



Loyalty and Truth

Otamatea
2015

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 OTA15 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.

However I think a Junior Student called Amy Lawrence has summed OHS up perfectly...

Here's what she has to say.

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"In the year 2015 I started Otamatea High School. This year I think I have improved in all subjects immaculately. I wouldn't have achieved this without our teachers, friends and families support and encouragement throughout the year. To be honest I felt like a small fish in a big bowl, but our motto has really helped me fit in and feel welcome. It is 'He Waka Eke Noa', meaning 'we are all in this waka without exception', a phrase the entire school hears every Monday morning from our Principal Mrs Clothier-Simmonds. This means we look out for each other and give a warm welcome to everyone that attends OHS, whether it is teachers, students, or just day to day visitors. We have rules like all schools and everyone is expected to follow them: O = Our safety, T = Total Respect & A = Always learning, (also known as 'the OTA way'). These rules have helped many new Yr. 7s have a happy safe & successful year after graduating from primary. At our school we are all unique, we are treated as individuals and we are always happy to hear your opinions and ideas to improve our school and make everyone feel welcome and a part of something.

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Personally speaking I have loved coming to OHS, I can be myself without feeling scared or that I would have to pretend to be someone else to fit in, we have an amazing community around us, & a great group of kids. Without each other we wouldn't be a school, so be proud of our school and be proud of yourself. I wish everyone a happy future at Otamatea High School."

- Amy Lawrence



STAFF

Pictorial



Back Row: Vicky Garnett, Dara Mateeva, Nick Staples, Dave Burnell, Malcolm Crisp, Richard Reed, Catherine Pilkington, Guy Smith, Steve Davie-Martin, Bruce Alison

3rd Row: Philippa Randell, Nicky Cotching, Jenny Reid, Kylie Smith, Robyn Bruce, Kay Fell, Klasina Sewell, Glenys Morrison, Tina Holst, Sandra Sears, Jay Simmonds, Ann Marinus

2nd Row: Anna Liddington, Sonia Dickson, Nikki Donaldson, Lauriean Getz, Christine Laue, Eileen Parsons, Thomaseena Paul, Kay Robinson, Arina Bosch, Helen Hopkins, Sally Green

Front Row: Lana Parkinson, Elizabeth Van Den Berg, John Laue, Paul Chambers, Lyndsay Whitehead, Rachel Clothier-Simmonds, Dirk Smyth, Rebecca Clist, Wayne Maclellann, Stuart Manga

Absent: Stephen Allely, Teresa Brown, Anna Bruce, Paul Cathersides, Stella Clyde, Barry Corlett, Deborah Cornhill-Davies, Miriam Crosby, Fiona Kemp, Ann Kingsford, Julie Lewis, Mark MacKenzie, Sam Phillips, Waimarie Ratu, Heather Troost



Learning Centre Team

Back Row: Ann Marinus, Hira Wynyard, Teresa Brown
Front Row: Christine Laue, Donna Squires, Ladene Hunter, Teresa Hallissey

STAFF

List

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Principal	Mrs Rachel Clothier-Simmonds BSc QTS (Hons)
Deputy Principal	Mr Roy Fletcher Med Admin (leave 2015)
Deputy Principal	Mrs Lyndsay Whitehead B Ed, TTC (2015)
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Assistant Principal (Teaching and Learning)	Mr Dirk Smyth BA (Hons), Dip Tchg

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Science	Mr Paul Cathersides MA (Hons) Dip Tchg
Social Sciences	Mr Wayne Maclellann BA, Dip Tchg
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Technology	Mrs Elizabeth van den Berg B Ed, Higher Dip Ed

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STAFF

Continued

Assistant Teachers Continued

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He waka eke noa; we're all in this waka, without exception – this is the whakatauki which we have promoted this year. Students, staff and whanau. We're in the waka, for the good and the bad. Sometimes the storms come and it's important that we learn to paddle together in order to weather the storm. We've done this as a school community over the past couple of years and we're now reaping the benefits of having a more collective vision. We're making great progress as a school and I believe that every individual achievement contributes to the collective. It helps each of us develop our sense of pride in ourselves and the school. I feel incredibly honoured and privileged to see and hear the many accomplishments which our young people are attaining. I want to congratulate all the prizewinners who have demonstrated aptitude, diligence and perseverance. I also want to mention some of the highlights from the year – the special moments which make us all proud.

Academia – Over 70% more students who achieved NCEA Endorsements than the previous year. The many students who have been constantly checking with their Academic Counsellors how many excellence credits they have achieved throughout the year. The healthy competition to attain the top prizes. The tertiary scholarship recipients;



Firstly, congratulations to all involved in the Otamatea High School community who have successfully navigated another year that is all too quickly coming to an end.

It has been a year which has seen many successes and achievements. We will soon celebrate these with the Junior and Senior prize-givings, and I wish everyone good luck with these. However, success and achievement are not solely measured by the people who came first - they are also about personal growth and doing your best. At Otamatea we can be justifiably proud that so many have had a successful year.

\$60,000 has been offered to Otamatea High School students to take up tertiary study in 2016 and I am sure there are more scholarships to come.

The developing sense of pride in the school and the rejuvenation of the house spirit. The end of term three inter iwi haka challenge was simply sensational.

Music – The inspiring performances at Olla Podriga, the regional and national success at Smoke Free Rockquest and Pasifica Beats.

Culture – the Kapa Haka group performances at Te Tai Tokerau, Kaipara Festival, National representation at Nga Manu Korero competition in Wellington, Te Reo Maori classes for the community.

Sports – Athletics day in the rain, 50th Annual Swim Sports, all the house competitions, Reporoa Exchange. The netball premier team who made the semi-final for the first time in 3 years, all the teams who made finals – Under 15 Rugby, First XI Boys' Football, First XI Girls' Hockey and Netball Team Three who won their grade. All the students who have played representative sports and the finalists and winners of regional sports awards.

The Year 7 World Champion who won the International Community Problem Solving competition in the United States of America.

The large number of students who have committed to the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme including the seven recipients of the Gold Award.

The charity fundraising activities; the Year 13

PRINCIPAL'S

report

students and staff who got involved in Relay For Life, those who gave up things that were precious to them for World Vision and more recently Samaritan's Purse, the three girls who shaved their hair to raise money for cancer, the two students who supported the Nepalese earthquake after their close call during the Youth to Everest trip. Awesome effort to all of you.

Being served by the umpa lumpas at the Willy Wonka Ball.

The ANZAC assembly and planting the crosses to honour those who served in the First World War.

The passionate speech competitions across all junior year levels.

The barista competition successes.

The talented staff beating the year 13s in 5 a side football....and netball....ok, we lost the relay in the swimming sports by a country mile but we'll give it another go next year.

Each and every achievement is important and cannot be underestimated as we continue to encourage our young people to grow in their gifts, talents and confidence. It is my contention that success breeds success, so let's continue to celebrate all of our successes as a community. He waka eke noa. No Reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Rachel Clothier-Simmonds
Principal

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson's report

It has been great to see the increased involvement by parents and the Otamatea community at the school and events like the swimming sports and athletics day. It will be fantastic to see continued support for these events and others such as the Tai Tokerau festival, Reporoa Exchange, swimming sports and cross country. Your parents are always welcome! And in 2016 the school will be celebrating its history and past students during its 50th reunion, and this will be a great opportunity for parents, students and the Otamatea community to celebrate their school.

A big thank you to all OHS staff for their tireless efforts over the year to date and the push towards exams.

Thank you also to all the student leaders for their efforts this year, and good luck for all those applying for these roles next year.

Thank you to all OHS Board members for their support and commitment to governance of the school. A special thank you to Samantha Allen, the BOT student representative who is your voice, she has done an excellent job representing the student body. Congratulations on her re-election.

Good luck everyone with exams. For those leaving the school, good luck with your future endeavours in whichever direction you have chosen. For those returning, see you in the new year, ready for the challenges of 2016.

Llew Smart
Chairman



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Front Row: Nina Linnell, Ayla Wehi, Dylan Sims, Cameron Gill, Jasmine Sampson, Tayla Perkinson, Anna Southern, Murphy Linehan, Bianca Slimo



HEAD GIRL report

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

Kia ora e te whanau
Ko Paraekaretu te maunga
Ko turakina te awa
Ko Kurahaupo te waka
Ko Ngati Apa te iwi
Ko Rangitumoana te hapu
Ko Tini Waitara te marae
Ko Jasmine tōku ingoa
Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou tēnā koutou katoa.

I remember my first day attending Otamatea High school. My first class was maths with Mr Smyth, I remember walking into class so nervous and scared. I had just left primary school where I was one of the “big kids” and then had to move on to a new school where I had to work my way up the ranks again, surrounded by taller, bigger and older people. Although that first day feels like it was just yesterday I’m now standing here as your head girl five years on, presenting my end of year speech and about to move on and experience another adventure in my life, ready to work my way up the ranks once again.

One thing I can say that has got me to where I am as a student of our high school today is growth and I’m not talking about how tall or short I am I’m talking about my growth in my personality, my attitude and my motivation and drive towards life. Someone mentioned to me earlier on in the year “Talent is given to you the day you’re born it is simply handed to you on a plate but skill, skill is only developed by hours and hours of beating on your craft.” There is no easy way around it no matter how talented you are your talent is going to fail you if you’re not skilled. If you don’t study if you don’t work really hard and dedicate yourself to being better every single day you will never get to the peak of your performance or be the best you can be. This goes for everything it doesn’t matter what you’re doing whether it’s something huge, or something little and it doesn’t matter how great anyone else thinks it is as long as you know it’s doing good and you’re passionate about it, be the best you can be at it then you’ll know you have succeeded. That is one of the many things I have learnt while I’ve been here, don’t sit around and expect to be great over night, work and work till you achieve what you want and you will appreciate it so much more at the end of the day.



Throughout my years here I have been involved in Sports, Olla Podriga, Festival of the Arts, Kapa haka, Relay for Life and a lot more. Through these different areas of the school, through the staff and students the knowledge I have gained is beyond measure! I’m going to miss it here, I mean this is where I have spent the last five years of my life and I consider everyone who attends here my family now especially my fellow year 13’s who are also about to embark on amazing adventures! Ngā mihi hoa mahi, kaiako mā. I walk out through the waharoa with my heart and kete overflowing. I have eaten the miro, I have feasted on knowledge and now I will step forward into the future taking with me everything I have learnt and all the friendships I have made along the way.

Jasmine

TAONGA WAHAROA



On Monday 20th July 2015 Otamatea High School held a blessing ceremony to receive a special taonga (treasure) which had been gifted to the school. The taonga is a waharoa (gateway) which has been designed and carved by three students of Te Wananga o Aotearoa, Mangere Campus. One of the carvers Jay Simmonds works as the Grounds Person at the school four days a week and studies whakairo (Maori carving) every Tuesday with the other two carvers, William Theodore and Bryce Woollen. This is their first collaborative piece to gift to an organisation. They are working towards completing their Diploma in Whakairo by the end of this year.

