

OTA 2014





EDITORIAL

Welcome and Thanks

It's been a huge year filled with some awesome wins that we can celebrate, some losses that we can learn from supplemented by a lot of fun. The OTA14 school magazine is all about taking a moment to highlight some of the events and activities that have gone on throughout the year, but by no means is a complete list of everything that happened. To create a magazine of that level would require a lot more pages and time.

That being said we hope you enjoy looking back with us at a year that has come and gone rather quickly and yet been full to overflowing with great memories and wonderful achievements.

There are plenty of people to thank for the part that they have played in putting this together. All of the teachers and students who wrote articles, took pictures or told stories, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I know that you are all so very busy and to fit in the extra role of putting content together for this has been over and above the call of duty.

I would especially like to thank the previous editor Ann Kingsford for sitting through the many questions I had and indulging me often in the middle of classes. A big thanks to year 10 student Jera Stanley for the brilliant job she has done on the cover artwork. The majority of this was done outside of class time and her vision, design and rendering has brought about something perfect for this year's magazine.

On a personal note, I would like to take a moment to wish all of those who are coming to the end of their journey at Otamatea High School all the very best for the future. Someone once said that the future is what you make of it. Although we can't always control what happens to us in life, we can choose how we respond to it. I hope that you all are able to face whatever comes your way with grace, patience and above all courage, for it is courage that will see you through the hardest of times and it is courage that will help you to learn from every experience that you face. After all we don't stop learning when we leave school it is just that our classroom becomes a whole lot bigger.

Jon E Clist
OTA14 Editor & Designer

STOP THE PRESS

ASB Northland Secondary School's Sports Awards Congratulating Northland's Best Emerging Sporting Talent. Otamatea High School can be very proud of the following students who were selected as finalists for the ASB awards.

Jasmine Sampson - Netball
Cullen Curtis - Motocross
Tyler Porteous - Equestrian (showing)
Shuntel Rika - Tennis
Connor van Dalsum - Tennis
Danyon Tana - Tennis

The Awards evening was held on the 30th October to announce the winners for each code.

Congratulations to our Code winners

Cullen Curtis
Tyler Porteous
Danyon Tana
Shuntel Rika.





Back Row: Philippa Randell, Paul Morrison, Elizabeth Van Den Berg, Debi Walters, Steve Davie-Martin, Bruce Alison, Catherine Pilkington, Guy Smith, Dave Burnell, Mark MacKenzie

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2nd Row: Ann Kingsford, Barry Corlett, Eileen Parsons, Lana Parkinson, Sue Poynter, Sally Green, Lauriean Getz, Christine Laue, Paul Cathersides

Front Row: Paul Chambers, Wayne MacLennan, Dirk Smyth, Lyndsay Whitehead, Rachel Clothier-Simmonds, Roy Fletcher, Shane O'Mahony, John Laue, Monique Myburgh, Kendra Greenwood

Absent: Arina Bosch, Rebecca Clist, Nicky Cotching, Dara Mateeva, Jenny Reid, Lyn Griffiths, Deborah Cornhill-Davies, Tina Holst, Miriam Crosby, Jon Clist,



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PRINCIPAL'S

Report

across the school have enjoyed using these modern learning environments. We have also benefited from the new school vans and more recently the newly purchased chromebooks.

Term One proved to be a very action packed term including school athletics, swimming, Olla Podriga, the Japanese exchange trip and kapa haka at Te Tai Tokerau festival. The talent of Otamatea students on display at these events continues to astound me. It is truly special when young people push themselves to reach their potential. It also inspires others to give of their best.

Terms two and three continued in the same vein with many activities and opportunities for our young people to shine. Success was again evidenced at the various sporting competitions, Rockquest, The OTA Arts Festival, Reporoa Exchange programme, Mathex and Nga Manu Korero. The Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award programme also continues to be a wonderful opportunity for many students to advance their skills and build their character.

In Term Three we opened our doors to the Education Review Office (ERO) to check on the school's progress since the 2012 report. The conclusion of the confirmed report states: *"Otamatea High School is well led, managed and governed. Leaders and teachers review the quality of teaching and pastoral care so that students learn and achieve in a supportive and affirming environment. Student achievement, including that of Māori students, continues to improve."*

We have been granted the three year cycle which is an endorsement of our ability to continue to build sustainable practices. This report is a positive reflection of the hard work and dedication of the senior leaders, school staff and BOT over the last few years. Well done to everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a refreshing summer break. Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Rachel Clothier-Simmonds
Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S

Report

7 performance. The year 9 students handled the very difficult subject of suicide. I was initially a bit concerned about the subject matter, but it was developed in an emotionally sensitive, mature and constructive way. The senior drama students were very game doing a routine that I haven't seen since I last saw a demonstration of Theatresports. It was great how they were willing to let us have some huge "belly" laughs at their expense. In addition, the art work on display in E block was superb, as were the imaginative efforts that went in to creating the wearable arts costumes. Every artist did extremely well and I mustn't forget the thought provoking, enigmatic films of Joseph Hoshino.

Reporoa was a highlight because it was our most successful exchange for many years. Frequently we have had to be gracious in defeat, but this time we had the opportunity to practise being humble in victory. Although I am biased because I am the coach, I thought the debate was the most confident display I have seen from a Otamatea debate team for many years. It was also great to see Otamatea field a fifteen aside rugby team again after a hiatus of a few years. Well done to the players, coaches, parents and other supporters who made this happen.

I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and I wish all students get the success in their examinations that they deserve.

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Chairperson's Report

It's not until you sit down to remember the past year that you realise so much has happened.

2014 has been a year of growth, development and strength with many positives. The school roll had a large increase to 450 and with that an increase in staffing and funding which has been utilised throughout the year to support the school in improving student achievement.

The school has had a successful year with great results for our sports teams competing at regional and national competitions. Our newly formed shooting team were placed third in their competition and the strength of many others saw outstanding placings. These are varied from our football & rugby teams to Rock Quest, Maths Olympiad and speech finals.

The 49th Reporoa Exchange hosted by us was a highlight as our teams dominated, thanks to the support of our coaches and managers that give their time to develop our young teams. We look forward to celebrating the milestone of fifty years of this exchange in 2015. This year we farewell three support staff and wish them well. Our teaching staff have been supportive of each other and

through ongoing PLD have grown their skills and strength. The OTA Way has been embedded into the school's routines and culture, with the foundations now in place to see a safer and more respectful environment.

The Board committed to progress in the Year 7/8 area of the School and has seen the 1st stages of the playground and learning area developed. This has been a thirty year wait for the community. We have seen the junior school start to grow their own identity and improve the learning environment. Science and Maths have been taught by subject teachers in the junior school and Maths Whizz was funded for Year 7-10 both have seen improved outcomes.

The Board supported the purchase of Chromebooks which are now used over many subjects and supported the trialling of 'Bring Your Own Devices' in Year 12 & 13. This has complemented the upgraded computer rooms and given more opportunities to students to access the internet based teaching which is supported by classroom learning.

We have invested in new library books and another \$30,000 into other learning areas. Next year the technology block will get some upgrades.



With a positive ERO report endorsing the school's future direction and the continual improvement in school wide results, next year will see big gains from the hard work put into the school by all. The Board would like to thank our senior managers, teaching and support staff, students and families in helping to build a wonderful school.

Our sincere wishes to all students sitting final exams and congratulations to everyone on their achievements during the year. Have a well earned Christmas holiday. 2015 will be an exciting year.

Wayne Linton
Chairman



2014
Diary

August

10-12th Reporoa Sports Exchange
15th Barista Competition Whangarei
19th Sport Northland Netball Tournament
21st Ota Arts Festival
26th Hockey Mufti Day
27th Badminton Tournament

September

1st Boys Hockey Tournament
1st Girls Hockey Tournament
1st Netball Uniss
10th Year 7 & 8 Netball AIMS Games
10-11th Puss In Boots Senior Drama Production
18th Ngati Whatua Science Wananga
22nd Junior Kapa Haka Trip to Waikouaiti
27th Holidays

October

13th Term 4 Began
18th Pet Day
21st Music Trip to Mainz
23rd Mufti Day Pink Ribbon
27th Labour Day

November

1st DOE Bronze Trip to Peach Cove
1st DOE Silver Trip to Tangihua
15th DOE Bronze Qualifier to Mt Pirongia
15th DOE Bronze Qualifier to Cape Brett
19th Special Olympics
26th Rainbows End Trip
28th Waka Ama Races at Kai Iwi Lakes

January

29th School is in session

February

4-5th Year 7, 9 and 10 Camps
6th Waitangi Day
21st DOE Silver Excursion to Kaiwaka
25th School Athletics

March

10th Staff Only Day
11th Enviroschools Clean up
14th Waka Ama Comp Dargaville
15th DOE Bronze Pinnacles Qualifier
18th Meet The Teachers
25th Kapa Haka Wananga Otamatea Marae

April

3rd DOE School Social
4th DOE Mufti Day
9th Olla Podriga
15th Tai Tokerau Festival Trip
16th Drama Shakespeare Competition
18th Holidays!!!

May

5th Term 2 Began
7th Shooting Team to Kaitaia
8th Careers Expo
20th School Cross Country
22nd Year 7 & 8 Exchange with Bream Bay

June

2nd Queens Birthday
5th Lower North Cross Country
11th Shooting Team to Kaikohe
11th Special Olympics
19th World Vision Mufti Day
19th -18th Life Education Bus
27th Northland Squash Tournament

July

5th Holidays
18th School Ball
21st Term 3 Began
21st Maori Language Week

STUDENT Council



Back Row: Leslie Shum, Dylan Sims, Cameron Gill, Jim Bokma, Alex Damsted
2nd Row: Nina Linnell, Ayla Wehi, Jordyn Smith, Ly Sang Kim, Breanna Taito, Nikita Butler, Miss A Kingsford
Front Row: Ellen Nelder, James Finlay, Sophia Butler, Kelsey Orford, Shelby Ata, Harri Millar, Lulu Smith, Celia Bailey



HEAD BOY Report

So we've reached that time of the year when we inevitably start to reflect on all that has happened over the last four terms. For me, and the rest of the year 13's however, this time of the year is not just about remembering everything that has taken place since the start of 2014, but since the start of our time here at Otamatea. I don't want to ramble on and get all sentimental here, partly because no one really wants me too, but mainly because Mr. Clist will be rapping my knuckles across the desk if I don't get this article in before lunchtime. I will, however say that it has been quite a (ahem)... journey. A lot has changed since I began here; we welcomed the introduction of the buttered chicken topper to the school canteen; the vertical form time changed, then changed again, then changed back to what it was to begin with; and John Key was re-elected twice.

Facepalm-inducing attempts at humour aside, it does feel good to have arrived at this point: the conclusion of our last year at high school...and what a year it's been! The highlight for me, and many others

I'm sure, would be this year's Reporoa exchange. We really pulled together as a school and recorded a convincing win on home soil. It was one of the moments where you really felt proud to be a part of Otamatea. Our year 13 group also took part in our school's own 'Relay for Life' event at the Country Club (raising money for the Cancer Society), and hosted a successful Avatar-themed ball in July. As a school we also experienced success with our 40 Hour Famine efforts, raising over \$4000 for the cause. I'd like to take my hat off to the prefects who worked hard to make these things come together.

Next year us year 13's all move on to bigger and better things (or so they keep telling us, anyway), and the rest of you students are suddenly going to have to cope with the tremendous void created by our absence. But don't despair, you'll get through it... Make the most of what Otamatea has to offer; get amongst it, and sooner or later you'll forget about how much you even miss us. Another tip: be prepared to learn... Just take a look at us year 13's; we've got information coming



out of ears, and occasionally even our mouths #lifelonglearners #theOTAWay. In saying this, however, with all the knowledge that OHS has given us, we are still unsure about something; one burning question still remains... What on earth happened to the common room fridge? Stay groovy, people.

James



Kia ora. I am *Philippa Randell* and a new teacher to Otamatea High School. My husband Owen and I have very recently moved from West Auckland to Mangawhai and I am delighted to be now teaching at Otamatea. We have 3 adult daughters who are busy pursuing careers in Journalism, Psychology and the Arts. We have been holidaying at Waipu Cove for years and love Northland. I am really appreciative of the warm welcome that I have received by both students and staff at Otamatea.

Kia ora, my name is *Bruce Alison* and I am the new PE teacher at Otamatea High School. I have recently graduated as a teacher and am relishing the opportunity of working at such a fantastic school. I am interested in all sports and am keen on any outdoor activities, I fish, dive, and hunt whenever I can. I also am an avid power-lifter and am enjoying the wonderful community gym facilities the

school has on offer. I am enjoying working with students and parents and the great staff here at Otamatea.

My name is *Steve Davie-Martin* and I am the new Ngapuhi Dean, Year 7 homeroom teacher, and Geography and Tourism teacher. I was born and bred in the Warkworth area, where my parents had a dairy farm. I travelled extensively in Europe and the Middle East when in my 20's. I have also travelled widely in New Zealand. I attended Lincoln University and Dunedin College of Education. I have 3 teenage children and a 12 year old step-son to be. I have been teaching for 10 years in Dargaville. I am looking forward to getting to know the Otamatea High School community.

Hi I am *Richard Reed* and although I was born in NZ but grew up in UK (My family came to NZ in 60s on the '10 Pound' tickets but returned to UK three years later.) I have

worked in the Residential & Commercial building industry for over 20 years. I even ran my own property maintenance and digger hire companies. I have two grown-up children and one grand-daughter. I am looking forward to helping make the school a safe environment for students, staff & visitors.

Hi I am *Tina Holst* and I am delighted to be working as the Sports Coordinator for Otamatea High school. I have lived in Maungaturoto all my life except for my University years. I have always been involved in sports in one way or another - whether playing myself or managing or assisting with sport. I would like to work more closely with all Sporting Clubs in the Otamatea Area to increase sports participation for all Otamatea Students. This can be from a competitive perspective or purely for the enjoyment of getting out and being active on a regular basis.

