they are there to help and answer any questions you have. With NCEA, students work throughout the year. Be sure to know when your child's Internal assessments are as well as when the External examinations are at the end of the year.

**If you have any NCEA questions please contact Mrs Kurth, Principal's Nominee, at the College.**

## INTRODUCING.....

We would like to welcome and introduce Lauran Robinson (ex student) to the College to assist us with photographing a range of events and activities. These photos are and will be used for advertising in the Waitomo News, newsletters, website and facebook pages. Lauran has become a regular motorcross photographer and follows her son Shane and husband Garry (also ex students) to various meets around the country taking action shots of some of the top riders in the country. Lauran has a passion for working with young people in sport and students are getting used to seeing her purple shirt and fluoro jacket around the grounds. We acknowledge Lauran for the many photos used in this and future newsletters. Her images have a Lauran's Images copyright on them, however, if you would like to print a photo without the copyright you are able to contact her through her facebook page to request one. Lauran is enjoying the challenge of photographing a range of sports, in class photos and our special assemblies. We thank Lauran for the time she spends with our students capturing wonderful memories of their time at College.



The blessing of our new signs for each block in the school were reported on in our last newsletter. They have all been fitted now and each block is now easily identified. The timber used for these signs were a mix of timber from the renovations done to C Block and these rough shaped ones are from some native timber from Mr Jim Rogers.

These were created by Mr Ram Chetty, Mr Brendon Mudge and also Grayson Fortis (Yr 13). The sanding of these was done by a group of Mr Chetty's Yr 9 students.

Left: M Block—Music Room



## Member of Parliament visits Ōtorohanga College



The recent success of our petition to parliament to commemorate the NZ Land Wars has been honoured by a visit from Labour MP Whaea Nanaia Mahuta, who has agreed from the beginning of this undertaking, to table it in parliament when we have gathered our target of 10,000 signatures. In our meeting with her, we prospered through her wisdom and insight as one of Aotearoa's most insightful and caring politicians. Whaea Nanaia was Minister of Youth Affairs for many years and we students were grateful and amazed to receive her encouragement and valuable support when she so kindly questioned us about our futures. She opened our doors and horizons in an instant. We all felt at ease and soon adopted and shared her passion for education and the youth of Aotearoa. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe, Whaea.

In February we took the petition to the Kawhia Kai Festival to gather more signatures. The day was a great success. We collected just under two thousand signatures and had a brilliant time feasting in the wonderful atmosphere, basking in the support of so many people from all walks of life, and swimming in beautiful Kawhia Harbour. We will be attending the Polyfest in Auckland and the Regatta at Turangawaewae next week.

To conclude, we would like to thank everyone who has supported the petition so far, whether it be through social media, words of encouragement, help with petitioning or simply signing your name and signature. It has been a massive effort, and everyone's contribution counts.

Me Maumahara Tōnu !

Leah Bell

## Petition To Parliament To Commemorate The NZ Land Wars



Must be time for a swim.



Ex Head Boy signs  
Ashley Davis



Whaea works the crowd

## SENIOR BOYS 100M FINAL



## Te Waikōwharawhara is Rising Up



Te Waikowharawhara was formed in 2008 at a time when we found that without clustering, some of our schools would not form groups big enough to enter competitions. In addition the importance of promoting, revitalising and retaining te reo o Maniapoto me ōna tikanga was a motivation to get to the competitive stage as well.

An important aspect around the formation of Te Waikowharawhara has been the consensus agreement that groups with the numbers and encouragement to honour their school by standing in their own right shall be supported in their dream. By consensus also, all kura have agreed that those who cannot muster a competitive group alone shall only cluster as Te Waikowharawhara.

So here we are once again in the 'odd' calendar year, preparing for the Tainui Secondary Schools' Kapahaka Competition that is going to be held on May 16 2015 at Claudelands Event Centre.

This year the cluster for Te Waikōwharawhara includes Piopio College, Te Wharekura o Maniapoto and Ōtorohanga College. Practices being held on Tuesday and Thursday nights will pull us together for the next ten school weeks and there will also be four wānanga to enable the group to strengthen their programme.

Te Waikowharawhara has ten weeks to put something stunning with X factor elements in it to appeal to the judges this year. Therefore, things have to move very fast now. The tutoring team will comprise the tutors from each cluster kura; and the plan is to co-tutor according to the skills each brings to the kaupapa.

Fundraising and applications for grants will hopefully enable us to reach our budget target of \$2,500 required to cover transport, food, wananga and costumes. Should we be so lucky, the cost to students will be a koha.

The following schedule is still in draft form, but four wānanga have been planned with the start time tentatively set at 4.30pm on the Friday night and the finish time set at 3.00pm on the Sunday afternoon; except for the last one which finishes on Tuesday at 2.30pm. Please keep an eye out for these wanaanga dates.

Wānanga 1	Te Keeti Marae	13 – 15 March
Wānanga 2	Ōtorohanga College Hostel/Hall	10 – 12 April
Wānanga 3	Mokau Kohunui Marae, Piopio	01 – 03 May
Wānanga 4	Waipātoto Marae, Ōpārure	08 – 12 May (includes Monday and Tuesday)
Noho	Te Keeti Marae	15 - 16 May before going to Claudelands

Whānau, you are more than welcome to come and observe the practices at any time.