The intricate carvings which make up the piece represent many facets of a Maori worldview. The Maori concept of time (Te Kore, Te Po, Te Ao Marama) is represented through the stories told in the carvings. The mask at the front of the entranceway (Tane Tokorangi)

symbolises the separation from darkness into light and therefore as one enters through the waharoa they move into a new state of enlightenment. The mask which faces the mountain Pukeareinga is Tane Te Wananga, which represents the three baskets of knowledge (sacred knowledge, ancestral knowledge, life’s knowledge). The traditional colours of red, white and black are used in the waharoa as well as the blue of Otamatea High School.

The moving ceremony that was attended by staff, students and community members was led by Matua Rau Morgan. Students responded with the new school haka; this haka is also based on the Maori concept of time as well as acknowledging the significance of the Kaipara region. The carvers were initially unaware that the haka and carvings were aligned; it was clearly meant to be. In an assembly following the blessing the carvers explained the meaning of the

waharoa as well as their own personal journeys.

The symbolism of entering through a waharoa is about passing from one state to another, similar to what happens when people are welcomed onto a marae. For Otamatea High School this symbol is also about being a welcoming place, a place for the whole community. The waharoa will be used in the future during powhiri and on other special occasions. As the piece is three dimensional people will be encouraged to interact with it and to understand its significance. As receivers of the taonga Otamatea High School are now entrusted with its care and upholding the principles contained in the piece.

This year some Otamatea High School students have begun studying whakairo and the school is hoping to expand this provision over the next few years.

GOODBYE

Roy Fletcher. Back in the year 1993 a very passionate man by the name of Roy Fletcher, who after a long teaching career in Auckland, joined the Otamatea teaching team as the head of English. After a few short years he climbed up the chain of command to become the Deputy Principal. He served faithfully in this role through to 2012 when he stepped in to fill in as acting principal. Roy has always been passionate about education and was always concerned for the people around him. He is a stalwart of the education fraternity and is as reliable as he is hardworking. These skills certainly complimented the principal Haydn Hutching, and certainly helped to solidify strong management team.

Of course for most people who know Roy, it is ever-so dark sense of humour and lively wit that made working with him a real treat. He could make the most tedious of staff meetings a joy to be in and always brought a snappy joke and fast comeback to most conversations. This is a man who, to be fair, could talk the ears off a donkey. It would be no surprise that he has many nick names that are all best left unsaid. All that being said, Roy is a man with a strong sense of servitude. Who was fair and just. You are missed greatly but we wish you all the best as you try to get the best out of those cheeky primary school principals.

Ross Perkinson. Ross began teaching at Otamatea High School last century. A graduate of Auckland University, Ross moved north in 1997 with his new bride and stayed for 18 years. He was at various times HELA in charge of Mathematics and the Principal's nominee for NZQA. He now has moved onto a new chapter in his life as he manages the "Maths Whizz" franchise in New Zealand. Ross is now heavily involved in the marketing and development of this teaching aid, both here and traveling to the UK to help product development. Ross will be greatly missed and we wish him and his family well for the future.

Lyndsay Whitehead. Lyndsay is a total local. Having been born in Paparoa, she went on to attend Maungaturoto Primary and then Otamatea High School. It is no surprise that after she completed her primary teacher training in Auckland she returned to the Kaipara and finally back into the hallowed halls of Otamatea High School as a fulltime assistant teacher in 2003. Having been primary school trained, Lyndsay continued extra-mural studies while working to become secondary school certified. After a period of extra positions such as dean and specialist classroom teacher, Lyndsay finally landed in the role of Assistant Principal in 2009.

Lyndsay is by far one of the most community focused staff members that Otamatea High School has had and it is obvious to see that this area is and will always be her home. She has fought hard to upskill and build her education toolkit and is deeply committed to the children and youth of the Kaipara area. In fact, it is rumoured that she even reads about education as a hobby.

When asked about what drives her in her education career, she says that it is the relationships that you build with some of the students. It is great to see them grow up to become great people with big dreams and massive potential. It is evident that for Lyndsay it is always about more than just the process of education, it is about the people. Whether it be the students or colleagues, we are sure that you will take with you some great friends for life. This attitude and passion that Lyndsay brought to her time at Otamatea will be missed and we wish her the best for a bright future working with the next generation of youth.

Shane O'Mahony. Shane O'Mahony came to Otamatea High School from Waitakere College where he had started his teaching career. Shane was appointed as head of Science. He had a background in chemistry and physics. Shane had completed a Masters degree in chemistry at



Auckland University using computers to study crystals. Shane, like many educationalists at the time, could see the potential for much broader applications of computers in schools. In the early 1990's Otamatea set up a computer lab and Shane taught a computer studies class at 7.30 in the morning in order to maximise the use of the machines by other students during the school day. He was always motivated by what gave students the greatest opportunities.

Shane was responsible for keeping much of the technology going in the school. He did everything from setting up lights for school plays and balls to installing data projectors and AV equipment. He was always very accommodating and worked very long hours to make sure that everything was working when it was required.

Shane's knowledge was extremely broad so that in the age when Google became a verb some students affectionately christened Shane "O'Mahonypedia."

As a member of the senior leadership team and a science teacher Shane's contribution will be missed.

Ann Kingsford. Coming from working in a 'Not for Profit' social services agency in Christchurch, Ann started at OHS in 2002 after completing a crash course in teacher retraining. Ann may have come in as a cannon fodder teacher but she took great pride in rising to the great height of remaining in that position. Her versatile 'can-do' attitude saw her teach art, english, social science, food and fabric technology and even a life skills programme. One of her great accomplishments was to start the Media Studies programme and as a result became even more interested in the media. That is news and entertainment media, rather than social. She was even the editor for this very fine publication for many a year.

Ann tirelessly helped with major productions in various ways; makeup, costuming, props sourcing. Worked with Rebecca Clist on Festival of Arts. Of course it doesn't end there as she trained and coached junior debating for a couple of years with ultra-enthusiastic Year 10s. When asked, Ann says that she loved teaching art - but not always the little treasures that are in the classes - and is now looking forward to spending more time working on her own art along with volunteer community work, relief teaching, writing and joining local drama society next year. Ann we will miss your wonderful sense of humour and the way you put such creative flair in everything you do. All the best for the future!

Sally Green. An exotic looking teacher joined the staff in 2004 all the way from Rodney College. She was a science teacher but didn't teach that for a while as Sally Green began working with international students and exploring fundraising opportunities for the school.

Over the years her position continued to evolve and she did teach science, until a few years ago, she decided she would like to become a guidance counsellor. The idea sounded quite good at the time. Sally then started this new role and returned to being a student – all at the same time. To do this she was at school four days of the week and the other day was given over to lectures, books, essays and study. This all paid off and she completed her degree. And then suddenly she was gone – to Egypt. Yes, Egypt, where she is a guidance counsellor at an international college that also has a link to OHS because the principal is an old friend of Paul Chambers. Egypt. A long way from

Otamatea, but that is where Sally now works, lives and is trying to come to terms with a completely new culture.

Debbie Walters. Debbie was an amazingly passionate drama teacher for many years at OHS. The excitement and enthusiasm that she brought to the school productions meant many a wonderfully entertaining night in the school hall! Her grasp on the theatrical was brilliant and came through in all aspects of her work and play. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors and thank you for your dramatic impact over the years.

Glenys Morrison. Glenys Morrison has been at the school for 18 years teaching in the Food area and being the Head of the Technology Learning Area for a time. She arrived as a full time relieving teacher. She always says it is was an experiment to see if she and her husband, Paul, who was the Head of Technology department here at that time, could work together in the same school where he was to be her boss. It worked out well for both of them for they were a formidable team in the department together for long years.

When the Technology curriculum changed she added Food Technology to her skills and when she saw the opportunity to teach Hospitality she adapted to include this. She built up the school's food area into the highly acclaimed status it currently enjoys. Glenys has always sought the best for her students and are beloved by the students. She was always attuned to their needs. When she saw students needing more Hospitality skills she changed her senior programmes to suit these needs. Her students have enjoyed success in the Northland Hamburger Competition and in the last five years at least seven students had gone on to Hospitality as further study.

Glenys is looking forward to having more freedom to pursue her creative passions and spend time with her family, especially her new grandson. We are very sad to lose her expertise and presence at the school, but wish her well and hope to see her back often to help us out.

Stella Clyde. Stella is quite possibly one of the most adventurous positive and giving women we have met. Her legacy with the students at Otamatea High School will be hard to match. Her students will miss her. Ex-union delegate, science teacher, horticulture Extraordinaire, Gateway supervisor or Camp Mother, Stella is pro-active working class. Students looking for work skills would go and see Stella and she would leave no stone unturned until she found a suitable placement. Her contacts are many and were gained through positive experiences with Otamatea students, some of those contacts would place Ota students over and over again.

Stella loves to share her passion and knowledge of horticulture, teaching students how to develop their own gardens, growing and harvesting their own food a priority. While at Otamatea Stella has often seen a need and done whatever she can to fill it. One thing for sure is that Stella was here at Otamatea for the students and we are sure that she will be greatly missed.

Steve Davie-Martin. Steve arrived at the beginning of 2014 and immediately caused a stir amongst teachers and pupils alike with his pony-tail and quick wit. Only later did students realise that he is a cheerful and positive teacher committed to teaching and learning. One of his great attributes has been his adaptability. He has managed to teach year 7 core subjects (English, Maths and Science) as well as Level 2 Geography and Tourism and Years 9 and 10 Social Science. He has also been Ngapuhi house dean and has led Ngapuhi in 2015 to one of the best results this century.

Unfortunately, many of Steve's witticisms have fallen upon stony ground, but he has certainly kept people around him in fits of laughter with his quips and one-liners. Steve is a skilled and knowledgeable teaching professional able to turn his hand to many areas of school life. We all wish him the best in his future teaching career.



Dave Clayton. I began teaching in 1997 after studying at the Auckland College of Education and University of Auckland. My first teaching experience was at Wairau Intermediate. I was there for nine years initially, and after a two years stint at Albany Junior High School I returned for a further four years. I have taught all learning areas but my passion and specialty is Mathematics. I will do maths for fun! Recently my wife and I spent two and a half years travelling around Europe in a motorhome that we have shipped back to New Zealand. We hope to continue travelling in the future.

Anna Bruce. I attended Otamatea High School as a student myself. I studied PE in Dunedin as well as completing my teacher's college year there also. I have previously taught for two years at St Hilda's Collegiate School in Dunedin. I am passionate about the sport of hockey as well as strength and conditioning training. I enjoy all types of fitness, and keeping fit in different and fun ways. I am looking forward to a new challenge and being a part of the community again.

Malcolm Crisp. For the last five years I have been teaching at Papatoetoe High School and previous to that I have taught in high schools in Australia and England. I am passionate about Literature and the exciting opportunities for reading and writing in digital environments. My wife and I are eager to explore the natural beauty of Northland and hope to become active in the community life of Maungaturoto.