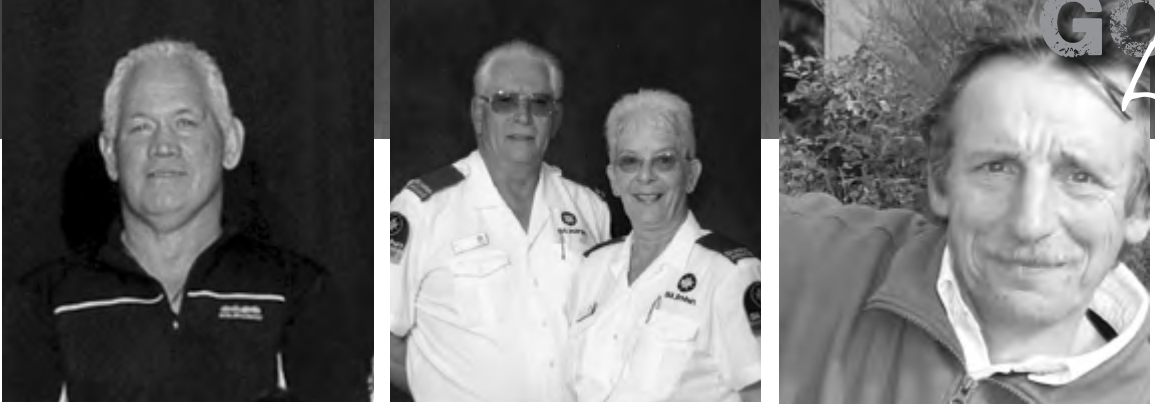
THE PREFECTS



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Front Row: Ellen Nelder, Sophia Butler, Alex Damsted, James Finlay, Shelby Ata, Harri Millar, Kelsey Orford, Lulu Smith



GOODBYE Au Revoir



Wuzz Phillips, a past pupil, who left Otamatea High School this year, was the Sports Co-ordinator and Family Liaison Officer for over 10 years. He was passionate about supporting students in their sporting endeavours and was keen for the students to do well in all aspects of school. His own successes as a North Auckland rugby player led him to a direct and uncompromising training and coaching approach. Many students have both survived and benefited from this over the years. Wuzz was committed to helping the students at Otamatea in the best way he could during his time here. *By Lindsay Whitehead*

Len and Paddy Dunn were already at OHS when I returned from the Cook Islands in 1997. Paddy was the caretaker and Len did some cleaning and also drove one of the school buses. Both of Paddy's children also attended OHS. Alan is an IT support staff leader in a large Auckland law firm and Rona is married to a lawyer in Kaitia and has three children.

Paddy and Len have also been heavily involved in St John while in Maungaturoto. Len has been the leader of the "Caring Caller" scheme, organising callers in the Lower North area to make a friendly phone call every few days to lonely people.

If you have called the ambulance during the weekends in the last ten years, it is likely that Paddy has been one of the ambulance officers who answered. She has also been in charge of training most of the new ambulance officers in our area. The Dunns will be missed, both at school and in the community. *By Wayne MacLennan*

Bryn Davies joined the school at the beginning of 2004 and quickly established himself as a valuable member of the Otamatea staff. Bryn took great pride in preparing the grounds for inter school fixtures, regardless of which sporting code it was for. He was always willing to come in during his own time to ensure the grounds were in their best condition for athletics, cross country or any weekend fixtures.

Bryn often came to ask how the students had got on in their matches and was a passionate supporter of the school.

He was always looking for ways to make improvements to how the inter-house sports were presented whilst making it easier for the staff running the events.

He will be missed, but we hope he has a long and happy retirement. *By Paul Chambers*

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THE YEAR 7 & 8 SYNDICATE

It's All Happening

The Year 7 and 8 Syndicate has been humming along nicely this year and exciting things are happening...

What does it look like?

We have four homerooms in which students this year learn the core subjects of English and Social Studies with the same teacher. With lovely new furniture, our newly finished learning common area is a great space to spread out and work outside the classroom and gather as a group.

We have an activities afternoon every Friday where students choose their activity and hopefully get their first or second choice. There are all sorts of options from softball, tapuwae and making Christmas crafts, to film study or wood carving.

To keep us all busy at break times we now have PE gear issued by Year 8 monitors and our much awaited playground- which is just for the Intermediate students- is installed.

Every second week we have a Syndicate Assembly when we look at what is coming up and celebrate our students' achievements.

As we look ahead there will be more opportunities for leadership, responsibility and activities for our Intermediate students who are so capable and ready to thrive!

By Philippa Randall



Christmas crafts



Baking



Softball



Tapuwae

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

of the Year 7's

First Impressions from Year 7
From being a role model to being the smallest in the school. That was my first day at Otamatea in a baggy uniform with bubbles of nervousness floating about inside of me.

This really was such a big change for me because before I was only five minutes away from school and now I had to walk for half an hour to get to school. I was by myself and it seemed such a long time as I walked up and down hills to get to school.

Everyone looked so tall! It felt like I was the odd one out and now there were butterflies in my tummy, as well as the bubbles. It was not like I was going to be lonely because my friends were coming to this school as well. For the day we were with Miss Kingsford in class doing activities and some work, but Mr Alison and Mrs Myburgh came to say hello to us as well.

At the end of the day I was confident that I would do well at Otamatea High School.
Bipasa Patel

After a restless night I woke up with butterflies in my tummy.

As I walked to school I felt a whole lot of emotions.

We went into the hall and met our grandparents and mine was a Year 13 girl called Jess. The hall was big. While I was there we were put into our classes and met our home room teacher. Miss Kingsford took us to our room and later Mrs Myburgh came to see us and so did Mr Alison.

I didn't know if it was going to be a good day, but it was.
Vanessa Langman

We did a spelling test and it was hard. That was on the first day.

I got a ride to school with Koby. We had our art folders but forgot them and left them in the car. When we got out it was good to see some of the Kaiwaka kids because we didn't know anyone else.

Suddenly the bell rang and I didn't know what to do, so I just followed everyone to the hall.

When we got to the class and met our teacher I sat next to Brayden because he was the only boy I knew in my class.
Jacob Butler

The bus is usually half empty, but even without other students it feels small and cramped and it's like I can't breathe.

My shoes hit the hard concrete and suddenly I see everyone I know. They are talking in groups on the courts.

I walk into the class and take the closest table with my friend, Bipasa. Other friends sit in seats nearby... and then five boys sit down. We are sharing with five boys!

I didn't feel anxious because my brother had shown me around school, but then the classes were empty and it was a bit hard to remember what he said.

For now I look awkwardly at my friend. The teacher hasn't said anything and nobody else speaks. Then it gets started.

When the lesson ends I go up to Miss Kingsford.

"Um. Ahh, mmmm," I start off, then I say, "where is E?"

She tells me, but my mind is paralysed so Bipasa leads me away. At least she remembers. But I was tired! So tired. I had not slept at all the night before.
Ayla Driver

"Are you ready to go Jemma!?" Mum yelled at me down the hallway. I was too busy doing my hair up right, looking hard into the mirror. "Jemma!" "Yes!, okay, I'm coming!" When I sat in the car, I had shivers racing up my spine, faster than mum was driving. "Damn, I'm so late for work," she mumbled. She parked beside the school and let us out the door, but as soon as she drove off I felt the wind forcing me towards the school office.

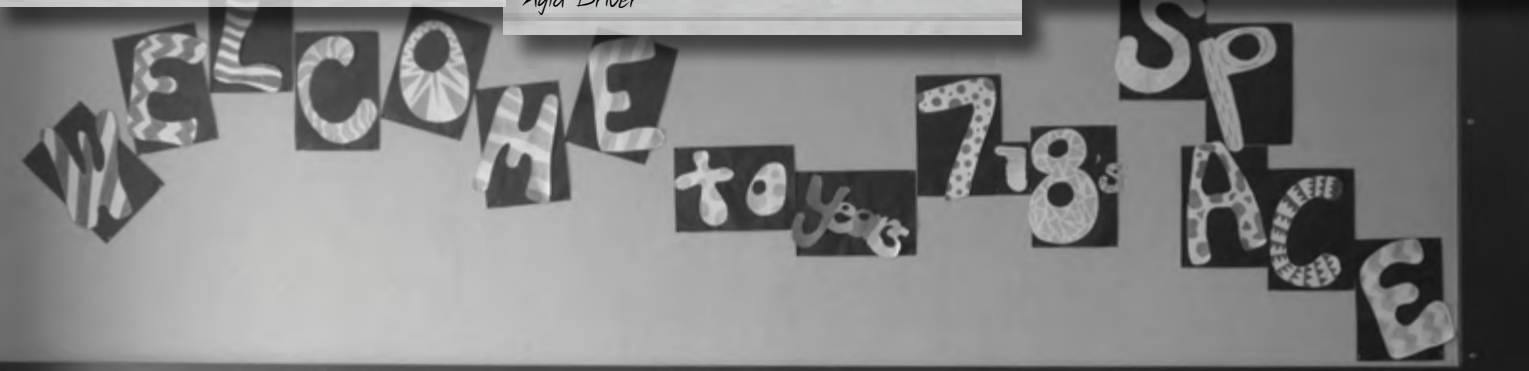
I walked in the office and sat down on the couch holding my breath as long as I could. But then... "STOMP, STOMP, STOMP", I saw a teacher walking straight towards us. Then I had to let my breath go. "Hello, my name is Mr. Smith, good to see you here." Mr. Smith shook my hand and showed me around the school. "BRING!" I started to shake even more when the bell rang. I walked over to assembly, sat down and listened to the teacher on the stage for half an hour.

After assembly I sat down in maori as the teacher spoke. "Everyone, we have a new student, her name is Jemma, please make her feel very welcome when she doesn't feel well. As soon as kids heard her, they all made me feel so welcome. I got lots of friends and had a good day. Otamatea High School wasn't so scary after all!

THE END!!!
Jemma Kurupo 7N

I felt nervous when I got dropped off at the bus stop but I was very excited at the same time. My friends and I were anxious the whole bus ride. The suspense was intense. As we arrived at the school I ran off the bus to try and see everything.

It was amazing to see all the new things that were not at primary school. There are many new subjects such as: food tech, metal tech, wood tech, textiles and so on. I think Otamatea is a great school and I can't wait for the future years.
Tyler Young



SWIMMING GALA

13th February

The annual swimming gala kicked off the inter-iwi/house competition this year in fine style. The gala is held after school in a carnival type atmosphere. Music was provided by Mr Jon E. Clist and refreshments from Mrs Bruce and her superb team. As usual Mr Bryn Davies and his new side- kick Tina Holst provided a neat setting to the venue. The students, as ever, brought with them their own enthusiasm banners, and body paint! They did provide some excellent racing and some thrilling finishes.

The seniors provided the only new record of the night when Dylan Sims smashed the 25 metre Backstroke record held by Dean Kingi by a staggering 2 seconds. As expected he took out the overall champion for the senior boys. In the girls competition Mackenzie Rose won her three races she competed in, but was only runner up as Ellen Nelder swam four championship races, winning the backstroke to pip her by just 2 points.

In the other age groups there were also some close tussles. Tayla Perkinson pipped Michelle Schimanski for the intermediate title. Ocean Shadbolt underlined her talent with some exceptional swims closely followed by Zelda Sims. The two of them providing excellent examples of how a stroke should be swum. Alice Paton won the sub-junior girls title with three victories in the championship events.



A big thank you to all staff and volunteers who helped on the night.

By Paul Chambers

In the boys competitions, Daniel Wallace showed some excellent form with three victories and being intermediate champion. Ben Morley, with some steady performances, was runner up. In the junior boys Aaron Lupton proved his worth with some steady swims and victory in the 100 metres freestyle to take the junior championship. In the sub junior age group, Brady Foster showed the family sporting ability is still strong by winning three individual races and becoming the sub-junior champion.



Otamatea School Athletics

This took place on Tuesday 25th February. This year the seniors and juniors all took place on the same day. Each student has the potential of scoring 24 points for their house in six events. Each from track, jumps and throws. The students who scored well had the opportunity to go to the lower North Championships. The results from the Athletics were 1st Maniapoto, 2nd Whatua, 3rd Ngapuhi and 4th Arawa.

Lower North

There were some exceptional performances as the sun shone on the Otamatea athletes in their brand new athletic uniforms. There were obviously those students who came first in multiple events and displayed immense talent.

Rhys Shadbolt's training plan paid dividends as he won the 400, 800 and 1500 metres, all by considerable margins. New girl to the school Terina Wallace won the 100, 200 and the shot putt. There were other students like Jim Bokma who stood in for people and in the javelin threw 36.90m. Overall it was a very good day for the school. The students have the fun of the school standards athletics day, followed by the more competitive atmosphere of the Lower North championships. The highlight for the Otamatea athletes were the relays where the school won 5 of the 8 races in some very exciting races!

Northland Athletics

The school sent a small team up to Whangerei but had considerable success. The Northland champions were Rhys Shadbolt in the 800 and 1500 metres, Terina Wallace in the 100, 200 and the long jump and Rebecca Robertson in the high jump. A great effort. By Paul Chambers, HOD Physical Education

Winners

Category	Boys	Girls
Sub-Juniors	Brady Foster	Alice Paton
Juniors	Samuel Stephens	Terina Wallace
Intermediates	Rhys Shadbolt	Shontay Morunga
Seniors	William Church	Lulu Smith



Winners

Category	Competitor	Event	Competitor	Event
Sub-Junior Girls	Hayley Linton	1500m	Maggie Hames	Discus
	Emma Huband	200m	Emma Millard	Triple Jump
	Mahina Henry-Campbell	300m		
Sub-Junior Boys	Hunter Goodfellow	1500m	Cole Doyle	Shot
	Brady Foster	200m	Boys Relay	4 x 100m
Junior Boys	Simon Parker	Javelin		
Junior Girls	Terina Wallace	100m	Rebecca Robertson	High Jump
	Terina Wallace	200m	Girls Relay	4 x 100m
	Terina Wallace	Shot		
Intermediate Boys	Rhys Shadbolt	400m	Jamie Manuell	Shot
	Rhys Shadbolt	800m	Jamie Manuell	Javelin
	Rhys Shadbolt	1500m	Boys relay	4 x 100m
Intermediate Girls	Julia Pearce	100m	Julia Pearce	Long Jump
	Shontay Morunga	400m	Girls Relay	4 x 100m
	Michelle Schimanski	Discus		
Senior Boys	Levi Adomea	100m	Leslie Shum	Discus
	Levi Adomea	200m	Boys Relay	4 x 100m



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LOTTO

OPEN DAY

Welcome in



On Friday 29th August Otamatea High School opened its doors to children from local primary schools. The students were met by prefects who accompanied them to Otamatea on the bus. When they arrived Whaea Thomaseena called them in to the school hall and the whaikorero was delivered by Mr Fletcher. Mrs Clothier-Simmonds, the Principal, introduced herself and welcomed the students and their whanau to Otamatea High School.