Me mau tātou ki te tika, te aroha, me te whakaro kotahi.

# Update from Kayli van der Heyden

These last few months have been such a culture shock it is amazing. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of January, I and the other Rotary students left our beautiful country of New Zealand to embark on our exchange in other parts of the world. We first started off with an 11 hour plane flight from Auckland to Santiago, Chile. When we arrived we went straight to our Hotel to get changed and enjoy our first Chilean meal, after that we went to a 60 stored shopping mall, but we were all a bit tired so we couldn't wait to get back to the Hotel and sleep.

On our second day in Chile we went to a beautiful place called Valparaiso, we visited a government house and then finally the beach! It was something so new to me seeing that many people at the beach, but it was great. That night we went to an awesome restaurant called "Los Buenos Muchachos" where we had great food and watched an amazing show of all the types of dancing in Chile, some of the other Rotary students even participated, it was very entertaining.

On our third and final day together we watched the changing of the guard in the center of Santiago, went to see the "Cerro San Cristobal" which is a huge statue at the top of a huge hill, luckily we didn't have to walk, then had a BBQ at a Rotary members house where we met a few of the exchange students who have been here for 5 months. That night those of us who are staying in Chile met our families, said goodbye to our friends and finally started on our exchange.

My host family is so cool and it is fun to have brothers, because in New Zealand I only have sisters. Before my host brother, Ignacio left for New Zealand we did some fun activities such as going to the Amusement park and camping at the beach. When my host brother left, my family was a bit sad, but they seem happy now that they know he is safe and sound. In these last 2 months there has been two birthdays within my family in Chile, my host uncle and my host dad. They were quiet nights with close family so they were very nice.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March I had my first day of school. Compared to my school in New Zealand it was very different and has a lot more people. The other students in my class are very nice and I have already made friends. I am looking forward to the schooling here and I think it will help me learn the language faster. Overall, I have really enjoyed these 2 months and am looking forward to the rest of the experiences I will have on my exchange. I also want to say huge thank you to all those who have helped me along the way.

Chao,  
Kayli van der Heyden



# WHERE IS HAYDEN VAN DER HOEK NOW???

**Dear Mr Shirley,**

March 2015

I hope all is well and you are looking forward to a well deserved break and a very special ANZAC Day. I thought I'd send you an email to let you know what I'm up to; I started writing a letter during my Initial Officer Training but it never made it to ADFA's postal system. Life at the Australian Defence Force Academy is quite different from the experience that began at OCS. At first it was very similar - during IOT I worked hard and did things because my Sergeant told me to do them. Lots of PT, drill, weapons, fieldcraft and carrying out menial tasks to a very high standard. You were correct, after just six weeks with my peers I've made some friends for life. Anyway I thought you might be interested to know what the NZ Army is doing with its newest OCDTs.



I marched out of IOT and into the Academy on Saturday 28 Feb, and began my degree programme yesterday. Life is different, but definitely no more relaxed. On top of a full Civil Engineering (Hons) course, we have two hours of military training from 0600 to 0800 every morning, as well as a half day on Wednesdays (0600 - 1200) and Fridays (1230 - 1730). The military training includes all aspects of the syllabus with a focus on Battle PT and Leadership. Monday and Wednesday mornings I have rowing at 0500, as well as conditioning sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. During the semester breaks I head over the hill to RMC Duntroon for blocks of Single Service Training, usually two to four weeks at a time. I'll complete three years of my degree programme before I go to RMC for a full year, after which I will graduate as a LT and come back to ADFA for my final year of engineering. There are currently eight Kiwis at ADFA: Three in first year, two in second year and three LTs who are back for their fourth year after commissioning in December. All of us are doing BEng Civ (Hons) except for one in first year completing an IT degree. The Kippenburger Scheme is no longer available to Officer Cadets as you are probably aware, and is now only offered to deserving junior officers and SNCOs.

I understand that I have been afforded a fantastic opportunity to come here, to study for free and get paid a full salary, while being subject to some of the best officer training in the world. I do feel as though NZ has a better training culture as far as commissioning courses go, but there is nothing like this academy available to us at home

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Nga mihi nui ki a koe,  
Kindest regards,  
Hayden van der Hoek

**Hi Hayden,**

It is great to hear from you.

The lack of sleep is obvious from the timings, and life is full on.

The socialisation of the more important members of the military family is well thought out, and rather effective.

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Is it OK if I send the bit about what you are up to for inclusion in the school newsletter? I think it should be there.

I'm doing some writing for the Waitomo News and a couple of other places when I am away, get your Mum to clip the bits and send them over.

Contact from outside "the bubble" does count big-time.

10 school days and it will be "last day" for me.

Above is my personal email, it would be good to stay in touch.

**Hi Rob,**

I'll be very happy to stay in touch, contact outside of the bubble is invaluable.

You are welcome to include my writing in the school newsletter, I would've loved to read about something like this when I was at high school.