Hira Wynyard. I was first introduced to Otamatea High School in 2011 when I relieved in the Physical Education Department for John Bruce. I was originally from the Northland area but moved to Auckland in 1991 to study Physical Education at Teachers College. My teaching experience includes Waitakere College and Liston College in West Auckland where I was the Head of Physical Education at both schools. Other work experience includes working at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney and the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester. I like to keep active by participating in a variety of sports including



cycling, golf, tag and surfing. I have an 8 year old son who attends Mangawhai Beach School.

Jay Simmonds. I started working at the school as the Grounds Person last November. I left Zealandia Horticulture, Auckland, to live & work here. I've had 15 years in the wine industry. I have also worked for DOC and local council in the Wellington & Kapiti Coast regions. I am currently finishing my diploma in Whakairo. I like theatre, art, music, food, playing tennis, snowboarding, fishing and pretty much anything else outdoorsy.

Ann Marinus. I took over the SENCO role from Penny Bates, will teach Year 10 Maths and will be Dean of Arawa House. This will be my 30th year teaching, which makes me sound very old! All I can say was I was very young when I started! Two years ago I moved to Mangawhai with my husband and we both love the area. Three of my four children have left school now with my youngest step son is completing his Year 12 this year. I love working with teenagers, and get tremendous pleasure from helping them believe in themselves and achieve.

Kylie Smith. I have started teaching year 7/8 homeroom this year and love to work with staff, students and the wider Otamatea community. My teaching background includes time at Te Whare Wananga O Awanuiawarangi, Westlake Girls High School and Ruakaka Primary. Prior to teaching I worked as a Town Planner. I am a mum with three children, who loves going to the beach and reading.

Helen Hopkins. I am the new drama teacher at Otamatea High School. I am originally from the UK (Chester) but am lucky enough to have spent the last 5 years of my career teaching in New Zealand. I have come from Rodney College where I was Head of Music and Drama. I am pleased to be teaching at Otamatea High School; I'm settling in well and feeling at home already. I am a mother of three, Rebecca 22, Kate 21 and Matthew 19 and I live in Mangawhai. My interests are all things spiritual and spooky and I enjoy playing flute, clarinet and saxophone.

THE PREFECTS



Back Row: Murphy Linehan, Ayla Wehi, Michelle Schimanski, Kalem Tana, Jamie Manuell, Haydn Dyer, Bianca Slimo, Anna Southern

Front Row: Emma Garnett, Tashae Paikea, Tayla Perkinson, Cameron Gill, Mrs R Clothier-Simmonds, Jasmine Sampson, Dylan Sims, Te Whakakotahitanga Jenkins, Nina Linnell

YEAR 7 & 8 SYNDICATE

Trip to Matakohu

As a conclusion to our Inquiry for Term 2, Year 7 and 8 students took a trip to Matakohu Limestone Island. The Year 7 focus was on understanding how people view and use places differently and for the Year 8s the focus was on understanding how formal and informal decisions impact on communities.

We walked and walked and walked. The ruins were heaps of fun and we learnt so much. Bernie the Ranger was very knowledgeable and a great guide. We would definitely do this trip again!

By Philippa Randall



Fireworks
Colourful, shimmering
Kaleidoscopes painting the night
Electrifying, exploding
Display

Jade Bickerton 7N

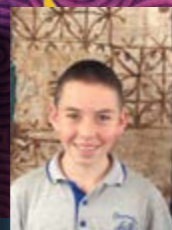
Diamante
Poetry

Cat
Fluffy, soft
Sleeping, purring, moving
Lying on the couch. Moving towards cat
Creeping, lurking, crouching
Slowly, quietly
Dog

Emma Britten 7N



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TOKATOKA

OUR
YEAR 7
AND 8
LEADERS
2015

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

I slowly walk through the gate on to the courts, my emotions running through me like a busy train station.

Kids surrounding me as I wait with Mum, wait for the first bell. Then I smile as two happy faces come towards me, Emma and Lily. We smile at each other as our mums chat excitedly about our first day here.

In the room I slowly pick a desk with three other girls sitting there; Trista, Summer and Sophie and I feel happy because I might become friends with them. Then I realise that Sophie looks like my BBF Holly who lives in Orewa where I used to live and suddenly I feel sad and quiet. Anxiety and nerves take over in me and things start to run through my mind like, "I might get lost here" or "What if I am late to class?" The other thing that seemed so scary was that the other kids looked so big and there were so many of them.

I soon realised that I could make friends, I wouldn't get lost and I will get along with the new people I meet.
Chloe McGowan

My first day at school was embarrassing because my mum was taking photos of me. My first impression was that I was going to get lost here but then we went to our home room class and lots of people were asking for help about where they had to go. The school seemed so big, but not for long, I told myself. Leilani Pahi

My friends and I had sore shoulders from carrying all our books in our bags but then we were able to give them all to Miss Kingsford who put them into plastic boxes. That felt much better. When the first bell to go to interval rang, everyone stampeded out like wild bison and I nearly got knocked over with my new friend Sophie. By the end of the day I knew I was going to like being at Otamatea. Eliza Rockell

It was my first day at high school. My timetable and school map were in my pocket but I was feeling pretty nervous. It was assembly and the doors opened as I saw people putting down their bags outside so I did the same and walked into the hall. Slowly I was starting to feel calmer as Mr Chambers came to the microphone to speak to us.

Before I knew it, assembly was over and we started period one and I had wood tech. I jumped into the classroom, feeling happy because so far, so good.

The rest of the day was terrific and the next day I realised I didn't need my map any more.
Cory Browne

We met teachers and saw class rooms on our first day at school. I was excited but a bit scared, too, because I was sure I would get lost.

It was weird being surrounded by people I didn't know and some of them were idiots. I played on the doughnut and the swing with my friends at interval, but the best thing we did was food tech. We made pikelets, but to be honest they were more like pancakes. We had berries to put on top with yum stuff like yoghurt, maple syrup, coconut and other fruit. They tasted really good. We didn't do much else that day but I messed around with my friends and thought it was fairly quiet. That soon changed when all the other people came to school a few days later! And I never got lost.

Sophie Gribble

It felt strange because at high school we weren't the big kids any more. The big kids here are big. That's what I thought on my first day. I was scared I would get lost, too. I was really nervous but not anymore. I still don't know where everything is, but that's ok. Calesto Mills

It was freaky at the start. I was nervous but it was cool finding out who was going to be in my class and who my teachers were.

There was such a big difference between Ota and Paparoa. Here we had to run from class to class and I was not always sure which class to go to but I soon worked it out.

Meeting the big kids in my whanau group was good and then we did some writing and suddenly the day was over. I decided it was a bit the same as Pap but really it was very different.
Samuel Parker

All I could do was follow everyone else and listen out for my name. The first day at high school was exciting and scary until I met my friend Summer who was in Maniapoto 3 with me.

We got a bit lost at interval and lunch but we soon had it figured out then I had to find the right bus to catch and try to remember my teacher was Miss Kingsford. It was all a bit hard, but that was my first day and I did like the playground.
Sara Jansen

As the bus pulled up outside school on my first day I saw lots of new faces and I wondered if some of them were going to be my new friends.

The people I was friends with at my old school were nearly all in my class and I found a new friend, too. That's Eliza. We all had a good day and I was happy to come to school the next day.
Sarah

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SWIMMING GALA

12th February

On Tuesday February 12th Otamatea High School held their 50th swimming sports gala. The day started off a bit wet but it did not dampen the students, parent helper and staff participation. This year was a special year as the swimming sports was held during the day. Student participation was high and there were many heats in each event. A highlight of the day was the teacher vs student vs ex-student relay. It was a very close race but the students won it in the end.

Also throughout the year we have seen some great achievements from Dylan Sims as he has continued to break his own records. At the Lower North Regatta he broke the records for 50m Senior Boys Backstroke, 100m Open Boys Backstroke and 100m Open Boys Breaststroke.

We also saw great results from Michelle Schmanski as she took Silvers in the Senior Girls 25m and 50m Freestyle and 25m Breaststroke.

More silvers were won by Zelda Sims, Shuntel Rika, Blake Sims, Ben Morley, Bailey Hamlin and Ocean Shadbolt. While Otamatea took Silvers for 3x25m Senior Boys relay and 4x25m Intermediate Boys relay.



Age Group

Sub junior Boy
Sub junior Girl
Junior Boy
Junior Girl
Intermediate Boy
Intermediate Girl
Senior Boy
Senior Girl

Champion

Joe Rose
Trista Comer
Patrick Butler
Ocean Shadbolt
Ben Morley
Sam Cawkwell-Troost
Dylan Sims
Tayla Perkinson

Runner up

Finn Paton/ Pom Kaire
Renee Allen
Aaron Lupton
Zelda Sims
Brody Shadbolt
Ann Marie Holst
Bailey Hamlin
Jasmine Sampson



ATHLETICS

Otamatea School Athletics

The day started off fine but a few showers created some impromptu breaks in the junior session. We managed to get through both junior and senior sessions and the relays were held the following Friday. Participation was high and many teachers and students dressed up for the occasion.

Lower North

2015 saw a great selection of events being won by Otamatea competitors. Sub-Junior competitor Sophie Gribble took out Gold Medals for the 200m and 1500m while Intermediate competitor Rhys Shadbolt continued to show his running prowess with wins in the 800m and 1500m.

Congrats to all the competitors who represent the school so very well.

By Lana Parkinson,
HOD Physical Education



Shontay Morunga
winning the Javelin

Winners

Category	Boys	Girls
Sub-Juniors	Finn Paton	Sophie Gribble
Juniors	Tariq Phillips	Ocean Shadbolt
Intermediates	Rhys Shadbolt	Terina Wallace
Seniors	Jamie Manuell	Michelle Schmanski

Lower North winners

Category	Competitor	Event
Sub-Junior Girls	Sophie Gribble	200m
	Sophie Gribble	1500m
	Otamatea	Relay
Sub-Junior Boys	Otamatea	Relay
Junior Girls	Susie Thomas	200m
Junior Boys	Isaac Shepherd	1500m
	Tariq Phillips	Shotput
Intermediate Boys	Rhys Shadbolt	1500m
	Rhys Shadbolt	800m
Intermediate Girls	Otamatea	Relay
	Terina Wallace	100m
	Rebecca Robinson	1500m
	Shontay Morunga	Javelin
Senior Girls	Michelle Schmanski	Long Jump



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OPEN DAY

Welcome in

On Friday the 14th of August, Otamatea High School hosted their annual Open Day. Schools from around the community including Maungaturoto Primary School, Mangawhai Beach School, Paparoa Primary School, Matakoho Primary School, Kaiwaka School, and Waipu Primary School attended. The students were met by prefects who escorted them on the buses to Otamatea High School. The plan was to have a wero to welcome the students to Otamatea High School, but due to the weather, this was not possible. Mrs Clothier-Simmonds, the Principal, spoke to the schools and welcomed the students and their whanau to our school.

The 80+ students, along with their parents and teachers, took part in tours around the school to observe what we have to offer. As they visited the different classrooms, they took part in a variety of activities, from making smoothies, to Maori performing arts games. During interval, they were entertained by the kapa haka group, Tasha Perrett, and a video about The OTA Way made by Joseph Hoshino.

