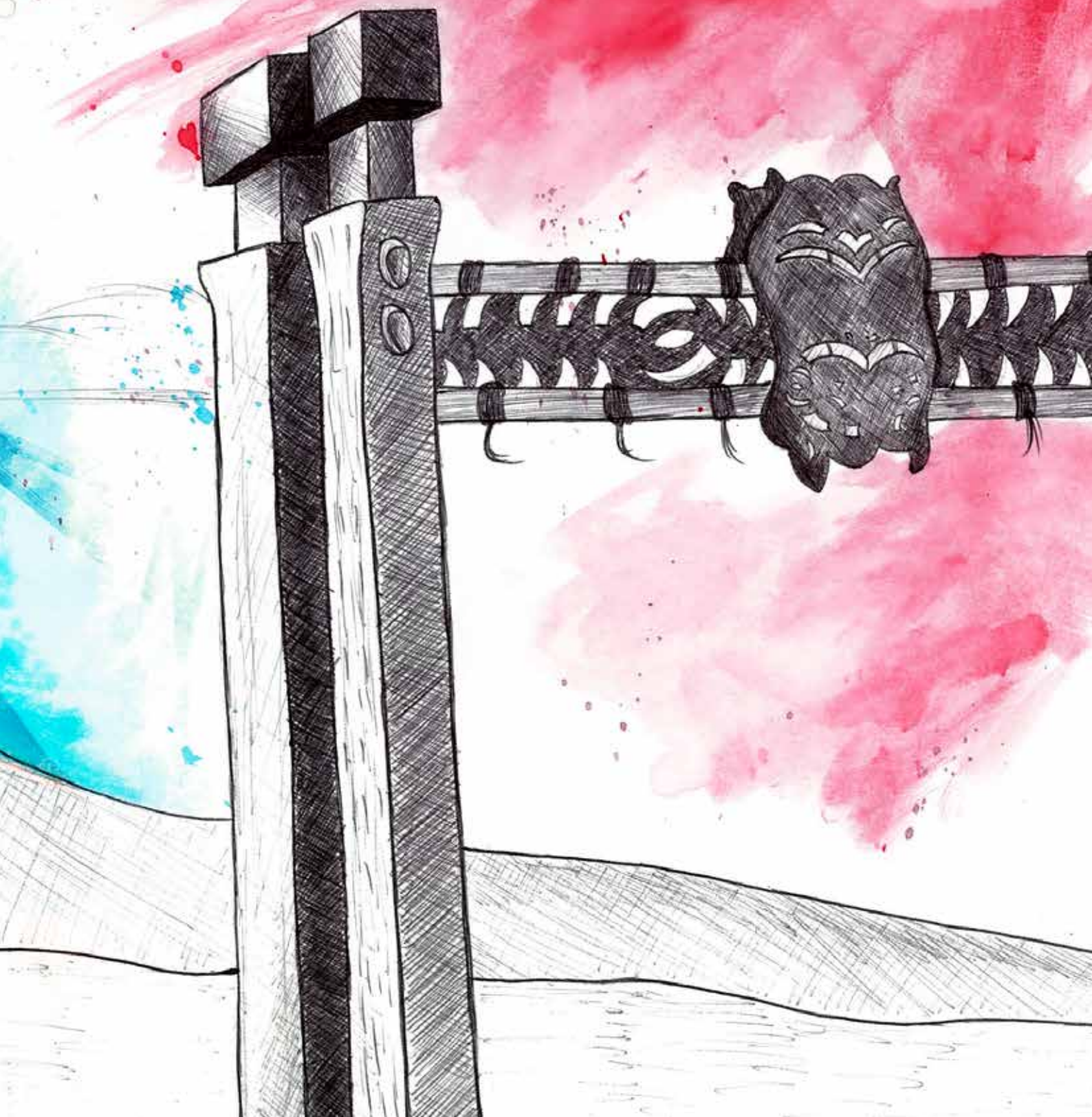


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2016 Principal's REPORT

In 1966 the English football team beat Germany 4-2 in the FIFA World Cup Finals. Meanwhile on the other side of the planet Otamatea High School was launched...

This year, 2016, we have celebrated the 50th jubilee year of our school. I would like to honour the many staff and students who have made the school a success over the years. I will share some of this year's triumphs through the use of the acronym JUBILEE:

J stands for the long journey of 50 years. **J** is also for Justice which is defined as doing what is right, using power to create equity and fairness. It is the everyday decisions which are made, as well as students giving back in the form of supporting causes such as Relay For Life, 40 Hour Famine and Samaritan's Purse.

U is for Undefeated - The Boys' Football Team who won their league, Under 16 Rugby Team who won their competition for the first time in 20 years. Netball Team 4 who were also unbeaten and have been nominated in the Kaipara Sports Awards. Other sporting successes include the Premier Netball Team winning the Rodney Netball Centre College Cup, and the Mixed Hockey Team making the finals of their competition. **U** is also for Unity - He waka eke noa, we're all in the waka, without exception.

B stands for Behaviour - The OTA Way; Our Safety, Total Respect, Always Learning. At the end of term three staff participated in the NZCER Teacher Workplace Survey which we do annually. The results indicated positive shifts in 39 out of the 40 questions including these top 5 responses: the overall atmosphere in this school is conducive to students learning, school leaders and teachers have a shared view of the school's mission and goals, this school is a great place to work, students show teachers respect at this school and morale is high. These results are at their highest level since the school began conducting the annual survey in 2011 and are higher than the national reference group of teachers.

I is for Involvement - one of the most memorable moments for us as a school was hosting Te Tai Tokerau Festival at the end of term one. The atmosphere

of celebration around the school was just superb. The community support matched the commitment of our students and staff. The whole school performing the new school haka along with other Kaipara schools was a powerful experience.

L is for Learning - from the Science Fair to Speech competitions, Art Roadshow to making picnic tables, making a coffee to solving equations, ICAS exams to Health talks. Our students are always learning. **L** is also for Leadership - our Student Council representatives, the 2016 Prefects' Team, we have superb leadership across our staff and are supported by a proactive Board of Trustees.

E stands for Exchange - Reporoa; Erallying together to ensure that the tradition was not lost. We all enjoyed celebrating the convincing home victory. We also hosted international guests from Japan and Thailand and expanded our world view by learning about their culture, customs and practices.

E is also for Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) and Excellence - from Field Days to Science wananga, surfing to Japanese cuisine, Tournament week to Duke of Edinburgh tramps. And the healthy competition to secure the top placings in each class, striving for NCEA endorsements, regional and national sporting representation, Olla Podriga, Smokefree Rockquest, and celebrating our Dux.

The final E stands for Endurance. We don't know how the next 50 years will unfold, England may even win the FIFA World Cup again! What we can all do is continue to commit to success being a journey not a destination.

*He waka eke noa.
No Reira, tena koutou, tena
koutou, tena koutou katoa.*

Rachel Clothier-Simmonds
PRINCIPAL



ASHTON COATES

Growing from the smallest kid in the school to now the oldest has gone quicker than an ice cream in the sun, an umbrella in the wind or shall I say free food from the canteen. Writing this final Catcha Later brings back all the good, bad and the ugly memories that have been made over the years, from the first days of walking through the school gates with our shiny new, slightly enormous school uniforms on to the last school days before the holidays where we tested the patience of the teachers as their thermostats reached near boiling. To the credit of them I don't think I ever saw a teacher go completely insane whilst teaching one of my classes.

My 7 year journey from 2010-2016 has been pretty smooth sailing in the way things have panned out. I struggle to

remember all the activities that went on in my junior years as those memory cards were filled with handball on the asphalt or rugby on the fields. I do however recall some of the teachers as they taught me how to complete the game they call school. My memories of the senior years are slightly less foggy but very much as intense as the years passed.

I felt getting involved in many school events, teams and competitions was a positive way to give back to the school as it has given me many great years of sporting activities, challenges, worthwhile knowledge and of course mixed in with a little bit of socialising (not that it ever affected my learning).

Now onto the next chapter of my life. I'd like to thank my

parents for enrolling me here, all the teachers and staff that have helped me throughout my adventure and to all my year 13 acquaintances that made my last year the best ever.



HEAD BOY GIRL



RITA HAMES

It has come to the time of year where we begin to look back on our 2016 journey; this year has been a rollercoaster of new experiences. I am so proud of our year 13 family who have helped each other make it through the year together.

Mr Chambers wasn't lying when he said that this would be the best year of our high school life, but also the most difficult. For the year 13's and myself, this year has been the year to figure out what's next, and while many of us have some idea, we don't have it all figured out yet, and that's okay.

2016 has been the most insane year of my life, I have learnt so much, and have loved just about every minute of it. This year our year 13 group has had the pleasure in being involved in so many amazing things. Some of the highlights for me would be: Relay for Life, Reporoa exchange, 40 hour famine, athletics and swimming sports, just to name a few.

One of my personal highlights this year would have been our Carnival themed ball. Kelly and the ball committee put so much effort into what became a truly amazing night.

Otamatea has been an incredible journey for me, and I am so excited to move onto the next chapter of my life. Thank you Otamatea.



2016 Prefects

Students take responsibility for running school events and being outstanding role models for younger students

- Some of the major events that we organised, ran or participated in:
- Year 7 camp
 - Relay for life
 - 40 hour famine (organised by Erin, Community Services Prefect)
 - Ball 2016 (organised by Kelly, Senior Welfare Prefect)
 - Leavers Dinner (organised by Kelly, Senior Welfare Prefect)
 - Inter-iwi bottle top competition (organised by Natasha, Arts Prefect)
 - Raising funds for Operation Christmas Child (organised by Erin, Community Services Prefect)

PREFECT POSITIONS 2016

Samantha Allen	BOT Representative
Rita Hames	Head Girl
Ruby-Rose Hallamore	Deputy Head Girl
Ashton Coates	Head Boy
Jesper Smyth	Deputy Head Boy
Natasha Tornquist	Arts Prefect
Baylee van Dalsum	Sports Prefect
Monica Jaques	Student Learning Prefect
Kate Hallissey	Environmental Prefect
Erin Mooney	Community Services Prefect
Kelly Mace	Senior Welfare Prefect
Tamati Abel	Arawa House Captain
Emily Parker	Maniapoto House Captain
Latina Te Awa	Ngapuhi House Captain
Joshua Royds	Whatua House Captain



SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rachel Clothier-Simmonds Principal <small>BSc QTS (Hons)</small>	
Dirk Smyth <small>MEdLd (Hons), BA (Hons), Dip Tchg</small>	Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning (Mathematics)
Kendra Greenwood <small>PGCE, BSc (Hons)</small>	Assistant Principal –Pastoral Care (Mathematic and Technology)
Paul Chambers <small>BEd (Hons)</small>	Assistant Principal - Pastoral Care (HPE and History)

HEADS OF ESSENTIAL LEARNING AREAS (HELAS)

Nicky Cotching <small>BSc (Tech), Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Science
Rebecca Clist <small>Dip CA, Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Arts
John Laue <small>BA, Higher Dip Edn (H.D.E)</small>	English
Wayne MacLennan <small>BA, Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Social Sciences
Areti Alexandrou <small>MBA, BTech (Hons), Dip Tchg, CertRS (TC)</small>	Mathematics
Lana Parkinson <small>BPhed, BTchg (Secondary)</small>	Health Physical Education, EOTC Co-ordinator
Martin North <small>BEng, PGCE</small>	Technology

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Arina Bosch <small>MA (Hons), BA (Hons), GradDip Tchg</small>	Specialist Classroom Teacher, (English, History)
Steve Davie-Martin <small>BA, Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Ngapuhi Dean (Social Sciences)
Thomaseena Paul <small>BA, Grad Dip Tch</small>	Maniapoto Dean, Raising Maori Student Achievement (Te Reo/ Maori)
Ann Marinus <small>ACTD, Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Arawa Dean, SENCO, (Maths)
Bruce Alison <small>B Sport & Ed (HPE), Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Whatua Dean, (Health and Physical Education)
Philippa Randell <small>BA, Dip Tchg Primary, Post GradDip Gifted Education</small>	7 & 8 Syndicate Leader, Syndicate Dean, Assistant Head of English
Guy Smith <small>BA (Hons), Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Gifted and Talented, ICAS, Correspondence (Mathematics, Technology)
Heather Troost <small>BA Ling, Grad Dip Tchg, Cert TESOL</small>	International Students (ESOL, Languages)
Elizabeth van den Berg <small>BEd, Higher Dip EdCareers</small>	Pathways (Technology)
Jocelyn McKenzie <small>BA Arts (Hons), Post Grad Dip Counselling</small>	Counsellor

ASSISTANT TEACHERS

Nyree Alcock <small>BCom, Grad Dip Tchg</small>	7 & 8 Syndicate
Mike Blackstock <small>BSc Chem & App Chem, Grad Dip Tch</small>	Mathematics
Dave Burnell <small>TT.C</small>	Technology
Malcolm Crisp <small>BA, Dip of Educ, CELTA</small>	English
Tracey Christie <small>BDes (Hons), Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Digital Media Studies, English
Lauriean Getz <small>BSc (Hons) TTD,FDE, ABET</small>	Science
Yvonne Gee <small>Dip Hosp, Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Technology
Anna Liddington <small>BPhed, Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Health and Physical Education, English
Fionn Murphy <small>BMus (Hons), Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Music
Fiona Ofamo'oni <small>BPA (Prof Theatre), Grad Dip Arts, Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Drama, English
Eileen Parsons <small>BComm TC, QSM, SSJ</small>	Business Studies, Social Science
Klasina Sewell <small>BEd, Cert Tesol</small>	Syndicate, Social Sciences
Graham Skipper <small>BMech, Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Science
Ellen Snelling <small>BA, Grad Dip Education</small>	Syndicate, English
Marco Troost <small>BA (Geography), Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Primary Industries, Social Science
Hira Wynyard <small>BEd (PE), Grad Dip Tchg</small>	Syndicate, IWS

SUPPORT STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

Deborah Cornhill-Davies	Executive Officer
Nikki Donaldson	Principal's Secretary
Kay Robinson	Office Manager
Jenny Reid	Student Support Services
Sonia Dickson	Receptionist
Catherine Pilkington <small>TT.C</small>	Librarian
Vicky Garnett <small>Dental Therapist (RET)</small>	Assistant Librarian
Fiona Kemp <small>BA, Dip Adult Ed</small>	Kaiawhina, Gateway Co-ordinator
Nikola Kemp	Hospitality Assistant
Tina Holst	Sports Coordinator
Fiona Heiwari <small>BTchg & Lrning, Grad Spec Needs, Grad Dip Tchg</small>	RTLb
Julie Lewis	Hospitality Academy
Miriam Crosby	Canteen Manager
Teresa Brown	Teacher Aide
Teresa Hallissey	Teacher Aide
Ladene Hunter	Alternative Education Tutor
Christine Laue	Teacher Aide
Sam Phillips	Teacher Aide
Donna Squires	Teacher Aide
Richard Reed	Property Maintenance Manager
James Heke-Rika	Groundsperson
Adam Campbell	Cleaner
Sandra Sears Head	Cleaner
Susan Plaisted	Cleaner

D.O.E
DUKE OF EDINBURGH
Hillary Award

This extra-curricular activity continues to grow in popularity. There are currently 70 students working through their bronze, silver and gold levels.