The countdown is really on for you to finish work. We're having our "1000 Days to Go" Dining In Night soon, although that's only really applicable to the Air Force and Navy pers as the army heads over to RMC in about 1000 days.

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Regards, Hayden

# Falloon House



Kia ora whanau. A big mihi to all the students of the Hostel who have made this first part of the year such a fantastic time which has been acknowledged too by all our staff who have made their feelings and thanks known that this year, of all the years they have worked in the Hostel and there have been many, has been the most relaxing, co-operative and stress-free they've ever experienced. Whanau that comes back to all of you and the wonderful support our babies get, too much whanau. We love you all up to the universe—*Ka mau te wehi, kei runga noa atu koutou katoa!*

**Goings on:** The first half of term has passed very quickly and all our new hostel residents have well and truly settled in. The last few weeks have been absolutely helter skelter with students busy with many extra curricular activities like Inter-House School Swimming competition, Inter-House School Athletics as well as summer codes like Cricket including volunteering at the Cricket World Cup, Touch, Waka-ama, Sevens training, Basketball and Ki-oo-rahi—not to mention Netball and Rugby trainings and trails that have just begun. As well too was an opportunity for students to also volunteer their time and support as representatives of our college at the formal unveiling on Wednesday 25th February of the monument 'Te Puna oo te Roimata' at 'Haurua' which commemorates the 'Pa' and meeting place at which the first Maaori monarch King Potatau Te Wherowhero met with his Maniapoto elders to decide whether or not he should and could take on the mantle of 'King'. As well they will all have the opportunity to return to their respective Kawhia Moana marae to offer their help, support and aroha to their marae who will all be hosting their annual Poukai over the next 5 days.



**Dentist:** We are currently working with Pauline at the Otorohanga Dental Surgery to ensure all our students get seen by the dentist at least once a term. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

**Congratulations:** A huge congratulations to Jake Marcroft has been selected to be a flag bearer during the cricket world cup games in Hamilton where he has the opportunity to represent not only himself and his whanau but also Ōtorohanga College.

## Upcoming events

- On Friday March 20th will be the Ōtorohanga College Year 8 Experience Day. The Hostel will also be open for students and parents to come and have a look around and ask any questions that anyone might have. A reminder too that if you have any younger children, whanau, friends or neighbours who are considering Ōtorohanga College and Falloon House for 2016 that you express your interest to the Hostel Boarding Director or Day Supervisor as soon as practicably possible.
- On the weekend of Saturday 21—Sunday 22 March, Falloon House will be hosting a pre-season Netball and Rugby sports exchange with Taihape College. Students playing will stay at the hostel for the entire weekend. Taihape will be arriving sometime on Saturday. If you would like to come and be a part of the weekend you are most welcome. The games will commence on Sunday 22 March 9.00am followed by lunch and 'poroporoaki' before Taihape leave for their journey home.
- The hostel sub-committee meets twice a term to discuss matters concerning the hostel. The committee is made up of a BOT rep, staff rep, hostel staff, students and parents. It is important to have a strong parent presence on this committee so please contact the Boarding Director should you be interested in joining. The meetings are usually on a Wednesday night from 7.00pm.

# MCQUILKIN CUP—RUGBY

This year Ōtorohanga College will host the McQuilkin Cup 1st XV Rugby Competition. Hosting rights were given to Otorohanga as Ōtorohanga College won the competition in 2014. A tight 7-5 win over Taupo-Nui a Tia saw Ōtorohanga College lift the trophy for the first time in a number of years. The tournament will be held on Wednesday the 1st of April which will consist of 1st 1XV Rugby Teams from the King Country as well as a Girls Sevens Competition. Games for the 1st XV's are 10 minutes each way whilst games for the girls are 7 minutes each way. The Ōtorohanga College 1st XV begin their preparations for this on Monday. Last year's winning team are pictured below.



All these games will be held at the College and we welcome parents/whānau, community and supporters to spend time with us encouraging and spurring our students on. We wish our boys well and hope the McQuilkin Cup retains its place in our trophy cabinet



## SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE EXPERIENCE

On Tuesday 17th March, Year 12 student Filma Tapara will depart from Auckland to sail away on the Spirit of Adventure ship. Filma was nominated by staff at the end of last year to receive a \$1900 scholarship which is paid by The Caitlin Ash Trust in Waitomo for one student per year from Otorohanga College to make this voyage. Filma will stay on the ship for 10 days with 40 students from other schools. We would like to congratulate Filma on being chosen and we would like to wish you all the best for the voyage. We look forward to hearing all about it when you return.



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH FACULTY

As always Term One is a busy term for Physical Education and Health. PE students prepared for the Swimming Sports where we had one of our best participation rates. The morning events were so filled up that we had to scrap some of the novelty events just to fit within the time frame. Check out our results and record breakers in the sports section.

Athletics day was fantastic also with the house spirit on show for all to see. Students dressed up in their house colors and competed with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Kristen Winikerei's record breaking throw in the Junior Girls Javelin was truly impressive. A shout out must go to all the parents, students and staff that helped with these two great events and of course our winning houses. To view some videos of the day's action, check out the GoPro footage on the Ōtorohanga College Sports Facebook page.