Towards the end of the day, the Year 9 students stayed in the hall and had the opportunity to ask our two Head Prefects, Cameron Gill and Jasmine Sampson, questions. After this, they were offered a free sausage sizzle and were entertained once again by a virtual tour of the school. All in all, it was a successful day, well spent by everyone involved and we certainly enjoyed hosting our primary/intermediate schools from around the community.

By Jasmine Sampson
and Tayla Perkinson



Our painted sports figures on the gym wall are now done! Thanks to Richard Reed our amazing caretaker for getting the plan and paints organised. Plus the awesome students who did all the sketching and painting. Great team effort! Mrs Clist.



EXTRA MURAL



SCHOOL BALL

Willy Wonka Madness

Awesome, awesome, awesome, that's the only thing I feel like I can say! Big thank you to my crew for helping me put this whole night together. I had a vision set for the ball and without my little oompa lumpa helpers throughout the week I don't think I could have done it. Big thank you to the teachers who helped me out behind the scenes and the people in the Maungaturoto community who donated items, such as boxes from Fergus 100% electrical and Richard Moore who donated his time towards helping us create such an amazing entrance way for this evening. I would like to thank my parents who have helped me so much, running me places to get items and even purchasing items.

Congratulations to Calvin Craig awarded King of the Ball and his beautiful looking Queen Nicole Hinch. Jessica Linton was crowned Belle for the evening alongside our Beau Sonny Nathan. Princess went to the beautiful lady in camo Samantha Allen and the rising star Ashton Coates for Prince. Best Dressed went to the lady in gold Maddy Garnett and Dancing King went to Sok Cheang. Lastly I would like to thank the band Kurfew for the great entertainment and Deft Photography for producing some amazing photos. Hope to see the future Otamatea balls carry on to be as successful as this one has been.

Michelle Schimanski



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SHOOTING

Bang Bang

The team this year consisted of Bailey Hamlin (Captain), Cameron Lupton, Ashton Coates, Sam Allen, and Lee Holst. Sam was a new edition to the team this year and proved her talents by regularly out shooting the boys. The shooting team started well this year with team captain Bailey Hamlin taking out the single barrel at Kaeo. The team shot well in Kaitia, Kaikohe and Dargaville, which proved to be as windy as ever. A huge thank you to Greg Holst for his help this year and to Richard Westlake who has allowed the team to setup a trap house on his property and shoot there on Wednesday afternoons for practice - OHS shooting team really appreciates it!



TRIP TO JAPAN

Global Learning

Going to Japan has literally been the best experience I have ever had. Japan is a huge, fast flowing country that seems to never sleep and that is what I loved most about it, as well as being able to buy literally anything from a vending machine. Also, the Japanese population are some of the kindest people I have ever met. They were so humble, hospitable and polite to one another and to us. Once of the many highlights of the trip was when we were sent out on home stay, to stay with a host family. This is because you get so spoilt and they just shower you with attention, making your feel like royalty. I ended up never wanting to leave my host family. I would totally recommend this trip to future explorers because it is not every day that you get offered an opportunity like this. You end up bonding with the most amazing group of people you come to call your Japan Fam. You also leave Japan having a new found respect for the Japanese and their culture. It is an amazing experience and I would definitely grasp this opportunity if I were to come across it again. It has changed my life and the way I see the world forever. Leslie Kingi, Year 13



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SUCCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL

Students in Textiles Technology

At the senior prize-giving ceremony Kasumi Matsumoto took out the prize for first in class in Textiles Technology. Kasumi is an exchange student from. Since her Japanese school expects her to be entered into NZQA standards for the courses she attends while at our school, she had to work very hard to do all the writing to a level 2 standard in English and make required products.

Kasumi's first project for the interior design unit was a cushion prototype and in the development she had to model the different techniques and decide how she would change the final one if it is to be mass produced.

Then she made a shirt which had advanced features such as a collar and a set-in sleeves with cuffs as well as buttons and buttonholes.

Her last project was a handbag she conceptualised and designed from scratch. She decided to make it from fake leather and it is fully lined.

All three exchange students from Japan took Textiles Technology as a subject this year. Although it is not a senior subject at their Japanese schools they have had some experience at junior level in a subject that teach basic cooking and sewing.



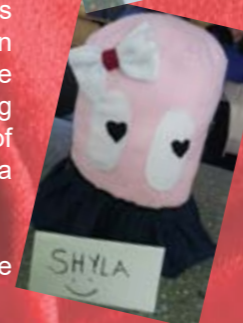
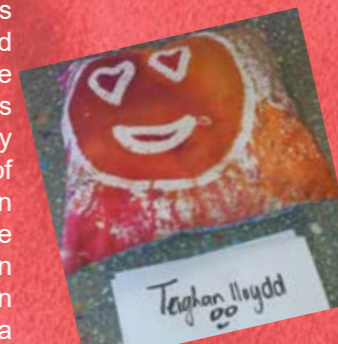
The other two students, Misato Fuji and Namiki Shirasaki were part of the level 1 class and were both in the top 5 of the class. Both of them made special occasion dresses and Namiki worn hers to the school ball. Misato designed and made a very professional bag too.

In the photo is Namiki on the left wearing her own creation, Misato in the centre and Kasumi on the right.

The unit year 10 Textile students enjoy the most is the Applied Design Unit. They learn to tie dye, do batik and silk painting as well as patchwork, embroidery and quilting. All this modeling of different techniques end up in cushions and then they make an unusual cushion of their own design. In this way students learn how technologists in any area have to know different materials and their properties and then be creative and improve the technology they are working with whether it is a jug, a set of drawers, a mobile phone or a cushion.

Here are a number of the cushions made this year.

CUSHIONS



NETBALL

UNISS 2015

Our campaign to UNISS 2015, held in Hamilton Netball Centre on 31st Aug to 4th Sept, was challenging, not only due to our competitors, but by weather conditions of heavy rain, wind and sunshine consecutively on an hourly basis.

There were 112 teams participating in the week long tournament, representing their respective secondary schools. Our first day was very successful having beaten the top seed of our grade Taumarunui and then Northcote. On day 2 we beat Pompallier to win our Pool undefeated. This positioned us into the top 16, with a view of achieving our tournament goal of top 4.

We faced Te Aroha in our first pool cross over and only lost by 3 goals, and thereafter, unfortunately we were playing under pressure and were unable to secure a top 8 position. Notably, we lost by 2 goals to the grade runner up team, Nga Taiatea, in our Pool play. Our losses

were marginal throughout. Our final placing was 14th overall in C Grade.

Thank you to Paula Mooney and Wiki Curtis for all your help and support. Also special thanks to Jodie Bennetto as our allocated umpire. To the families that supported us through fundraising, donations and time, thank you. Also many thanks to the PPTA, KSA, Paparoa Lions Club and the numerous community support and donations the team received, without you we would not be able to take the court for UNISS 2015. And lastly, to the team; thank you for your commitment and passion for the game. To our "old girls" Jasmine, Bianca and Michelle we wish you well and thank you for your contribution to the team.

Nikola Kemp & Fiona Kemp



Back Row: Mrs N Kemp, Shuntel Rika, Erin Mooney, Baylee Van Dalsum
Front Row: Bianca Slimo, Portia Wehi, Jasmine Sampson, Jayme Curtis, Michelle Schimanski

SQUASH

AnnMarie Represents NZ

Earlier this year I was nominated and then shortlisted for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Junior team. I was selected to play for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Junior Team as 3rd seed at the NZ Secondary Schools' Team Championships. This meant I was traveling to Sydney on the 22nd of August 2015 to compete in The Trans-Tasman Exchange at the Thornleigh Squash Club.

Our competition from the Monday until the Wednesday was against Queensland and New South Wales where we played singles and doubles games. Overall from the 150 doubles and singles matches played from three days of the tournament we won 125 of them. Wednesday night all the teams went out for dinner, during this the Australian team was named that we were to play in the test match the next day. Starting with doubles we only dropped two games to win 8-2, then into the singles matches where we lost just one game meaning we won 19-1 and won the test match 27-3. Throughout this whole tournament the Junior Girls remained undefeated.

The week was an amazing experience.

By Annmarie Holst



Back Row: Mrs T Holst, Annmarie Holst, Daniel Osborne, Samuel Stephens, Jamie Manuell, Aaron Lupton, Anthony Kim, Mrs R Bruce
Front Row: Tyler Flannagan, Joshua Linton, Lee Holst, Cameron Gill, Simon Farker, Corey Slimo, Ben Morley, Bailey Hudson

This year a new format saw all collegiate hockey played on Tuesday nights during Term 2 and 3. Girls, boys and mixed teams were spread throughout 4 divisions.

Our team played in division two and began the season strongly by holding the round robin competition lead with Bream Bay boys'. As the season progressed, a loss of players and injuries saw us slip back



Back Row: Bridgette Hosford, Maddy Garnett, Murphy Linehan, Emma Garnett, Mr B Alison
Front Row: Sammy Hammon, Hayley Linton, Crystal Millar, Courtney Mottram, Tayla Perkinson, Adele Boniface

In the five years I have played Hockey for Otamatea High School, I couldn't be more proud to be part of the Otamatea High School Hockey team. After a season where, despite commitment and 100% effort from the team, and coach we finished 7th out of 8th at the end of pool play. It was time to play off for the final positions and we gave it all we had playing Whangarei Boys High School who had finished in second place. We surprised everyone and won to move into the semi-finals. We then played Whangarei Girls' High School Black and again gave our all and came away with another win, taking us to the finals where we played Whangarei Girls' High School Gold. We were grateful to have numerous OTA supporters and played our best game of the season, where we worked together as a team and held them to a 2-0 loss.

One of the highlights of our season was traveling down to Reporoa and competing in the Reporoa College-Otamatea High School 50th Annual Sports Exchange. The Girls' Hockey Team played a great game, with an overall win of 7-0. This was an amazing experience for all of the girls, especially the 5 Year 13 girls for whom this was their last exchange and season of hockey.

The Year 13 girls were selected to travel to Greymouth with the boys' team to participate in the South Island Mixed Secondary Schools Tournament. There we competed against teams from all over New Zealand. Bringing the Otamatea Boys' and Girls' Hockey Teams together to create one, was not an easy task, but thank you to our coach Robyn Bruce for her tireless work in making this possible, and by the end of the week we were playing really well as a team. Thanks again to Robyn for

HOCKEY

Boys' 1st XI

to finish in 6th place. We also finished 6th in the championship competition.

The lower North trophy competition saw us finish second equal with Rodney College.

A highlight of the season was two of our players getting into Northland Representative teams. Cameron Gill, U18 boys' and Samuel Stephens, U15 boys'. Congratulations to these boys!

Thank you to Tina Holst for her outstanding job as manager to the team.
By Robyn Bruce - Coach

HOCKEY

Girls' 1st XI



creating amazing memories with a visit to the Hokitika Gorge, Punakaiki Rocks, Hanmer Springs and the Christchurch Antarctic Centre, and for the majority of the team whose flight was cancelled, a night in a 5 star hotel in Auckland.