Over one hundred visitors, along with their parents and teachers were enthralled to see the plane being built by the Aviation Academy. Pikelet making in the hospitality room was a definite favourite and the students were able to burn off the calories playing table tennis and badminton in the gym. Playing musical instruments and drama games gave them an opportunity to show their artistic talents. In the science faculty students learnt about the power of static electricity and were able to visit the new laboratories. Mrs Kingsford, representing the English and Social Science faculties, entertained them in the library and students wrote their own poems. The Learning Centre explained how it supports individual learning needs and in the whare wananga students played whakaraka. In the computer room students worked on an online maths programs. Finally, they produced the coolest totem poles in the art room.

After that, students went to the hall and enjoyed a concert by the school rock band 'The Vybes'. As they burnt energy in the 'mosh pit' students were provided with a sausage sizzle. Students filled out a quiz as they toured the school and one student won a school scarf and another a beanie.

A great day was had by all involved and we certainly enjoyed hosting our visitors to our school.



A Year 11 Japanese exchange student, Natsumi Watanabe decided to make her dress for the ball as part of her classwork this year. Coming to New Zealand has offered Natsumi her first chance ever to learn to sew and she did that very quickly.

She first found an idea of what she wanted her dress to look like and after research she had it all thought out. On the class trip to Whangarei she bought a beautiful matt silk satin fabric and found an authentic 1950's pattern in which the whole dress is made in one piece. As it was Natsumi's first major sewing project she set about carefully following the pattern instructions and making the dress. Because it was for the ball the top was fully lined with the same fabric. This gave the dress a neat finish. Natsumi came to class every interval and lunchtime to finish in time for the last day of the term.

On the evening Natsumi wore a wide black belt, elbow length gloves and a black wrap as well as jewelery and a black wrap and looked very pretty.
By Elizabeth van den Berg, Textiles Teacher

SCHOOL BALL

Pandora Dreams

On Friday July 18th our annual ball took place in the school hall. Almost 100 senior students were in attendance, and all were decked out in their finest formal wear. The theme was kept a secret right to the very end, and when people came through the doors they emerged within 'Pandora', the fluorescent, forest world of the movie Avatar.

For the first part of the evening, musical entertainment was provided by the Prohibition band, a seven-piece swing outfit from Auckland who provided the students with an opportunity to showcase the ballroom dancing skills they had been learning at school. After supper, 'The Vybes' were welcomed to the stage and everyone rocked out as they performed for the last hour. Prizes were awarded on

the night for Belle and Beau (Celia Bailey and Josh Royds), Prince and Princess (Jamie Manuel and Ayla Wehi), and King and Queen (Elias Giles and Elizabeth Harris). A great time was had by all, and a warm thank you is extended to all of those who helped in the organisation of the night, and especially to Lulu Smith, who was the prefect in charge of making sure everything came together.

By James Finlay, Head Boy



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SHOOTING

Bang Bang

March this year saw the formation of the Otamatea High School shooting team. The team has been travelling to clay target clubs around Northland, including Kaeo, Kaitaia, Kaikohe, Dargaville, and Whangarei. The team scored an impressive 1773 points for the season, which put them in 3rd place overall. The last shoot in Whangarei was on Saturday and the team placed 3rd, scoring 411 points. 2nd place was only one point ahead of us on 412.

Year 13 student Jake Hamlin took out the top spot on Saturday scoring 91 out of 95 placing him first overall and 3rd overall in the single barrel event. Year 11 student Lachlan Sidwell took out the single barrel section which was decided in a shootout.

A huge thankyou to Treena McCaroll for all her work and support, Phil Cotching and Bryce Lupton for their assistance and Richard Westlake for the use of his farm and shooting facilities.



SPORTS LEADERSHIP

Becoming the Best



This year in Sports Leadership it was all about pushing yourself and each other in order to better know what we are capable of. After all how can you lead people to reach their potential if you don't know your own? We challenged ourselves physically and mentally while learning how to trust each other.



One of the highlights was heading off to Tree Adventures and getting our climbing on. We sure had a lot of fun and we might have laughed a little at each other along the way. Laughing together was an important part of growing our friendships in a deeper and more meaningful way.



Another highlight was planning and running the Kaiwaka Games for the year 7 and 8's. Sure the planning was stressful and hard work but it was so worth it when it came to just how much fun it was to get amongst it with Juniors.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

20th May

Run in excellent conditions, there were over 200 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.



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

	Boys		Girls		
Sub Juniors	Winners	Hunter Goodfellow	A	Hayley Linton	A
	Runners Up	Raymond Taito	W	Paige Kenyon	M
Juniors	Winners	Kayne Goodfellow	A	Ocean Shadbolt	M
	Runners Up	Kayden French	N	Rebecca Robertson	W
Intermediate	Winners	Rhys Shadbolt	W	Tyler Porteous	N
	Runners Up	Ashton Coates	W	Natasha Tornquist	W
Seniors	Winners	Dylan Sims	A	1st= Eden Church	A
	Runner Up	Kyle Taylor	M	1st= Ellen Nelder	W

FASHION & TECH

Inspiring Outcomes

This was the first year in some time that a level 3 Hospitality course was run. The students were fortunate to have Julie Lewis and the Country Club kitchen where they could work in an industrial environment gaining pasta and baking standards. In their normal classroom, with Mrs Morrison, they achieved standards on food safety, food contamination and planned and prepared food for a special occasion. In the last mentioned unit, students made a three course meal with a self-chosen theme and presented it at a specially set table. Students chose themes such as France, American Basketball, Italian cooking, for example. The course will continue to run next year.



In wood technology one level 3 student made a very original book case – in the shape of a whaka. And even his scale model will take a few small books. Another book case was made out of recycled floor planks after the student first made a painted pine scale model. Level 1 students first made a scale model of a trolley and then produced the final full sized trolley, while level 2 Construction students made comfortable outdoor chairs which can be seen in the photo behind the bookcase.



In Digital Technology Level 2 students designed a website for their fellow students of the band Mile Zero. The final one that will become their official site is still to be decided, but here are some of the ideas different students proposed.



8 go-carts are under construction in the Engineering Technology class this year. It is a two-year project to complete the cart so that it can be driven around. In the picture the basic frame of one of the carts can be seen. One student should finish his this year.

Some of the creations of the Textile Technology students were modelled on the catwalk of the Festival of the Arts. There was also a whole number more very successful garments and articles made such as the Minion, Jake the dog and a very neat pouf. Students also designed original garments learning the principles of fabric drawing.

By Elizabeth van den Berg



Some junior student work



NETBALL

Tournament Week

UNISS (Upper North Island Secondary Schools) Netball Tournament this year was held in Waitakere, Auckland, and from the 1st to the 5th of September. Otamatea Team One (that consisted of Bayley Coates (captain), Jasmine Sampson (vice-captain), Lulu Smith, Sophia Butler, Michelle Schimanski, Bianca Slimo, Baylee Van Dalsum, Diva Ratu, Rita Hames, Shuntel Rika and Shontay Morunga) entered the tournament along with 116 other teams in the Upper North Island. Separated in to 4 grades (A, B, C and D) we started at 30th in C grade. Over the week we played 2 games a day, for 5 days-10 games in total!

Day 1 saw us play in torrential wind and rain against Tokoroa High School and Forest View High School.

Day 2 the weather improved, playing Rotorua Lakes High School but the sun came out just in time for us to win our 1st game against Marcellin College.

Day 3 we played Te Aroha College and Bream Bay College, winning both games, giving the girls a bigger boost in confidence.

Day 4 saw us play Orewa College and Ruawai College.

Day 5 our final day, playing Papatoetoe High School and Northcote College there were a few tears shed being the last game of the year, but the girls played incredibly well over the week and for that I am so proud of them. By the end of the week we had moved up into 24th place in C grade, so well done girls!

Highlights of the week included hot and colds at the hot pools, the lifeguard that just happened to be on duty almost every day we were there ;) THE FOOD! (We definitely didn't go hungry,) and the company! The team and management

bonded like a family and all in all it was a fantastic week filled with laughter and fun times that all the girls will remember! On behalf of the team, I'd like to thank our amazing coaches- Nikola and Fiona Kemp, our manager- Mel Coates and our umpire- Miss Regional, Jodie Bennetto. This tournament wouldn't have been such a success without you four so thank you so much! To next year's girls, all the best! We know you'll do Otamatea High School and the Otamatea Netball Club proud so go out there and play your best! Good Luck girls!

Bayley Coates
Otamatea Netball Team One
Captain



This year our team has been made up of eight 'young guns' and eight 'old hands.' We have travelled to Whangarei each Tuesday night for terms' two and three to play in the Northland Hockey Association, Division two Collegiate competition.

The team gelled quickly and were soon playing a flowing, passing game of hockey. This continued from week to week and saw us finish first in the round robin competition by one point from WBHS Black.

Our championship competition saw us comfortably play our way into the finals. Here we met a strong, attacking Kerikeri High School team.

The game was an outstanding example of how both teams have progressed during the season. Passes were linking quickly and cleanly while on attack and the defense were low and early to the ball.

The game was locked at one all at all time. The umpires ruled a penalty stroke competition instead of the NHA Club Council 'golden goal' ruling. Kerikeri High's representative U18 keeper managed to keep us out. Michael displayed brilliant goalkeeping by saving two of Kerikeri's strokes. However, 2nd place it was to be!

Robyn Bruce - Coach

HOCKEY

Boys' 1st XI

Other Highlights from 2014

Lower North Trophy – this was held in North Harbour this year and is always a good build up for Tournament week. We lost to Mahurangi 0-3 and drew with Bream Bay 3-3 to place 2nd equal.

NZHF Secondary School Tournament

– Olympic Stick Whakatane
Saturday 30th August saw us travel in convoy with the girls' hockey team to Matamata. Here we said our 'goodbyes and good lucks' and travelled on towards Whakatane.

The tournament began on Monday. The hockey was very strong and fast. It gave our new and younger members a lot to aspire to. We finished bottom of our pool which ensured 8am games were to follow. This is where our 7am practices paid off! We won our last two games and played off for 13th/14th place. Whew! 13th it was to be!

To the young guns returning for 2015. Keep that 'hockey homework' going throughout the summer. Cameron is looking forward to captaining you!

AIMS GAMES

Years 7 & 8

On the 7th of September a group of Year 7 and 8s travelled down to Tauranga for a week long Netball Competition in the International Aims Game, with over 7000 Intermediate kids competing in different sporting codes.

Daily we would play one to three 40min games of hard-core netball. After the first two days of the competition we were placed in the C grade. We won all of our games over the next few days making the Semi Finals. Unfortunately we lost and ended up playing for 3rd and 4th placing against Ruawai. It was a very close hard fought game right to the bitter end with us just losing placing us 4th in C Grade. Regardless we had an amazing time representing our School.

Thanks to our wonderful Coach, Manager and Referee for taking a week off work and for all your dedication, time and hard work. We really appreciate everything. By Ocean Shadbolt, Portia Wehi and Tasha Perret



Emma Millard, Portia Wehi, Mahina Henry-Campbell, Jayme Curtis, Blossom Connelly, Ocean Shadbolt, Tasha Perret, Maggie Hames, Emma Hubbard.

Coach: Jodie Bennetto **Manager:** Wiki Curtis **Referee:** Nikola Kemp



On Saturday the 30th of August, the Girls Hockey Team left for Tauranga to compete in the Kate Trollove Cup tournament. This was a huge experience for all of the girls as for most of them, it was their first Tournament Week. In total they played six games of hockey over five days and versed teams from Ruakaka, right down to Napier, and they all had varied experience within the different teams. This set a challenge for all of the girls within the Otamatea High School team, whether it was in defending

the goals, learning new skills, or sprinting up the sidelines, everyone had a new challenge.

All in all, it was a great week and a new experience. We were able to enjoy the week and spent many moments laughing and having fun, and got to play some great games of hockey.

Tayla Perkinson (captain)

HOCKEY

Girls' 1st XI



OLLA PODRIGA

a little bit of everything



Jasmine Sampson



Mercedes von Dinklage



Harri Millar

Otamatea's school singing contest, Olla Podriga, came back with a bang. The evening's entertainment boasted a whole range of musical styles, from country rockers to modern Rhythm and Blues, and featured 11 of our students performing, with Jon Clist doing a brilliant job as MC. Each contestant sang their chosen song along to the music provided by a stellar backing band, and the standard of all was very high.

The judges for the competition were Haydn Hutching, Paddy Hallissey, and Sue Gray, and they certainly had their work cut out for them in determining who the winner was for the night. It was fitting to have Haydn in the judging seat this year for the first time as Olla Podriga was his original concept and he played in the band, hosted and organised many Olla Podriga shows over years. In the end, it was Jasmine Sampson who came out on top, singing Rihanna's song, 'Stay', while Elizabeth Harris and Michaela Kemp placed 2nd and 3rd, respectively. The evening also featured performances by pianist, Monica Jacques, singer-songwriter, Emma Rankin, and The Vybes.

All in all, the evening was very successful, there was a great turn-out and certainly plenty of talent on display. A huge congratulations must be extended to all the contestants, and a big thank you to everyone involved in its organisation.

A real highlight of the evening for the contestants and audience was the fact that we had a live backing band; a real rarity in today's day and age where backing tracks are readily available.

This band was made up of a combination of students and professional musicians. James Finlay and Cameron Gill made up the student component of the band, providing rhythm and lead guitar parts. James also played banjo. Professional musicians Charlie Wynyard (drums) and Martin Rylev (bass) formed the rhythm section. Barry Corlett (piano and synthesizers) and May Seager (vocals) added to the professional line-up. This was a real experience for the contestants to work with a professional backing band in a similar way to New Zealand Idol. It provided them with a true concert performance atmosphere.

OTA ARTS FESTIVAL

Celebrating the arts



This year saw another fantastic OTA Arts festival held mid-way through term 3 in the school hall. Many of the school and wider community attended and it was great to see you there enjoying the show!

Some significant highlights were the inclusion of high quality orators, quirky film making and a growing variety of cultures represented through the arts from our students. Each year our arts department showcases drama, music, dance, kapa haka and visual art. We also include fashion, speech winners, wearable art and film. We also keep an eye open for students engaged in extra-curricular arts based activity and ask them to join in.