Throughout the year we will next look forward to Cross Country, The Tug of War and other inter-house competitions. There is also the senior assessment which is the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge in August for all senior Physical Education students.

In Term Two, the Health Department will be introducing the 'MY FRIENDS Youth Resilience Program' to Year 9 and 10 students. The aim of this program is to strengthen students ability to manage their own feelings, ability to cope and to encourage positive Mental Health. Our staff have all had specialist training in this area and look forward to putting the Unit into action. The topics included cover: understanding feelings, empathy, self-confidence, relaxation, awareness, inner thoughts, helpful and unhelpful thinking, attention training, coping step plans, problem-solving and relationships. Students will receive workbooks and resources free of charge to use during the program. We encourage you to ask your son/daughter how the program is going throughout Term Two and share some of their experiences and skills they will learn.

(PE and Health Faculty)



# SWIMMING SPORTS





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2nd HOTSON  
3rd EVELEIGH  
4th KEDGLEY

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS RECORDS  
Updated February 2015 (after 2015 swimming sports)

**SENIOR GIRLS**

200m	Freestyle	2010	Angela Rawlings	2m.18.06sec
100m	Freestyle	2011	Angela Rawlings	1m.03.88sec
100m	Backstroke	2010	Angela Rawlings	1m.15.72sec
100m	Breaststroke	2011	Angela Rawlings	1m.19.75sec
1 length	Freestyle	2010	Angela Rawlings	19.43sec
1 length	Backstroke	2015	Kate Russell	23.29sec
1 length	Breaststroke	2010	Angela Rawlings	25.50sec
1 length	Butterfly	2010	Angela Rawlings	20.12sec
4 length	Medley	2010	Angela Rawlings	1m.45.69sec

**INTERMEDIATE GIRLS**

200m	Freestyle	2009	Angela Rawlings	2m.17.12sec
100m	Freestyle	2009	Angela Rawlings	1m.02.50sec
100m	Backstroke	2009	Angela Rawlings	1m.15.69sec
100m	Breaststroke	2009	Angela Rawlings	1m.26.25sec
1 length	Freestyle	2009	Angela Rawlings	18.87sec
1 length	Backstroke	2014	Kate Russell	23.43sec
1 length	Breaststroke	2009	Angela Rawlings	24.72sec
1 length	Butterfly	2009	Angela Rawlings	20.70sec
4 length	Medley	1984	M Riseley	1m.42.47sec

**JUNIOR GIRLS**

200m	Freestyle	2007	Angela Rawlings	2m.29.62sec
100m	Freestyle	2007	Angela Rawlings	1m.06.50sec
100m	Backstroke	2007	Angela Rawlings	1m.23.31sec
100m	Breaststroke	1979	S Moir	1m.26.25sec
1 length	Freestyle	2012	Kate Russell	20.12sec
1 length	Backstroke	2012	Kate Russell	24.25sec
1 length	Breaststroke	2012	Josie Butcher	26.69sec
1 length	Butterfly	2007	Angela Rawlings	21.38sec
4 length	Medley	2015	Jessica Russell	1m58:65sec

**2015 SWIMMING CHAMPIONS**

Junior Girls Champion: Jessica Russell

Junior Girls Runner : Keeley Hughes

Intermediate Girls Champion: Shannon Hofer-Nigg

Intermediate Girls Runner Up: Sophie Carr-Paterson

Senior Girls Champion: Kate Russell

Senior Girls Runner Up: Nicki Hayes

OROHANGA COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS RECORDS  
Updated February 2015 (after 2015 swimming sports)

**SENIOR BOYS**

200m	Freestyle	2015	Grayson Fortis	2m.24.25sec
100m	Freestyle	2015	Grayson Fortis	59.62sec
100m	Backstroke	2015	Grayson Fortis	1m.18.67sec
100m	Breaststroke	2015	Grayson Fortis	1.27.84sec
1 length	Freestyle	2015	Grayson Fortis	16.83sec
1 length	Backstroke	2015	Grayson Fortis	22.13sec
1 length	Breaststroke	2015	Grayson Fortis	23.85sec
1 length	Butterfly	2015	Grayson Fortis	19.28sec
4 length	Medley	2015	Grayson Fortis	1m.46.73sec

**INTERMEDIATE BOYS**

200m	Freestyle	2013	Grayson Fortis	2m.27.33sec
100m	Freestyle	2013	Grayson Fortis	1m.03.36sec
100m	Backstroke	2014	Grayson Fortis	1m.16.37sec
100m	Breaststroke	2014	Grayson Fortis	1m.26.28sec
1 length	Freestyle	2013	Grayson Fortis	17.87sec
1 length	Backstroke	2015	Jordan Connolly	23.19sec
1 length	Breaststroke	2013	Grayson Fortis	23.79sec
1 length	Butterfly	2014	Grayson Fortis	19.27sec
4 length	Medley	2013	Grayson Fortis	1.46.32sec