A big thank you to our Girls' Hockey Coach, Bruce Alison for making it an amazing season, especially for those senior girls whose season is their last in OTA colours. This is the best hockey season I have experienced at Otamatea High School and it has been a privilege to be captain of such a great team. I wish next year's team a great season!

Tayla Perkinson
First XI Girls Hockey Captain

OLLA PODRIGA

a little bit of everything

There was a major power outage in Maungaturoto minutes before the annual Olla Podriga show was due to start and it looked like the evening was about to become the organisers worst nightmare. However, luck was on their side and 40 minutes later the lights came on.

Olla Podriga is quite unique in that it uses a backing band for the singing contestants made up of professional musicians plus students from the school put together by Barry Corlett, Teacher in Charge of music at OHS. This year's lineup included students Cameron Gill and Ben Morley (guitar) plus Charlie Wynyard (drums/backing vocals), Alistair Taylor(bass), May Seager and Jay Simmonds (backing vocals) and Barry Corlett (keyboards/backing vocals).

This year we had a very special judging panel comprising Ryan Captain Fonk Monga (from Ardijah), Harry Poi (formerly Ardijah) and Pauline Corlett (from The Boss). Our sound technician was Paul Crowther, former Split Enz drummer and internationally acclaimed technical whizz.

Jon Clist did a superb job of leading the contestants through their singing journey providing interesting anecdotes along the way.

This year produced a first in the results. Jasmine Sampson won the contest for the second year in a row singing JessieJ's 'Masterpiece'. This has never happened in the long history of this contest which was inaugurated by Haydn Hutching, former Principal of OHS. Second place went to Tasha Perrett singing 'Diamonds (Rihanna)' and third place went to Micaela Tornquist singing 'Safe and Sound' (Taylor Swift) Judges were also impressed with Molly Curnow's haunting rendition of Lisa William's "Pirouette" and with the overall standard and variety produced by the other contestants.

The capacity audience was also treated to a superb solo piano item from Monica Jaques, a guitar solo from Cameron Gill and a solo/vocal presentation from Tashae Paikea. These were non competition acts adding evidence to the huge depth of musical talent at Otamatea High School.



Jasmine Sampson



Micaela Tornquist



Molly Curnow



OTA ARTS

A New venture

Thanks to Tulip Espresso and Bakery of Maungaturoto who have allowed our OTA artists to adorn their walls for our first community based art exhibition. "In the past, all exhibitions have been on display for a single night at the annual OTA Arts festival here at the high school", says Rebecca Clist (Head of the arts and art teacher). "It is great for our students to have a venue where the wider community can see just a small part of the visual arts projects we do here".

Mrs Clist has been involved in group and solo exhibitions over the years and thought it would be great for students to have the experience of preparing, promoting and setting up for an exhibition. Friends, family and general public were invited to attend an early

evening preview of the show on June 1, and it was a wonderful celebration with interested public appearing and of course students and staff attending. The works stayed on display for the month of June and some works were for sale.

The exhibition was originally organised with level 3 students in mind but it was extended to year 10 students who had completed designing and painting chairs for our barista course café room. Individually themed works from year 13 varied according to each student's personal interest.

The exhibition was counted a success.



NGA MANU KORERO

National Speech Competition

A ball of nerves and excitement, we traveled on Sunday 27th September to Wellington to support Tasha Perrett who represented the Tai Tokerau region in the 50th National Ngā Manu Kōrero National Speech Competition held in Wellington. Te Rauparahara Arena was filled to capacity over the four days where we were entertained by internationally recognised singers and listened to remarkably crafted speeches delivered in English and Te Reo Māori.

We were so grateful to witness such skilled oratory and it has inspired the girls to try and step up another level next year when Te Tai Tokerau hosts the nationals in Whangarei. We took in the Wellington sights and participated in a snapshot competition: the L symbol is for 50 years of Ngā Manu Kōrero.

Thanks to everyone who helped get us there especially Te Rōpū Tautoko, Ngāti Whātua Rūnanga and The Maungatūroto Opportunity Shop. A big mihi to Jay Simmonds who carved a beautiful pūtorino which we took on to the stage as a symbol of the support that we had from the school. Ko te kai a te rangatira, he kōrero. Oratory is the food of chiefs.



Chairs!

This year our year 10 art class collaborated with Julie Lewis who teaches our students barista skills. Julie purchased a café lot of chairs and tables for our school café which will be up and running in D block in 2016. The art students designed graphics for the chairs and then painted the best design on the chair. The origin of inspiration came from the cafes tables which were already patterned with various designs. Students selected features from them as a starting point to develop further. By the end of the design process, the only link to the table may have just been colour as the students explored a variety of ideas. This was an authentic and enriching project for our students and Julie was also pleased to have re-vamped furniture.



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ROAD RACE rhys shadbolt 4 years as champion



Year 11 student Rhys Shadbolt held onto his winning form for the fourth year in a row to win this year's road race, finishing in a time of 20.02. Close behind was Year 9 student Zack Hamlin with a time of 20.26 ahead of year 13 student Dylan Sims with a time of 20:44.

Year 8 student Hayley Linton (16th overall) took out the girl's race for a second year in a row improving on her last year's time by 55 seconds to finish in a time of 23.56. Second place was year 11 student Rebecca Robertson with a time of 25.08 ahead of Trista Comer 25.26.

146 students finished the road race ahead of last year's 121 students. The day was perfect for running being slightly overcast and only a gentle breeze.

House results
Finishing numbers were very close between all the houses with the top 12 boy's and girl's placings pulling the top house for a clear win.

1st Maniapoto – 90 points
2nd Whatua – 75 points
3rd Ngapuhi – 70 points
4th Arawa – 67 points

By Tina Hulst



Year	Males	Females
7	Keanu Tairoa	Trista Comer
8	Hunter Goodfellow	Hayley Linton
9	Zack Hamlin	Ocean Shadbolt
10	Bailey Hudson	Holly Anderson
11	Rhys Shadbolt	Rebecca Robertson
12	Jesper Smyth	Monica Jaques
13	Dylan Sims	Tayla Perkinson

SAM AND RITA'S

visit to Nepal

Over the April school holidays Samantha Allen and I spent two weeks in Nepal as part of our Gold Duke of Edinburgh qualifying tramp and residential project. Prior to the trip, Sam and I spent 8 months fundraising to get ourselves there. We spent 11 of those days in the mountains where we got to experience some life changing things. One of the highlights for me, was the people we met along the way. Not just our group that we travelled with for two weeks, but our Sherpa guides who were locals in the mountains and both incredible people. The children that we met and played with in the villages, and even the people that we walked past going through their villages. Getting a little peek into their day-to-day lives was so special. Just a week after arriving back in New Zealand, Sam and I were hit with the bombshell that Nepal had been struck

by a big earthquake, killing over 8,000 people and displacing thousands more. Many of the places in the mountains that we stayed in, or visited have since been destroyed. Both Sam and I, distraught over this massive event, which we missed by just a week, have thrown ourselves into more fundraising that will be sent up into the mountains to help repair some of the damage.

Thanks to everyone who has supported our fundraising whether it be through the cake stalls or donations.



LIBRARY REPORT

This year we decided to arrange our fiction collection according to genre rather alphabetically. This was a big job but with the assistance of the Student Librarians it went very smoothly and surprisingly quickly. Choosing which genres to use was a bit of a headache because we didn't want to have too many as this becomes confusing and we really don't have the room on the shelves. We settled for 14 for the main fiction section plus classics, quick reads, graphics and picture books. The displays look attractive and students seem to be able to find books easily.

The borrowing statistics for this year follow many other years in that the juniors are the more active borrowers and girls borrow more books than boys. I am hoping that once students become more familiar with the genre classifications the borrowing figures will increase. Reading for pleasure at a young age sets students up to be lifelong readers and learners. The whole world can be found in books, whether you are interested in fact or fiction a book will take you to places, times, cultures, and experiences that will excite, scare, fascinate and stimulate. Literacy is the basis of all learning and we must foster it in school so our students can succeed here at school and in their future lives.

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 May Vicky and I took two teams to the Kids' Lit Quiz Northland Regional Finals in Kerikeri. We only had two students returning from last year, Maggie Hames and Katrina Poyner, both in year 8. The other students were Ayla Driver, Emily Page, Toni Tornquist, Vanessa Langman and Bipasa Patel all in year 8 and Conor Sands in year 7. Both teams competed well, with only half a point separating them at the end of the competition. The questions this year were much more difficult than previous years, with all teams having lower scores than in the past. The questions covered a wide

range of genres and topics from snakes to horror to saints to music and a special section to mark the 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day. Our teams scored well in the sea animals and puzzling titles sections. Whangarei Intermediate was the winning school and went on to represent Northland in the National Finals in Wellington. We had a wonderful day and I am hoping to take teams again next year. I would like to thank the Paparoa Lions' Club for their sponsorship.

By Catherine Pilkington



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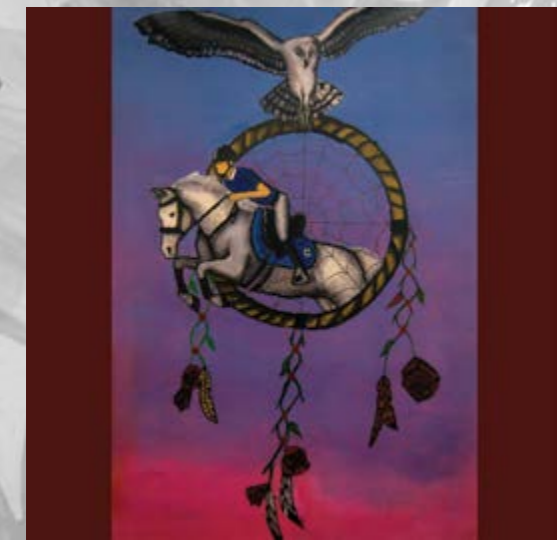
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CREATIVE WRITING

Non-Fiction

About Maya Angelou's Caged Birds

Throughout time, there has been conflict between various races. Barriers between blacks and whites have existed for hundreds of years. During an era of white supremacy, the lives of African-American's were characterized by discrimination and limited opportunities. In Angelou's poem 'caged birds' she has used hyperbole to create a dramatic effect to her poem and personification where she uses a bird to describe human qualities and freedom. "But a bird that stalks down his narrow cage can seldom see through his bars of rage, his wings are clipped and his feet are tied so he opens his throat to sing". Birds are generally thought to symbolise freedom, they can walk on the earth and swim in the sea as humans do but they also have the ability to soar into the sky. With their wings, birds are free to roam to earth and the sky.

These techniques are used to encourage her people to stand up for their rights as that may be the only way to earn respect. Although she doesn't mention any races in her poem, it's not hard to know that she is showing how freedom is unequal when referring to blacks and whites. In the first paragraph, Angelou illustrates how the free bird, or white race, is untroubled. It also shows how the white race has the audacity to own and govern society unjustly. The speaker concludes" (the free bird) dares to claim the sky". This shows how whites demonstrated discrimination and prejudice toward blacks. Conflict has arisen because the people are unhappy with how they are governed. The most common conflicts occur when a particular group wants to be independent from a central government, or when their viewpoint isn't represented in the government, or when the government oppresses them and doesn't respect or meet their basic needs. Conflict in this case has been created by unequal rights between two races.