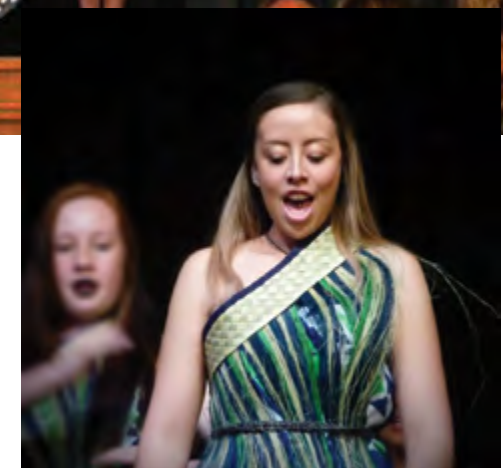
About some of the acts... our year 7 drama students Chianne-Jade Smart, Lexi Porteous, Amyee Sheppard, Willow Tito & Paris Rika were a real stand out, performing a short play they had created in class. Ly Sang Kim added a cultural dimension with her Robam Jun Por Cambodian dance; this dance is a blessing dance; a formal performance to welcome the king and royal guests into a dinner party. With her Cambodian attire Ly Sang gave an inspirational and elegant presentation.

Award winning rock quest performers Emma Scott Rankin, The Vybes and Mile Zero were exceptionally polished as was Jasmine Samson who had won the school 'Olla Podriga' talent quest earlier this year.

A beautiful and engaging array of painting, print-making, photography and sketched visual art works were exhibited in E-block as part of the Arts Festival. Art work was presented by all ages from school and some of Mrs Clists' painting featured too.

Congratulations to the winners of our wearable arts competition which traditionally holds its place in this festival. **Highly Commended** (runners up) was Mya Lawrence, Jade Tornquist, Samantha Andersen, Hannah Mills and Jodie Lannie with their 'Papillion Monarque', and the **Supreme Award** (first place) winners were Rebecca Robertson, Laurinda Bokma, Tyler Porteous with the amazing 'Peaqueen', which was inspired by a peacock bird and incorporated some of the birds feathers.

There is so much to comment on... but all I can say is – you should have been there... it was spectacular! All the acts were totally note worthy.



ROCK QUEST

Ota Represent

Our musicians ended term two exceptionally well at the 2014 Smoke Free Rock Quest!

Well done to them and Mr Corlett too!

Our results are as follows:

Emma Scott Rankin was 1st in solo and duo's, **The Vybes** came third,

Alien Weaponry (which is a combination of Otamatea and Bream Bay) came second

Mile Zero won the people's choice award.



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PUSS In Boots

This year at Otamatea High School the senior drama class staged 'The Marvellous Story of Puss in Boots,' created by Nicholas Stuart Gray. The story focuses on Puss who uses trickery and deceit to gain wealth and the hand of a princess in marriage for his poor penniless master, Gerard. Everyone worked hard behind and onstage to make this comical story come to life. There were many rehearsals and late nights put into this show. Stress and nerves were flying with the countdown for the opening night but all in all it was a great challenge and success for the senior drama class.

The head of drama, Debi Walters, not only directed the show but organised costumes, designed the set, created both the set/props and had many more jobs on her plate as well. So a big thanks to Mrs Walters for all her hard work. I'd also like the congratulate the technical team. Josh Hansen on lights, Chase Wharfe

on sound, Gabriella Segar as our stage manager and her assistants Juane Kriek, Shyla Smith and Ryan Ujdur. And last but not least I'd like to thank and congratulate the cast for working as a team during the shows. We had many shining moments onstage and have made lots of memories that we won't forget.

Congratulations to Karli Wintle and Tyler Heywood who shared the roll 'Puss', Harri Millar who played Gerard (the lower born master), Joseph Hoshino as the King, Cheyenne Fisher and Corey Slimo who shared the roll Dandy, Jessie Beeler as Princess Isobel, Kate Hallissey who played the Chancellor, William Church as the Ogre, Jonette and Lavena played by Natsumi Watanabe and Eri Kojima, Malachi Kerrigan who played Diggory and Elizabeth Harris as the Cobbler.

By Elizabeth Harris



LIBRARY REPORT

This year we have had an injection of money that has enabled us to purchase new material for our collection. This has been marvellous after two years of virtually no budget. What to buy became the issue, where to start and what did our borrowers want us to get. We asked the students and were given lots of helpful suggestions. We also looked at the gaps in the series we have and filled those. Two years out of the loop means we have probably missed some exciting books but we must look forward and hope that we have purchased the most popular of these. I am looking forward to having a budget every year from now on so we can continue to be up with the play.

The borrowing statistics for this year show some interesting trends. The overall borrowing numbers are down on the past and for the first time since I have been here girls have borrowed twice as many books as boys. The top borrowers for each year group were all girls except for year 10. Years 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 are the most active classes and disappointingly years 10 and 13 are well below what they should be.

I know the pressures of schoolwork may leave little time for reading for pleasure but it really is a great way to escape and travel to another time or place, to be shocked or scared, to laugh or cry, to

learn something new or just to revisit old favourites. Literacy is the cornerstone of learning and reading for pleasure opens you up to new ideas, vocabulary, opinions, cultures and possibilities.

I would like to thank Vicky for her continued support and also the student librarians for their work as volunteers for the school.

By Catherine Pilkington

KIDS' LIT QUIZ

In March this year I took two teams to the Kid's Lit Quiz Northland Regional Finals in Keri Keri. One team was of year 8 students - Mahina Henry-Campbell and Georgia Denton returning from last year and Emma Millard and Bridgette Hosford. The other Team were year 7 students Maggie Hames, Katrina Poyner, Kayla -Rose Reid and Oshani Mudannayake. Both teams competed well and Team 2 (the year 7's) won a competition round. The questions covered a wide variety of genres and topics from nursery rhymes to fairy tales, ancient myths and legends to old favourites and the most up to date publications. A team from Whangarei Intermediate won on the day and went on to compete in the National finals in July.

We had a great day and I am hoping to take teams again next year. I would like to thank the Paparoa Lions Club for their sponsorship that enables us to compete.

By Catherine Pilkington



SOME THING IS BREWING Barista Training

I was privileged to be part of the Barista block course during the mid-year holidays. I'm really enjoying continuing the course and I'm finding coffee appreciation an exciting challenge. There's so much more to great coffee than pushing a button on a machine. Perfecting the smell, taste and presentation is an art and along with the other barista students, Julie is offering some great tuition. This is shown by the results of the Trainee Barista Champs. Judging is on speed, presentation, coffee quality and the person's ability to keep a conversation going while making the coffee. From our school, Dani White

fulfilled all these requirements and won the Northland Junior Barista Champs plus Brent Sewell came second. In addition Leslie Kingi came fourth out of eight baristas. This is a great achievement. By Amalie Brown



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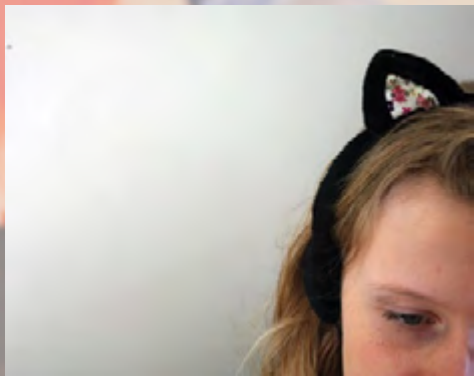
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CREATIVE WRITING

Non Fiction

Media's Perception On Beauty And The Effect It Has

Imagine looking in the mirror and hating what you see. Imagine setting goals to look like your idols and never being able to achieve them, except through unhealthy behaviour. Imagine having no self-esteem due to the unattainable goals you set. This is the effect that the media's strongly opinionated, overused ideas of beauty has had on many adolescents, adults and now even children.

Media has a large influence on those who have eating disorders and even those who don't. For instance, in America 42% of females as young as 1st to 3rd graders have a desire to be thinner. A study in 1991 reported that 84% of 10 year old American females are afraid of being fat. This does not conclude that all these children have eating disorders, only that while being under the influence of media the aspiration to be thinner is much greater.

Should caning be reintroduced in modern schools?

Caning is an 'old school' method of punishment used in high schools for those who are defiant or disruptive. This was quite a controversial punishment, but some people believe it should be brought back into schools as it achieves good behaviour worldwide.

The child was hit once on the backside or hands (palms or knuckles - which is much less common) as punishment. This made the child associate their bad behaviour with pain of the cane remaining for the entire day. The students then learned to respect the teachers and staff as they were in control of the class, rather than the class in control of the teacher. The cane would cause other kids to learn by example and not become like those who were badly behaved. The cane was phased out in the late 1960s to the late 1980s because of parental disagreement and individuals believing it was a form of child abuse.

I believe the cane would be effective in modern schools because it seems discipline in children has decreased over the years with the methods of punishment being used. This was because of the way media has portrayed

However, it is not only females who are affected by eating disorders. 10% of people with eating disorders are male. Although the majority of males do not accommodate eating disorders, many over work their bodies, from a young age, to achieve the desirable 'hot bod' that media seems to obsess over.

The images that the media portray as desirable are often photoshopped and changed by makeup, along with other components used to enhance the wanted look. The extent to which these images are altered makes it almost impossible for the results to be achieved. Which consequently leads to people setting goals that are unobtainable and thus lowers their self-esteem. A lowered self-esteem links closely with the symptoms of depression, which is found in nearly 50% of eating disorder cases.

Media's beauty perception can intermittently have a positive effect, such as encouraging healthy weight loss. Nonetheless, the

extensive use of images and the unrealistic idea of beauty are having a negative effect. There are solutions that can be used to help prevent the negative effects but still allow the use of beauty images. Take magazines for example, the use of photo shopped beauty can be reduced, but the use of natural beauty can be enhanced. This is similar to the approach that Vogue (a leading fashion magazine) has taken. Vogue has chosen to enforce a rule against employing models that look too thin or appear to have an eating disorder, and employing models that look more 'natural' and healthy. Thus helping to bring the media and society's expectations back to a rational level.

Although media's perception of beauty is having a negative effect on the mental and physical stability of many adults, adolescents and children it could have a positive effect if the dynamics used were changed.

By Celia Bailey

it. Some of these methods include; detention, cleaning desks/school grounds, writing lines, isolation and being stood down. These methods of punishment were also used alongside the cane for minor offence, but did not have the same effect alone. If the offence was serious enough, the student would be sent to the Principal to discuss whether the cane would be needed or not. If so, the Principal or another staff member would carry out the appropriate method of punishment for that particular offence.

The idea of rewarding a child for good behaviour rather than punishing them for bad behaviour does not motivate the child as well to change their attitude about school. These methods don't affect the child as much to give them a reason to change, but to simply not get caught. I also believe that school staff have very little 'rights' towards punishing children these days. Due to the law and restrictions towards punishment, the only weapons available to the school are words and warnings.

There is always a risk with any form of punishment that the student may resent the school or their teachers because of the way they are being treated. The student must understand that the cane is being used on

them for their own benefit and helping them rather than hurting them. The association with school and fear should no longer be existent because the students should understand the beneficial purpose of the cane. This includes keeping them out of trouble and setting a good example. It becomes a student's choice whether they are caned because the student is making that decision for his or herself when choosing to behave badly.

Another obstacle to the cane being reintroduced is caning females as it is frowned upon in society, especially since it was never given to females when it originally existed. However, girls can be as violent as boys in this generation, and it is an often quoted fact that women have higher pain thresholds than men. An alternative could be the strap, but a female teacher administering the cane is also an option, for obvious reasons.

I believe the cane should be reintroduced, as it will resolve students' misbehaviour than other forms of punishment. A school without misbehaved students creates an optimum environment for learning and success. It also provides a safe environment for all to learn and teach in.

By Kelly Mace

The Abandoned House

Flashlights flickered through the trees, illuminating the road driveway ahead. The boys behind these flashlights spoke quickly and excitedly about the mysteries that occurred at the end of this twisting road. Ghosts, Ghouls and Witches boiling eyeball stew. A house 5 stories high and dragons in the attic, a dungeon where mischievous boys were kept.

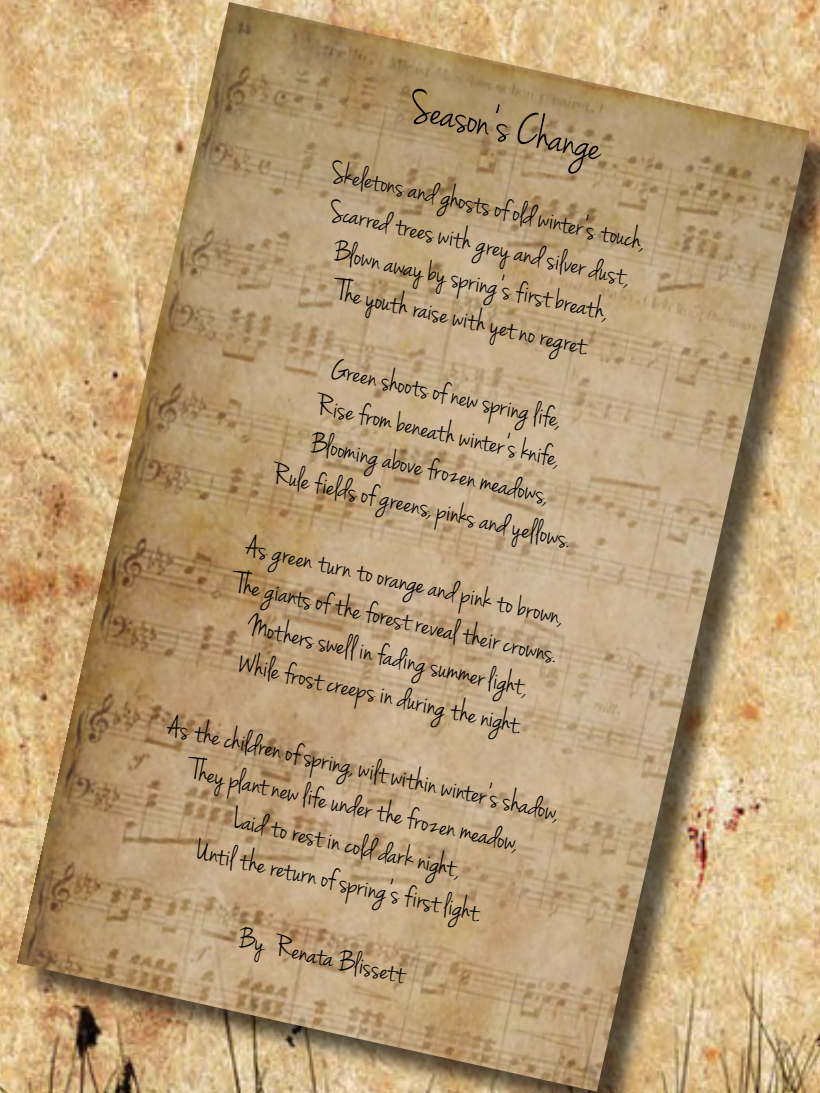
The last corner was rounded and the boys stopped. They let their flashlights bathe the house in light, illuminating the nooks and crannies they were dying to explore. But as the boys investigated the houses exterior with light, their brows furrowed in confusion. The house in front of them hindered all expectations and their sense of adventure lay heavy inside their hearts.