**JUNIOR BOYS**

200m	Freestyle	2012	Grayson Fortis	2m.34.07sec
100m	Freestyle	2012	Grayson Fortis	1m.05.28sec
100m	Backstroke	2012	Grayson Fortis	1m.24.53sec
100m	Breaststroke	2012	Grayson Fortis	1m.35.78sec
1 length	Freestyle	2012	Grayson Fortis	18.50sec
1 length	Backstroke	2012	Grayson Fortis	23.85sec
1 length	Breaststroke	2012	Grayson Fortis	26.82sec
1 length	Butterfly	1972	R Boyce	21.00sec
4 length	Medley	2012	Grayson Fortis	1m58.81sec

**2015 SWIMMING CHAMPIONS**

Junior Boys Champion: Harry Sheehy

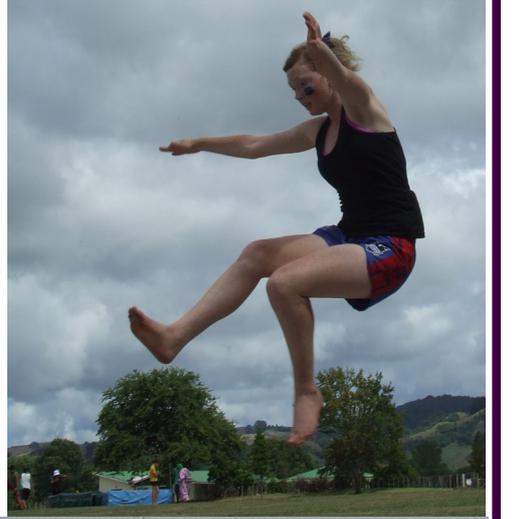
Junior Boys Runner : Matthew Connolly

Intermediate Boys Champion: Jordan Connolly

Intermediate Boys Runner Up: Stephen Anderson

Senior Boys Champion: Grayson Fortis

Senior Boys Runner Up: Tira Porima and Thomas Anglesey







Kristen Winikerei broke the Junior Girls Javelin record from 1992

use	Level	Sum of 100 m	Sum of 200 m	Sum of 800 m	Sum of 1500 m	Sum of 400 m	Sum of 3000 m	Sum of Triple jump	Sum of Long jump	Sum of High jump	Sum of Discus	Sum of Javelin	Sum of Shot put	Sum of 4x100 relay	Sum of Total
☐ Brown	Junior	12	17	4	13	11	8	8	30	15	40	23	31	12	224
	Intermediate	21	14	10	14	12	5	14	44	22	45	27	40	8	276
	Senior	14	10	16	14	16	6	8	20	23	31	18	23	18	217
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<b>Brown Total</b>		<b>48</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>733</b>
☐ Eveleigh	Junior	8	8	5	8	6	1	17	27	26	23	20	25	12	186
	Intermediate	17	15	3	8	10	7	19	57	27	54	16	38	16	287
	Senior	18	14	17	16	14	11	18	30	22	30	24	29	14	257
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<b>Eveleigh Total</b>		<b>43</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>747</b>
☐ Hotson	Junior	11	5	1	4	9	5	4	21	18	35	28	31	12	184
	Intermediate	7	8	6	8	10	1	16	34	24	28	28	24	14	208
	Senior	9	2	6	6	4		8	13	7	14	17	15	14	115
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<b>Hotson Total</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>520</b>
☐ Kedgley	Junior	19	12	4	5	10		6	34	19	20	15	31	20	195
	Intermediate	24	22	22	16	20	5	8	37	15	19	25	28	18	259
	Senior	20	16	10	7	6	1	12	15	9	13	12	14	10	145
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<b>Kedgley Total</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>612</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>182</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>2612</b>

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# SPORTS CORNER



PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Our very first calendar of event of the year... School Swimming sports, ticked all the boxes of enjoyment, competition, team house spirit and the weather included. To add icing to the cake, we witnessed numerous records broken that day by more than one student. When you see the results, no it's not a typo, Grayson Fortis didn't hold anything back by taking all Nine records for the Senior Boys this year. Congratulations Grayson.



Our other record breakers of the day were Jordon Connolly, Kate and Jessica Russell. Results feature further in our newsletter.



We would also like to thank all parents involved with the running of the day, Mrs Tasha Irwin, Mrs

Jayne Fortis, Ms Jo Sullivan and her lovely mum, Mrs Karen Scott. Without your support this simply wouldn't happen.

The following week was another trip back to Taumarunui for the King Country Swimming annual event. Our presence dominating this event with 23 students proudly supported with 5 parents, Mrs Jayne Fortis, Mrs Tasha Irwin, Mrs Donna Russell, Mrs Barbara Jones and Ms Kristen Street. Thanks to these ladies their help was instrumental with the running of this meet.

Grayson outshone once again breaking 4 records and Jordon Connolly earning himself one accolade. Congratulations once again.



The following day, Athletics preparations for our ground crew focussed mainly on the setup of events, shelter for everyone, sunblock and plenty of H2O with the compliments of The Lines Company - we were informed that 90 litres of water was consumed that day. While this was happening all participants flocked together and set a dress standard suitable to outshine the other houses. Once again divided into participation points and championship points everyone made good use of the days events.

A number of our Year 9 students displayed great sportsmanship and competitiveness both on the track and field. Angel Winikerei a novice to Javelin broke a long standing record from 1992 held by T Ormsby...is this our very own Valerie Adams in the making? Congratulations Angel.