The gold groups have trained in the Kaimais. Lee's group have done their pre expeditions to Moss Creek, Crosbie's Hut, Pinnacles and around Mt Taranaki in preparation for the Dusky Track, Fiordland qualifier (the hardest track in New Zealand). This tramp will be the most challenging to date and 8 days have been allowed for it in December. Simon's group are planning their pre expedition to the Northern Circuit and their qualifier to one of the South Island tracks in 2017.

St Kentigern Boys' school hosted the 2016 gold presentation ceremony on Saturday 30 April. Otamatea High School students, Michelle Schimanksi, Tayla Perkinson and Michael Parker received their gold awards from the Rt Hon Anyand Satanynd, former Governor General of New Zealand. Blake Anderson opted to receive his award by mail.

The completion of a gold award takes hours of dedication weekly, over 12 months in the student's own time. They must work through the sections of service, skill, recreation, residential project, outdoor training, practice tramp and qualifying tramp. CONGRATULATIONS to these students!



The silver groups have trained in the Tangihuas. Nikayla's group tramped in the Kaimais and the Matemateonga Walkway, Whangau River. Simon's group qualified on Great Barrier Island.



The bronze groups have both trained at the Tangihua Lions Lodge. They have tramped various tracks at Bream Head, Mangawhai and the Pinnacles.



ROBYN BRUCE
DOE COORDINATOR

B.O.T CHAIRPERSON'S Report

I would like to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our students, in the fields of academics, culture, performing arts, leadership and sport. All students who competed, performed, participated and gave their all this year are to be commended. There has been significant improvement in staff and student engagement results, backed up by the interim student achievement results this year. These results are fantastic to see, and the potential for growth in this area is huge, so keep on pushing and improving.

This year has seen a change of board members. I would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts and commitment of the out-going members – Klasina Sewell as staff Rep, Ross Miller as parent Rep, and Samantha Allen as student rep.

Welcome to Wayne McLellan as the new Staff Rep and Holly Anderson – the new Student Rep, and to thank the returning members Georgina, Geraldine, Libby and our Principal Rachel for their continued time and effort. Thanks also to Nicki Donaldson for her all time and effort that she commits over and above her regular duties to help administer the Board.

It has been a big year for the High School, with its 50th Anniversary. The school planned and hosted a hugely successful Te Tai Tokerau Festival, showcasing our school and the Otamatea community to

our Northland whanau and New Zealand as a whole. I am immensely proud of all those involved in the organisation and running of this festival. My most enduring memory of the festival was of the school's performance during the welcoming.

This year the Te Whare o Rongo was opened. This is essentially a student welfare centre and is home to our school counsellors, Deans, student welfare support staff and outside agencies - providing a safe, confidential and nurturing environment for our students.

This is an exciting time for the BOT, as we start the development of the next 10 year property plan. This allows us to plan for the future to provide safe and inclusive modern learning environments for our kids. What makes it more exciting is the scope of our investment in these projects will be greatly increased due to the sale of our excess school houses. The money from these sales will be directly reinvested into our school. I would like to thank all the groups, associations, clubs and organisations in our community and for their continued support of our students.

The PTCA again has done a great job in supporting our school with the many projects they have funded and organised. Their latest is purchasing seating for the 7 and 8 syndicate area which will be installed soon. The PTCA do all this with

minimal help and are always looking for new members. A couple of long term members are leaving at the end of the year so if you have some spare time please give them a call. Their contact details can be provided by contacting the school office.

For those students who are leaving the school, I wish you all the best for your future endeavours, whatever they may be. Remember this; you need to make a difference. For those returning next year, the success and future of our school lies with you, so have a great break, and we'll see you all next year.



PTCA hard at work

Llew Smart
CHAIRMAN

Student COUNCIL 2016 Representatives

Back Row: Leon Mansell-Clark, Azariah Ingham, Maggie Hames, Mya Lawrence, Corey Slimo, Maddy Lemuelu, Alex Parr

Front Row: Holly Anderson, Jesper Smyth, Samantha Allen, Mr P Chambers, Rita Hames, Zeld Sims, Brenda Ferguson, Amyee Sheppard



TE ROOPU TAUTOKO

This is a group likened to the kumara: humble and masks its deliciousness with a disguise. Dedicated to the pursuit of excellence for all students at Otamatea High School, Te Rōpū Tautoko were the drivers and main organisers of TTF16. Tireless volunteering to promote, fund, create and finally to put into practice all of the activities that we hoped would differentiate our TTF from all others was made to weave together all of the facets of our community.

Te Rōpū Tautoko meets twice a term to facilitate opportunities for students, especially but not exclusively if it is kaupapa Māori. Subsidising kapahaka, Ngā Manu Kōrero, providing stationary for students in need and breakfasts during exam week are some of the services we provide to help students improve outcomes at school. If you are interested in attending our hui please contact the secretary Fiona Kemp at fiona.kemp@otamatea.school.nz and she will let you know when the meetings are held or like our Te Roopu Tautoko Facebook page for updates.

What do you get out of it? The knowledge that you are contributing directly to your children's future and the opportunity to hang out with a small but dedicated group of like-minded people.



OLLA PODRIGA

Mr Corletts' band 'SPIRAL' were backing our school talent in full force! The standard was certainly raised this year. Joint winners for 2016 were Emma Rankin and Tasha Perrett.



SPORTS LEADERSHIP

Sport Leadership group gains confidence during new experiences



Sports leadership offers the opportunity to learn about leadership through various sports, outdoor education (camping & tramping), adventure based learning, orienteering, exercise prescription, sailing on the R Tucker Thompson, mountain biking, and organising and managing an event.

The highlight this year was sailing on the R Tucker Thompson for 7 days. The students travelled from Opuia in the Bay of Islands to Marsden Cove Marina. They had some rough weather coming down the coast but were in good spirits when they arrived. Overall they had an outstanding experience - even those cold swims in the morning - and would recommend it to all students who wish to challenge themselves and build confidence.





THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE

YEAR 7 & YEAR 8

It has been a year of creativity, inquiry, sporting success and fun for the year 7 and 8s

2016 has been a great year for our Year 7 and 8s. We have had successes in the classroom, on the sports field and as individuals in many ways. Some of our recent favourites in learning would be our Olympic Games topic for Social Studies. Using the New Zealand and official Olympic site gave us so much interesting information on our chosen athlete, sport and country. Watching the amazing Paralympics as a follow up was a bonus.

Have you ever wondered how a great comic strip is put together, the different shots, the language- a scream bubble, an icicle bubble? Well that is what the Year 7 and 8s worked on in English, finishing in term four. They had so much fun and used heaps of creativity on this unit of work. Speeches this year were of a high calibre and students have shone in the effort that they put into their writing and presenting, with some fascinating approaches to how the world will be in 2050.

Measuring an orange seems such a simple task but our students took it to a new level in their Measurement assignment, trying to think of as many different ways that

you actually could measure an orange, for example how much juice do you think there is in one segment and what might that segment weigh once the juice is squeezed out?

In the sporting arena some more recent enjoyable and competitive sporting events have been: the AIMS tournament in Tauranga, in which the Year 7 and 8 netball team, after a lot of hard work fundraising competed, the Ruawai exchange and the Kaiwaka Sports Day.

Not only have our class leaders done our syndicate proud, so too have many other individuals at our Open Day and as Year 7 ambassadors and Year 8 leaders at the OTA Fun Day for Year 6s, to name a few.

Our year concludes with three days of full on activities for the Year 7s and a great camp in the Tangihua's for the Year 8s. As always we will miss our lively bunch of Year 8s as they move into Year 9. We wish them well and look forward to our Year 7s filling their shoes and more and looking after our incoming 7s for 2017.

Philippa Randell
SYNDICATE DEAN



STUDENT INVOLVEMENT in Community Fundraisers

For at least the past 30 years Otamatea students have been involved in fundraising for people less fortunate than themselves.

Initially, this was with World Vision (40 hour famine). More recently, the Community service team have managed a fundraising venture in each of the first three terms. Term 1 saw them being involved in Relay 4 Life – a fundraiser to support cancer research. A team of 20 had walkers on the track for 18 hours and as a result, more than \$3,000 was raised for this cause. Because of their behaviour and their total involvement even when tiredness overtakes these students are great ambassadors for our school. It was

also a chance for the students to walk with the staff who were also involved. Term 2 was the traditional 40 hour famine event. This involved the entire school and as a result more than \$2,500 was raised to support Syrian refugees. In the third term the focus was on fundraising for Samaritan's Purse. We funded 53 boxes for 2 to 14 year old boys and girls. Many of these are in countries where the shoebox gift will be the first gift the child has received. Gift boxes donated will also be given to young people in disaster areas (some were given to children impacted by the Canterbury earthquake some years ago.) The work undertaken by the community service team in this area is aimed at making all our students more aware of people in less fortunate situations than themselves.



An awesome effort from the OHS school community to provide 53 filled boxes for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child.



Simply the best!
Once again
Arawa has had a
wonderful year.

As a house we pride ourselves on being responsible and respectful. Tamati has done an amazing job organising us for the inter-house and those who have participated have had a great time. Inter-house swimming and athletics are personal favourites of mine as I love to see everyone out there enjoying themselves. It is my belief that the more we take part the more we enjoy! I encourage those who have not given inter-house challenges a go this year, to take a small step outside their comfort zone in 2017. The Haka was another highlight for me. We really rose to the occasion this year. Dietrich did a great job leading us to 2nd place in this, with the support of a team of potential leaders. Having the confidence to step up and take on leadership is the first step to being a good leader and it was wonderful to see a number of our year 11 and 12 students doing this in a positive and enthusiastic manner. Of course, Unihockey was our most successful event with our only 1st place, followed by Chess and Haka where we took out 2nd place. However, the most important part of inter-house is the participation and enjoyment we get from joining in. It is my belief that if we get out there, give it a go and enjoy ourselves, we will perform well and see much success. I would like to thank our fantastic whanau

teachers. Mr Chambers, Mr Skipper, Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Ofamo'oni, Mr Staples, Mr Blackstock, Mrs Alexandrou and Mrs Alcock. Your leadership and support has helped students in Arawa iwi gain the confidence and self discipline they need to reach their potential in life. A special thanks goes out to Tamati who has very quietly, been in the background supporting our iwi or individual students to be confident, give things a go and celebrate the successes. His positive attitude and efficient management of inter-house has been a huge help to me and given solid support to the iwi as a whole. And of course to all the Arawa students, I thank you. You are wonderful young people. It is such a pleasure to work with you all. Be proud! Finally, I would like to wish our leavers all the very best for their future. Please keep in touch and let us know how you get on. Remember your whanau brothers and sisters and look out for them over the years. You will be surprised how often you will cross paths. Mahi pakeke, kia haumarū, me te pārekareka ki to koutou ora (Work hard, be safe and enjoy your life)

Ann Marinus
ARAWA DEAN

Amazing Arawa

Our piece is inspired by Vincent Van Gogh and his piece a Starry Night. Arawa mural is placed in our very own Maungaturoto and the Maunga are our own Puke Arenga and Pukekaroro.

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei. Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain. We encourage you to pursue that which is precious, and do not be deterred by anything less than a lofty mountain. The sky is what we as a iwi aim for, always trying to be the epitome. Whāia te pae tawhiti. The white swirl in the sky is to represent the milky way but also to bring maori aspects of the koru in. The taniwha is strong but also intelligent the ideal Arawa student. Like these bottle tops our iwi come in different colours and sizes but together we make something special. We are Arawa!

*Design was an amalgamation of ideas from each whanau, put together by Gabriella Seager
Blurb was put together by Maddi Lemuelu*



ARAWA IWI BOTTLE CAP MURAL

Mighty Whatua

Outstanding leadership, elite
sports people and solidarity
as an Iwi define us

Whatua has had a year of successes, on the sports field, inter-house events academically and in school leadership. I was extremely proud of our achievements this year and although we did not win many events we certainly gave of our best and made the most of the opportunities we had.

The year started with the exciting prospect of seeing Ashton Coates, Head boy of the school and a proud member of Whatua, step up to the challenge of leadership.

Some highlights from the 2016 inter-house competition were the swimming sports, where Whatua easily won the penultimate race, the senior relay with a fantastic effort from some determined swimmers. Tamati Hohipa, Ebony Smythe and Te Hiru Flavell spearheaded our Haka competition and I was extremely proud of their efforts and passion, we ended up coming third but we won in our hearts.

As a house we collected over ten thousand bottle tops for the mural competition, the organisation and design was run by another school leader; Arts Prefect Natasha Tornquist. Ben Saua was voted into the prefect role of Manukura Tane

in Term 2 He spoke beautifully at the Tai Tokerau Festival and has been a constant support to those not only in his house but the whole school.

It has been a pleasure to work with one of the most important members of the mighty Whatua house this year. Josh Royds. Josh has been the house captain this year and has consistently demonstrated his willingness to lead and encourage Whatua at every inter-house event; his exemplary leadership has left an indelible mark.

I want to sincerely thank and congratulate all of our leaders and year 13 students that are moving forward from Otamatea, your service to your house and school has been greatly appreciated and I wish you all the best with whatever you choose to do outside of this place; you are Whatua Alumni now. I also send a challenge to the younger members of Whatua; it is your time now: Step up, step out, and lead.

Bruce Allison
WHATUA DEAN

WHATUA IWI BOTTLE CAP MURAL



Our bottle top mural symbolises Whatua for who we are. We are human - we are all different. We have our own weaknesses and strengths. We also have different cultures and ideas which we share amongst our house overall, we all share the same vision. We aim high; we have potential, strength, power and purity. With our differences, we unite as a strong iwi like how the ideas in our mural here unite to make a unique masterpiece.

Design was done by Natasha Tornquist, selected by the iwi and collaborated on together to create it.



S'UP! Ngapuhi

Support Unity Participation

This has been the motto of the "golden tribe" in 2016.

Will 2016 be the year we take out the inter-iwi cup? Ngapuhi have had another strong year achieving either first or second place in many of the inter-iwi contests. Of particular note has been winning the bottle top mural as well as first place in the athletics, cross country, triathlon, road race and chess. Ngapuhi students also performed well in Olla Podriga with Emma Rankin placing first equal. All this demonstrates Ngapuhi has ability in sporting and cultural pursuits and are definitely not afraid to have a go!

Outside school our students have also excelled. We have had representatives at a New Zealand level in equestrian sports with Tyler Porteous travelling to the UK and winning a prestigious international competition. We have also seen Annmarie Holst representing New Zealand at squash in 2016. Many others have represented the region in sports as varied as basketball (Danyon Tana), cricket (Samuel Stephens), football (Josh Nishitani-Hart).

We also have our own award winning heavy metal thrash bass guitarist, Ethan Trembath of Alien Weaponry whose band won Rockquest and Pacific beats.