A house no taller than 2 stories high nestled in the tall pines, its paint shed from the walls. It lay in a bed of matted and tangled weeds that devoured the remainders of what would have been a garden. In the wind a decaying rocking chair gently rocked and the front door ajar waved backwards and forward, indicating them inside. The boys responded politely. They tip toed haphazardly through the ankle grabbing weeds, climbed up the unsound stairs and strode through the open door. They stopped in their tracks, their heavy breathing ricocheted through the empty house.

Cautious footsteps travelled around the stretch of the house, scoping out each room, reporting back about what they had seen. Flashlights filled the rooms with light and the boy's imagination with knowledge about what this house might have been. The bones of the house were exposed through layers of cosmetics of its previous identities.

Wind blew through the house and the moth bitten curtains lifted with each inhale and exhale. The house rumbled and growled in protest to the wind, the boys hoping they had not awoken it with their continuous rummaging.

Dust began to fall around the boys, fogging up the room making it hard to navigate. Coughing and spluttering as they inhaled the thick cloud of dust. From above they heard nails scratching the floorboards of the attic,



the creatures desperate to escape. The boy's boots hit heavy against the frail floorboards that they had tip toed across previously, against this large weight they groaned in protest. "Monsters... Dragons... In the attic!", bellowed the boys who made their way to the front door that seemed to be so much further than they remembered before their panicked state. The noises above faded away as they ran out of the house, stumbled through the weeds and down the road.

By Krystal Reyland

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CAMP Year 7's

As a great introduction to life at high school, all Year 7 students took part in a two day camp on the 4th and 5th of February which was held mainly at the Country Club. Year 13 students, who the juniors enjoyed getting to know better, helped to organise and lead the activities and were excellent role models. Considerable thanks to all parents, the external groups involved and teachers for their time, commitment and effort towards giving this year's 7S and 7N such a memorable start to 2014.

I enjoyed the team-building exercises the people from Sport North taught us. For it to work you had to show trust, respect, participate and contribute to help one another. It was fun and creative and it forced groups to work together. It was an awesome activity! -Denzal Peeni

Bang, bang, bang! I lay on the plastic mat, the gun in my hand, people talking all around me, but I was focused on the target in front of me with the little white circle in the middle. On the second day of our Year 7 camp our group was doing shooting. I reloaded and focused my eye on the little red dot, moving my head side to side until the red dot was between the two greens. Then . . . BANG! I had pulled the trigger and the bullet landed in the black. -Maggie Hames



Woosh! The arrow cried out in agony as it drew a slit in the target. Archery. The most exciting event that happened at camp. I slowly pulled the string back clenching on to it. Pheew! It whistled through the wind flying through the air at a high speed! Why was it my favourite part of camp? Because getting to know how to shoot archery was an awesome experience. -Kelly Huband

My favourite thing about camp was the Archery because I just got the feeling of freedom putting the string to my face while glaring down at the balloon drifting in the wind like a cloud in the hot blue sky. Flinging the arrow swerving round like a snake, smack "I got it" straight on target. I also liked shooting but it is not as much fun as



archery because I have done it so much but in Archery I felt more free than shooting. I got 2 bullseyes and 4 greens and that's what I liked best! -Shea Small

My favourite thing that happened on camp is the obstacle course because you had to race the other team through the obstacle course. My favourite bit was the spider web because you had to try and get through a hole in the spider web without touching it. Then you have to put a peg on the string nearest to your hole that you went through. -Summer Ford

SCIENCE Year 7 & 8 Science Fair

Last term the year 7 and 8 students spent their science lessons planning, carrying out and presenting science fair projects, on topics of their own choosing. Students worked in groups of 1-3 and explored a wide range of topics, from catapults to vortex cannons, growing gummy bears to testing paper towel strength. Last Tuesday we displayed their work in the hall and had many students, teachers and some parents come through to view the projects and trial some of the inventions. Trophies and other prizes were awarded to the students during our school assembly.

Year 7 Prize-winners:

First place:

Tyler Young and Hamish Ferguson
– Self-watering system.

Second place:

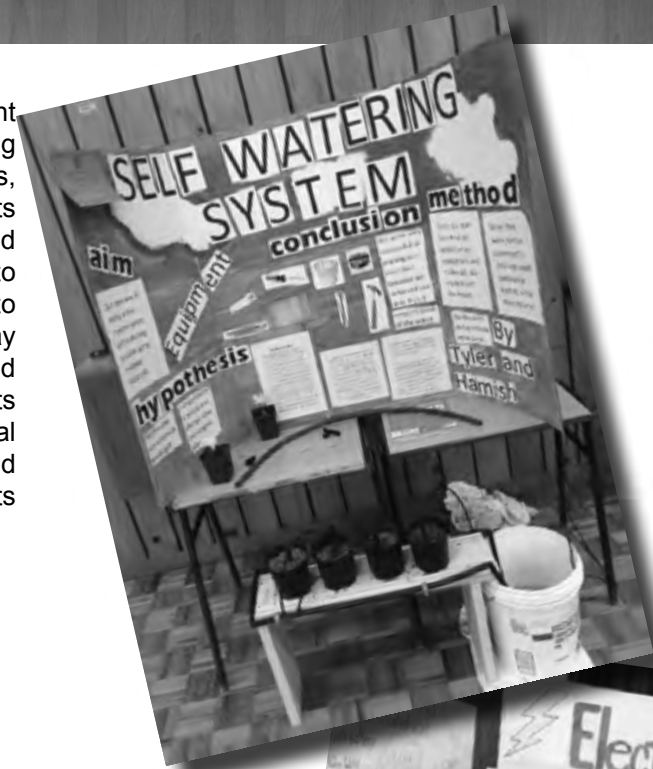
Oshani Mudannayaka
– Electromagnetism.

Third place:

Maggie Hames and Matangi Tito
– Balloon popping.

Presentation award:

Amyee Sheppard and Emma Huband
– How big can balloons blow?



Year 8 Prize-winners:

First place:

Pasindu Mudannayaka
– Simple motors.

Second place:

Emma Millard and Suzy Thomas
– Invisible ink.

Third place:

Tyler Flannagan and Jeremy McCallam
– The plastic bag torture.

Presentation award:

Mahina Henry-Campbell and Jade Reid
– Candy Chromatography.



CAMP Year 9's



"Ma te tuakana ka totika te teina, ma te teina ka totika te tuakana."

"From the older sibling the younger one learns the right way to do things, and from the younger sibling the older one learns to be tolerant."

On 4th and 5th of February over 90 year 9s, year 13s, staff and parents went to the Otamatea marae for our inaugural year 9 camp. We were treated to 2 days of non-stop activities in order to forge relationships between the year 9s who were already students of Otamatea and the students who have recently joined our school community.

There were many highlights on the camp; from the trust games, skits, introduction of ki o rahi, swimming, history lessons, cultural and inter group competitions to the great food prepared by Tina Holst, Anthony Brogtrop, Sandra Brunt and Corina Allen. The leadership skills shown by the year 13s was a feature of the camp. They engaged their groups during activities and motivated them to present impressive skits in such a highly contested competition.

The year 9 camp was a splendid start to the year and optimises what it is to be a good citizen of Aotearoa, celebrating being a kiwi on the eve of Waitangi Day.

By Thomaseena Paul

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Boys' First XI

This year the Otamatea 1st XI have dropped out of the Northland Premiership and moved into Division One. This move has revitalised the team and they have found a new confidence in their play.

The season started at the beginning of term with a friendly against Mahurangi College, Warkworth. Goals from Gill, Damsted and an own goal saw the first victory of the season 3-2.

The second match of the season and first league game was against Ruawai. The team entered this game expecting an easy game. However, dogged determination from Ruawai hampered the attacking threat of Otamatea. Gill scored early, but a late equalizer from Ruawai ended with a 1-1 scoreline.

This result brought the team down to earth and the realisation that one cannot take any side too lightly. The team travelled to Pompallier College desperate to get their season back on track. A captain's performance from Harri Millar was the highlight of this game. He scored two outstanding goals from shots outside the area and this was followed with a well taken goal from Alex Damsted. A 3-0 victory and an excellent performance was just what the team needed. The other positive was a clean sheet for Joseph Morley who was again impressive in goal and some sterling defensive play from Jim Bokma, Dylan Sims in the middle and Kyle Taylor and Ben Morley on the flanks.

Rodney College were the next visitors to Otamatea and the team were in buoyant mood for the match. This was well founded as Josh Lees opened the scoring with a shot from outside of the area. Gill then earned the team the "Big Mac" bonus with a fine headed goal that

was pure text book football. Rodney did try to fight their way back into the game and scored 2 goals, but further efforts from Sims, Damsted and an own goal enabled a 5-2 victory.

Bay of Islands College arrived to meet an Otamatea team riding high on some excellent form. The team have had an excellent platform in midfield. Josh Nishitani-Hart has been excellent in the centre of midfield and with Josh Lees and Harri Millar alongside, this has been the backbone of the team. Again, these three combined well and soon the team was 4-0 up. Millar, Damsted and Gill the scorers. Bay of Island replied with a goal just before half time, but in the second half Gill completed his hat-trick for a fine 5-1 victory.

The last game of the regular season was against Bream Bay College. Matt McRae was up against his brother for a bit of family rivalry which saw the younger sibling score and Bream Bay go into a 3-1 lead in the first 20 minutes. The team showed their skill and class as they came back for a 4-3 win. Gill again scored 3 and poor goal keeping from a hard cross provided the fourth. The full squad have all played their part this season. Jimmy Finlay has provided cover at the back and two youngsters, Travis Flannagan and Samuel Stephens have benefited greatly from playing with the senior students.

The 1st XI played their final over 2 legs after winning their group and being undefeated in the regular season. The first game was played at Otamatea and the team went into the game feeling very confident, however this confidence was soon short lived as Pompallier scored early and put the pressure on the team.



The school's top scorer came to the rescue with a well taken goal and all seemed to be well. The visitors hit back again and with a defensive mix up took the lead again and held onto this right up to the final whistle.

This was a wakeup call to the 1st XI, as they now realised that they needed to win by a 2 goal margin to take the title. A further set back occurred, when Cameron Gill was ruled out of the game with concussion. The team set out with a new tactical game plan which they put into action. The senior players stepped up to the mark and Joe Morley, in goal, made a couple of excellent stops to keep Pompallier at bay. Young Samuel Stephens was on hand at the far post to put Otamatea in front and then in the second half Josh Nishtani Hart made it 2-0 with an excellent shot from the edge of the area. The team held on to take the game and the title of 1st Division 2014 winners.

The team: Morley J, Finlay J, Bokma J, Sims D, Taylor K, Morley B, Nishtani-Hart J, Millar H (capt) Lees J, Stephens S, Damsted A, McCrae M, Flannagan T, Gill C.

Well done guys an excellent team result.

Otamatea 1st XI Girls' soccer team placed 3rd in the Division 1 Northland Secondary School Girls' soccer tournament throughout term 2. We played against five other teams around Northland, ranging between Bream Bay College and Okaihau, who were over a two-and-a-half hour drive from home. We started the season without a goalie, and after rotating between the members of our team Celia stepped up to the position with no experience and did an incredible job, saving us many times. Julia earned the Golden Boot award, scoring the most goals out of all of our team. We won six of our eight games, resulting in an all-round great season played. We were pleased to get a new uniform mid-way through the season. Big thanks to our Coach, parent helpers and Simone Sidwell for coaching/transporting us to games.

By Dani White (Year 13)

SOCCER

Girls' First XI



THE ROAD RACE

October

This took place on Wednesday the 22nd of October in near perfect conditions for the race: not too hot, not too windy and dry.

There were 135 entries and 128 of these started the race. This year's race was one of the fastest of recent years with the first hundred runners back in 38 minute and all the runners home in 41 minutes.

Rhys Shadbolt was the winner for the third year running (Nice Pun Mr Chambers) in a time of 19 minutes 27 seconds. Dylan Sims was again the 'Runner Up'.

In the girls' race it was again a year 7 girl who took the title following on from Ocean Shadbolt last year. Hayley Linton won in 23 minutes coming 18th overall in the race. Ellen Nelder was two places back and 'Runner up' for the girls.

In the house competition, Maniapoto rallied their troops to take out first place with Whatua in the 'Runners up' slot.



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REPOROA Sports Exchange



The 49th Annual Exchange took place from the 10th – 12th August. Reporoa College had won the last two events and so there was mounting pressure for Otamatea to front up and achieve some success.



On Sunday night in front of an excellent crowd, the more experienced Reporoa teams showed their qualities and won both basketball matches. The Ota girls struggled against a well organised defense and the boys were eventually beaten by some excellent 3 pointers which seemed to be scored at will.

Coming into the Monday the school were already 2 matches down with 5 still to be decided.



The debate was the first event on Monday morning and a responsive audience witnessed some lively discussion. The moot was “Smoking should be illegal” and Otamatea were the affirmative. Izzie Porter and James Finlay were excellent with facts and Jordan Smith provided the audience entertainment winning the debate.

Next the 1st X1 Football team were keen to maintain their unbeaten season. The game did not start well with Reporoa scoring first in the first five minutes. This was the spur that Otamatea needed and from this point onward the team began to put together some good attacking moves. Cameron Gil and then Alex Damsted scored to put the school 2 – 1 up at half time and now in a commanding position. Otamatea held on to this scoreline although Reporoa missed a penalty with 3 minutes left to play. My thanks to Grant Van Dalsum for refereeing the game which was played in an excellent spirit.