I would like to thank the staff, parents, uncles and grandparents who offered to help at some of the events. Mr Drummond, Mr Barry Kenny - our starter, Mr Paul Kenny - timekeeper, Mr Blair Pitts-Brown - High Jump and Mrs Andrea Pye for her support and the finish line. I would like to acknowledge a number of our students leaders for their help on the day. They were one of the few who were there at the beginning and the last to leave. Kiso Eti, Grayson Fortis, Drew Narbey-Nimeti, Nicki Hayes, Josh Kenny, Philip Lord, and Daytona Clark.

Five days later ..... one of my favourite events. With 49 students (out biggest group in the last 4 years) well represented at the King Country Athletics in Te Awamutu. Panic did momentarily set in when the bus only carried 40 seats, but thanks to Melissa Maguire she helped save the day by driving the overflow. This year 5 new schools were invited to participate in the Southern Waikato/King Country Athletics. All 10 Schools will be competing each year, making the competition extremely competitive and upping the ante. The schools are Raglan, Te Kuiti, Taumarunui, Pio Pio, Te Awamutu, Ōtorohanga, Ngaruawahia, Nga Taiatea Wharekura, Te Kauwhata and Huntly. Despite the promise of scrawly winds, rain and a postponement date the weather was the complete opposite of the earlier predictions. The sun continued to shine and no clouds made the running track extremely hot forcing the mercury up to 30 degrees by lunchtime. Not the ideal running conditions for a 1500m and 3000m event, however, our students failed to let themselves and the school down and competed with guts and determination all placing in the top 3 of each age group.

Like a mother hen, I can proudly say we did look exceptionally sharp with all our students wearing the "Gold & Maroon" Lines Company Singlets.

Thanks to Mrs Melissa O'Brien for assisting with Discus and again to Mr Barry Kenny - Starter for the day. It was also great to see more and more parents supporting students at this event.



Congratulations to all 21 of our students who qualify to compete in the WBOP SS Athletics on Saturday in Tauranga.

Our next big event will be the **WSS Teams Triathlon**, Lake Karapiro Wed 17th March and on the same day 4 of our students will be playing in the **WSS Tennis Tournament**. With the Teams Triathlon we have 5 teams entered, numbers up again from last year. I will look forward to this event and hope the weather holds out until then.

Amidst this mayhem of sports, students have been playing Cricket, Touch and Summer League Junior Basketball. More information about these teams will feature further on in our newsletter.

### **Rugby:**

Taupo 7s is also drawing closer, all teams have been training vigorously with promising numbers for our girls this year, coached by Mr James White. Once this event is finished the boys will be moving to fifteens mode as we draw closer to hosting the McQuilkin Cup on Thursday 1st April. Mr Paul Kenny, Mr Ross Fenton (both coaches are former students and stand out 1st XV players themselves) with support from Mr Parsons are our 1st XV coaches. The 1st XV and those wanting to have are run are invited to commence training from Monday 16th March 3.30pm - 5pm.

Mr Brendon Mudge will continue to coach the U15s (or weight grade) once numbers have been confirmed. A muster on Friday will give us an indication of who will be available to play.

Unfortunately we have lost our U14s coach before the start of the season therefore opening up the position. If you would like to coach them we would like to hear from you as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs Pitts-Brown. The season commences 2nd May.

Due to winning the trophy last year we will be hosting the **McQuilkin Cup** at the College, Thursday 1st April. The wheels have been set in motion and the excitement of hosting this event is starting to set in. Te Kuiti High School, Taupo with 2 teams, Piopio High School and Taumarunui High School will be bringing their 1st XV teams along with hopefully a number of Girls Sevens to complement our teams.

### **Ki-o-rahi:**

The day began with an early start and a bit of a drive for the Ōtorohanga College Ki o Rahi team who travelled to Ngaruawahia to attend the Waikato Secondary Schools Ki o Rahi competition on Wednesday this week. Our team consisted of players with varying degrees of knowledge and experience in the game and we were all looking forward to the challenge of the day.

Our first pool game against Tai Wananga 2 was evenly contested, but unfortunately, they were able to secure a 2 point win over us. Our next two games were played against Te Kuiti and a mixed Hamilton Boys and Hamilton Girls team. During both of these games, our side worked hard to keep up with the skill and experience of these teams, but were not able to come away with a win.

Our final game of the day saw us up against Te Kaokao o Patere which was a fierce match. The referee made comment that our Ōtorohanga team had great spirit, spirit that was able to be transferred to the score board with our 24-14 win.

It was a long, hot day for our squad, but with the leadership of Henry Te Aretoa, the impressive attack work from Tremont, Daytona and Junior, the outstanding defence of Georgia and Kiana and the overall sportsmanship of the team, it was a fantastic day. Thank you to the team and Mrs Pitts-Brown for your organisation and driving. *Miss Lacosta Hayward*



### **Touch:**

This year we have an increased number of teams thanks to the support of parents who have been able to drive up to Hamilton each week.