By Michaela Kemp

Motivational Speech for Nga manu korero competition

Look at the person next to you; do you think they're happy? Might you think they are going through the same thing as you or maybe something you wouldn't have dreamt? Just look at them smile and say you do belong.

So keep this phrase in your head because you'll hear me say these words one more time, but the next time you hear me say these words you will understand what I am saying. So sit back and take a journey with me.

Hey you get out! I don't want you here. You don't belong. What are you doing? Just stop. Wow can you hear those words? "You don't belong?" Imagine hearing this almost every day of your life from a young age. You wouldn't feel too great would you?

Have you ever felt alone? So alone you feel like you don't belong, even in your own house. The power of wanting to belong is so strong in this world. Everyone wants to belong, to feel loved, like they actually matter. I can definitely say that I have felt like I wanted to belong.

Teachers and Parents say that great things can be achieved if you give it your all, but how hard would it be if you feel like you don't fit in. That you don't belong. When someone shoots your confidence down like a gunshot to the head. When all you hear is this negativity.

I can say at least one of you; if not 99.9% of you people sitting in front of me have felt like you didn't belong

It might have been in your own school, your own house, your own family even in your own job. At some point in our life we go through a phrase

where we feel like we don't belong and we have this negative bubble surrounding us and we think we don't belong anywhere in this world.

As Maori, we tend to make everyone feel wanted, to the nanas all sitting in the lounge gossiping about their tamariki, to the kids outside playing. With the best intentions we wish to make our loved ones feel like they belong in this world. And most of the time that is what happens. But sometimes we don't always feel that great belonging feeling that everyone else feels.

Every person in this world is different, like how Dr Seuss wrote that quote saying "Today you are you, that is truer than true, there is no one alive who is youer than you!" an old classic favourite of mine. But it's amazing how many people especially teenagers from this generation want to be like every other teen on Facebook or Social Media, or even like that "POPULAR" kid across the school yard.

You know that boy that's in your class always getting in trouble the so called "TROUBLEMAKER" he acts out because that's the only way people will notice him. Feeling like you don't belong anywhere must get pretty hard after a while, almost exhausting; you would tend not to care about anything mainly because no one else does. Not belonging can cause so many problems, starts out as a tiny little thing that most people just brush off and say "Ah, nah bro they'll be sweet don't sweat it" but over time those negative thoughts build up so much, the person being affected by this starts acting out, getting in trouble doing this he or she never thought of doing before. This all has consequences.

Last year in September, our school's Kapa Haka took a trip down to Waikauri Army Base Camp for a week. We stayed in the army camp marae which was called Ngati Tumatauenga. While we were there in the afternoon we had many discussions with two Kaumatua from the army base. One of the

Kaumatua of the Marae Matua Steve told us that Ngati Tumatauenga doesn't just whakapapa back to one iwi, It is an iwi of its own right. Matua Steve said some army troops have never been on a marae before, that some of them don't even have one but they do now. Just like the army troops. We are all one. He Waka Eke Noa. We are all in this waka together. Just like Ngati Tumatauenga. The army is like one big family pulling everyone together like one big waka, making everyone feel like they belong that they have a purpose. There's a quote by Brene Brown that I like, it goes like this. "Belonging is an emotional need to be accepted by a group even by a gang. A deep sense of love and belonging is an irreducible need of all people. We are biologically, cognitively, physically, and spiritually weird to love, to be loved, and to belong. When those needs are not met, we don't function as well as we were meant to. We break! We fall apart! We numb! We ache! We hurt others. We get sick"

Wanting to belong has many layers. Our sense of belonging may also change as we grow older and/or go through significant times in our life.

To be accepted as a person is really all we want in life isn't it? To feel like we belong in this world as our self, like I said at the start the power of belonging is so strong in the world. So when you're walking around school even around town and you see someone not looking too good turn to them and say you do belong because those three words "you do belong" can change a person's point of view not only of them self but in the world too.

Look at the person next to you, do you think they might be going through the same thing as you, maybe close to it. Do you think they're happy? Just look at them smile and say "you do belong" Now that I have shared my story with you I hope you leave this room today and take upon what I have said and look at the world with new eyes and hearts.

By Ebony Marama Smythe

Apples and Aves

I regretted it as soon as I saw the grey-black clouds sweeping over the sun and transforming a warm, spring afternoon into a cold, wintry evening. I could feel the first sign of a thunderstorm land on my forehead and slide down my cheek like cold sweat after a chilly morning run of all days, why did we not just get the bus as usual? How could we have possibly thought this was a good idea?

I had heard enough bad things about the abandoned house that was standing alone, empty except for garden spiders and overgrown weeds that crawled up and around the stairs and windows, as if trying to consume all man-made materials. Although uninviting, it nevertheless offered shelter from the rain. We ran up the concrete steps, kicking at the coarse weeds snaking up our legs, and swung open the rotten, wooden door. I soon detected an odd, slight freshness in the air just as shadow of a figure, or so I thought, disappeared behind a leather chair. My hands started to sweat profusely and the crashing of the nearby ocean waves seemed unusually loud, increasing my anxiety to a level I had never felt before.

"Hey, look at this." my best friend, Amanda, said to me while pointing to a half-eaten apple, which had been left on the counter. Along with the cleanliness of the air (and everything else around me for that matter) this too seemed bizarre. It was almost as if this house wasn't actually abandoned at all and that perhaps we were not alone. From looking at the apple, I noticed a selection of axes of various sizes and lengths hanging along the wall but where the third one should have been, there was a gap. Before I knew it, I turned around and saw the missing axe wedged between Amanda's shoulder blades.

She stumbled forward and then fell painfully onto her back. The gruesome sight of the razor-sharp blade forced through her back and protruded from the delicate skin on her chest. It was shocking. Her eyes began to glaze over while her blood pooling on the carpet etched a picture of horror permanently on my mind. While I stood traumatised, the killer leaped over the leather chair, locked the door and attempted to calm himself by pacing back and forth like a cornered animal. His face seemed strangely familiar although I had never seen this person before in my life. "Please let me explain," he said cautiously while gesturing to a leather couch. Reluctantly, I made a space to sit between two feathery cushions that made the hairs on the back of my neck prickle. I lay back on the couch, thinking of how the leather felt against the goose bumps on my skin and what it would be like to have an axe thrown at me with no way of avoiding it. Fear swallowed me whole and spat me out again. And then he began his story.

CREATIVE WRITING

Fiction

He had been apparently convicted of a crime that he hadn't committed and jailed for a very long time. It was then that I realised why he seemed so familiar. While sitting on the couch eating leftover Chinese takeaways, I had seen his face on TV. He claimed to have witnessed the brutal stabbing of a 13 year old girl and was arrested at the scene. However, right now on the couch his voice was warm and soothing, like the first sip of hot chocolate, which seemed to make me feel calmer about the whole situation. He said that even though he was generally disliked in the community, he was just misunderstood and that his wife and two daughters could vouch for him. But despite his persistent protests of his innocence, it was his word against theirs. Twenty years of jail time had driven him almost to insanity, which explained his sudden rush to lock the door after throwing an axe at a 15 year old girl's shoulder blades. He had been staying alone in this house secretly for months and the first sign of life had made him suspicious enough to throw an axe at it.

The constant ticking of the grandfather clock above the axes was the only thing I could concentrate on as I tried to conceive a plan to somehow get out of there. Tick, tick, tick. The wind continued to howl around the house while frozen peas of hail plummeted onto the roof. His eyes started twitching, then his hands and suddenly his voice and whole body was shaking uncontrollably. How on earth did I get into this mess? Just twenty minutes ago, Amanda and I were walking happily home from school and there she was now, on the floor and horrifically dead. My hand brushed something sharp in the crease of the couch and I looked down to see a tiny drop of blood sliding down my thumb. The murderer was still talking about his life in prison, stuttering with every second word and rubbing the back of his hand as if a rash was there. I reached down further into the crease and felt a smooth wooden handle with a thin sharp blade at the end of it.

He suddenly stopped mid-sentence as the knife shot out of my hand and into the left side of his chest. It stuck there, like an arrow shot at an apple. He fell back dead on the couch, his eyes still open and bloodshot. The silence thundered around the room, making my heartbeat pulse in my eardrums quickly. I unlocked the door and sprinted into the screaming wind with nothing but horrid pictures of axes and knives racing through my mind. What was I to do next?

By Monica Jaques



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CAMP

Year 7's

We had only been at Otamatea for less than a week and we were off to Camp - well not 'off' very far, as camp was right here at school. Once sleeping bundles and tins of fresh baking were packed into A block, we were heading to the Country Club for the day. We arrived to gazebos erected, equipment out and some eager Year 13s ready to get us going. Miss Parkinson had everything organised down to the minute! While some of us played "What am I?" and "Speed rabbit", others were trying to get across the human ladder. We didn't really notice the rain that just kept on falling. Funny- we thought those gazebos were up for the sun!

Morning tea and lunch breaks renewed our energy for the next rounds and as the day progressed, we were all looking forward to our dinner, cooked back at school by Master Chef- Miss Kingsford! We all slept well in our huge bedrooms that night – the school gym and the hall, with the senior girls getting special preference and sleeping on the stage.

Day two dawned beautifully fine which meant the best events

– Archery and Shooting could go ahead. We also had fun scaling that spider web. Our day concluded with a refreshing swim and the much awaited results of the Amazing race.

Bundles again on our backs and hot and tired, we headed home, grateful that it was a long weekend.

A great camp - thanks Miss Parkinson, teachers, parents and our Year 13 buddies .

By the Year 7 Campers



ASB SPORTS AWARDS

Finalists



Connor Van Dalsum



Shuntel Rika



Cullen Curtis



Tyler Porteous

MIXED HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



Later in the Hockey season the boys' team and six of the senior girls from the girls' first X1 team combined to form a mixed team to contest the South Island Secondary School Mixed Tournament in Greymouth.

We flew into Christchurch and drove through the Arthur's Pass road to Greymouth. A great week was had on the coast with our hockey going from 'strength to strength'. We finished in 9th place with Tayla Perkinson, Simon Parker and Lee Holst all receiving most valuable player certificates.

Educationally, homework was done, a visit to Shanty town, Hokitika Gorge, Punakaiki Blowholes, Hanmer Springs and the Christchurch Antarctic Centre.

It was an amazing week with some students flying or visiting the South Island for the first time . New friendships with other teams were forged.

Thank you to our team management: Chris Perkinson, Mark Flannagan, Tina Holst, Robyn Bruce



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



OTAMATEA MARAE CAMP

Year 9's

***"Mā te tuakana ka tōtika te teina,
mā te teina ka tōtika 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 Wednesday 3rd February, over 90 year 9s, year 13s, staff and parents went to the Otamatea marae for our annual Year 9 and 13 Leadership Camp. We were treated to 2 days of non-stop activities in order to forge relationships between the year 9 s who were already students of Otamatea and the students who have recently joined our school community. Even the rain couldn't dampen our spirits, continuing with activities in the wind and showers.

