



# Otorohanga College

*Ko te mana mō mua i te whakamana - Honour Before Honours*

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Term 3 Week 10

# NEWSLETTER

A big congratulations and thank you to our Colleges' past, present students, principal, BOT and staff: our town, our local iwi and of course Te Kiingi Maaori Kiingi Tuheitia-Pootatau-Te Wherowhero -Te Tuawhitu for having the courage, conviction, belief and passion to lead our nation toward contemplating, discussing, debating and ultimately commemorating those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the forming of our country, and now our College and Community are forever a part of New Zealand's' history with the Prime Ministers Jacinda Aderns millennial moment announcement, ka mau kee te wehi, tau kee!

Absolutely amazing.



# Karere mai i te Tumuaki : (Message from our Principal)

## Acting Principal's Message

A shorter writing from me this time as much of the recent news and happenings within our College are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Term Three was a busy, hectic and successful term of winter sports, reports, Derived Grade Examinations, Education Outside The Classroom events and Parent/Student/Teacher interviews.

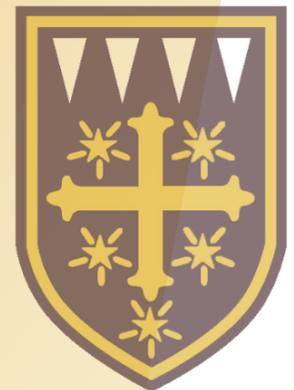
For our seniors there is less than four weeks of school left with Senior Prizegiving scheduled on the evening of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and NCEA External Examinations beginning just a few days later.

We hope that families were able to attend the parent/student/teacher interviews this week as they are critical in helping to support students in the partnership between home and school. If you were unable to join us this week to discuss your child's progress, please consider contacting the Education Outside The Classroom and make an appointment to speak with your child's Dean.

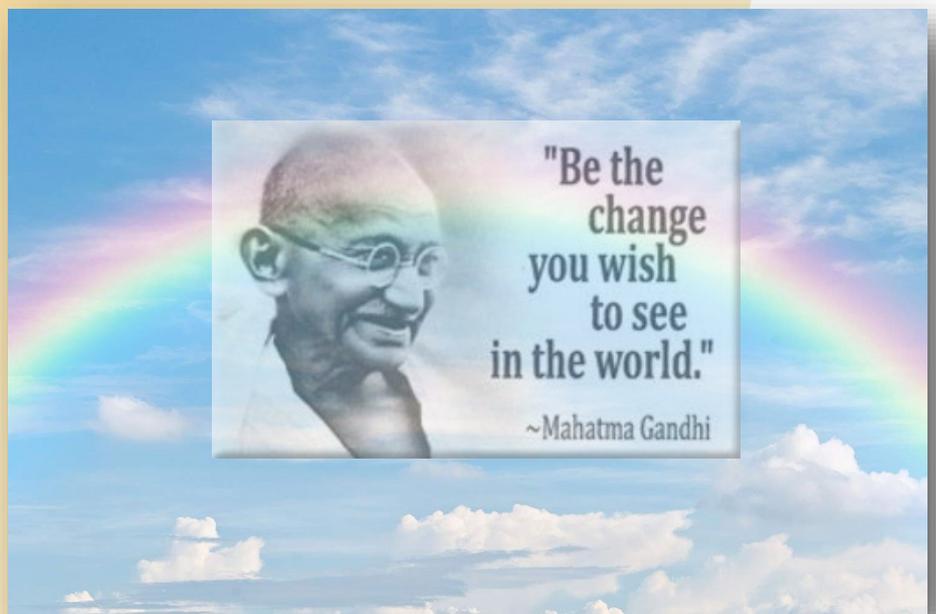
We wish Lacosta Hayward all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. The countdown begins!! We thank Mr Parsons for the fantastic job he did in the position of Acting Deputy Principal.

To the staff here at the College, may your holidays be full of wonderful family time with lots of rest and laughter.

To the students and families 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 final term of the year.



Lyndsay Kurth : Acting Principal



~Mahatma Gandhi



*Spring is in the air*  
*in B2*



# Te koho tahua a te kura : School Fundraiser

## ICT FUNDRAISING

We are currently fund-raising for ICT equipment for our kura, starting with the much-needed updating of projects in our classrooms. On Thursday 12th September our tummies were filled up with the lovely hangi that staff and students prepared as part of the fund-raising. The portions were large and the meat was tender.

Firstly, we want to really thank members of the community who supported the first hangi by purchasing tickets. Another big thank you goes to staff who donated the food and their time to preparation the night before. Massive thanks to Uncle Roy and Aunty Caroline for their wonderful organisation and oversight and the amazing Hostel students who pitched in and helped us prepare the food and ensured it cooked it to perfection!

We will be having another hangi on Thursday 14th November - keep an eye on our Facebook page and our Skool Loop App alerts for more information.



# Nga Huarahi me nga Huarahi : Careers and Pathways

As part of the Career Education curriculum, Year 10 English and Pathways combined forces to carry out a series of career interviews with various members of the Ōtorohanga and Te Kuiti community.