Our Junior Boys - Bennett Sanson, Peta Pitts-Brown, Dion Pye, Phoenix Hughes, Matthew Bolger, Jim Pungatara, Tirua George, coached by Mr Barry Ruki. It's great to see the boys having a go as only two of the team members have played before. The boys don't need to overplay things, but as they learn more, they surely will improve with each game. *Mrs Pitts-Brown*



Mixed Senior Touch Team -This group of young men and ladies have had a solid start to Term 1. The team consists of Cassandra Pene, Sophie Carr-Paterson, Filma Tapara, Bailee van der Heyden, Georgia Goddard, Tori van der Heyden, Sam Lewis, Kalani Hepi, Tom Neha, Henry Te Aretoa, Riki Rhind-Williams and Grayson Fortis coached by Barry Ruki and managed by Sally van der Heyden. There have been 3 rounds to date, the first game against Fraser was a loss, then a bye in round 2, round three this week saw us against St. Peters and although we lost 5 – 2 we improved greatly in the second half. Both the teams we have played have had 16 players each so we were able to sub their whole team after each try. Our team improves as the game goes on and we are looking forward to the next 3 rounds. We would also like to thank ITM OTC Timber Co for the use of their minivan each week and to the parents and whānau for all their support. *Mrs Sally van der Heyden.*



### **Basketball:**

The Juniors Summer League has now come into its second week with some very talented players. Our Junior Boys - Bennett Sanson, Peta Pitts-Brown, Tarryn Tata, Pairama Katipa-Maikuku, Callen Le Lievre, Ben Urlwin, Wiremu Parnell, Taurehere Trent, coached by Dael Downs. Our Junior Girls - Toni Tamainu, Arahia Trent, Angel Taane-Edwards, Jaylin Driver, Emily Corin, Oceania Te Uira, Mollie Willison, coached by Brooke Hughes. So far some surprising wins and expected losses, however, our students love it and that's what we like to promote with our students, although it is nice to win it's not always about winning.

Remember to “Celebrate the small things”— just like Coach Brooke with the Ōto Girls team.

### **Our Individual Athletes:**

Quietly behind the scenes a number of our students have been competing in Equestrian Show Jumping Champs - **Iris Hut, Jacinda Baker-Singh and Dayna Fox**. Although no titles this time round, the girls continue to enjoy their sport and have the opportunity to develop their skills with every competition.

Another quiet achiever is **Jessica Russell** competing in the WSS Individual Triathlon, Lake Karapiro. A malfunction on her bike brought her race to a standstill, very heart breaking as Jessica placed 3rd out of the water and managed to maintain her lead before the malfunction, however, finishing 13<sup>th</sup> after a quick repair.





NZ Pizza Ōtorohanga has generously sponsored our “Sports player of the month”. Player nominations will need to be submitted each month through coaches from February - November. The winning player will be drawn from all nominations to receive a voucher for one large pizza of their choice. Thank you to Amit Rathod for his support with this sponsorship.

Congratulations to our February winner: Matthew Bolger - Boys Touch

### Sports Fees: “PAY BEFORE PLAY”

Unfortunately, Sport is a costly activity no matter where you go. Affiliation fees, grounds, equipment, uniforms, and transport fees need to be paid for and we try our hardest to keep these fees as low as possible. Sport within our college is an extra-curricular activity therefore user must pay. The fees for 2015 are as follows per player:

**Netball \$60      Rugby \$55      Soccer \$50      Hockey \$110**  
**Basketball approx. \$30 -\$40 (Price to be confirmed)**

This “PAY BEFORE PLAY” has been implemented by our College Sports Council as we have too many players not covering their fee which isn’t fair on those students who have paid. We have also found that players are more committed to playing when they have paid their fees. If students haven’t paid their fees they will not be issued a playing uniform.

For some families/whānau sports fees are expensive. Hopefully we are giving you early notice, so you are able to plan ahead for this expense. We do have a number of families who have arranged automatic payments to help with these fees. If you would like to take this option please contact our front office.

### 2015 King Country Swimming Records Broken

Event	Age Group	Name	School	Record	Old Record	Year
4x25m Freestyle Relay	Junior Girls		OTOR	1:00.53	1:04.90	2014
4x25m Freestyle Relay	Senior Boys		OTOR	55.17	55.78	2013
25m Backstroke	Intermediate Boys	Jordan Connolly	OTOR	16.34	16.38	2014
25m Backstroke	Senior Boys	Grayson Fortis	OTOR	16.06	16.92	2013
4x25m Individual Medley	Senior Boys	Grayson Fortis	OTOR	1.12.24	1.14.20	2013
25m Butterfly	Senior Boys	Grayson Fortis	OTOR	13.92	14.66	2014
25m Freestyle	Senior Boys	Grayson Fortis	OTOR	12.94	12.98	2013
4x25m Medley Relay	Senior Boys		OTOR	1.03.97	1.07.90	2013

### SPORTS TRAINING SHIRTS -

The Sports Council have managed to secure sports teams training shirts at a reasonable cost. They will be maroon and gold (our school colours) with our Ōtorohanga College Crest and Ōtorohanga College underneath. Students can have their surname only printed on the back included in this cost. This will mean all sports teams will have the same training / warm up tops and students can use them for more than one code. They can be used for PE and we would see these used for tournament week as well. They are not part of the official school uniform and are for sport only. Cost is \$26.00 - Further details will be given regarding sizes, ordering and prepay instructions to all sports teams.