I would like to thank all Ngapuhi students who have taken on the S'UP challenge and would especially like to acknowledge the senior students who have helped organise events and have rallied support, participation and unity within the iwi.

The senior prizegiving on October 28th was very successful for Ngapuhi senior students. The prizewinners are too many to mention individually here, however, Danielle Hyland being awarded co-Dux

is worthy of special mention. The prefects for 2017 from Ngapuhi iwi are: Samantha Allen, Head Prefect; Jayson Gilpin, iwi leader for Ngapuhi; Jordyn Bold, Community service prefect; Lee Holst, Environment prefect; Miriana Littlejohn, Arts prefect and Lenhy Massey, Senior events prefect. Well done to these students and we all look forward to your leadership in 2017.

Finally, to the students that are moving on from "Ota", on behalf of the Ngapuhi teachers' and students, I wish you well in your future. You will always be welcome back to visit Ngapuhi assemblies. Kia kaha and good luck.

Steve Davie-Martin
NGAPUHI DEAN

WINNING NGAPUHI IWI BOTTLE CAP MURAL



In essence, this design represents our school Whakatauki "He waka eke noa" ("We're all in this waka together").

We have used Māori motif and mandalas to symbolise unity in our school community. Originally I got the idea from a design with one big mandala. I thought the significant Māori design (in yellow) should be the centrepiece/the heart, to symbolise our iwi pride, while still incorporating the mandala patterns as an element of appreciation for the entire school. The darker colours are used as a background to cast more attention to the brighter colours in the mural, while still adding life to the art piece as a whole.

Molly Curnow - mural concept/design



*"And the house
cup winner for
2015 is
Maniapoto."*

This still resonates one year later but when you are on top everyone wants to knock you off your perch. The winning recipe for Maniapoto is simply that we do not settle for second. We doggedly compete and always field a full side no matter what the event.

What a year 2016 has been. Full of inter-iwi sports, new whānau class structures, iwi breakfasts and new inter-iwi competitions. Led extremely well by Emily Clark, Maniapoto has remained the leaders with Ngāpuhi nipping at our heels.

Term One began with haka recited throughout the school during whānau time in preparation for the haka competition at the end of the term. Babe Kapa from Māori TV came to judge and Maniapoto with their slick actions and synchronisation came away with the win for the second time. A first in the swimming sports carnival and a second in athletics also capped off a successful term one. A first in netball, basketball and a second in unihoc and soccer continued our good fortunes in

Term 2 and 3. As well as competing in chess, triathlon, rugby and the new service award.

The bird that eats the miro berry, his is the forest but the bird that partakes of knowledge, his is the world. This was the basis of the Maniapoto mural in 2016 and encapsulates what we try and foster in our iwi: striving to fill our baskets of knowledge and staying true to our roots. Thousands of bottle tops, 12 glue gun refills and lots of creative genius was expended to create the bottle top mural. A fantastic way for our artists to give input into an iwi competition, Emily excelled at organising her crew so that there was a co-ordinated approach.

We wait with bated breath for the announcement of the house cup winners 2016 but this dean doesn't need a cup to know that she is in charge of the best iwi in the school.

Thomaseena Paul
MANIAPOTO DEAN

Magnificent Maniapoto



BOTTLE CAP MURAL
HE WHAKATAUKI

Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōna te ngahere. Engari, ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga, nōna te ao.

The one who partakes of the flora and fauna, that will be their domain. The one who engages in education, opportunities are boundless.

Our mural features a Tui standing on a book, with leaves hanging from the right hand corner, the Tui is standing on a book to illustrate the Whakatauki above. The Tui represents loud voices, orators which are important in any culture, we can identify with them because they are not as flamboyant like fantails but they are still accorded with significance.

Emily Parker



ATHLETICS



GRADE CHAMPIONS

		GIRLS	BOYS
SUB JUNIORS	WINNER	1st - POPPY SCOTT BRENDA FERGUSON	JOSHUA SHEPPARD
	RUNNER UP		ROMAN MIRU
JUNIOR	WINNER	EMMA HUBAND	TYRONE DEARDENNE
	RUNNER UP	TRISTA COMER	RAYMOND TAITO
INTERMEDIATE	WINNER	1ST - SUZY THOMAS/OCEAN SHADBOLT	JOSH NISHITANI HART
	RUNNER UP		DIETRICH VON DINCK-LAGE
SENIOR	WINNER	MONICA JAQUES	RHYS SHADBOLT
	RUNNER UP	SAMANTHA ALLEN	ASHTON COATES

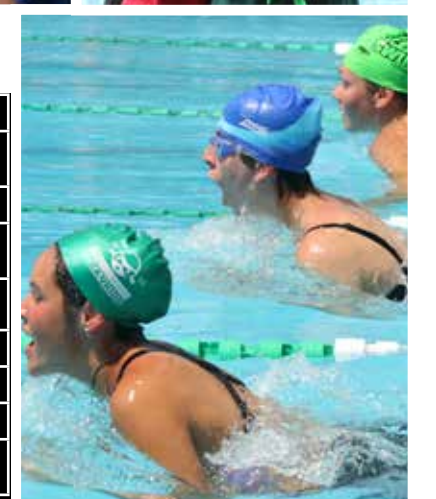


SWIMMING GALA



GRADE CHAMPIONS

		GIRLS	BOYS
SUB JUNIORS	WINNER	BILLIE LE MESURIER COWBOURNE	JACK HODGSON
	RUNNER UP	BRENDA FERGUSON	BEN DONALD
JUNIOR	WINNER	GRACE KEMP	1- JOE ROSE/BOB HAMLIN
	RUNNER UP	RENEE ALLEN	
INTERMEDIATE	WINNER	OCEAN SHADBOLT	JZACK HAMLIN
	RUNNER UP	ZELDA SIMS	PATRICK BUTLER
SENIOR	WINNER	MONICA JAQUES	BRODY SHADBOLT
	RUNNER UP	RUBY-ROSE HALLA-MORE	2- JESPER SMYTH/LEE HOLST



Relay For Life

In it for Life. Students and Staff from OHS come together to show their support and stand, walk and run, shoulder to shoulder, with those who have been effected by cancer.

On 5th & 6th of March a group of Otamatea High School staff and students went up to Whangarei to participate in the Relay For Life event in support of the New Zealand Cancer Society's funding and research. Otamatea High School sent two teams up to participate: The first team being 'Ota Kids' which was made up of 14 year 13 students and 2 year 12 students and the second team being the 'Ota Strollers' made up of Otamatea High School staff. The event involves teams walking for 18 hours (at least two members must be walking at all times) around a 400 meter running track as a way of raising money and awareness for valuable cancer research and funding.

We all had an absolutely incredible experience at relay for life and learnt an invaluable lesson about the reality of cancer many of our friends, family, colleagues or neighbours face. The relay for life began with a survivors lap, which was an incredibly emotional experience for all of us as we watched people of all different ages and backgrounds walk

a lap, united under the one triumphant reality that they fought cancer and WON. Something that also made this lap very emotional was seeing some of our very own Otamatea High School staff walking in victory as cancer survivors. The other significant feature of the 18 hour relay was the remembrance lap. This was where we took the time to remember those that didn't win their battle with cancer. Everyone who participated in relay for life was given a lantern to decorate a few weeks prior to the event, so during the remembrance lap everyone's lanterns were put out around the walking track with candles in them as a symbol of remembrance. The reality of the havoc of cancer came thick and fast as we walked around the track with the lights off and only the dim glow of lanterns decorated with lost loved ones illuminating the path we walked. As emotional as it was, it was also really beautiful to share that moment of vulnerability together as a family and be able to support each other as we remembered our own loved ones who we had lost to cancer.

RELAY FOR LIFE STROLLERS

The weekend of 5/6 March saw a very different interaction between the staff of Otamatea and 14 really fantastic Year 13 students. While eight staff members stayed on site for the 18 hours, we were joined at various times by at least 17 other staff and board members. When the time was up on Sunday morning we had, as a staff, collectively covered 641 kms and the sponsorship received for the team should exceed \$2,000.

This was the sixth time we have had a staff team involved in Relay for Life and for the first time in four years we actually had fine weather for the duration. For us, this is a positive way to fundraise for funds for cancer research. It also enables us to remember staff members who are survivors, staff members we have lost to cancer, and friends and family who have had this disease.

For me, the greatest pleasure is gained in doing something positive for this horrid disease which affects so many people of all ages. While doing it, I enjoy the interaction with another 40 like minded teams. It is also great to have all ages mingling and chatting – the oldest survivor was 101 and we had babes (and a teddy bear) in push chairs. I was also very proud to be alongside an awesome group of Year 13s, ably led by Erin, who all learnt a little about getting along with each other, especially when the body is starting to hurt and is tired. You are an awesome bunch.

I would like to thank all the staff for their ongoing support of this event.

Eileen Parsons
RELAY FOR LIFE ORGANISER



Students who led the way

LIONS YOUNG AMBASSADORS Award



Community Leaders of the Future.

Natasha Tornquist and Emma Rankin are to be congratulated for coming first and second at the Lions Young Ambassadors award. The Young Ambassador program encourages youth to see community service as an integral part of leadership skills. The girls put in a huge amount of preparation and time and performed extremely well. Both girls won prize money to go towards their future studies.

AND THE
Winners
are...

Northland band Alien Weaponry with our very own Ethan Trembath took out both Smokefree Rockquest and Pacifica Beats 2016. The young metal heads earned themselves more than \$33,000 worth of prizes at the national contests. They are known for combining thrash metal with Te Reo lyrics and have won SRQ two years in a row. Alien Weaponry are also the first metal band to win Pacifica Beats.



PACIFICA BEATS
SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST
Alien Weaponry

ASB. NORTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL Sports Awards

Congratulations to our students who placed at the ASB Northland Secondary School Sports Awards. Danyon Tana who won the code of basketball and Joshua Nishitani-Heart who won the code of football (unfortunately he was unable to attend the evening) Congratulations also to the finalists in their respective codes: Annmarie Holst, Tyler Porteous and Shuntel Rika.



Otamatea High School students were well represented at the recent Kaipara Sports Awards held at the Light House Centre in Dargaville taking away many awards from the evening. All students received a lovely medal for their achievements.

Congratulations to Otamatea Hawks JB9 team who won the Kaipara Youth Team of the year. A very well deserved reward to a highly talented but also hard working team of students lead by a highly dedicated coach, Mike Peeni and backed by the strong support of assistant coaches Mike Abel and Karl Shadbolt and manager Teresa Brown.

ASB YOUTH SPORTSPERSON ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Danyon Tana (Basketball)
Samuel Stephens (Cricket)
Tyler Porteous (Equestrian)
Rhys Shadbolt (Rugby)
Tamati Abel (Rugby)
Ocean Shadbolt (Swimming)

SILVER FERN FARMS
KAIPARA SPORTS AWARDS
2016



Te TAI Tokerau FESTIVAL

I'm sure you saw the newspaper articles and photos on Facebook! Our kaupapa for the event "Tiakina te reo, tiakina te tangata, tiakina te whenua" shone through. What a fantastic time we had hosting this great event! We are so proud of everyone who contributed in any way to Te Tai Tokerau Festival 2016. We had 29 schools performing, several stalls, one massive marquee and a performance tent and stage. Recycling teams were buzzing around; sausages and all manner of food was sizzling and cameras were clicking. It was such an exciting way to conclude our term 1. Kapa haka was celebrated through this magnificent community event which helped everyone to help paddle our waka to achieve our awesome result. He waka eke noa.

Thomaseena Paul



English has engaged students this year successfully making best use of IT throughout the school. Chromebooks and Google Classroom are proving efficient and enjoyable learning and teaching tools.

John Laue
HELA ENGLISH



Character essay
The Aftermath

YEAR 10 ENGLISH
EMMA MILLARD

I open my eye to complete and total darkness. I try to move but my whole body is aching, the ground beneath me feels cold and rough, sending shivers down my spine, above me I can hear faint sirens, and voices far away from me. I try to yell but my voice comes out as a whisper which barely echos around this cave like room I'm trapped in. I have no clue where I am or how I got here, I try to remember but everything is just a scrambled blur of memories that I can't connect. I don't know who I am, and that terrifies me more than the thought of being stuck in here until I die.

I wake with a start to the sound of heavy machinery right on top of me, my head fills all with thoughts, I start to panic. What if the machines are too heavy? What if the roof that's been keeping me from seeing the sky crumbles and caves in under the weight crushing me completely? I still can't move, all I can do is shut my eyes and pray I make it out alive. Bits of crumbled rock and dust starts to pour down on top of me making it hard to breath. I hug my legs tightly, ignoring the pain that is coursing up and down my legs like electricity. Larger rocks are falling now, some landing next to me, then all of a

sudden there is a loud crashing noise and everything fades away into darkness.

Bright lights are shining down blinding me, as my eyes adjust to the brightness of the room. I sit up slowly. There is still a sharp pain in my legs, which I noticed had been bandaged, the walls are white like the sheets I am now sitting on. The door creaks open and in walks a man dressed in a blue uniform. He has dark brown hair and bright blue eyes like the ocean. He smiled at me as he introduces himself as Doctor Simmons, explaining that there was an earthquake and the school library had collapsed trapping and killing people inside, including me. "You are lucky to be alive" he said with a stern look on his face, "many people were killed and there are still people to be found" he sat down at a desk next to my bed taking out a sheet of paper and a blue pen, he starts to write something but then he stops and looks at me "what is your name?" I try to answer him, but I can't, all I can do I sit there and stare at him blankly. "Lucy", I lie "my name is lucy", he raises an eyebrow at me before writing something down. I want to get out of here as soon as I can, I need to remember who I am.

I am sitting up in bed finishing breakfast when Doctor Simmons walks in with a wheel chair, "you've broken your legs badly, you will not be able to walk for at least 6 weeks" he

exclaimed wheeling it to the side of the bed, great now I'm never getting out of here. Over the last few days I've been having the same dream over and over, I'm at school when everything starts shaking around me I drop to the ground and watch as the buildings around me collapse, then there is someone running towards me calling out something, but I can never remember what it is, the girl has blonde hair and then, just as I look up to see her face she's gone and I wake up, back into reality.