The netballers have not had their best season this year but Coach Nikola Kemp went into the game full of confidence for her team. This confidence was well founded and the girls played exceptionally well to win the game 52 – 36. All the girls saw court time and they put together a solid performance, no matter what combinations were being used. The school would like to thank the umpires Jodie Bennito and Tai Cunningham.

The hockey girls travelled to Whangarei and had a highly competitive game, but one with no goals scored. Both coaches were happy with their team’s performances and on reflection believed that a draw was a fair result. Thanks to the umpires Tayla Parkinson and Melissa Underwood.

The rugby was the final fixture of the exchange and it was great to see Otamatea field a strong team for the day. Coach Brett Coates had his under 16’s as the bulk of the team with a few of the year 12’s and 13’s to add some bulk to the team. Otamatea swiftly went into a 12 – 0 lead with tries from Kharnse Namana and Michael Parker. However, Reporoa hit back and were leading 17 – 12 going into the last quarter. With Reporoa attacking inside the 22 there was a turn over and Rhys Shadbolt broke out, Goodwin Paikea carried on the move and Anton Herewini scored in the corner. Rhys Shadbolt converted to give the school a 19 – 17 victory and victory overall in the exchange. Many thanks to Craig Shadbolt for refereeing.



After a successful exchange my thanks go to Kay Robinson and Tina Holst for all their hard work and to you the parents who provided the billets. Well done a great Otamatea team effort.

By Paul Chambers



Back Row: Leslie Shum, Jamie Manuell, Michael Parker, Connor Van Dalsum, Mr P Chambers
Front Row: Sam Gardner, Harri Millar, Kalem Tana, Dylan Sims, Danyon Tana

The students at Ota are basketball mad but finding local opposition has always been a major problem. This year the school played in three tournaments as three inter-school matches.

The seniors went to the Northland Tournament and in their group beat Kaitaia 24-8, drew with Broadwood 19-19 and lost to Kamo 14-26. Broadwood went on to beat Kamo.

At the Lower North tournament the seniors won comfortably against Bream Bay and Rodney B but were beaten by Rodney A



Back Row: Harri Millar, Jake Hamlin, Thomas Macdonald, Matthew McRae, Connor Small, Mr P Chambers
Front Row: Bailey Hamlin, Simon Parker, Connor Van Dalsum, Corey Slimo, Pasindu Mudannayaka, Samuel Stephens

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team. Two months later the seniors travelled to Rodney and played the exact same team and won comfortably 43-20.

The Year 10 team have played in the Junior Tournament and made the finals coming second in their group to Kamo High.

(They lost in extra time by two baskets) They won the 3rd/4th play off making them the 3rd best team in Northland.

At the end of the season the year 10’s took on the Rodney senior B team and again showed their class winning convincingly 41-30.

By Paul Chambers



Back Row: Mr P Chambers, Jordan Wetini-Donaldson, Jayson Gilpin, Tukaha O’Donnell
Front Row: Kenneth Kaire, Rhys Shadbolt, Dylan Millar, Joseph Perrett



Back Row: Ms L Parkinson, Kelsey Orford, Lulu Smith, Sophia Butler
Front Row: Mackenzie Rose, Tayla Wetini-Donaldson, Bianca Slimo, Tashae Paikea

CRICKET 1st XI

It was all new this year, as life without John Bruce in charge of the cricket teams became reality. Year 13 student Matt McCrae stepped up to the plate and provided the guidance that the team required.

The results this year were not that great with only one victory from their five matches in the lower North League. However, the improvement throughout the season was considerable and there are many keen juniors from years 8, 9 and ten who have the potential to develop into some good cricketers.

Pasindu Mudannayaka was a revelation and has a determined approach to become a cricketer who could make the grade. Bailey Hamilton’s bowling was fast and accurate and he was the top wicket taker for the team this season.

For any cricketer to make real improvements the players have to play weekend cricket. The school provides a taster for students, but it will be the clubs that will make the difference.

By Paul Chambers

SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2014

Once again our Special Olympics Team has had great success entering several events throughout the year. These included ten pin bowling, athletics and basketball. Our team travelled to North Shore Events Centre and to Whangarei to compete against the different teams and had placings of second and third in the different events.

We started the year with athletics and Maddy Bond coming first in her 50m race. Great in-team competition was shown when we played Ten Pin Bowling with Mackay being the overall winner!! All the participating students are to be congratulated for the great team spirit and consideration they displayed for each other. There is always great comradery and competition between all the teams. We look forward to next year's events!

By Ladene Hunter



THE LEARNING CENTRE A different approach to learning



The learning centre is all about getting young people prepared for life in the world. Everybody learns a little differently and it can take plenty of different approaches to get ready. This year saw some great work done by a variety of students utilising tailor-made learning solutions including some SPEC courses and hands-on life experience activities. Both in class and in the learning centre.

As shown in the pictures along with focuses on literacy and numeracy our students worked on cooking, wood-carving, weaving, art, sports and more.



Melissa McCabe and Matthew Murray with their gold certificates



Bronze October training group at Piroa Falls



Silver group qualifier Lake Waikaremoana



Gold group Tangihuas

The popularity of this extra-curricular activity keeps growing! The programme is currently being worked through by sixty students at the bronze, silver and gold levels.

The bronze groups have trained at school. They have tramped to Bream Head, Mangawhai Tracks, Cape Brett, the Waitakeres, the Pinnacles and Mt Pirongia

The silver groups have trained in the Brynderwyns. They have tramped to Bream Head, the Waitakeres, the Pinnacles and Lake Waikaremoana.

The gold group has trained in the Tangihuas. They have tramped in the Kauaerenga Valley to Crosbies Hut and the Pinnacles. They are completing their gold 65km+ qualifier in the Nelson lakes area in December.

Diocesan School for girls hosted the 2014 gold presentation ceremony on

the 18th October. OHS ex-students, Melissa McCabe and Matthew Murray both received their gold awards from the Governor General of New Zealand, Sir Jerry Matapaere. Ellen McDougall received hers at a Christchurch ceremony. Congratulations to them all! To complete the gold level is an amazing feat.

In 2015 fourteen students will be eligible to be presented their gold awards once their books are 'signed off' by Head office in Wellington. This alone shows the success of the programme and the dedication and enjoyment these students have shown.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Kaiwaka Sports Association, our local community, our school community and our families for supporting us in all our fundraising activities to help keep our tramping costs to a minimum.

We have travelled to some amazing back country places in New Zealand and certainly couldn't have done this without help from Miss Parkinson, Sam Currie, Mr Chambers, Mr Smyth, Mrs Clyde, Paula Mooney, Maria Pearce, Mrs Myburgh, Mrs Perkinson, Llew Smart and our bushcraft instructors: Stephen Orchard, Matthew Blainey and Robert Bruce.

And last, but not least to Wayne's world and Robyn a massive thanks for all your tireless work helping to organize us students and our expeditions along with running around after us, organizing fundraising and making sure we are getting our books signed off. A lot of work goes in to filling out EOTC forms for each tramp. Thank you Mr MacLennan and Robyn for doing all that you do for ensuring that us DOE students get the opportunity to experience parts of the country that we wouldn't otherwise.

By James Finlay

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KAPA HAKA

Junior Waiouru Trip

On Monday 22nd September, the juniors in the kapahaka group along with the Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Nga Ringaomatariki went on a trip to extend learning about the impact of war on Māori that has been our focus for 2014 in recognition of 100 years since WWI started. Our first stop was Tokoroa High School where we made lasting impressions on our Cook Island hosts. We were lucky enough to learn about hydro-electricity onboard the Huka Jet in Taupo before we continued our journey to the Waiouru Army Camp where we stayed for 3 nights learning about the rigors of army life, the immense pride of Ngati Tūmataunga and the huge sacrifice our service men make for all of us “civvies.” We went tobogganing down Ruapehu, snowball hurling and snowmen making. Then on our final day we heard a legend about Ruapehu and the other maunga in the Central Plateau. It was an exhilarating week of fun-filled activities that helped impress upon us the value of the NZ forces. Ka mate he toa, ka ara mai he toa: When one warrior falls, another rises in his place. We would like to acknowledge the support received from the Maungaturoto Opportunity Shop, who helped give our students the opportunity to be enriched by the experience. Aroha mai, aroha atu.



NGATI WHATUA

Otago Uni Science Wānanga



Blowing up things, hands on fire, levitating ojects, laser beams, chemical clock experiments, electricity, magnetism, water-testing quality, liquid nitrogen ice cream making competitions and astronomy were just some of the science kaupapa demonstrated over the 3 days of the year 10 science wānanga, run in partnership by the Ngati Whatua rūnanga and experts in science from Otago University that 8 year 10 students attended in Tinopai along with students from Dargaville, Ruawai and TKKM o Ngaringaomatariki at the end of term 3. We had high quality teaching by some of the most knowledgeable people in their field and they were doing all they could to hook the students into the subject that they know and love: science. It was interactive, engaging and highly entertaining. Ngā mihi Otago University and Te Rūnanga o Ngati Whatua.



E ngā maunga tapu, e ngā pou whakairo, ānei te mihi. Ko Te Kura Tuarua o Otamatea e whakamānawa atu ki a koutou. Ko Ngā Uri o Ngā Waka e tū mai nei ki te whakaatu i tō mātou kaha ki ngā mahi a Te Rehia.

The OHS kapahaka group, Ngā Uri o Ngā Waka participated in Te Tai Tokerau Festival held at Rodney College this year. In 2014 we based the entire bracket on pakanga or war. We were lucky enough to have all of our wānanga at the matua marae of Te Uri o Hau: Waikaretu Marae, Arapaoa Marae, Otamatea Marae and Oruawharo Marae and we were able to ask what the impact of soldiers going to WWI and WWII had on those marae.

We started with a waiata called Pō Atarau which is to the Now is the Hour tune in memory of the anguish whānau felt when their loved ones left to fight abroad .

The entrance showed the anguish a woman feels when her love is wrenched away from her to go to war and him marching off to war.

The action song was a medley of 2 songs that were written by Sir Apirana Ngata and Ngoi Pēwhairangi in celebration of the feats of the 28th Māori Battalion.

During WWII there was a drought of young eligible men as they were away at war, and an influx of soldiers from

America who came to Aotearoa. While the cats away the mice will play. The poi is about the relationships that eventuated between some NZ women and G.I's.

The haka is a commentary on the negative effects of war on Māori in particular. It was a heavy price for Māori to pay for citizenship. Effects of shell shock, drinking, domestic violence, loss of language and the breakdown of the family unit, spread through the communities that had men partake in war.

After the separation of Ranginui and Papatuanuku, their children had a war that ravaged Aotearoa. They fought incessantly until a daughter of Tane Mahuta, Hinepūtehue, caught the winds of hate swirling around and turned them into music. Music is the catalyst that ended the war between the atua. We acknowledge the sacrifice our soldiers have made for us and their continued efforts to keep peace now.



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MATHEMATICS

Department



It has been another successful year for the mathematics department.

This year the Otamatea High School Board of Trustees has funded the online tutoring programme Maths Whizz into the junior school at Otamatea. Students using Whizz for more than 60 minutes per week showed accelerated learning. The Year 7 cohort showed the most significant improvement. This cohort used Maths Whizz well averaging over 73 minutes of usage per week. Over 71% of Year 7 students were increasing their maths age at a greater rate than the corresponding increase in their chronological age.

The following students deserve high praise for progress made on Whizz. Most Improved for 2014 include:
 7N - Oshani Mudannayaka, Mackay Cormack and Hayley Linton
 7S - Katrina Poyner, Stacey Liu and Maggie Hames
 8N - Danni McKie, Maddy Lemuelu and Mason Wintle
 8S - Aubyn Heath, Emma Millard and Mya Lawrence
 9N - Jason Taiaroa, Jodie Iannie and Adele Boniface
 9S - Chantel Shadbolt, Jesse Tautari and Anthony Kim
 9E - Zahn Phillips, Mark Langman and Brianna Thurgood

The mathematics department has continued to evolve their usage of digital resources to enrich maths learning programs. Digital resources explored this year included edmodo, google classroom, glogster, google sites and other google apps. Staff and students were delighted with the addition of 30 chrome-books to D-Block that enabled students to have more access to online learning opportunities.

Year 7 and Year 8 students enjoyed hands-on maths projects and tasks we completed this year. One of the projects students seemed to enjoy immensely was the wharekai project. They had to create a scaled drawing and 3D model of a wharekai (dining room) to seat 40 guests. Their measurements and calculations had to be perfect to ensure their wharekai extension could be built next to the whare classroom. Other fun tasks included a Year 7 geometry Easter race. Students had to follow geometry position and orientation clues to find a hidden orange card and had to complete geometry quiz cards to get their Easter egg!

We had an exceptional large group of students taking level 2 statistics, resulting in two classes this year. Many of our seniors aimed for merit and excellence endorsement this year and we are



looking forward to the external results.

We competed in the Northland Mathex competition held Friday 16th May at Whangarei Boys High School.

Maths Staff were very impressed with the number of students keen to participate in Mathex.

Mathex Y9 1st place
 Natalie Birt, Annmarie Holst, Ewan Smith and Claude Smyth.
 Mathex Y8 2nd place
 Mya Lawrence, Jeremy McCallum, Pasindu Mudannayaka and Mason Wintle.

There were 31 students from Year 8 to Year 11 who participated in the 2014 Otago University Junior Maths Competition. Ewan Smyth placed in the top 200 in New Zealand, a commendable achievement.

Next year we will be launching our mathematics department site that will have information for parents and links for students to resources and learning tools.

We are looking forward to 2015.