There were many highlights on the camp; from the trust games, skits, introduction of ki ō rahi, swimming, history lessons, cultural and inter- group competitions to the great food prepared by Leslie Kingi and his team of kitchen helpers.

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

The First XI played the Wyatt Cup as usual and performed well considering the age of the students, with the majority of players coming from the junior school. Bailey Hamlin led the side well and his fast aggressive bowling put many a batsman in trouble. Sam Stephens was the pick of the other players showing good form with the bat and going past 50 on a couple of occasions. Their only victory was against Bream Bay but there is a lot of optimism for the future.

By Paul Chambers



Back Row: Zack Hamlin, Connor Van Dalsum, Tamati Abel, Simon Parker, Brody Shadbolt, Aaron Lupton, Mr P Chambers
Front Row: Corey Slimo, Samuel Stephens, Bailey Hamlin, Rhys Shadbolt, Bailey Hudson

SOCCER

Girls' First XI



Back Row: Miss A Liddington, Laurinda Bokma, Kate Hallissey, Donnya Adams, Holly Brunt, Azariah Ingham, Ms L Parkinson
Front Row: Kezrah Powley-Anderson, Ruby-Rose Hallamore, Nina Linnell, Celia Bailey, Ocean Tierney, Monica Jaques, Tashae Paikea

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

RELAY FOR LIFE

One individual's efforts can make a huge difference. One team's efforts can make an even bigger difference. Nowhere is this more evident than when it comes to the Relay for Life. Two teams from Otamatea High School participated in the 2015 Northland Relay for Life event which took place on the 14th-15th of March; The OTA Strollers and The OTA Kids.

The Relay for Life contributes to the Cancer Society's goal, which focuses on providing free support services and information for New Zealanders going through cancer treatment. They also help in funding scientific cancer research and implement various health promotion initiatives to reduce cancer for our future generations. By participating in the Relay for Life, Otamatea High School students and staff raised approximately \$3500 to aid the Cancer Society in continuing the work that they do for New Zealanders in need of their help.



Otamatea 1st XI Girls' Soccer team had a year of rebuilding half the team had not played soccer before!. We started the year with a small team but by the end of the season we had a full 14 man squad. We played in the Division one competition where we experienced a range of results. Our best result was against Rodney College where we were down 2 - 1 at half time and we came back and won the game 4 -2. Laurinda Bokma earned the Golden Boot award scoring the most goals in the team. Emma Millard was awarded the Most Improved Player and Sam Allen was the MVP. A big thanks to Miss Liddington for helping out with coaching and transport.

By Lana Parkinson - Coach



SOCCER

Boys' First XI



Back Row: Samuel Stephens, Daniel Osborne, Simon Parker, Connor Van Dalsum, Blake Sims, Bailey Hudson, Ricky Wood, Mr P Chambers
Front Row: Corey Slimo, Tyler Flannagan, Mathias Damsted, Cameron Gill, Dylan Sims, Calvin Craig, Ben Morley, Lochy Steedman

The 2015 season was expected to be one of rebuilding a side for the future after losing 6 players from the Division One and unbeaten side of the previous season. The team consisted of some senior year 13 players to give some strength and composure to proceedings. In defence, Dylan Sims, Calvin Craig and Kyle Taylor provided a sturdy barrier for teams to try and break through. In goal Connor van Dalsum improved with each game and pulled off a spectacular save against Huanui to keep us in the game.

The midfield was made up of youthful skill and agility. Josh Nishitani-Hart, excelled in the centre of midfield aided by the ever improving Ben Morley. Around these central pivot, players like Travis Flannagan, Simon Parker, Mathias Damsted and Tyler Flannagan were able to play with confidence and composure knowing they had quality players to support them.

In attack the team were blessed with two quality strikers who complimented each other. Cameron Gill benefited from the excellent support play of Samuel Stephens, with

Cameron scoring 15 goals in the league including 4 hat tricks. Other players in the team were Lochy Steedman and Blake Sims who both settled into defensive roles next to the senior players and have made good progress. Corey Slimo was energetic and eager scoring his debut goal in the quarter finals. Rakai Parker provided skill and effort early in the season before returning to rugby and Ricky Wood was an enthusiastic player in attack for the school.

The boys can be proud of their achievements this year. Well done.

By Paul Chambers - Coach

Northland Division One Scores:
v Tauraroa - won 4-2 (Gill 3, Parker)

v Kaitaia - won 4-3 (Stephens 2, Flannagan, Morley)
v Bream Bay - won 3-1 (Stephens 2, Nishitani-Hart)
v Huanui -won 5-3 (Gill 3, Parker, Nishitani-Hart)
v Tauraroa - won 6-1 (Gill 4, Stephens, Slimo)
v Kaitaia - won 4-0 (Gill 3, Parker)

Final: v Bream Bay - lost 2-3 after extra time (Gill 2)



REPOROA

Sports Exchange

The 50th Annual Exchange took place at Reporoa this year with 57 Otamatea students travelling down for the occasion. Otamatea had won last year's event so there was great excitement and pressure for us to keep the shield up North.



On Sunday night in front of a packed crowd, the more experienced Reporoa girls basketball team showed their qualities and won convincingly. The Ota girls put up a great effort but struggled against the Reporoa girls defence and shooting under pressure. The boys game was a much closer game keeping the spectators on edge right down to the last minute. Listening to the crowd I would have thought we were on home turf. Otamatea won 51 – 49 playing a tightly fought game right to the end.

Coming into the Monday both schools were on even footing so the next five matches would decide the end result.



The debate was the first event on Monday morning with the moot being "Euthanasia should be legal in NZ" with Otamatea debating the negative. Dylan Sims and Cameron Gill presented the facts while Natasha followed up with a convincing speech to back up their statements. Unfortunately it was not quite enough to take out a win with Reporoa winning the

debate. The hockey girls then departed for Rotorua to play their match on the turf there. The first half was a close call with Otamatea up by one goal but Otamatea came out strong in the second half to increase their lead by 4 goals to one. The game was played in great spirit, with everyone thoroughly enjoying the game. Tayla Perkinson was a great goal scorer on the day getting all the goals. At this point Reporoa and Otamatea were on a two all draw.



Football

After a combination of injuries and clashes with rep sport taking out Otamatea's top three players for the exchange Otamatea can be proud of their representation of the school showing great passion and commitment to the game. Reporoa had a solid core of players and their striker was extremely effective as was their goalie who made countless saves.

Tyler Flannagan was the first to score followed by Julia Pearce. In the second half our constant pressure forced an own goal against Reporoa. Players Ben Morley and Dylan Sims were outstanding in their efforts to try and level the score up in the second half, but to no avail as Otamatea lost 5 – 3.

Rugby

Otamatea took the field with confidence to try and retain the cup they won last year, this was evident in the amazing haka they performed before the game. Both teams played a hard, aggressive game with Reporoa scoring first. Otamatea fought back with Rakai Parker scoring and Ashton Coates converting. The second half saw play going back and forwards with some tremendous

defending from Otamatea. Josh Royds made some great runs taking the ball up and Kharnse Namana side stepping left Reporoa scampering. Reporoa were first to score in the second half. This did not deter Otamatea who gathered together and got Caleb Royds over the line. Score 19 - 12. Otamatea were on a roll linking well and looking good to score with two minutes to go when Reporoa intercepted and scored at the other end of park. Final score 26 - 12. Rhys Shadbolt, Ashton Coates, Tamati Abel had an outstanding game. Both teams played the game in the spirit of the 50 year exchange.

Netball

The netball team had a successful win against a very young and prepared team from Reporoa College. Our girls came into the game with a slow start, only gaining a 2 to 3 goal lead in the first two quarters. Court conditions made effective movement difficult, however we lifted and adjusted to the conditions and comfortably took a convincing lead to win by an 8 goal margin. Final score and well deserved win 37 - 29 to Otamatea 1.



After the games all teams came together for afternoon tea where Reporoa came out with a cake and a plaque for each school to celebrate the 50 years. The captains from each team said their speeches announcing the results for the day followed by a wonderful spread put on by Reporoa.

All in all the trip was a huge success with a wonderful group of students who made everyone proud to be part of Otamatea High School.

By Tina Holst



BOYS BASKETBALL

Results

V Rodney Won 99-25

Northland Secondary Schools Tournament Division One Seventh Equal

Lower Nother Tournament

v Dargaville Won 40-15

v Rodney Won 59-13

v Ruawai Won 57-28

Back Row: Mr P Chambers Jayson Gilpin, Dylan Sims, Jamie Manuell
Front Row: Cullen Curtis, Kalem Tana, Danyon Tana

The team have had a mixed season this year. The opening game of the season was a warm up at Rodney College. The team were full of confidence under the coaching of Kalem Tana and they produced a free scoring performance, scoring 99 points in the game.

Danyon Tana and Jordan Wetini Donaldson leading the scoring and Dylan Sims and Jamie Manuel providing strength in defense.

The performance however, was to prove costly. At the Northland Tournament the team went into the opening match over-confident and this proved their undoing. At halftime they were well behind and although a good comeback brought them back within a point, the team missed four shots in the last few seconds to lose the game. This defeat meant Otamatea did not make did not make the finals two weeks later.

The team next went to Reporoa and produced one of the best performances I have had the pleasure of watching, as they beat Reporoa for the first time since 2003 by a single bucket in a hugely exciting game.

The season finished with the Lower North Tournament at Otamatea. Unfortunaley Bream Bay and Mahurangi were unable to compete, however Rodney, Dargaville, Ruawai and ourselves played a round robin tournament. Otamatea took the form they produced against Reporoa and comfortably won all their games and became the 2015 Lower North Champions.

By Paul Chambers

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Back Row: Kalem Tana, Shuntel Rika, Azariah Ingham, Cheyanne Ball, Ms L Parkinson
Front Row: Rebecca Robertson, Kezrah Powley-Anderson, Bianca Slimo, Michelle Schimanski

Otamatea Senior and Junior Girls' Basketball teams participated in the annual Northland tournament in Whangarei. This year the Senior Girls were placed in the Premier division due to their success in the previous tournament. The Senior Girls gained valuable experience playing in the top league and contested the top teams. The Junior Girls were in Division One and played hard but lost their three matches. A big thank you to Kalem Tana who helped with the coaching of the Junior and Senior Girls' team.

By Lana Parkinson



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A different approach to learning

This year in the Learning Centre we welcomed our new SENCO – Ann Marinus.

We have worked through another busy year with new students and new programmes running in the Learning Centre. These have included literacy and numeracy programmes with small groups of students under the direction of our fantastic team of teacher-aides.

Our teacher-aides have been out on class trips supporting the students and teachers, which also include our yearly events of Special Olympics. This year our team participated in athletics, basketball, ten pin bowling and basketball. The students put in a fantastic effort and I am very proud of them for their “team play” and respectfulness to others on the day. The SPEC programme is running well and has been successful in helping students to engage in learning and gain literacy skills.