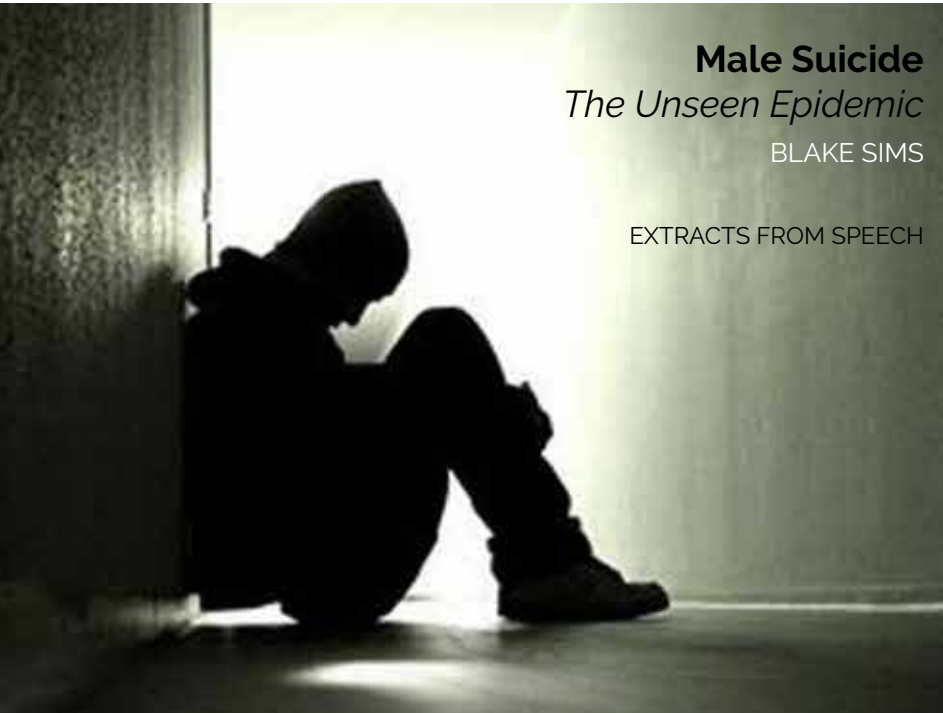
A nurse walks in carrying a clipboard, her long brown hair is twisted into a neat bun, she looks kind, she smiles at me before saying "Nurse Brown will see you soon" that name sounds extremely familiar and yet I have no clue who it belongs to. At 2 o'clock just like the nurse had said there is a knock on my door and in walks a young lady dressed in the same uniform as Doctor Simmons was, she had wavy blonde hair like the girl in my dream which was tied into a perfect ponytail, she walked in slowly, and then she stopped in the middle of the room, her green eyes staring at me intently "Paige" she said tears were rolling down her pale cheeks and then all of a sudden, it was like someone had flicked a switch inside of me. "Abigail" I cry my eyes flooding with tears, everything came back to me I remembered the earthquake and I remember Abigail trying to rescue me from the falling building I know who I am again,

I'm going to explore a problem that you've probably never considered, a problem that is the 7th leading cause of death to the male population, a problem that makes me six times more likely to commit suicide than a female, this is the problem of the male suicide epidemic.

This epidemic is the uncomfortable fact that men are 6 times on average more likely to commit suicide than women around the world, countries range between a 3:1 and a 7:1 ratio between genders. The reasons for this gap is because of a few key factors, the most prominent being the alienation of men in their 40's, as this is the time when you are most at risk, due to possible failed marriages, the lack of a family or a supporting social group, and the return from war. These factors, mainly family related, are the hardest to endure because of the lack of ways back into society, and the way a lonely man is perceived by society, often being rejected and labelled unjustly.

Another key factor, is that men are in all the high risk categories in life, from what job they take to the amount of men suffering from PTSD and other mental problems from involvement or exposure to war, as in America and most other nations, men make up 99.9% of all war related casualties and deaths, so even if someone doesn't die out in a war, they most likely have seen their friends fall in combat. Even their role in society is a hazard, to be pushed into providing roles for their family, creating that pressure, coupled with the notion of having to be strong, leads to pent up depression and the inability to seek medical help before it's too late. 58% of women seek out help from a medical practitioner, compared to the 38% of men. Other high risk categories include the higher exposure to drugs and alcohol, both are depressants and can cause addictive behavior, dependencies, and a fall in social well being, even a falling out of society as a whole.

Since asking for help is usually the first step to getting help, men are crippled from the start, which is why it's no surprise that suicide among men is largely invisible.



Male Suicide
The Unseen Epidemic
BLAKE SIMS

EXTRACTS FROM SPEECH

The root of these problems comes down to society imposing roles and expectations upon men. With the fight for equality from females today, we forget the difficulty that comes with being a male. A study shows that parents in the US will start to tell boys to stop crying at the age of 9 and 10, whereas girls are often allowed to continue until later on in their teens. This suppression of emotions in the early, puberty induced year's, hastens the development of depression, the most accountable and direct link to suicide.

The attitude towards masculinity and strength required from men stems from deep in our human history, from the very first human interactions, but in contrast, traditionally Chinese women are given the role to maintain the family's happiness and keep the peace. If they cannot hold this position, suicide is described as an acceptable way to avoid disgrace that may be brought to them or their families. This leads to China being the only country in the world with women more likely to complete suicide than men, 40% more likely to be exact.

This issue is closer to home than you think, and you should be seeing it around you now, Northland's suicide

rate has increased by 33% so far this year, and has been rising steadily since early 2010. Having me spout some figures from around the world makes this feel so impersonal, but it should strike you when I say that the annual suicides of kiwi males in their 40's is 6 times more likely than that of their women counterparts, and even more shocking is with the Maori population especially prone to these statistics. As Maori males make up 2/3's of the total death toll every year for blokes around New Zealand.

The fact of the matter is, not enough is being done to stop this, and not enough research in the right areas, such as men's mental health and wellbeing, what kind of support can we offer, and what we can do at an early age to stop the pressure being put on young boys on what they have to do as men.

We must orientate ourselves to give attention to these issues, because if not, we will let this problem claim thousands of lives, some closer to you than expected, and many more without friends or family to expect something at all.

Thank you

MATHEMATICS

NUMBER ALGEBRA GEOMETRY MEASUREMENT
STATISTICS

The maths department has had a busy and exciting year in 2016.

We welcomed Mr Mike Blackstock into the department to take over Mr Nick Staples classes in term three, and Mr Guy Smith joined us to teach a further senior statistics class earlier in the year.

The junior maths programme focused on raising achievement this year, and all teachers were involved in applying best evidence practices to their classrooms, and sharing ideas throughout the junior school.

Our year seven and year 8 classes continued to benefit from using the Maths Whiz online homework programme and we also introduced a trial of Mathletics into some areas of the senior school this year.

Areti Alexandrou
HELA MATHEMATICS



MATHS OLYMPIAD

This year we had twenty three students competing in the annual Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) competition. This competition has been running since 1987 and every year schools from all over Australia, New Zealand and neighbouring countries take part. Last year approximately 41 000 students took part in this competition. The competition consists of five separate contests of about 25 minutes each, held approximately one month apart between May and September. The overall aim of the competition is to encourage students to develop their mathematical problem solving skills in an enjoyable environment. The year 7s are entered in the junior competition and the Year 8s and 9s in the senior competition.



Maths Olympiad Results

Junior Year 7
1st – Alana Yardley on 11 points,
followed by Michael Ferguson on 9 points.
Senior Year 8
1st – Lola Smyth on 9 points,
followed by Cory Browne and Jayden O'Keefe
both on 8 points
Senior Year 9
1st – Maggie Hames and Tyler Young,
both on 9 points

MATHEX

In 2016 we had a large number of teams entered in the annual mathex competition. There were two teams for each of the year 7, 8 and 9 competitions. All the teams did very well indeed. A big congratulations to the Year 10 team, who took out third place this year.

The year 10 Mathex team walked into the hall of Whangarei Boy's High School not really expecting to get placed. However we ended up getting third which was an unexpected surprise. We later found out that we might have even won the competition if we had passed a question but as we have learned in previous years, 'never pass on any question'. Well our strategy brought us down by potentially two places, I guess you can't really have a strategy for these things. As year 10s we wish we could return to Mathex next year, there's something about the way you become comfortable with the competition and it just feels like a routine, a yearly routine but it just felt normal. We all reflect on how nervous we were in our Mathex competition and compare it to this year and it was so different back then. It was not easy to get a team together (we bribed our runner with our share of the chocolate, but we knew that he of course wanted to attend Mathex again) but we organised a great team in the end and we all had fun. The runner kind of does deserve more chocolate, since they have to work out math problems AND run. The other teams for our school did exceptionally well and we applaud their achievements. GOOD LUCK TO NEXT YEAR'S TEAMS!

Written by the Year Ten Team

Mathex Teams 2016

Year 7 Team 1:
Michael Ferguson, Poppy Scott, Alana Yardley, Coryn Yorke

Year 7 Team 2:
Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne, Shannon Lee, Joshua Sheppard, Joshua Stephens.

Year 8 Team 1:
Joshua Aitken, Cory Browne, Samuel Parker, Boyd Wintle

Year 8 Team 2:
Amy Lawrence, Lola Smyth, Odin Dalkie, Jaden O'Keefe

Year 9 Team 1:
Maggie Hames, Bipasa Patel, Cameron Phillips, Brayden Mills

Year 9 Team 2:
Jeff Smith, Hamish Ferguson, Katrina Poyner

Year 10 Team:
Hannah Cant, Tyler Flannagan, Suzy Hames, Mya Lawrence

LIBRARY NEWS

New books inspire a love of reading and appreciation of literature

We have been able to purchase many new and exciting books for our collection this year. We have added to all areas of the collection with more emphasis on fiction. We were able to update many series and add some wonderful books to the graphics and quick read sections. After we sorted our collection into genres last year it showed where we had gaps such as in the horror and sport sections, I have tried to add more to these although fantasy and relationships are where many authors write these days. We celebrated Roald Dahl's 100th anniversary with the purchase of new editions of his books and with a



2016 LIBRARIANS

Back Row: Mrs V Garnett, Beck Goodyear, Gian Liu, Daniel Taylor, Mrs C Pilkington
Front Row: Connor Sands, Renee Forbes, Erin Corble, Zoe Meehan, Brianna Thurgood, Vanessa Langman

display and a cake. We were able to purchase new chairs for the tables through the capital purchases budget; they are very stylish and give the library a contemporary look. Our borrowing figures are on a par with previous years although the juniors do put our seniors to shame. It is important that students continue reading for pleasure as literacy opens the whole world to them, and takes them on adventures into places with people we would never meet in real life. It is interesting that research shows that young people much prefer to read "real" books as opposed to ebooks; it is believed that they enjoy the break from more screen time and relate better to the achievement of their progress through a physical book. However we read is not important or even what we read as long as we continue reading throughout our whole lives. I wish to thank Vicky and the wonderful student librarians for their continued support and dedicated work throughout this last year.

KIDS' LIT QUIZ

In May Vicky and I took two teams to the Kids' Lit Quiz Regional Finals in Kerikeri. Both of our teams competed well with both teams achieving the exact same score. The question categories covered a wide range of genres and topics from anatomy to footwear to riddles and literary knowledge, the last proving challenging for many teams. Our teams scored well in the dogs and animals categories. The eventual winners were Kerikeri High School who went on to represent Northland in the National Finals. The international competition was held in Auckland in August and was won by Wentworth College of Wellington New Zealand by one point from Great Britain. We had a wonderful trip and I am hoping we can compete again next year. I would like to thank the Paparoa Lions Club and the Otamatea High School PTCA for their generous sponsorship.

Catherine Pilkington
LIBRARIAN

Curious minds explore scientific concepts

It has been a busy time for Science this year with exciting opportunities for learning

2016 SAW MANY CHANGES to the Science Department.

We had Nyree Alcock join our team, who teaches Year 7 science with endless enthusiasm and fresh ideas. Steve Davie-Martin switched over from social science to teach junior and L1 applied science. He does a great job and is always working towards our department goals of making science more 'hands on' and relevant to our students. Graeme Skipper was made permanent in his role as teacher of science and physics. His industry and life experience has been invaluable in his ability to regularly link subject content to 'real life' contexts. Lauriean Getz remained in her role as science and biology teacher, but also took on the teaching of Level 3 biology, and I (Nicky Cotching) have taken over from Paul Cathersides as the head of department.

Nicky Cotching
HELA SCIENCE

SENIOR SCIENCES

All of the Level 1 science classes went on a field trip this year to work towards an achievement standard. The physical science class went to Waipu Cove with the Level 2 biologists to study the ecology of the rocky shore. Whilst the other two classes went to Piroa falls and Waipu caves to study NZ landforms.

In Level 2 and 3, science splits into physics, chemistry and biology. These courses are academically challenging and are assessed in a range of ways, including practical assessments, external exams, and research essays. We have had some excellent results over the past few years and this year looks to be no different. Of particular note are the three L1 students excelling in L2 Chemistry this year, Claude Smyth, Ewan Smith and Zeldia Sims. There are also three L3 students sitting scholarship; Jesper Smyth in physics and chemistry, Monica Jacques and Ruby-Rose Hallamore, both

in chemistry. Other top science students include Danielle Hyland, Erin Mooney, Max Daniels, Samantha Allen, and Natalie Birt. Finally, I would like to mention Lenhy Massey, Blake Sims and Max Daniels who were fantastic demonstrators on open day. These students ran the practical sessions in the science part of the open day tour. They interacted well with prospective students, their parents, and teachers, showing excellent leadership skills.



YEAR 9-10 SCIENCE

The Year 9 and 10 classes have been progressing well with their science courses. I have had the pleasure of reading some very interesting and well thought out research projects by Year 9 students. It has also become evident that the investigative skills of Year 10 students has markedly improved. Next year will see some changes made to year 9 and 10 topics and structure, particularly to the accelerate Year 10 class which will no longer be a full NCEA course.

In term 3, a group of Year 9 students were selected to be 'explainers' for the Science roadshow. Feedback given by the organisers was that the group were very helpful, particularly in set-up and pack down, and followed instructions well. They enjoyed trying out the interactive displays during breaks and were great role models to their peers.

Later in term 3 a group of Year 10 students of Māori descent attended a science wānanga at Ngā Tai Whakarongorua marae in Tinopai. They completed field work in marine biology, chemistry and physics with professors and post-graduate students from Otago University. It was a great chance for them to carry out extended science with students from other schools and it will help them to decide whether to continue studying science in future. A huge thank you to Otago University and Ngāti Whātua iwi who covered most of the costs.

In term 4 all Year 9 classes and one Year 10 class are taking part in the Nga Waihotanga Iho programme, to help NIWA monitor the health of our local estuaries. This involves each of these classes doing a day of science field work on the Kaipara.



2016 SCIENCE FAIR PRIZE-WINNERS:

YEAR 7

1st - Coryn Yorke & Thomas Howlett
2nd - Sarah Campbell-Winter
3rd - Poppy Scott & Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne

YEAR 8:

1st - Amy Lawrence
2nd - Asher Tito & Alida Spencer
3rd - Lola Smyth & Grace Kemp (also won Overall Best Presentation)

YEAR 7-8 SCIENCE

This year the Year 7-8 science classes increased to two hours a week in the laboratory. This allowed us to develop a two year programme with a wide variety of practical based topics. We were lucky to secure lots of great sponsorship. In term 1, Maungaturoto Farm Source provided potting mix and grass seed when we were studying plants in our Green machine topic. This allowed us to make grass heads, which the students really enjoyed, to observe plant growth. In term 2, Fonterra Grassroots sponsored our Junior Science Fair, funding colourful display boards and prizes; including two new cups which will be presented each year at junior prize-giving. Then in term 3, Otamatea High School PTCA paid for all of our year 7-8 students to attend the Science Roadshow which was hosted in our hall and included the two shows; Mighty Materials and Sounding Out Waves, plus over 60 interactive exhibits.