Mrs Monique Myburgh
 Head of Mathematics

MATHEMATICS

Year 13 Statistics



Year 7



Mathex 2014



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SENIOR PRIZES

2013

Kia Maia – Be Brave in Learning	(Te Uri o Hau Development Ltd)	<i>Shelby Ata</i>
Jessie Vaughan Trophy for Senior Citizenship	(Ferguson and Oldham Trophy)	<i>Kenneth Shum</i>
Exceptional School Supporter	(K & N Trophy)	<i>Else Cocking</i>
Fair Play & Sportsmanship Trophy	(Engraving Systems)	<i>Austin McCabe</i>
Outstanding Sporting Achievement	(Haydn & Mary Hutching Cup)	<i>Lachlan Sidwell</i>
Peer Support Award	(Kaipara District Council)	<i>Brianna Dawson</i>
Senior Victrix Ludorum	(Karen McNay Cup)	<i>Caitlin Foster</i>
Senior Victor Ludorum	(Webster Brothers Cup)	<i>Dylan Sims</i>
First in Year 11	(OHS Board of Trustees Cup)	<i>Jordan Hyland</i>
Student Exhibiting School Spirit	(Te Jay Cup)	<i>Michelle Schimanski</i>
First in Year 12	(Neil McKay Trophy)	<i>James Finlay</i>
Excellence in Year 12 English & Science	(R & F Tornquist Trophy)	<i>James Finlay</i>
Most Promising Student Returning to School	(Thompson Trophy)	<i>James Finlay</i>
Best Aggregate of Science Subjects in Year 13	(Fonterra Cup and Scholarship)	<i>StaceyLewin/Jake Powell</i>
General Excellence by a Senior Student	(D A Finlayson Cup)	<i>Stacey Lewin</i>
Best All Round Maori Pupil	(Rennie Trophy)	<i>Jake Powell</i>
DUX OF THE SCHOOL	(Mr & Mrs L Mitchell Trophy)	<i>Stacey Lewin/Jake Powell</i>

JUNIOR PRIZES

2013

Special Endeavour Prizes and Cups

Endeavour in Year 7	(Guy Cullen Memorial)	<i>Mya Lawrence</i>
Endeavour in Year 8	(Guy Cullen Memorial)	<i>Claude Smyth</i>
Endeavour in Year 9	(Guy Cullen Memorial)	<i>Eve McCallum/Joshua Linton</i>
Endeavour in Year 10	(Guy Cullen Memorial)	<i>Ashton Coates</i>
Junior Boy	(Trevor Cawkwell Cup)	<i>Kayden French</i>
Junior Girl	(M B Mulholland Cup)	<i>Ocean Shadbolt</i>
Excellence in Years 7 & 8 Maths Olympiad	(School Cup)	<i>Claude Smyth/ Ewan Smith</i>
Year Book Award	(Art for Cover)	<i>Natasha Tornquist</i>
Excellence in Junior Art	(Williamson Trophy)	<i>Natasha Tornquist</i>
Excellence in Year 9 English	(Elizabeth Perry Cup)	<i>Samartha Cawkwell-Troost</i>
Excellence in Year 9 Science	(Huston Family Cup)	<i>Kate Cawkwell-Troost</i>
Excellence in Year 9 Mathematics	(Haydn Hutching Cup)	<i>Joshua Nishitani-Hart</i>
Excellence in Year 9 Social Science	(R Fletcher Cup)	<i>Erin Mooney</i>
Excellence in Practical Skills for Year 10		
Food Technology	(Rural Prize)	<i>Celia Bailey</i>
Excellence in Year 10 English	(R Fletcher Cup)	<i>Erin Mooney</i>
Excellence in Year 10 Science	(S O'Mahony Cup)	<i>Erin Mooney</i>
Excellence in Year 10 Mathematics	(R Perkinson Cup)	<i>Joshua Royds</i>
Excellence in Year 10 Social Science	(Mr & Mrs McAdam)	<i>Ruby-Rose Hallamore/</i> <i>Michaela Rowe</i>

Interhouse Competitions

Endeavour Cup	(J & D Olsson)	<i>Arawa</i>
Academic Cup		<i>Mariapoto</i>
Sporting Cup		<i>Mariapoto</i>
Champion House		<i>Mariapoto</i>

Special Prizes

Second= in Year 9		<i>Eve McCallum/Kate Cawkwell-Troost</i>
Second= in Year 10		<i>Jesper Smyth/Natasha Tornquist</i>
Junior Victrix Ludorum	(J & E Saunders)	<i>Tyler Porteous</i>
Junior Victor Ludorum	(School Cup)	<i>Rhys Shadbolt</i>
First= in Year 9	(OHS BOT Trophy)	<i>Samartha Allen/</i> <i>Samartha Cawkwell-Troost</i>
First in Year 10	(OHS BOT Trophy)	<i>Erin Mooney</i>



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Year 7 & 8's



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Middle Row: CJ Smart, Koby Worsell, Ethan Tautari, Christine Patrick, Tane Nepia, Brady Foster, Mackay Cormack, Cassidy Allen
2nd Row: Mr S Davie-Martin, Alice Paton, Brayden Grigg, Kelly Huband, Toni Tornquist, Harmony Hay, Hunter Goodfellow, Shea Small, Oshani Mudannayaka, Mrs M Myburgh
Front Row: Hayley Linton, Tyler Young, Paris Rika, Jemma Kurupo, Kayla Reid, Willow Tito, Summer Ford, hardae Olsen-Davis

Absent: Emily Page



Back Row: Mrs M Myburgh, Maggie Hames, Matangi Tito, Chrish-chell Tuhiwai, Miss A Kingsford
Middle Row: Ayla Driver, Karl Von Dincklage, Emma Huband, Brayden Mills, Devon Mclellan-Slack, Jacob Butler, Romero Madsen, Jacob Fox
2nd Row: Tyrone De Ardenne, Stacey Liu, Lexi Porteous, Katie Ferguson, Paige Kenyon, Denzal Peeni, Tyrone Maaka
Front Row: Vanessa Langman, Bipasa Patel, Katrina Poyner, Ripeka Craig, BJ Cormack, Amyee Sheppard, Rahiri Tierney, Tiva Kingi

Absent: Vanessa Andersen, Maddy Bond, Huia Nathan-Jenkins, Takirirangi Paieka



Back Row: Mason Wintle, Ocean Shadbolt, Tasha Perrett, Caleb Royds, Shicane Storey, Raiha Patrick
Middle Row: Mr D Burnell, Maddy Lemuelu, Cole Doyle, Braeden Yardley, Brynn Freer, Ethan Trembath, Portia Wehi, Nikayla Abel, Mrs T Brown
Front Row: Danni McKie, Damien Hayes, Kayne Goodfellow, Chance Ratima, Piper Hastings, Rosasharn Vincent, Daniel Rakoia, Matthew Hamilton

Absent: Blossom Connelly, Bridgette Hosford, Andrew Pari, Tariq Phillips



Back Row: Isaac Sheppard, Mahina Henry-Campbell, Mya Lawrence, Aubyn Heath, Jayme Curtis, Jeremiah Cosgrave-Brogtrop
Middle Row: Suzy Thomas, Jade Tornquist, Jade Reid, Hyde Massey, Kathleen Craig, Emma Millard, Leah Vollmer, Chevy Turner-Bennett, Mrs P Randell
Front Row: Jenna Swadling, Jeremy McCallum, Bradley Hailes, Lucas Beeler, Flynn Gilmour, Jaime Kurupo, Tyler Flannagan, Pasindu Mudannayaka

Absent: Samantha Andersen, Quintin Brown, Waimarie Nathan-Jenkins, Terewai Neil

It goes without saying that the stress of exam time can take its toll on our students, and the pressure of workload can often seem overwhelming. We know that a certain amount of pressure is a helpful motivator, but too much stress can have damaging effects on our wellbeing. People often come to counselling to explore 'stress management', and I personally enjoy the idea that there are things that we can do for ourselves to increase our experience of wellbeing.

Managing stress is an art form which many of us are still refining (I'm speaking for myself here), and we each have different techniques which work for us. However, if I was to point to few, there are some factors which it seems we share.

Observing our breath can offer a good reminder to **BREATHE WELL**. It's such a simple thing that we often overlook the importance of relaxed deep breathing which in turn helps to relax the nervous system. I just love the availability of this tool, which can be used anywhere and can help to make stressful situations seem more manageable.

EATING enough, and eating nourishing food, and drinking plenty of water are crucial factors in raising our mood levels, and improving brain function. When mood level is good, motivation is much easier to find!

A good night's **SLEEP** is invaluable for helping us to manage stress, and study productively. One of my good friends is a highly skilled naturopath and when she works with people who are having difficulty sleeping one of the first things she suggests is avoiding screen time at least one hour before bed, as computer technology can interfere with brain waves. I know it's common amongst young people to continue to use devices even once they've gone to bed, but there's plenty of research which points to the benefits of changing these habits.

Having an Irish cultural heritage there's one final factor that I attribute strongly to wellness and stress reduction, and that's **LAUGHTER**. Where I come from, an abundance of humour has been used as an antidote to life's struggles since the beginning of time. So, remember to make time for socialising with friends

and enjoying the lighter side of life in amongst all that study time. Laughter promotes wellness on both a physical and mental level, and a balance of study and relaxation are necessary for optimum performance.

None of these ideas are new, but it's good to be reminded of the simple tools available to each of us when life seems a little overwhelming!

PARENTS & CAREGIVERS:

I recently discovered a website full of wonderful ideas, resources, and forums, which describes itself as "A place for family, whanau, and friends to help our young people enjoy positive mental health and wellbeing. Definitely worth a look!

www.commonground.org.nz

By Jocelyn McKenzie

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Year 9



Back Row: Louis Cosgrave-Brogtrop, Dietrich Von Dincklage, Ben Smith

Middle Row: Immanuel Fairburn, Daniel Taylor, Zelda Sims, Kaylah Pene, Keegan Roberts, Xavier Brown, Kayden French

2nd Row: Ms D Squires, Matthew Riddlestone, Natalie Birt, Erin Kingi, Terina Wallace, Ocean Tierney, Laurinda Bokma, Hannah Mills, Mr D Burnell

Front Row: Adele Boniface, Jarrod Hayes, Jason Taiaroa, Teighan Lloyd, Dani Perkinson, Kayla Joyce, Patrick Butler, Curtis Stanaway, Jodie Lannie

Absent: Tyler Foster, Kingi Herewini, Jayde Holloway



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Middle Row: Mr W MacLennan, Bailey Hudson, James White, Jimmy Watson, Katelin Fairclough, Sunil Tohu, Aaron Lupton, Claude Smyth

Front Row: Brianna Thurgood, Madison Heywood, Dylan Huggett, Devan Gabbitas, Erin Corble, Leroy Porteous, Molly Curnow, Holly Kenyon, Holly Anderson

Absent: Holly Brunt, Adara Clements, Jess Grigg, Mark Langman, Callum McConchie, Ngapaea Morgan, Zahn Phillips



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Middle Row: Phoenix Hunt, Jack Frost, Caleb Hayes, Rubin Paikea, Rory Matheson, Jessica Allen, Zoe Meehan, Hannah Geary

Front Row: Jesse Tautari, Isaac Jones, Corey Slimo, Kasey Ata, Cheyanne Craft, Tewairipo Tito, Chantel Shadbolt, Jader Fairburn, Piripi Craig

Absent: Damien Cullen, Jahnessa Davis, Shawna Hawken, Madison Holloway, Alyssa Kiddie-Williams, Stacey Walker

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Year 10

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Front Row: Kezrah Powley-Anderson, Shania Torpy, Jacob Beeler, Travis Flannagan, Liana Reid, Awhina Thomas, Cal Linehan, Callum Lowrie

Absent: Karima Angus, Corey Barber, Caleb Forbes



Back Row: Jera Stanley, Tane Aitken, James Ratima, Jayson Gilpin

Middle Row: Brody Shadbolt, Shontay Morunga, Tina Te Awa, Juane Kriek, Moshe Adomea, Miss A Kingsford

Front Row: Chloe Archer, Diva Ratu, Shyla Smith, Ebony Smythe, Sonny Nathan, Kalani Wehi, Brighdon Robson, Aidan Kiddie-Williams

Absent: Te Awaroa Peihopa



Back Row: Tamati Abel, Blake Sims, Jacob O'Donnell, Mr W MacLennan

3rd Row: Josh Nishitani-Hart, Lee Holst, Julia Pearce, Samantha Allen, Daniel Osborne, Jayden Fairclough

2nd Row: Alice Lewis, Daniel Dykins, Kate Cawkwell-Troost, Lenhy Massey, Kenneth Kaire, Azariah, Ingham, Nelson Gilmour, Danielle Hyland

Front Row: Joshua Linton, Miriana Littlejohn, Karla Southern, David Hames, Sammy Hammon, Tyler Porteous, Eve McCallum, Rebecca Robertson, Georgia Craig

Absent: Rowena Allardyce, Ben Morley



YEAR PHOTOS

Years 11 - 13

Year 11



Back Row: Isaiah Ratima, Daniel Woodward, Erin Mooney, Marshall Ratima, Gage Powley-Anderson Rueben Elmbranch-Singh
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3rd Row: Kruegor Burton, Joseph Allen-Ulrich, Mycah Keefe, Kodi Foster, Malachi Kerrigan, Daniel Wallace, Connor Van Dalsum, Connor Small, Janiah Fairburn, Terira Maxwell, Mickii Gilpin, Baylee Van Dalsum
2nd Row: Danyon Tana, Raajiv Kumar, Quynnten McCarroll, Tane Young, Monica Jaques, Kendra Mitchell, Gabriella Seager, Kate Hallissey, Ashton Coates, Keriann Herewini, Reihana Phillips, Molly McKie, Santana Tierney, Joseaphine Maaka, Mrs R Clist
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Absent: Deyonne Binney, Amalie Brown, Anton Herewini, Cheyeanne Hill, Shaniqua Maaka, Goodwin Paikea, Emma Rankin, Joel Stephens, Mathew Te Moni, Zena Tuhiwai, Ricky Wood

Year 12



Back Row: Haydn Dyer, Sam Gardner, Blake Anderson, Blake Porteous, Dylan Sims, Michael Parker, Thomas Macdonald, Jamie Manuell, Cameron Gill
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Absent: Brylee Bishara, Antony Bradbury, Joben Hicks, Jordan Hyland, Tayler Jaques, Warren Kiddie-Williams, Taylor Kingi, Trent McLean, Scott Owens, Adam Pierce, Luca Rosseels, Michelle Schimanski, Dylan Swadling,

Year 13



Back Row: Bradley Cooper, Nate Madsen, Joshua Hansen, Joseph Morley, Jacob Webster, Matthew McRae, Jim Bokma, Brent Sewell, Alex Damsted, Mr R Fletcher
2nd Row: Harri Millar, James Finlay, Ethan Pou, Kelsey Orford, Joshua Lees, Leslie Shum, Jake Hamlin, Sophia Butler, Monique Kriek, Chase Wharfe, Benjamin Linton
Front Row: Jessie Beeler, Shiloh Day, Jessica McGillivray, Ellen Nelder, Shelby Ata, Elizabeth Harris, Jordyn Smith, Lulu Smith, Izzie Porter, Edhen Church, Briahna Dawson, Ly San Kim