After term 3 preparation with their English teachers and input from the Pathways staff, the students were arranged into small groups and each tasked with a specific duty in the interview process; conducting the interview, being the camera operator and reflection support. Each group of students prepared a series of questions to ask how the Interviewee has been able to work in their particular field; what skills they needed; and their view of that career pathway.

Throughout the week, we visited community members who work in many different career areas, from engineering, accounting, beauty therapy, spray painting, tourism, plumbing, painting, plastering and paper-hanging, mechanics, CEO and general management, authorship, veterinary, logistics, mental health, teaching, health and safety co-ordination, farming, professional artist, joinery and being the Mayor. Our students proudly represented our kura, completing professional interviews while generating a positive conversation out in the community with regards to career preparation and aspirations. Some students enjoyed the process so much, they asked to be involved in more than one interview.

Feedback from the students and the employers involved has been extremely positive





## Year 10 students helping out at Kiokio school's annual Mathletics Competition for local Primary schools

### Level 3 Hospitality



Level 3 Hospitality Class have been working hard all term doing a 'Cafe on Wheels' each week. This experience provides the opportunity for students to make and deliver coffees and food for paying customers - the staff at the College. The added pressure of preparing and presenting to paying customers is significant and the students have worked very hard to create and deliver hot coffee and delicious homemade food. All of this creates an authentic experience for students should they wish to pursue a position in the hospitality industry. The funds raised during this activity are then put towards a trip which we were lucky enough to enjoy last Friday 20th September. We all piled into the van and headed off to Foundation Bar Kitchen Lounge in Hamilton - a trendy gastro-pub. We received wonderful service and a delicious meal and looked carefully at how the waiters ran things in the restaurant. A wonderful experience for the students.



**THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF  
IS TO LOSE YOURSELF  
IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS.**

GANDHI

# Pūrongo hākinakina : Sports News



The College 1st XI soccer team travelled to New Plymouth for tournament week, staying in style at the sought after Devon Hotel. Playing 6 games over 4 days the boys played with determination and passion and represented our school with pride. Up against much larger schools the boys certainly held their own. On Day 1, the boys played New Plymouth Boys 2nd XI and narrowly lost by one goal. This New Plymouth Boys team then went on to win the tournament. Day 3 of games was a highlight, where the boys had a win over Rotorua Lakes after a goal scored by Bradley Anderson. Following this the boys played Whangarei Boys High School. They played a fantastic game with some solid defence from the whole team ensuring it was a draw at full time. A very exciting win to the penalty shootout was a tournament highlight. Congratulations boys for finishing 10th out of 16 teams. A great result overall. In amongst the soccer was plenty of time enjoying the pool and spa, shopping and sightseeing. Special mention to Ayden Thomson who really found his place as goalie at this tournament. A big thanks to Mr Chetty for his work coaching all season.



Our girls' soccer team were lucky enough to compete during tournament week for the first time in a number of years. 6 games over 4 days took place at Gower Park in Hamilton. Their division comprised of 8 teams from around the North Island with teams travelling from places such as Auckland, Mt Maunganui, Horowhenua and Matamata. After mixed results in the first few games the girls picked up some form and were able to make it through to compete in the playoff for 3rd and 4th. After a draw at full time, the girls then won the penalty shootout to take out a very respectable 3rd place. The girls all played extremely well in every way and were model students on and off the field. Their behaviour and attitudes were fantastic and they were humble winners of this game. Well done girls and bring on tournament 2020



## Mahi ngohe : Extracurriculum activity



**Kei te hiahia koe ki te hanga i tetahi hukarere?**

**Do you wanna build a snowman?**



After a long period of frustrating weather at the mountain, competition finally got underway in the Waikato Secondary Schools Snow Competition on Friday 30th August. Competing in the banked slalom event, two clean runs were needed with the total time for both runs added together for placings. Congratulations to Elijah Stubbs, Emma Coleman, Sonya Fagan and Renee Irwin who all completed two clean runs. A huge congratulations to Renee Irwin who placed 10th out of about 50 competitors. What a fantastic achievement! A huge thank you to the Caitlin Ash Trust for their sponsorship of this event.

## Tuhinga o mua : Spirit of Adventure



On the 25th August, 10 Year 10 students arrived to the Spirit of Adventure ship in Whangarei and then spent five days sailing between there and Auckland. Their activities and highlights included having dolphins and whales swim beside the ship, anchoring at Waiheke Island for the night, numerous team challenges, early morning swims, and above all, the friendships and memories that were made on board with their own teammates but also students from other schools.

All of the students who were lucky enough to experience this voyage have all said it is one of the best experiences of their life. A big thank you to Mrs Parsons for organising the trip, Mr Howitt for sailing with the group and the Caitlin Ash Trust for sponsoring the transport costs to and from the ship.

# Maramataka Kura : (School Calendar)

DATE	ACTIVITY
14 October	Term 4 begins
29 October	Special Olympics
5 November	Senior Prizegiving
7 November	NCEA Examinations begin
14 November	Hangi Fundraiser #2
13 December	Junior Prize

## SENIOR PRIVEGIVING Ōtorohanga College Senior Prizegiving

Parents, supporters and friends of the College are invited to attend the Ōtorohanga College Senior Prizegiving celebration for 2019.