GEOGRAPHY & TOURISM

LEVEL 3 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO OMAHA

Level 3 Geography students travelled to Omaha Beach and Te Kie Point to research the natural processes at work eroding the wave-cut platform and building up the beach. They used tape measures, calculators, abney levels and clinometers to construct 3 cross-sections showing distances, heights, surface features and vegetation. Students also measured waves (heights and frequency), wind strength and direction and examined the wave-cut platform at Te Kie Point for signs of erosion. Students will write up and analyse the results for a 5 credit research standard.

Wayne MacLennan
HELA SOCIAL SCIENCES

Rotorua Tourism and Geography trip for Years 11 to 13 students.



Tourism and Hospitality trip to AUT school of hospitality and tourism, and to Sky City



HISTORY

It's been a great year in the History Department at Otamatea, as we welcomed in a strong cohort of year 11 students taking the subject. For the first time in a number of years we ran history classes at all NCEA levels. The 2016 Level 1 class have been engaged in learning about key events in twentieth century history, particularly the perils of World War II and the black civil rights movement in America.

Level 2 students have studied the invasion of Parihaka, the Vietnam War, and the French revolution, and the Level 3 class have learned about the Battle of Te Ika-a-Ranganui, the Cuban missile crisis, and the attempted invasion of the Spanish Armada.

Student interest in relevant and engaging topics is enhanced this year

We have been busily altering our programmes of teaching to suit student interests and relevance to modern New Zealand society, and we have particularly focused on starting to ingrain an element of New Zealand content in each of the year levels, including a local history topic in Level 3 on The Battle of Te-Ika-a-Ranganui – a topic which has excited notable interest in the community over the past few years.

This area of study incorporated an overnight trip to Otamatea Marae, where year 13 students were able to see and discuss sites relevant to the battle, and engage in kōrero about the impact of the battle on local iwi. Our warmest thanks go out to Reno Skipper for taking the time to work with the students in understanding

the wider context of this important event.

We are committed to growing interest in the study of history at Otamatea, and are hoping to further incorporate learning outside of the classroom in order to enrich student learning experiences and broaden the range of skills that the study of history develops.

We believe the academic achievements of the current year 13 cohort serve them well in the future, and we wish them well on the path of life.

ARINA BOSCH AND PAUL CHAMBERS

Jump scares, hidden monsters and isolated settings

Students in Level 1 and 2 Digital Media Studies explored Horror for their genre study this year. In groups they produced frightening short horror films that were based on common nursery rhymes. Students worked hard from the design and pre-production stage, through to shooting, editing and screening their film for their target audience. Through collaboration, reflection and hands on practical work they learnt a lot about how to create a film from whoa to go. Using isolated setting, creepy monsters, disturbing sound effects and tense shot sequences, the films ticked all the boxes and certainly put a few audience members on the edge of their seat!

DIGITAL MEDIA STUDIES



TRACEY CHRISTIE

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

This year at Otamatea we've continued to build things with computers.

Whether it's programs, databases or websites, we've been making things that work and practising the skills we'll need after school. Putting together a functional website or program requires all the practical organisational skills used in other areas of technology, such as woodwork or food technology, and with the added confusion of everything being very abstract. When you ask the question "Where is the frying pan?" at least we all get to see it when we've found it, but the answer to "Where's the code for these buttons?" is a little more abstract.

These skills of abstract thinking and sensible organisation don't always go together but here you can see some very 'sweet' functioning websites our students have made. Sometimes thinkers who are great with abstract concepts struggle more with dates and times, but in Digital Technology we prove we can do it all. Artistic skills to make good use of design elements, organisational skills to produce a finished product that meets the specifications and, last but not least, some very fine html and css coding skills, so as the computer does exactly what it's told to do by the human - rather than the other way around!

All these websites are designed by hand coding from scratch rather than using templates. Although a slightly old-fashioned way of making websites, it gives the students the understanding they will need in later life about how complex things like websites work, as well as providing the opportunities to develop their skills so that they can code in website programming languages like php and mysql.

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JAPANESE

Mrs Heather Troost organised a fantastic trip for the Japanese language students to view a geisha performance at the War Memorial Museum in Auckland. Our small group of students shared the auditorium with other language classes from Auckland. We were shown precise dances where each movement was symbolic and contributed to the theme of the dance. One of the geisha played traditional music on a Japanese koto string instrument. Some students participated in a tea ceremony while we all learnt about what was involved in the ceremony. The performance was concluded with a game.

HEATHER TROOST



International Students

International students experience the best of Otamatea

OHS has had another fantastic year with International Students. We have had the pleasure of having two outstanding students from Japan's Jin Ai Girls' High School, Hanna and Ruka, for a full school year. They both made every effort to take part in whatever was going and they will be missed. In addition, OHS received two groups of students, one from Tako Junior High School in Japan, and one from Thailand. This was an awesome opportunity for our students to find out about other cultures and to share a bit about their own. Thank you to everyone, especially the host families, who make these exchanges possible.



Hi guys! I'm Ruka Takashima. I'm an exchange student from Japan in 2016. I've been here for 10 months. I have got so many great memories at Otamatea High School. Also, I've experienced, tried and learned a lot of new wonderful things! I joined the Kapa Haka group and DOE bronze group. I've never experienced anything like either of them when I was in Japan. Moreover, we can't learn Maori culture in Japan so I'm so glad that I could learn a new culture while in New Zealand. I will never forget my study abroad life at Otamatea High School.

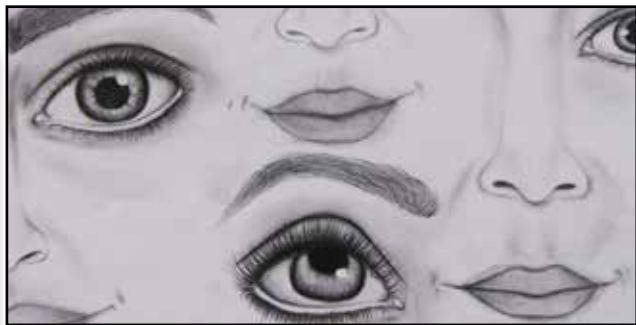
Hello. I'm Hanna. I came to OHS as an exchange student from Japan in January. I decided to come here because I wanted to improve my English. Since I came to New Zealand, I've met so many wonderful people and had a great time throughout the year. My friends, teachers, host family, everyone around me always helped me even when it was difficult. I felt I was really blessed with great people. Through kapa haka and DOE, I learned the importance of supporting each other. Through my ordinary school life, I knew the real value of having nice friends and how much my teachers have done for me to help me understand the classes. Through my homestay, I bettered my flaws and thought the time I had with them was warm. 2016 is the year I will never ever forget. I greatly appreciate the opportunity that I could come to Otamatea High School and want to thank everyone so much.



YEAR 10 PORTRAIT



MYA LAWRENCE YR10



SUZI THOMAS YR10

YEAR 8 DRAWING



AMY LAWRENCE YR8

YEAR 7 ANIMAL ILLUSTRATION



TEINA WHARE PAIKEA YR7

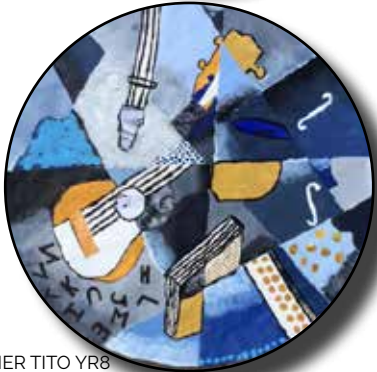
YEAR 8 CUBIST STILL LIFE



KYLA SLACK YR8



ALANA YARDLEY YR7



ASHER TITO YR8



LOLA SMYTH YR8

Year 8 Music students completely engaged in their lessons. They love the new electric drum kits!



Creative Technologies

Hands on innovation and aptitude in the
Technology Department in 2016

Martin North
HELA TECHNOLOGY

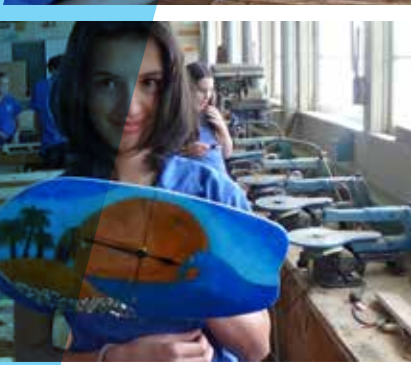
2016 has been a very busy year for the Technology Department with new courses and projects being offered.

The Hospitality Academy has had a great start with students preparing themselves for careers in this industry by learning commercial food and Barista skills, and trips to MIT for further training and assessments. The delicious aromas coming from the Food Tech room often has others stopping and looking on in envy as the students taste their creations.

In Textiles Tech there has been a range of extremely intricate and beautiful designs using hand and machine skills across all junior and intermediate year levels. The seniors have explored a range of different design briefs to produce individual prototypes to a very high level. Students have produced some amazing projects in Materials Tech, from wooden

toolboxes, clocks, inlaid jewellery boxes, weather vanes and fishing rod holders. The seniors have really excelled this year designing and making individual items of furniture and the Construction students made a set of picnic tables for Little Feet preschool. They also made a outside garden bench and table that was made to such a high quality that some students managed to sell them for a profit.

In Engineering Tech the seniors have worked through industry based courses producing Toolmakers clamps, axle stands and fish smokers, which many staff and students are looking forward to testing. It has been great to see the enthusiasm, motivation and hard work of the students this year, well done to everyone.



SELF MADE BALL DRESS WINS

Three year 13 students made their own ball dresses this year. It took time, skill, imagination and perseverance and all of them wore their dress with pride. They were Sammie Edwards, Joseaphine Maaka and Shaniqua Maaka.

And then the cherry on the cake: Shaniqua won the award for the best dressed girl at the ball!

ELIZABETH VAN DEN BERG



JUNIOR LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Year 8 Arts trip to the Auckland Art Gallery and Ruaumoko performance at the civic theatre was well attended. Our year 8 students were able to discover contemporary and traditional art works at the Auckland Art Gallery. The dance drama Ruaumoko was spectacular, performed by around 50 people from ages 7-30 something. No dialog, just movement accompanied by an orchestra who aided in synthesizing ideas and story. Ruaumoko represents earthquakes and all volcanic phenomena, and it is by means of these activities that he assails man.

Rebecca Clist
HELA ARTS



THE ARTS

The school calendar was certainly jammed pack full of arts and languages events this year. Students have been treated to a great variety of opportunities and culturally enriching activities. Iwi's banded together to participate in our visual arts based iwi competition – bottle top mural. It was a new initiative and driven well by our arts prefect Natasha Tornquist, iwi deans and staff. Have a look on the Whanau pages to see the results. Olla Podriga was a stand out event on the school calander. Mr Corletts' band 'SPIRAL' we're backing our school talent in full force! The standard was certainly raised this year. Joint winners for 2016 were Emma Rankin and Tasha Perrett. We said good bye to Helen Hopkins and Barry Corlett and said hello to Fiona 'Ofamo'oni, Fionn Murphy and Tracey Christie. We feel fortunate to have had all their expertise and leadership within the department this year.

THEN THE GALLERY CAME TO US

Real Art Roadshow

In term two the Real Art Roadshow paid a visit to OHS giving our students the opportunity to view and respond to contemporary NZ art. The artworks are housed in an impressive 80ft fold out truck and there are some well known NZ artists in the collection. Being able to see real art - the scale, colours and texture brings the works alive and was inspirational for many. The response from our students was very positive and we wished we could keep this huge truck that parks and transforms into a gallery.

DRAMA

A cool old dude with a beard once said, "The course of true love never did run smooth"; the same can be said of senior drama productions.

This year, Otamatea High School senior drama students have shown fortitude, skill, talent, and feminist-rousing/ male-equalising/fairy-madness/ Kiwi-Elizabethan attitude in the fantastic and very funny production of *Revenge of the Amazons* by Jean Betts (Wellington playwright) and William Shakespeare (cool old dude, beard). Betts' spin on Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, sees Oberon the fairy king fall for an assertive Easter bunny girl, while the mechanicals are a feminist troupe trying to stop the Amazon warrior queen from marrying the mortal Theseus.

Hippolyta	Kate Hallissey
Theseus	Callum McConchie
Egeus	Teighan Lloyd
Hermia	Natasha Tornquist
Demetrius	Gabrielle Seager
Lysander	Michelle Clark
Helena	Emily Parker
Peaseblossom	Kayla Joyce
Puck	Erin Corble
Titania	Molly Curnow
Oberon	Curtis Stanaway
Georgina	Zoe Meehan
Shulamith	Stacey Walker
Jo	Shyla Hodge
Shona	Holly Kenyon
Angela	Stella Atkin
Barbara	Lucy Randell

Sound Tech	Fionn Murphy
Prompt	Areti Alexandrou
Backstage help	Amber Corble

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Floyd Driver – spotlight on you, sir, for all of the hard work especially with lighting and technical support. Others who also deserve huge applause, because without them the show would not have gone on: Richard Reed and assistants – for creating and painting the set Maura Flowers and ORT – for wonderful costumes Unichem Orrs Pharmacy Maungaturoto – for make-up Rebecca Clist (HELA Arts) – costume helper, tea lady, photographer Jason Te Kare – for defying gravity getting lights down from the hall, and rigging lights Mosese 'Ofamo'oni – for helping rig lights and being safety spotter Arina Bosch and Rebecca Clist –for the wonderful wedding dresses Jools Lewis for the lovely surprise food - the OTA café is the best in town!! Wayne MacLennan - for prop glasses The very supportive Otamatea High School friends, parents and staff.

Revenge is Sweet

All of the students involved deserve a standing ovation for their hard work, and achievement. It was a fabulous show, which the invited audience agreed was hilarious and a great watch!

Helen Hopkins and Ona 'Ofamo'oni are extremely proud of our stellar cast and crew – a special mention here for senior students who also took on production roles: assistant directing/directing (Molly Curnow), costumes (Emily Parker) and set (Gabriella Seager).



FIONA OFAMO'ONI

SENIOR ART

GENERATING, DEVELOPING, ANALYSING, SYNTHESISING
IDEAS IN PAINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY



EMMA RANKIN : LEVEL 3 PHOTOGRAPHY



KELLY MACE : LEVEL 3 PHOTOGRAPHY



JESSICA LINTON : LEVEL 3 PHOTOGRAPHY



EMILY PARKER : LEVEL 3 PHOTOGRAPHY



KEZRAH POWLEY : LEVEL 2 PHOTOGRAPHY



CHLOE ARCHER : LEVEL 2 PHOTOGRAPHY



GABRIELLA SEAGER : LEVEL 3 PAINTING



MICHELLE CLARK : LEVEL 2 PAINTING



SHANIQUA MAAKA : LEVEL 3 PAINTING



MIRIANA LITTLEJOHN : LEVEL 3 PAINTING



AZARIAH INGHAM : LEVEL 2 PAINTING



ERIN CORBLE : LEVEL 1 ART



STELLA AITKEN : LEVEL 1 ART



CALEB HAYES : LEVEL 1 ART



MOLLY CURNOW : LEVEL 1 ART

New Initiative brings New Interests closer

The new Self Driven Pathways class helps students navigate the right path for them

ELIZABETH VAN DEN BERG
HEAD OF PATHWAYS AND CAREERS



At the start of the year A4 was newly painted and then changed into the Self-driven Pathways room. Different looking furniture and standing desks were installed to give the room the feeling of an office space.