Absent: William Church, Bayley Coates, Elias Giles, Sok Lim, Lyla McCarroll, Mereana Morgan, David Neaves, Prashil Prasad, Dani White

Kapa Haka

Back Row: Khamse Namana, Sophia Butler, Kelsey Orford, Lulu Smith, Sonny Nathan
3rd Row: Donnya Adams, Diva Ratu, Ocean Tierney, Tasha Perrett, Shontay Morunga, Rubin Paikea, Raiha Patrick, Takirangi Paikea, Jasmine Sampson
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The V ybes

Elias Giles, James Finlay, Matthew McRae



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Thomas Macdonald, George Goddard, Jim Bokma, Cameron Gill



School Production

Back Row: Eri Kojima, Cheyenne Fisher, Karli Wintle, Luca Rossees, Ms D Walters, Joshua Hoshino, Tyler Heywood, Natsumi Watanabe
Middle Row: Corey Slimo, Jessie Beeler, Harri Millar, Joshua Hansen, Chase Wharfe, Elizabeth Harris, Kate Hallissey, Samantha George
Front Row: Shyla Smith, Gabriella Seager, Juane Kriek



Aviation Academy

Chase Wharfe, Ly Sang Kim, Joseph Morley, Alex Damsted, Paul Morrison, Joshua Hansen, Joshua Lees, Brent Sewell, Briahna Dawson, Matthew McRae, Jessica McGillivray, Jacob Webster and Benjamin Linton

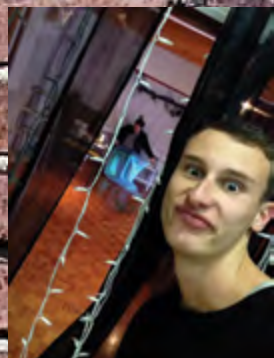


2014 LEAVERS

The Final Word

NAME: JAKE HAMLIN
NICKNAME: 'CRAIG' OR 'JAKE'
BEST OTA MEMORY: 'THIS YEAR'
FUTURE: I DON'T HAVE PLANS.

NAME: ALEX DAMSTED
NICKNAME: JAMESGODESROUGH21
BEST OTA MEMORY: MS DAVIS
FUTURE: TAYLOR SWIFT AND I MAKE MAXED RUNESCAPE 2007 ACCOUNTS TOGETHER AND GET MARRIED.



NAME: JESS
NICKNAME: JESS
BEST OTA MEMORY: DOING DRAWS FOR THE ART PAIS IZZIE AND JIM
FUTURE: LIVING WITH ALL THE BAE'S AND WORKING AT A THOROUGHbred RACEHORSE STUD

NAME: IZZIE PORTER
NICKNAME: MOREGAINS THAN JOSEPH
BEST OTA MEMORY: MEETING MY BAE JESS
FUTURE: ANYTHING BUT ART



NAME: MATTHEW MCRAE
NICKNAME: KNIFE SHARPENER
BEST OTA MEMORY: WHEN CAMERON ALMOST DIED GAGGING ON WASABI TRYING TO ONE UP HARRI AND I.
FUTURE: GOING TO AUCKLAND UNI TO GET A BACHELOR IN HOW TO GET OUT OF THE FRIENDZONE.

NAME: JAMES FINDLAY
NICKNAME: JIMMY (THANKS CHAMBERS)
BEST OTA MEMORY: REARRANGING THE ENTIRE ET CLASSROOM WHILE MR TROOST WENT TO THE OFFICE. WE TURNED ALL THE DESKS, CHAIRS AND TABLES THE OTHER WAY ROUND SO THE ROOM WAS BACK TO FRONT.
FUTURE: FORMING A POLITICAL PARTY WITH JAKE HAMLIN TO TRY TO WIN A SEAT IN THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION.

NAME: BEN LINTON
NICK NAME: SLIM SHADY
BEST OTA MEMORY: GOING ON MY MORNING WALKS WITH CELIA.
FUTURE: AFTER I WIN MY POD RACE, I'D LIKE TO LEAVE TATOOINE AND BECOME A JEDI KNIGHT, THEN I MIGHT FALL IN LOVE WITH PADME AND THEN LEAVE HER TO GO DO SOME COOL JEDI TRAINING AND STUFF, HANG OUT WITH OBI-WAN AND THEN COME BACK, CATCH UP WITH PADME AND THEN GET LIKE SUPER MIFFED AND BECOME DARTH VADER AND HAVE A COUPLE KIDS, CALL 'EM LUKE AND LEIA, OR BE A RADIO BROADCASTER, THAT WOULD BE COOL TOO.

NAME: HARRI MILLAR
NICKNAME: ATHLETE
BEST OTA MEMORY: EARNING HAYDEN LUPTONS RESPECT
FUTURE: BACHELOR OF BUSINESS AND CONJOINT IN MASTERS DEGREE IN FIFA



NAME: DANI WHITE
NICKNAME: DANIEL
BEST OTA MEMORY: BEN BEING THE FIRST PERSON I HELD HANDS WITH
FUTURE: LIVING WITH MY FAVE BAE JESS AND BECOMING FAMOUS WITH HARRI ON YOUTUBE



NAME: LESLIE SHUM
NICKNAME: TRIPLE H PSYCHO KILLA, OR BY MY INTERNET FRIENDS - BEE BEE SEE.
BEST OTA MEMORY: ...UH, I'M NOT TOO SURE - I'VE GOT A BAD MEMORY.
FUTURE: ...I'VE FORGOTTEN, BUT IDEALLY, I'D LIKE TO GROW A KARDASHIAN BOOTY.



NAME: JOSEPH MORLEY
NICKNAME: MOREGAINS
BEST OTA MEMORY: SHOOTING WATER BALLOONS WITH A THREE MAN SLINGSHOT WITH MR O'MAHONY DURING A PHYSICS LESSON.
FUTURE: JOINING THE NZ AIR FORCE AS A INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST AND REAPPLYING IN A FEW YEARS TIME AS A PILOT.



NAME: ELIZABETH HARRIS
NICKNAME: ELIZABETH (UNIQUE, I KNOW)
BEST OTA MEMORY: IN YEAR 8 FOR ACTIVITY WEEK, OUR GROUP WAS CALLED 'PRETTY PONIES' AND WE DID A SICK RAP ABOUT HOW COOL OUR TEAM NAME WAS--OH, AND WE WON THE PRIZE FOR BEST TEAM SPIRIT SO "YAY PRETTY PONIES!"
FUTURE: I'M GOING TO DO A FILM AND TELEVISION DIPLOMA SPECIALIZING IN FILM EDITING NEXT YEAR.



YEAR 13

The Last 1000 Words



NAME: JACOB WEBSTER
NICKNAME: WEBSTER
BEST OTA MEMORY: BUS RIDES HOME WITH THE PEOPLE ON THE PAHI RD BUS
FUTURE: ENJOYING MY LIFE AND PUTTING IN TO PRACTICE THE THINGS I HAVE LEARNED AT OHS FRIENDSHIP, UNITY, COMMUNITY, KINDNESS, YOUTH, OPTIMISM AND UNDERSTANDING



NAME: JORDYN SMITH
NICKNAME: JORDY AND OR JAXIAY
MY BEST OTA MEMORY: WHEN WE WERE IN MR CATHERSIDES CLASS IN YEAR 9 AND HE TOLD THE ENTIRE CLASS TO STAND AROUND HIS DESK WHERE THERE WAS THIS BOWL OF WATER WITH A CHEMICAL IN IT AND ALL OF SUDDEN IT JUST EXPLODED AND EVERYBODY JUMPED AND SCREAMED!
FUTURE: MY MAIN GOAL IS TO WORK IN ZOOS AND WILD LIFE PARKS.

NAME: BAYLEY COATES
NICKNAME: HAYBAILZ
BEST OTA MEMORY: LEVEL 3 BIO DMC'S WITH MR CATHESIDES :)
FUTURE: RIDING DAISY AND STRAWBERRY DOWN TO THE SOUTH ISLAND SO I CAN GO TO COW SCHOOL.



NAME: JOSH HANSEN
NICKNAME: THE EAGLE
BEST OTA MEMORY: THAT TIME IN HOSPITALITY WHEN JACOB AND I TRIED TO HALF AN EGG BY PULLING ON HALF OF THE EGG EACH BECAUSE THE RECIPE TOLD US TO USE HALF AN EGG.
FUTURE: MAKE CAPTAIN OF THE STARSHIP ENTERPRISE IN UNDER 5 YEARS.

NAME: LYSANG KIM
NICKNAME: LISA OR LESNACK.
BEST OTA MEMORY: EVERY DAY I WALKED INTO THIS SCHOOL WAS MY BEST MEMORY, AND EVERYBODY'S WARM SMILE ARE THE MOST UNFORGETTABLE THINGS TO ME.
FUTURE: HEAD TOWARD MY DREAM OF BECOMING A CREATIVE ARCHITECT, SO I WILL BE STUDYING A BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE AT AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY.



NAME: KELSEY ORFORD
NICKNAME: KELSIFORD
FAV MEMORY: YEAR 10 GIRLS CAMP
CONFESSION NIGHT
PLANS FOR THE FUTURE: MANA PARTY 2015 #MAAAANA

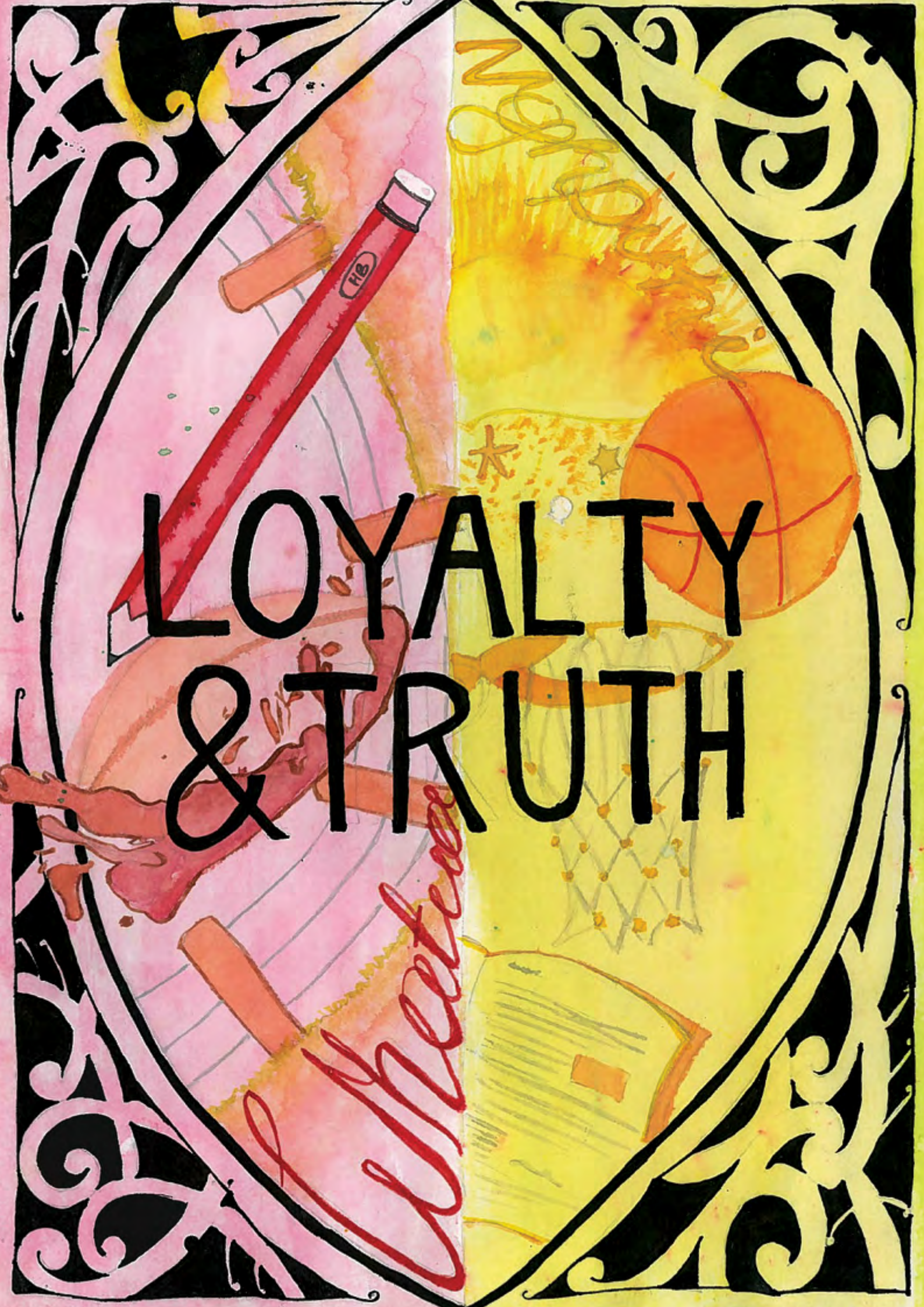
NAME: JOSHUA LEES
NICKNAME: LAT'S
BEST OTA MEMORY: BRINGING CAMERON TO WITHIN AN INCH OF HIS LIFE DUE TO AN O.D OF WASABI
THE FUTURE: TRAINING AND BECOMING A LICENSED AIRCRAFT ENGINEER WITH A PRIVATE PILOTS LICENSE



NAME: SHELBY ATA
NICKNAME: SHELBS
BEST OTA MEMORY: MEMORY: BEING TOLD THAT I WAS STILL YOUNG
ENOUGH TO BE BENT OVER THE KNEE AND SMACKED
FUTURE: DR ATA

NAME: ELLEN NELDER
NICKNAME: ELEANOR
BEST OTA MEMORY: GOOD OLD CATHESIDES STORIES
THE FUTURE: BECOME A DOCTOR

NAME: JIM
NICKNAME: BOKMA
BEST OTA MEMORY: MEETING ELIAS GILES
FUTURE: TRAVELLING IN EUROPE THEN STUDYING MUSIC IN THE NETHERLANDS.



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