Tuesday 5th November at 7.00pm

Prizegiving is the time when we recognise and acknowledge excellence in sport, culture and academia; the Student Leadership Team for 2020 is also announced.



### **Ōtorohanga Tennis Club**

2019/20 Season Activities

**3 FREE taster sessions** - Mon and/or Wed, Beginners welcome!

Mondays 10am Ladies' Morning, Wednesdays 6pm - All

**New Intro-Membership** \$ 50 until Christmas, includes 4 coaching sessions, club nights, ladies' morning.

**4 weeks coaching only**, \$20 (Mondays 5.15 pm, Beginners to Advanced)

**Business House Competition** (Mondays pm, teams of 2) \$75 p/p

**All activities start 1st week of Term 4 (14 Oct)**

To enroll or for more info contact :

Gareth (021 533622) or Katrin (0272036595) or find/contact us on fb



# STUDENT WELLBEING

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

<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Public Health Nurse Clinic – Anne Green</b> Office situated on side of E block 10.00 – 11.00</p> <p><b>MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT AT THE FRONT OFFICE</b> <b>Guidance counselling</b> available for an appointment with <b>Naomi Bennett</b> see your Dean. <b>FOR AN APPOINTMENT SEE YOUR DEAN</b></p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Physiotherapist - Kara Thomas</b> 8.45 – 12.00 in Student Wellness 3 (Sick bay)</p> <p><b>MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT AT THE FRONT OFFICE</b> <b>Guidance counselling</b> available for an appointment with <b>Naomi Bennett</b> see your Dean. <b>FOR AN APPOINTMENT SEE YOUR DEAN</b></p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Guidance counselling</b> available for an appointment with <b>Naomi Bennett</b> see your Dean. <b>FOR AN APPOINTMENT SEE YOUR DEAN</b></p> <p><b>Doctor Joyce Wong</b> 12.30 - Student Wellness 3 (Sick bay) <b>MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT AT THE FRONT OFFICE</b></p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>Drug and Alcohol Counsellor Available</b> <b>Youth Intact</b></p> <p><b>FOR AN APPOINTMENT SEE YOUR DEAN</b></p> <p><b>Physiotherapist - Kara Thomas</b> 8.45 – 12.00 in Student Wellness 3 (Sick bay)</p> <p><b>MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT AT THE FRONT OFFICE</b> <b>Guidance counselling</b> available for an appointment with <b>Naomi Bennett</b> see your Dean. <b>FOR AN APPOINTMENT SEE YOUR DEAN</b></p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK</b></p>

# Whakapā mai : (Contact Us)

## Attendance

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

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

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

The code will be changed to

a J for Justified absence if for example the bus breaks down, or there is an accident or a road closure or in extreme weather conditions that stops the student being at school. It will change to an E for Explained absence, but not justified in the following cases: a student looking after their siblings for the day, a student took the day off for a haircut.

The Ministry of Education require us to code a family holiday during term time as G, this is not a justified absence. Students who still have an unexplained absence on the second day will be referred to the Dean. Students who have 3 days of unexplained absences will be referred to the Attendance Service.

## Sickness

If a student becomes ill during the school day, the student reports to the front Office and every endeavour will be made to make contact with home. Students will not be allowed

to go home without a caregiver being contacted.

## Signing Out

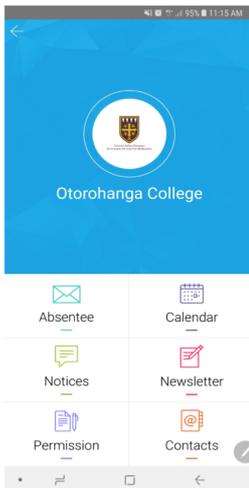
If a student needs to leave College during the school day they will need to bring a signed note from home to the front Office to sign out. Students without notes are not permitted to leave the school grounds. Students may apply for a lunch pass; if approved this allows students to go to their family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

## Updating Info

Reminder that if your details change, eg: address or phone numbers, please contact the office to update files.

## You can now connect to Otorohanga College

### using the SKOOL LOOP NZ App



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

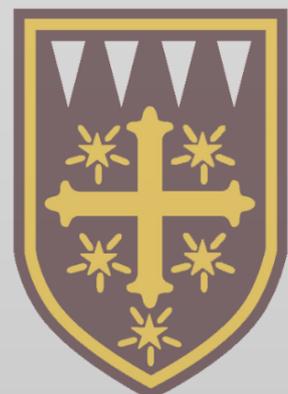
**FREE** to download  
and use

## Did you know?

**For absentee students...**

You can tell us your child will be away by:

- Using the **Skool Loop NZ** App
- Using the absentee form on our school website (Smart phone friendly)  
[www.otocoll.school.nz/absences](http://www.otocoll.school.nz/absences)
- Email [admin@otocoll.school.nz](mailto:admin@otocoll.school.nz)
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