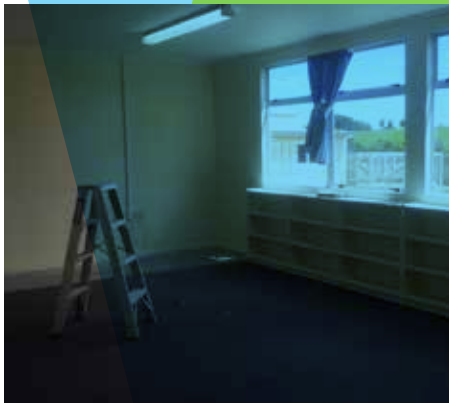
The students who were in Self-driven Pathways were those who had a clear idea of what career they were aiming at. In this time they could concentrate on preparing themselves with individual standards that no other students in the school might be doing.

At first all students had to explore different careers and make a career

plan. While they were preparing for their work placement, they were doing a standard about writing a CV for a specific advertisement. This gave students the opportunity to write a CV that they can adapt and use when looking for a part-time job as a student or keep updating it for when the leave school and want to get a full-time job.

In the individual standards, students were able to study courses as varied as The Anatomy of Horses' Legs, The Causes and Consequences of Crime, Braking systems in Automotive Vehicles, Computerised Accounting and many more.

Students also went into an assortment of work placements. Forestry, work with a top New Zealand Horse trainer, working at a boat building yard and becoming involved in emergency services are some of the examples.



Looking to the future

Proactive engagement with Careers education

As a new Career Adviser there were lots of opportunities for making the Career Management Competencies of our students an important part of our school curriculum this year.

All year 13's were invited to complete a survey at the beginning of the year that gave them a report with pointers about the career interests they identified and a host of careers that they can consider. It also give them a summary of their personality type and what influence that have on their study habits and skills. The report furthermore identify the career values they held, their strengths and some areas that can be developed to help them get the most out of their studies at school and in tertiary study.

Other senior students who had a specific request also did the survey and had the report discussed with them. This initiative will be available for students again next year.

The Te Tai Tokerau Festival was used as an opportunity to reach students and parents with career information and the same was done on Academic Counselling Day.

In the new Self-driven Pathways class all students started with a Careers Exploration unit which help them narrow down career options to three and then to one in which they did work experience. Some students found that this process strengthened the plans they already had, while others discovered new interest, and some even started on one route and then changed course as they saw some of the realities of the career.

As there are so many opportunities in trades countrywide with new houses being built, the new highway to the north, and a growing economy, the Got a Trade, Got it Made week was celebrated throughout the school.

Year 7 and 8s have been reading about different careers in their English classes and in term 4 they will study a dedicated

careers unit in Social Science. Social Science is also the subject area where year 9's and 10's study units that are focused on making students aware of life, learning and work realities. In all other subjects students develop self-awareness, capabilities and understand their own changing and growing.

Many of the universities send liaison officers to school to talk to students who are interested in university study. The universities and other tertiary institutions also hold open days where students can explore the campus and imagine themselves as students. Help with enrolling at a university and finding possible scholarships are also available to students. The trip to the Courses and Careers Day at University and the Job Fair were highlights in the year.

The careers adviser has also moved into the The Hub / Te Pokapū which was the previous student support centre. The area is shared with the Sports Coordinator, Kaiawhina and Gateway Coordinator. The logo was developed by André van den Berg

The school's website also has a Careers Page now where information can be found on Careers and all the universities and some other tertiary institutions and people that offer trades training.



THE LEARNING CENTRE

TLC for Learning

It is pertinent that the initials for The Learning Centre (TLC) are also commonly recognised as and abbreviation for "Tender, Loving Care".

Students who come to the Learning Centre are the "strong ones" who are determined to overcome the challenges that face them in the classroom. Ninety percent of low achievement comes from poor self belief and a fear of failure. Once again this year in the Learning Centre we have watched students grow into confident learners. Our support programmes help students realise their ability and achieve their potential. They are delivered by our team of positive, understanding and caring Teacher Assistances. A huge thanks goes out to Ladene Hunter, Donna Squires, Teresa Hallissey, Christine Laue, Teresa Brown and Sam Phillips for the fantastic job they do in the Learning Centre and supporting teachers in the classroom.

Ann Marinus
SENCO

SAC Special Assessment Conditions

Do you get it, but bomb out in tests and exams? Do you find getting your thoughts on paper difficult? Do you find it difficult to understand what the question is asking? Maybe we should be looking to see if you are eligible for a Reader and/or writer in your assessments. Often students have a sound understanding, but need support in communicating their understanding. This year we had 6 students approved for SAC and we are collecting data on 8 or more who are currently in yr 9&10 and are likely to be eligible for their NCEA exams.

FEUERSTEIN Students learning to learn!

This is the second year we have run the Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment (FIE) standard program, and this year we have eight student ranging from Yr 7-10. The program is a method of brain strengthening designed to enhance an individual's learning and thinking strategies. It uses a series of non-curricular paper and pencil tasks, which strengthen learning skills through various cognitive exercises. One of the most rewarding aspects of being part of this program is seeing students' sense of well-being and confidence grow in all areas of their lives.

SPEC South Pacific Education Course

This year we have approximately 20 students working on SPEC and some great work is being done. Some students are working on Main Interest modules, while others are working on Foundation Skills and Headway Life Skills. Through SPEC you can now complete a two year Level 1 Qualification or individual units can be completed to support NCEA literacy. Many students begin working on SPEC in year 9 or 10 and as their confidence builds, so too does the quality of their work. Student work at their own pace and level and are able to present their work in any format that

works for them. Interested? Google www.spec.org.nz and contact Ann Marinus or Donna Squires in TLC

STUDENTS COMMENTS:

"I like to do SPEC because it's a good way for me to learn. I used to do no work in class before I started doing SPEC but now I have almost passed my Level 1!"
"I have done SPEC for 2 years now and I have done a lot of work. SPEC has taught me to focus and given me confidence. It's a fun way for me to learn because I am more a hands on person."

STUDENTS COMMENTS:

"I helped me improve my spelling, angles and directions. I really enjoy doing it"
"I like it because it is sort of easy but also hard. I enjoy doing it though, especially when I get it straight away"
"I like it because it is different from class work"

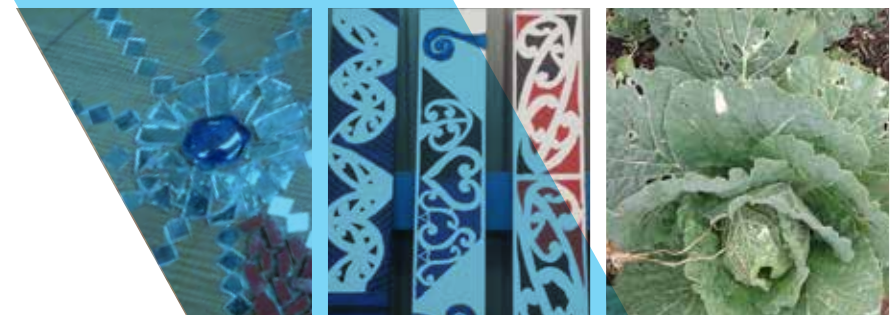
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION



This year Otamatea was granted seven places for Alternative Education. This provided funding for us to explore other options for students who were struggling to make the most out of classroom learning. We have had a total of ten students come and go through Alternative Education this year and seen some impressive results. Students who were struggling are attending regularly, achieving and beginning to shine as positive leaders. We have worked hard as a team to listen to the students and run programmes that will inspire and motivate them. Thanks to Fiona, our Kaiawhina who instigated Tu Kaha Otamatea, which has involved most of our Alternative Education students and has brought about understanding, strength and positive empowerment. This has involved two local Wananga, one combined Hui in Rotorua and a further planned Hui up north in December this year. Tu Kaha Otamatea also supported our very successful Hip Hop group that has run term 3 and 4.

I am immensely proud of the progress students have made in Alternate Education this year. Students have been patient, positive and appreciative of work the school has done for them. Their self respect and self belief is improving by the minute as is their respect for others. I would like to thank the students for making a very positive and rewarding year. A very special thank you goes out to Ladene, our Alternative Education Tutor, for her patience, her resilience and pure determination. Without her hard work none of this would be possible.

Ann Marinus
SENCO



Ladene's Say
This year I started a new position as Alternative Education Tutor. The programme was totally new and has been a very successful journey throughout the year. I have the pleasure of working alongside seven students who are partially timetabled in our Alt-Ed programme and successfully participate in different programmes that are offered. The building of our new room was underway and generous donations were collected from public to help build our wonderful centre, which now has its own kitchen, office and work room for the students. A big thank you to members of the public and local businesses for helping us out. The beginning of the year led us to Pahi to participate in Waka Ama. This programme was great for strength building and team work. I participated alongside the students, which was challenging at times, but great fun.

Other programmes have included Literacy and Numeracy, Whakairo, Mosaics, Clothing design and printing. The students have also been very successful in building their own vege gardens and raising their own seedlings. Cooking has also been another successful programme. The Alt-Ed students have also been running a successful gym programme working extremely well as a team and supporting each other in designing their exercise programme. I would like to personally acknowledge the students that I work with. Although challenging at times I thoroughly enjoy the relationships that I have built with you all, and I thank you for the respect that you give me at all times, which makes our programme enjoyable and run smoothly. Looking forward to the future.

Ladene Hunter
ALT-ED TUTOR

KAPA HAKA

Nga Uri o Nga Waka

A 40+ strong rōpū took centre stage at Te Tai Tokerau Festival 2016 (TTF16) as the host school. A proud moment for our ropu and whanau to see our kura shine. Amongst the preparation for the TTF16 itself, Ngā Uri o Ngā Waka were in full stride under the tutorship of Ngaroimata Morgan and leadership of Ebony Smyth and Neitana Blissett. Numerous wananga, lunchtime practices and personal time of tuakana supporting teina paid off. As we say in kapa haka everything was “left” on the stage. Kapa haka has fast become an important cornerstone for our students with the school haka being a regular feature at school events. Preparations for the annual Kaipara Festival start up every year in Term 3. This gives our students an opportunity to maintain and develop their kapa haka skills further. Thank you our tutor Ngaroimata for your hard work and commitment. And also Takiwai Flavel for assisting the young men in our roopu. Bring on 2017!



Tu Kaha

Otamatea

An amazing inspirational kaupapa that allowed our rangatahi to explore their greatness through wananga, hui and dance. Tu Kaha Otamatea was an initiative funded by MSD via Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust. Its impetus was to invite Maori taura to understand life choices and grow through respect of each other, whanau and kura.

Tu kaha Otamatea “Standing strong as Otamatea” started with a 5 day wananga facilitated by Te Korowai Aroha with the support of Te Runanga o Ngati Whatua. Wananga covered self as Maori, Atua, and wairua mahi. Following the wananga rangatahi continued with weekly hip

hop sessions with the Hardcore Dance Company in Whangarei. This amazing opportunity has been funded to run for a consecutive year. Rawe!

Feedback from whanau, tauria and teachers has seen a shift in rangatahi that participated in the kaupapa. Strengthening self through kaupapa Maori has been instrumental in taura staying positive and engaged in their educational journey.



Maddy Lemuelu, Ebony Smyth and Tasha Perrett represented our school in this high calibre oration event held at Bay of Islands College. Students from all over the north come armed with an arsenal of words to woo the judges in a bid to represent Te Taitokerau at the nationals. Maddy carved her metaphorical waka for her speech: ko māua ko taku hoe - me and my paddle. Tasha followed up her winning performance from last year's regionals with another well crafted and executed speech. Ebony's flair enabled her to entertain and enthrall the crowd. While they did not place they presented their kōrero with grace and mana. Mana kōrero, mana wahine.



Te Tai Tokerau picked up the manuka and agreed to host this year's nationals, caring for the thousands that descended upon Whangarei. Kua tutū te puehū. Otamatea students were involved in the pōwhiri with hundreds of other Northland students, setting a hair raising start to the event and relishing in the flavoursome delights dished out by the orators. He aha te kai a te rangatira? He kōrero, he kōrero, he kōrero. What is the food of chiefs? It is speech, it is eloquence, it is oratory.

WHATUA

SUMMIT

Students from throughout Ngāti Whātua converged on Auckland to attend the annual Ngāti Whātua Tertiary Summit. The event was established so that students from Ngāti Whātua could make steps to attend the tertiary institutions within their rohe. 11 students from y10-13 joined the other 50 students from Kaipara Secondary Schools to see what all the fuss was about. We were accommodated at Orākei Marae with 100 other teenagers, taking in the million dollar views from Bastion Point. While the rest of the school returned home and had a day off due to the gunman, we attended workshops at Auckland University of Technology (AUT) covering a wide range of topics so that we could see what we need to do now in order to get to uni.



Dressed to our finest, we attended a meet and greet night with industrial leaders and politicians, giving us a first hand experience of a formal setting. On Saturday we went to the AUT and Auckland University Open Days to see what is available and also what differentiates the 2 tertiary institutions. We came away tired, loaded with information and fulfilled in the knowledge that we belong in a tertiary setting and that's where we will end up.

Thomasina Paul

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Active students and staff focus on the importance of health and fitness

The physical education and health department have had a very busy year. The senior classes and sport leadership have completed a range of assessments, projects and EOTC trips in and around Northland. The students at OHS have attended a variety of health speakers and presentations about mental health and sexuality. We were excited to offer senior health to our Level 1 students for the first time this year. Here students, extended their knowledge in all aspects of Hauora and learnt how to make positive health enhancing decisions to promote overall well-being for themselves and others.

The junior physical education and health classes have learnt new motor skills in a range of exciting sports from volleyball to ki-o-rahi. The students have also enjoyed informative presentations from Life Education, Mates and Dates, and the Attitude health talks. We would like to acknowledge and thank the speakers, parents and caregivers who have helped with our teaching and learning programme this year. Next year we are launching Level 2 Health for our senior students. We look forward to 2017.

Lana Parkinson
HELA HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Level 2 Physical Education

At the beginning of the year, the Level 2 Physical Education class had the awesome opportunity to go on three snorkelling trips at Mangawhai heads Picnic Bay and a day long trip to Tutukaka Poor Knights, for an internal assessment. Not only did we get to snorkel in one of the islands bays and see hundreds of beautiful fish, we were also supplied with kayaks for us to enjoy and paddle boards! I thoroughly enjoyed paddle boarding over perfectly still crystal clear water... that was until I fell off repeatedly and disturbed the peaceful water surface! These snorkelling trips quickly became the highlights of my school term and I would like to give a big thank you to all the helpers!