# KING COUNTRY RESULTS SWIMMING AND ATHLETICS

KC Swimming Results 2015												
	Rank	Junior Girls	Rank	Junior Boys	Rank	Int Girls	Rank	Int Boys	Rank	Senior Girls	Rank	Senior Boys
100m Imedley		2 Jessica Russell 3 Keely Hughes 5 Courtney Irwin		4 Harry Sheehy						1 Kate Russell		1 Grayson Fortis
25m Butterfly		2 Jessica Russell 3 Keely Hughes 4 Courtney Irwin		5 Harry Sheehy				2 Jordan Connolly 7 Sam Lewis		3 Kate Russell 5 Holly Carr-Paterson		1 Grayson Fortis
50m Backstroke		1 Jessica Russell 3 Keely Hughes		4 Harry Sheehy 6 Dion Pye 8 Matthew Connolly		6 Shannon Hofer-Nigg		1 Jordan Connolly		1 Kate Russell		
25m Breastroke		2 Jessica Russell 4 Keely Hughes 10 Sophie Jones		2 Bennett Sanson 8 Peta Pitts-Brown		4= Shannon Hofer-Nigg 7 Jessica Sheehy		1 Jordan Connolly 5 Stephen Anderson 6 Sam Lewis		3 Nikki Hayes		1 Grayson Fortis 10 Tira Porima
50m Freestyle		2 Jessica Russell 4 Keely Hughes 6 Sophie Jones 7 Courtney Irwin		8 Matthew Connolly 9 Harry Sheehy		8 Shannon Hofer-Nigg 10 Emma Whiteman 11 Mallory Fraser 13 Jessica Sheehy		1 Jordan Connolly 6 Sam Lewis 10 Stephen Anderson		3 Kate Russell 5 Nikki Hayes 7 Holly Carr-Paterson		1 Grayson Fortis 4 Kiso Eti 5 Tira Porima
25m Backstroke		4 Keely Hughes 12 Jessica Russell		4 Harry Sheehy 9 Dion Pye 10 Matthew Connolly 13 Bennett Sanson		4 Shannon Hofer-Nigg		1 Jordan Connolly 9 Sam Lewis				1 Grayson Fortis
100m Freestyle		1 Jessica Russell 3 Keely Hughes 6 Courtney Irwin		6 Harry Sheehy		6 Emma Whiteman		1 Jordan Connolly 6 Sam Lewis		1 Kate Russell 3 Nikki Hayes 5 Holly Carr-Paterson		2 Grayson Fortis
50m Breastroke		1 Jessica Russell 3 Keely Hughes		4 Harry Sheehy 7 Peta Pitts-Brown 8 Bennett Sanson		4 Shannon Hofer-Nigg 9 Jessica Sheehy		4 Stephen Anderson		3 Nikki Hayes		2 Grayson Fortis 7 Tira Porima
25m Freestyle		1 Jessica Russell 2 Sophie Jones 5 Keely Hughes 6 Courtney Irwin		5 Harry Sheehy 7 Dion Pye 14 Bennett Sanson 16 Peta Pitts-Brown		8 Shannon Hofer-Nigg 10 Mallory Fraser 11 Emma Whiteman 12 Jessica Sheehy		1 Jordan Connolly 11 Sam Lewis 13 Stephen Anderson		1 Kate Russell 7 Holly Carr-Paterson		1 Grayson Fortis 4 Kiso Eti 5 Tira Porima 14 Thomas Anglesey

## King Country Athletics

Junior Girls		Discus	Triple	High	Long	Javelin	Shotput	100m	200m	300m	400m	800m	1500m	3000m
Carr-Paterson	Lily											3	4	
Mateni	Shayarna				1			1	1					
Montgomery	Kymba	3												
Morrison	Caitlyn								4					
Murray-Smith	Sarah						4							
Summerfield	Paige									4				
Winikerei	Angel					1	3							
Fullerton	Larissa					✓	✓							
<b>Intermediate Girls</b>														
Anderson	Kairangi						1							
Carr-Paterson	Sophie	2	3								3	1		
Fraser	Mallory			4=										
Pu	Jean								4		1	2		
van der Heyden	Tori		2								2			
<b>Senior Girls</b>														
Connolly	Anna								2		2	2	3	
French	Kendall								4					
Goddard	Georgia											3		
<b>Junior Boys</b>		Discus	Triple	High	Long	Javelin	Shotput	100m	200m		400m	800m	1500m	3000m
Bolger	Matthew											3	4	
Connolly	Matthew													3
Le Lievre	Callen					4	3							
Tata	Tarryn				2									
<b>Intermediate Boys</b>														
Anglesey	Harry	2												
Connolly	Jordan					2	4							
Holmes	Ted					3								
Lewis	Sam								2		3	2	1	
Martin	Reece	3												
Ormsby	Aaron						2							
<b>Senior Boys</b>														
Anglesey	Thomas				4									
Jenkins	Tylinne				2						4			
Maguire	Trent											3		3