Throughout Term 3, we trained for the 9KM Sport Northland run in Whangarei. Congratulations to all my fellow students who ran. We were all pleased with our achievements and enjoyed the new experience of running in an official race.



Azariah Ingham

Level 3 Physical Education

The Level 3 physical education students have had an awesome year. In Term 1 the students trained and participated in the Northland secondary school triathlon. In Term 2 the class took a trip to the Tutukaka coast to participate in a surf lesson. The students braved the onshore winds and large swell to go surfing for their safety assessment. All students stood up and were able to ride a wave into shore.

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

On the field learning characterises this popular subject

This was the first year teaching Primary Industries for me and seems appropriate as I had just completed a two year leave of absence from teaching, working on a Dairy Farm.

The first project for our class was to resurrect the shade house.

Over the course of the year students have grown a wide selection of vegetables and have considerably developed their gardening skills. Stella Clyde has been invaluable in

providing specific tuition and guidance for the horticulture component of this course.

Most students have achieved very well and overall the class was an excellent bunch of students who made the most of their opportunities. Many are keen to work in the Primary Industries and will make excellent future employees. With most of this year's group wanting to take Level 2 Primary Industries, and over twenty students wanting to take the subject for the first time in 2017, the fifteen places available for next year will be hotly contested.

One of the features of the Primary Industries Academy is the number of field trips we undertake.

- Big day Out: Primary Industries careers day Whangarei (Onyx Orchard and Fonterra Farm)
- Get Ahead careers day: Barge Park, Whangarei (organised by NZ Young Farmers)
- Atiu creek tree planting: Atiu Creek Regional Park, Tapanui.
- Northland Biological Farming Field Day: Te Kopuru
- Otamatea Harbour Care nursery, Paparoa
- National Field Days: Mystery Creek, Hamilton
- Hancock Forestry Management. Visit head office Whangarei and the Harvest/Planting site south of Kawakawa.
- Rural Design. Worsfold Farm Kaiwaka: Sustainable farming and Propagation nursery.
- Len Kay robotic milking dairy farm Kumeu:
- Otamatea Harbour Care: Restoration tree planting at Don McKay farm, Marohemo.
- Kerikeri and surrounds: Visiting a Goat milking farm, large scale dairy farm, citrus and kiwifruit orchards.
- One week chainsaw course with Taratahi

Marco Troost

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NETBALL

HIGHLIGHTS

Success for the Junior teams with both Team 4 & 5 taking out their respective grades at Rodney.

The AIMS team who completed their most successful year moving into B Grade for the first time. Fantastic job by Jodie and her management team.

Team 1 are to be congratulated on winning the College Cup, well done girls!

INDIVIDUALS ACCOLADES

Our Rodney Representatives this year were: Grace Kemp, Renee Allen, Maia Fairburn, Lola Smyth, Aroha Lee Connelly.

The members of the Netball North Talent ID 2016/2017 squad was selected this year

at UNISS. Congratulations to Baylee, Erin, Shuntel, Pabu, Chantel, Jayme, Portia, Tasha, Jader and Sam.

Congratulatinos to Maia Fairburn who received the Representative Sportsmanship Trophy for Y7 for Rodney.

Congratulation to Shuntel who has been selected into the Northern Netball Squad by Helene Wilson (Mystics Head Coach) to play in the Oceanic World Cup Youth Qualifier. Shuntel is one of only four players selected from the North to be mentored and coached by Helene and Jenny-May Clarkson (Coffin).

Furthermore, Shuntel and Erin Mooney have been selected by Netball NZ to participate in the "Hunt for Height" program. We wish both Shuntel and Erin success for their future.

UMPIRES

We have two stand out achievements this year for umpiring. Jodie Bennetto gained her Netball NZ thoery and Maddy Lemuleu also gained her junior badge with 100% pass on centre theory and then went on to reserve umpire for the A Grade at AIMS and umpired the B Grade semi-final. Rebecca Fletcher received the most dedicated to umpiring.



1st XI CRICKET

Winners of the Wyatt Cup



2016 was a successful year for the Samuel Stephens led cricket team as Otamatea won the Wyatt Cup for the first time since 2007.

The boys were unbeaten in their matches against Rodney College, Bream Bay College, Dargaville High School and Mahurangi College.

There were some great batting displays by Sam Stephens, Ashton Coates, Simon Parker

and Corey Slimo. The bowlers of note were Aaron Lupton and Corey Slimo with their "mystery" slow and spin bowling, and Sam, Ashton, Jason Taiaroa and Simon with their medium pace.

The final game of the season was against Mahurangi College and the winner would determine whether Mahu or Ota won the cup. Ota batted first and Sam and Ashton were batting well

until the first wicket fell at 35. There followed a dramatic collapse and we were all out for 50 runs. This was going to be very difficult to defend but great bowling spells by Sam and Aaron Lupton saw Ota dismiss the Mahu boys for 43 runs. We look forward to defending the cup in 2017.

The 2016 team included; Sam Stephens (captain), Ashton Coates, Corey Slimo, Simon Parker, Leroy Porteous, Aaron Lupton, Lee Holst, Kallum Cresswell, Jason Taiaroa, Brett Allen, Brody Shadbolt, Rhys Shadbolt, Tyler Foster, Tamati Abel.

Steve Davie-Martin (manager).



MIXED TEAM ONE HOCKEY

After a messy start to the season with grading levels Otamatea started playing in division two. We quickly moved up the points tally to be in the top 6 at play off at the end of the season. We placed in at fourth where we then had to play top seeds Whangarei pink. This was a huge game for the team going into over time twice and then two rounds of penalty shoot outs. We then went into golden goal where we won the game. This put our team into the final against Kamo. This was a great game where all our team played their hearts out. We just couldn't finish it off by getting the goals in, going down 2 - 0.

Thankyou to our coach Robyn Bruce for all the hours of trainings with the students



GIRLS SOCCER



This season the Otamatea 1st XI girls football team has been involved in positive learning experiences including team building, developing skills and thoroughly enjoying ourselves! Although we have not had a successful winning season, all players have enhanced their skills immensely, this was shown in every game that was

played. We are happy to hear that the majority of our players wants to be involved in next year's team. A big thank you to the parents and teachers who have helped throughout and of course Miss Lidington for being a fabulous dedicated coach.

Laurinda Bokma.
Holly Brunt.

MIXED HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



receiving the most valuable player certificate.

Educationally, homework was done. We visited the snow at the Remarkables, drove to Bluff, explored Southland Museum and tuatarium at Invercargill. We saw the fastest Indian bike display at E. Hayes Hardware store. We drove to Dunedin airport via the catlins enjoying the most Southern Point of the South Island - Slope Point.

The culmination of the hockey season was the Otamatea High School's Mixed Secondary School Tournament in Gore August 27th - September 2nd. The team flew into Dunedin where they climbed Baldwin Street (steepest street in the world). We had a tour of Otago University and Hayward College, visited the Cadbury Chocolate factory and The Albatross Centre, before driving to Gore on Sunday afternoon.

A great week was had in Gore with our hockey going from 'strength to strength'. We finished in 11th place with Dietrich Von Dincklage

It was an amazing week with some students visiting the South Island for the first time. Lots of new friendships were forged with other teams. Hot and colds will not be forgotten! Thank you to our management team: Tina Holst, Robyn Bruce, Bruce Alison and Mark Flannagan.

Thank you to: NZCT, PTCA, KSA<R and S Fletcher, E Parsons, the school community and our parents for help with our fundraising activities.



SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Girls' Basketball team of 2016 competed in many games against challenging teams from Northland and Reporoa. We enjoyed the games we played, learned new things and gained more skills throughout the season. The experience and knowledge earned is great and playing with these bunch of girls was awesome.

Sophia Smith



EQUESTRIAN

Tyler Porteous was one of six New Zealand juniors who had the opportunity and trip of their lives when in July they travelled to England to participate in the inaugural International Equestrian Challenge which will now be an annual event. This is a showing competition between New Zealand, Australia and

the United Kingdom. The New Zealand team won numerous individual awards and won the overall team challenge.

The competition included dressage, led pony, and flat ridden classes.

Tyler placed 2nd in the Kelly Thorpe International Class and 3rd in the led pony in the individual events.



SQUASH



August 4th – 7th saw five Otamatea High school students fly down to Palmerston North for the New Zealand Secondary School Team Squash Championships. (Annmarie Holst, Shawna Hawken, Ocean Shadbolt, Jessie Allen and Sam Allen).

Otamatea were seeded 10th out of 21 teams and started the tournament playing 7th seeds where we lost after playing many closely fought games. We then went on to win the next two games quite comfortably. Our last match was against 9th seeds who proved to be the stronger players on the day but



the girls never gave up in any of their games.

We were really pleased to hold our seeding of 10th.

At the prize giving ceremony the NZ squash team members were announced to represent NZ at the Trans Tasman Exchange against Queensland and New South Wales. Congratulations to Ocean Shadbolt who was named as the junior girl's non travelling reserve and Annmarie Holst who was named as the senior girl's non travelling reserve (Annmarie then was called up to play for the NZ team).

ANNMARIE HOLST SUCCESS IN NZ SENIOR GIRLS TEAM

Annmarie Holst played for New Zealand at the Trans Tasman Secondary School Exchange against Queensland and New South Wales.

After being named as the non travelling reserve for the NZ senior girls team, Annmarie got a last minute call up to play for the team. Annmarie thoroughly enjoyed a great week of squash playing both individuals and doubles. The senior girls team came away undefeated and NZ won the Trans Tasman series.



JUNIOR RUGBY



Taniwha Shield Rugby 2016
Otamatea / Rodney Rhinoz



JB5 2016 Team

The team took part in the qualifying tournament at the beginning of the season and were placed in the Division 1 competition. This is then split into two with the winners of the north playing the winners of the south in the final.

There were seven teams competing in the southern competition and for the third year running Otamatea went through the group stages undefeated, winning 5 and drawing the other game. The team scored 46 goals and conceded only 10 in their six matches. The senior players in the team led the way, Josh Nishitani Hart, Travis Flannagan, Mathias Damsted, and Samuel Stephens all scored hat-tricks this season but so

did one of the youngsters, Matt Hamilton. With the goals being scored freely, it was up to the defence to make sure that they were doing their job. Lochy Steadman and Blake Sims did an excellent job in the middle of the back four, ably assisted by Isaac Shepperd and Bailey Hudson. This enabled Dietrich von Dincklage to have a quieter time in goal, but when called upon he displayed some very brave goalkeeping to deny the opposition. The midfield of Nishitani-Hart, well supported by Jarod Wilson in the centre, formed a firm backbone to the team and this allowed Matt Hamilton and Tyler Flannagan to attack down the flanks and give the team the width they needed to break



down the opposition defences. The team had some strength in depth with Gian Liu, Kane Goodfellow, Joshua Linton and Alex Parr all playing their part for the team.

The final was played up near Kerikeri against a very good team from Kaitaia. The team were probably not at their

very sore shoulder. He was able to put a cross over to Travis Flannagan who found the back of the net and a 2-1 lead that the team were never going to give away. The defence held on stoutly, with Steadman leading by example. At the final whistle Otamatea had held on to win the title for the second time in three years...a great team effort.

The season was completed with the annual fixture against Reporoa College. After losing down there last season, it was important for the team to up their game this year and make amends. Reporoa got off to an excellent start scoring early and when Otamatea replied with a well taken shot from Damsted, they went straight back up the other end and made it 2-1. Josh Nishitani-Hart then began to take charge of the game and Otamatea looked a far more accomplished team than the opposition and the 6-3 final score line was testimony to a good team performance.

An excellent season and with no year 13's leaving at the end of the year, next season has the potential to be even better.

Paul Chambers

strongest with Wilson sick and Stephens injured but wanting to play with a shoulder injury. However it was not a time to make excuses and the team went out and played their heart out. Kaitaia were 1-0 up at half time but in the second half a far more determined display from the boys got us back into the game when Nishitani-Hart scored to make it 1-1. At the end of full time it was still a tie and so extra time was going to decide the fixture. Unfortunately, a head knock to Sims and Damsted struggling with cramp, allowed Stephens to enter the fray, supporting a



OHS TRIATHLON

New records set at Junior Triathlon

This year saw an increase in participation numbers from 2015 with three individual girls and four team entries.

The individual event was hotly contested by Poppy Scott, Trista Comer and Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne. Trista led at the swim but was overtaken in the bike section by Poppy Scott who held onto this lead though out the run to win with a time of 34: 30 setting a new record. Trista was not far behind with a time of 35:04.

The team event also brought in new records with the boys team of Joe Rose, Brett Allen and Jack Hodgson beating the

2015 record by 2 minutes 42 seconds. The winning girls' team of Renee Allen, Grace Kemp and Lola Smyth also beat the 2015 record with a time of 35 minutes 56 seconds. Ngapuhi were the outstanding house on the day for the inter house competition.



Senior Triathlon
New Girls Record set

Swim 500m – Bike approx. 15km – run approx. 4km Northland Secondary School intermediate winner Ocean Shadbolt makes it two wins in a row for triathlons this year. Ocean showed her expert form in the swim and the bike sections to be within seconds of the top team's athletes for both disciplines even though she had to do a gear transition between the swim and bike. It was only when it came to the run section where the teams had fresh runners that she dropped back. Ocean broke last year's record set by Tayla Perkinson by a whopping 24 minutes and 8 seconds and also came 3rd overall.



Congratulations to Monica Jaques who was second in the girls and the only other competitor to enter as an individual. Monica also did really well coming 8th overall. The teams were hotly contested with Rhys Shadbolt and Lee Holst coming in from the bike with Rhys only having a few seconds lead. Isaac Noser came out the stronger runner and took out first place for his team of Zelda Sims and Rhys Shadbolt.



Year 12 student Travis Flannagan won this year's road race, finishing in a time of 20.15 with a clear win. Second place went to Lee Holst.

ROAD RACE



Year 9 student Hayley Linton (9th overall) took out the girl's race for a third year in a row improving on her last years' time by 35 seconds. Second place was year 8 student Trista Comer ahead of year 8 student Sophie Gribble . 151 students finished the road race ahead of last year's 146 students. The day was perfect for running being slightly overcast and only a gentle breeze.

HOUSE RESULTS

Entry numbers were very close between all the houses.

- 1st Ngapuhi – 83 points
- 2nd Maniapoto – 65 points
- 3rd Arawa – 61 points
- 4th Whatua – 31 points

CROSS COUNTRY



Tyler Porteous
Winner Senior Girls



Raymond Taito
Winner Junior Boys

The day proved mainly fine and windy with a rain shower during the last races of the day. There were 206 students involved in the event. The Level One PE class were chief organisers and did a great job of making sure all students knew what to do and where to go.

		GIRLS		BOYS	
SUB JUNIORS	WINNER	POPPY SCOTT	N	JOSHUA SHEPPARD	W
	RUNNER UP	ASHER TITO	A	BEN DONALD	A
JUNIOR	WINNER	TRISTA COMER	N	RAYMOND TAITO	W
	RUNNER UP	HAYLEY LINTON	A	KEANUA TAIAROA	N
INTERMEDIATE	WINNER	OCEAN SHADBOLT	M	ISAAC SHEPPARD	W
	RUNNER UP	HOLLY KENYON	M	BAILEY HUDSON	N
SENIOR	WINNER	TYLER PORTEOUS	N	RHYS SHADBOLT	W
	RUNNER UP	MONICA JAQUES	M	LOCHY STEEDMAN	A

The House competition was won comfortably by Ngapuhi House, but the other 3 houses were separated by only 15 points! Runner Up were Maniapoto, 3rd Arawa and 4th Whatua



REPOROA

SPORTS

Exchange

Historical exchange showcases talent, resilience and sportsmanship

This year's exchange had a completely different feel about it as the traditional billeting arrangements had to be changed because of the new Vulnerable Children's Act regulations affecting schools. However, both schools adapted to the changes and showed the true spirit of this long lasting sports rivalry. Reporoa were billeted at the school and parents from Otamatea provided their evening meal to get them welcomed to the school.



By the time Reporoa arrived at Maungaturoto, they were already 1-0 down in the series. The girl's hockey was played on the new turf at Warkworth. This year Otamatea have fielded two mixed teams in the Northland Schools competition and so the girls were coming together for only the second time this year as a team. They soon came together as a team and began to dominate their opponents. At half time the girls were 4-0 up and a further 3 goals in the second half gave the girls a comfortable 7-0 victory. Monica Jaques (3), Annmarie

Holst (2), Hayley Linton, Bridgette Hosford were the scorers.



Sunday evening the basketballers had their opportunity to shine. The girls were on the back foot having only had two games this year, playing a team who are going to the nationals next month. Reporoa took charge of the game and were able to score quite freely. However, Otamatea did not give up and showed great resilience to play hard to the final whistle. Score 15-62.

The boys then came on court to follow up on their victory last year. Danyon Tana has coached and organised the team and they followed his game plan to perfection. They were able to press the opposition and prevent them from getting out of their own half and soon had a comfortable lead. They were able to relax and score at will with an excellent all round team game. Score 64-33.

Monday, after Reporoa were welcomed in assembly, the debate kicked off. "Should Teenagers have a stronger voice in Society" was the moot. Otamatea argued for and Reporoa against. Even after a spirited debate from our side,

the judges agreed with Reporoa and decided that teenagers did not need a stronger voice in society.



Squash was included in the exchange again this year after a couple of year's absence. There were three matches played between the schools with students grading points matched up for competitive games. Both Lee Holst and Brody Shadbolt showed dominance against their players winning in three sets. Jenna Swadling had a hard match going down in three sets. An overall win for squash 3 - 2



The 1st XI Footballers kicked off next and Otamatea entered the game unbeaten this season. However, Reporoa soon got stuck in and were 1-0 up in the opening 10 minutes. Otamatea came back and after 20 minutes equalised, only to see Reporoa win a penalty straight from the kick off and lead again 2-1. Josh Nishitani-Hart then began to dominate the game as Otamatea went out to a 4-2 lead and in the second half

completed the win 6-3. Goals from Flannagan (2), Nishitani-Hart (2), Damsted and young Tyler Flannagan.

The netballers played next at mid-day and showed their experience and talent as they took charge of the game after the first quarter. At this point Reporoa had stayed in touch, but for the rest of the game Otamatea dominated. Excellent shooting from Shuntel Rika and Jayme Curtis from distance was a highlight of the game, but they would not get these opportunities but for the hard work of the players behind them. Score 55-24.



The Rugby this year was a 7's game played over four, seven minute quarters, which really tests the stamina of the students. Rhys Shadbolt led the team with all 11 players participating. With the success of Otamatea on the rugby field this year on Saturday's, the players were full of confidence and too strong for the opposition. They comfortably won displaying some excellent team and individual performances. Score 55-15.



OHS SCHOOL BALL 2016

A night at the Carnival

The Carnival atmosphere is unique, the aroma of popcorn and cotton candy in the air and a look of joy on people's faces.

Congratulations to King and Queen of the evening; Savea Saua and Erin Mooney, Prince and Princess Tane Aitken and Rowena Allardyce and Beau and Belle Anthony Kim and Parekaahu Paiea. Best Dressed went to Shaniqua Maaka, and cutest couple went to Shawna Hawken and Brody Shadbolt. A huge thank you to the band Kurfew for the great entertainment through-out the night and also to Jason Stitt, our amazing photographer.



7N

Back Row: Joshua Stephens, Max Tornquist, Joshua Sheppard, Raatapu Nathan-Jenkins, Teina Whare Paikea, Candace Smith, Coryn Yorke, Charlette Myburg

Middle Row: Sarah Campbell-Winter, Toby Hudson, Faith Maaka, Jim Holcroft, Sophia King, Alana Yardley, Flynn Powell, Mrs N Alcock

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Absent: Poppy Scott



7&8 E

Back Row: Amber-Jade French, Shamiah Jamieson, Conner Quirk, Amy Tohu, Te Hiru Flavell, Tawhetu Phillips, Manea Turner-Bennett, Tuhiwai Morgan, Brett Allen, Joel Taylor-Whitehead

Middle Row: Mrs T Christie, Selena Adams, Finn Paton, Ben Donald, Leon Mansell-Clark, Damin Edwards, Kieran Fergus, Ronin Davis, Mina Fairburn, Jack Hodgson

Front Row: Ashlie Huggett, Saff Morgan, Lilly Hosford, Tai Walker, Connor Sands, Ava Macdonald, Milan Nicol, Blaire Langman

Absent: Tara Moyle



8N

Back Row: Lola Smyth, Grace Kemp, Kylah Slack, Macee Latimer, Teina Seager, Jaden Sheppard, Sam Woolley, Joshua Aitken

Middle Row: Abby Cant, Cheylsye Flannagan, Amy Lawrence, Renee Allen, Bryce Phillips, Amber Corble, Joe Rose, Manaia Butler, Jade Bickerton

Front Row: Charlotte Thurgood, Ben Hooton, Calesto Mills, Samuel Parker, Cory Browne, Emma Hosford, Franklin Fisher, Madeline Daniels

Absent: Lucy Gilligan, Kyrin Harris, Shayla Hyndman



8S

Back Row: Odin Dalkie, Brenda Ferguson, Asher Tito, Sophie Gribble, Summer Kenyon, Natasha Mannington, Aroha Connelly-Nahi, Boyd Wintle, Wyatt Wheeler

Middle Row: Mr M Blackstock, Grace Stephens, Sara Jansen, Tiana Whare Paikea, Adriana Phillips, Andrew Birt, Jayden O'Keefe, Zayde Wyatt, Emma Britton

Front Row: Cyrus Davis, Nicholas Jelas, Keanu Taiaroa, Eliza Rockell, Trista Comer, Alida Spencer, Zane Crum, Chloe McGowan

Absent: Ashlyn Brunson

9N

Back Row: Kelly Huband, Ayla Driver, Maggie Hames, Cameron Phillips, Romero Madsen

Middle Row: Summer Miru, Brayden Grigg, Brady Foster, Christine Patrick, Toni Tornquist, Mrs L Getz

Front Row: Katrina Poyner, Bipasa Patel, Hunter Goodfellow, Tiva Kingi, Willow Tito, Juliana Bangcong, Vanessa Langman

Absent: Rikki Atkin, Jonas Cassin, Blake Muir, Kyle Reid, Matangi Tito, Chloe Wheeler



9N

Back Row: Lance Allardyce, Jacob Fox, Hamish Ferguson, Shaquan Shaw-Gray

Middle Row: Mrs T Brown, Tyrone Maaka, Koby Worsell, Denzal Peeni, Bob Hamlin, Tyler Young, Miss A Liddington

Front Row: Emma Huband, Crystal-Rain Nicholson, Ripeka Craig, Summer Ford, Lexi Porteous, Katie Ferguson, Rochelle Woods

Absent: Makayla Aitken, Brayden Mills, Huia Nathan-Jenkins, Shannon Nightingale



9S

Back Row: Petuera Kingi, Tane Nepia, Tyrone De Ardenne, Devan Slack, Jeff Smith

Middle Row: Chrish-chell Tuhiwai, Cecilie Daniels, Ethan Tautari, Karl Von Dincklage, Jacob Butler, Raymond Taito, Takirangi Paikea, Kayla Reid, Mr B Alison

Front Row: Jemma Kurupo, Laura Mickell, Amy-ee Sheppard, Paige Kenyon, C.J Smart, Paris Rika, Stacey Liu, Vanessa Andersen, Hayley Linton

Absent: Cassidy Allen, Blake Jackson, Ben Hodge





10E

Back Row: Matthew Hamilton, Alex Parr, Flynn Gilmour, Kayne Goodfellow

Middle Row: Hannah Cant, Jeremiah Cosgrave-Brogtrop, Benicio Van Zwijndregt, Quintin Brown, Isaac Sheppard, Klasina Sewell

Front Row: Danni McKie, Micaela Tornquist, Tasha Perrett, Jayme Curtis, Maddy Lemuelu, Nikayla Abel

Absent: Blossom Connelly, Leah Hodge, Daniel Rakoa



10N

Back Row: Ethan Trembath, Zack Hamlin, Caleb Royds, Mason Wintle

Middle Row: Mr J Laue, Niki Stoddart, Emma Millard, Cole Doyle, Lucas Beeler, Jade Reid, Tayla Allardyce

Front Row: Jenna Swadling, Samantha Andersen, Bridgette Hosford, Kinga Harding, Kalib Sunley, Suzy Hames, Jade Tornquist, Julia Mickell

Absent: Jaime Kurupo, Rip Linehan, Chance Ratima, Hayden Wharfe



10S

Back Row: Tyler Flannagan, Jeremy McCallum, Damien Hayes, Connor Mitchell, Levi Guffogg, Brandon Roberts-Murphy

Middle Row: Mr M Crisp, Braeden Yardley, Beck Goodyear, Chevy Turner-Bennett, Bailey Baker, Shicane Storey, Hyde Massey

Front Row: Eliana Kerrigan, Rosasharn Vincent, Portia Wehi, Ocean Shadbolt, Raiha Patrick, Kathleen Craig, Mya Lawrence, Suzy Thomas

Absent: Waimarie Nathan-Jenkins

Year 11

Back Row: Dietrich Von Dincklage, Sam Daniels, Ben Smith, David Day, Samuel Stephens, Mathias Damsted, Faun Driver, Aaron Lupton, Simon Parker

4th Row: Sunil Tohu, Dylan Huggett, Louis Cosgrave-Brogtrop, Kayden French, Tyler Foster, Xavier Brown, Ewan Smith, Claude Smyth, Leroy Porteous, Gian Liu, Jimmy Watson, James White, Kasey Ata, Mr S Davie-Martin

3rd Row: Chas Mikaere, Corey Slimo, Laurinda Bokma, Annmarie Holst, Jayde Holloway, Stella Atkin, Seb Nowell, Daniel Taylor, Matthew Riddlestone, Patrick Butler, Jason Taiaroa, Abigail Mason, Anthony Kim, Shyla Hodge, Lucy Randell, Jessica Allen, Brianna Thurgood

2nd Row: Natalie Birt, Molly Curnow, Curtis Stanaway, Bailey Hudson, Holly Brunt, Rubin Paikea, Parekaahu Paikea, Erin Kingi, Kimberlee Mannington, Zoe Meehan, Piripi Craig, Jarrod Hayes, Alyssa Kiddie-Williams, Holly Anderson, Teighan Lloyd, Mrs L Getz

Front Row: Kayla Joyce, Zelda Sims, Hannah Mills, Elissa Britton, Tewairipo Tito, Holly Kenyon, Adara Clements, Te Arna Matafeo, Jader Fairburn, Chantel Shadbolt, Adele Boniface, Stacey Walker, Erin Corble, Mark Langman, Jahnessa Davis, Jodie Lannie



Absent: Jack Frost, Devan Gabbitas, Jess Grigg, Shawna Hawken, Caleb Hayes, Madison Holloway, Rory Matheson, Callum McConchie, Ryan Owens, Jesse Tautari, Jared Wilson

Year 12

Back Row: Blake Sims, Max Daniels, Brody Shadbolt, Jason Gilpin, Tamati Abel, Shuntel Rika

3rd Row: David Day, Fabian Dalebrook, Lee Holst, Samantha Allen, Travis Flannagan, Joshua Nishitani-Hart, Daniel Osborne, Samantha Cawkwell-Troost, Lenhy Massey, Azariah Ingham

Middle Row: Tori Taylor, David Hames, Sophia Smith, Latina Te Awa, Rhys Shadbolt, Kate Cawkwell-Troost, Kalani Wehi, Nelson Gilmour, Daniel Dykins, Sam Nowell, Liana Reid, Greer Sanger, Mr G Skipper

Front Row: Jordyn Bold, Joshua Linton, Hanna Saito, Sammy Hammon, Bianca Bangcong, Cailean Ritchie, Callum Lowrie, Jacob Beeler, Kallum Cresswell, Chloe Archer, Kezrah Powley-Anderson, Ruka Takashima, Miriana Littlejohn

Absent: Tane Aitken, Rowena Allardyce, Ana Fairburn, Tyler Porteous, Lochy Steedman, Britney Wallace



Year 13

Back Row: Jesper Smyth, Jamahl Robinson, Tony Walker, Joshua Royds, Benjamin Davies Saua, Erin Mooney, Joel Stephens, Cam Lupton, Danyon Tana

Middle Row: Ashton Coates, Sammie Edwards, Oskar Harding, Baylee Van Dalsum, Reuben Elmbranch-Singh, Gabriella Seager, Danielle Hyland, Monica Jaques, Emma Rankin

Front Row: Kelly Mace, Jessica Linton, Ruby-Rose Hallamore, Rita Hames, Mrs R Clothier-Simmonds, Ms A Bosch, Emily Parker, Josephine Maaka, Renee Forbes

Absent: Michelle Baker, Michelle Clark, Kate Hallissey, Raajiv Kumar, Shaniqua Maaka, Natasha Tornquist





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Ashton Coates

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Tyler Porteous

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Joshua Royds

Senior Victrix Ludorum
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Senior Victor Ludorum
(Webster Brothers Cup)

Joshua Nishitani-Hart

First in Year 11
(OHS Board of Trustees Cup)

Molly Curnow

Student Exhibiting School Spirit
(Te Jay Cup)

Dietrich Von Dincklage

First in Year 12
(Neil McKay Trophy)

Samantha Cawkwell-Troost

Excellence in Year 12 English & Science
(R & F Tornquist Trophy)

Samantha Allen

Most Promising Student Returning to School
(Thompson Trophy)

Joshua Nishitani-Hart

Best Aggregate of Science Subjects in Year 13
(Fonterra Cup and Scholar)

Danielle Hyland

General Excellence by a Senior Student
(D A Finlayson Cup)

Rita Hames

Best All Round Maori Pupil
(Rennie Trophy)

Benjamin Davies Saua



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