It is with mixed feelings that we farewell one of our students that we have supported over the years. We have watched Te Whakakotahitanga Jenkins grow into a strong, confident leader at Otamatea High School. Te Whakakotahitanga has been accepted to do his studies at Te Wānanga Takiura o Ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori o Aotearoa. The teacher-aides are extremely proud and wish him well in his future endeavours.

I would like to acknowledge our teacher-aides: Teresa Hallissey, Teresa Brown, Sam Phillips, Christine Laue and Donna Squires for another fantastic year. Together we make a great support team that represent Otamatea High School, Learning Centre. To our team and students, have a safe and fun Christmas and see you next year!!

By Ladene Hunter
L.C Supervisor



Our Japanese Girls in Peach Cove

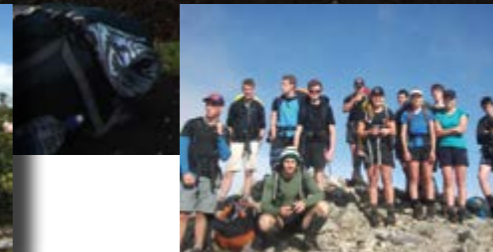
Waitakeres Silver Qualifier



Hilary Award



Bronze Pinnacles Tramp



Gold Nelson Lakes



Silver gold pre-expedition
Tongariro Northern Circuit

This extra-curricular activity has reached a record number of almost 70 students working through their bronze, silver and gold levels.

This year we have had the pleasure of our international exchange students from Japan, Misato, Kasumi and Namiki joining the programme. The experiences the girls have had as they have worked through their bronze award have sometimes seen them 'out of their comfort zone'. They saw it through, however, and I have been so proud of them! 'They wish to finish their silver and gold levels back in Japan, as they've had so much fun!

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

The silver groups have trained in the Tangihuas. They have tramped in the Waitakeres, Mt Pirongia, Tongariro Northern Circuit and the Kaimanawas. Lee's group are doing their qualifying tramp at the Gillespie Pass Track, Makarora, South Island in December.

The gold group has trained in the Tangihuas. They have tramped to the Kaimanawas, Tongariro Northern Circuit and they will be qualifying in December

on the Caples, Routeburn and Sugarloaf Pass Tracks in the South Island.

St Kentigern Boys' School hosted the 2015 gold presentation ceremony on Saturday, May 9. OHS ex-students, Else Cocking, Edhen Church, Matthew McRae, Harri Millar, James Finlay, Brent Sewell and Dylan Hawken received their gold awards from, Sarah Hillary.

Completing a gold award takes hours of dedication weekly over 12 months in your own time working through sections of service, skill, recreation, residential project, outdoor training, practice tramp and qualifying tramp.

CONGRATULATIONS to these students!

By Robyn Bruce

Hilary Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award Programme is AMAZING! I have journeyed through bronze, silver and gold learning so much and especially enjoying all the tramps and experiencing the beautiful outdoors we have in New Zealand.

A huge thank you to our local community, our school community and our families for supporting us in all our fundraising activities to keep our tramping costs to a minimum.

We have traveled to some amazing back country places in New Zealand and certainly couldn't have done this without help from: Miss Parkinson, Mr Alison, Mr Chambers, Mrs Clyde, Mrs Troost, Mr Smyth, Mrs Mooney, Mr and Mrs MacLennan, and our bushcraft instructors, Stephen and Andrea Orchard, Matthew Blainey and Robert Bruce.

To Tina Holst and Robyn Bruce: A HUGE



Gold Award Recipients

thank you for your tireless work in helping to organise fundraising activities for us.

To Mrs Bruce, as coordinator of the OHS DOE groups, thank you SO MUCH for what you give to us of your own time to coordinate our individual programmes, to help make these lifelong experiences happen and to create wonderful memories for us. The New Zealand outdoors is instilled into our blood for life!

By Tayla Perkinson

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KAIPARA

It was our last and best performance of the year. On Saturday 19th September the Kaipara Festival was held at Rodney College and our kapahaka was outstanding. They were a slick and well-oiled machine, with flawless choreography and singing. Tutored by Parekura and Te Wai Collins, the group has metamorphosed and the staff were so proud to watch them along with their families. We were standing united to send some of our most inspiring and most steadfast performers off in style. Our phenomenal leaders Jasmine Sampson, Te Whakakotahitanga Jenkins, Tashae Paikea and Sonny Nathan all performed for the last time at the Kaipara Festival and it was an emotional time for all. A big mihi goes out to Fiona Kemp and Geraldine Jenkins for their tireless support. Toitū te kupu, toitū te mana, toitū te rangatiratanga.



Scan the code to check out a video of this event

NGATI

WHATUA

SUMMIT



Listening to inspirational speakers and planning for success was the motive for attending Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua's first Educational Summit at AUT. A busload of students from Dargaville, Ruawai, Otamatea and Rodney were prepped for greatness. The highlight was dressing in formal wear and attending a 4 course dinner in which students chatted with industry leaders in order to perfect the art of leaving an impression on someone and building networking skills.



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Festival



Tuia te herenga tangata: That which binds us together. Opononi Area School held the 40th Tai Tokerau Festival, showcasing the cultural talents of close to 30 schools hailing from the north; from Mahurangi to Kaitia. It was an opportunity for students to learn in a uniquely Māori way; filling their kete with stories about the north and our language. They got to demonstrate their mana and feel empowered after practising for up to

150 hours on their bracket.

Otamatea High School was proud to be one of the many schools continuing to support such an important kaupapa and are equally honoured to be hosting the event in 2016 on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th April. Led by Jasmine Sampson, Tashae Paikea, Sonny Nathan, Tamati Hōhipa and Te Whakakotahitanga Jenkins the group

took to the stage in front of a large crowd and huge applause at the end of the performance. All of the seniors were awarded 10 Level 3 credits at merit by an NZQA judging panel and were also awarded excellence in 3 standards at Level 2 for the practical component and merit for one standard. Tuia te kapahaka i a tātou. Let kapahaka be the vehicle that binds us all together.



Matariki huinga kāhui whetū, whakapiripiri tangata. Matariki the divine stars in the sky, drawing people together. The first official day of Matariki was celebrated with a full house in the Otamatea High School hall on Thursday 18th June. Based on the theme, a new year, a new start, over 100 performers of kapahaka, singing and speeches came from Waipu Primary, Rodney College, Kaiwaka Primary, Te Kura Kaupapa o Ngāringaomatariki and Otamatea High School to bring in the

Māori New Year with a bang. "Having our local schools showcase their Māori skills and pride together is the main point of the concert," says Kelsey Orford an ex-student and presenter. It is was a highly entertaining night to raise funds for a trip to Wellington in support of our Ngā Manu Kōrero champion, Tasha Perrett who won the Tā Turi Kara junior English section at the recent regional speech competition. She also represented Te Tai Tokerau in the illustrious and highly competitive

MATARIKI



competition in September. Thank you to all of the whānau, students, schools and community that supported the event, particularly Fiona Kemp and Leslie Kingi the main organisers. Ka mau te wēhi!

SCHOOL

HAKA

COMPETITION



The aim was unity through haka. After weeks of practice: learning words, actions and choreography, we were ready to battle it out. Who would reign supreme? Arawa, Maniapoto, Ngapuhi or Whatua?

Senior students honed their leadership skills in order to teach over 100 students in each iwi the school haka for the

inaugural inter-iwi haka competition. Written by Reno Skipper the haka is about recognizing the values of Otamatea High School with a particular focus on the kauri tree as our school emblem and our desire for our students to grow as strong as a kauri, sprouting above the canopy. Who won overall? The entire school did, with every iwi performing with mana. Was our aim reached, most definitely.



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MATHS OLYMPIADS



You will find a copy of the Round 5 junior competition questions later in this newsletter. The answers are 40, 129, 4, 32 and 30.

By Dirk Smyth

Final scores after the 5th and final round:

Junior Year 7s:
1st - Lola Smyth 16 points,
2nd - Amy Lawrence 12 points
Senior Year 8s:
1st - Maggie Hames 12 points,
2nd - Bipasa Patel 9 points.
Senior Year 9s: 1
st - Suzy Hames 16 points,
2nd - Isaac Sheppard 11 points.

Well done also to Lucas Beeler, Hannah Cant, Angus Donaldson, Grace Kemp, Mya Lawrence, Romero Madsen, Jeremy McCallum, Jayden O'Keefe, Kylah Slack, Asher Tito, Cat Veale, Rosasharn Vincent, Boyd Wintle and Mason Wintle for showing excellent problem solving skills throughout the competition. You should all be proud of your efforts.

The fifth and final round of the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) competition was held at school on Monday the 14th September. The year 7s are entered into the junior competition and the Year 8s and 9s are competing in the senior competition. Round 5 was a very tough round for the seniors, but Rosasharn Vincent left her best performance for last, top scoring with 3 points. In the junior competition, Lola Smyth continued her strong form, also top scoring with 3 points.



Mathex 2015

MATHS WHIZZ

Otamatea has again used the Maths-Whizz online tutoring programme during 2015. 8 classes have used the programme during the year, supplementing the work that was done in class during the rest of their maths lessons. OHS students clocked up an amazing 4324 hrs of extra personalised tuition, with Maths-Whizz being able to be used at school as well as at home. With each student on their own personalised learning plan, Year 8 made the best improvement of all the year levels, with 8S using Maths-Whizz for 1285 hours of extra tuition throughout the year.

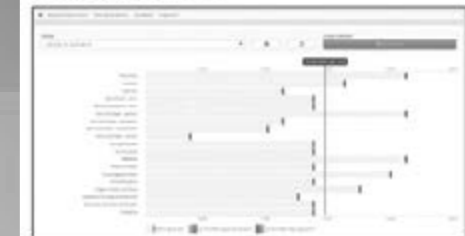
Individually the biggest improvers in the school were..

- 1. Joshua Aitken** – Joshua has improved his maths age by over 2.7 times the amount he has got older.
- 2. Paige Kenyon** – Paige has improved her maths age by over 2.5 times the amount she has got older.
- 3. Bipasa Patel** – Bipasa has improved her maths age by over 2.3 times the amount she has got older.



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EQUESTRIAN TEAM



(Left to Right) Lexi Porteous on Red Rascal, Rebecca Christensen-Robertson on A Touch of Blue, Paul Cathersides (manager), Eve McCallum on Ngapuke Bush Warrior and Tyler Porteous on Ngapuke Ghost Rider.

The Equestrian team this year went to two events. The first was the dressage/show jumping challenge in Kaikohe. This team consisted of Natasha Tornquist, Tyler Porteous, Eve McCallum and Rebecca Christensen-Robertson. Rebecca placed 4th in her dressage test, and Tyler placed second overall in her category. Our team then came away with 2nd out of all the teams (approx 15) in the dressage section.

The second event we went to this year was the Equestrian Schools Cup at Woodhill Sands. This team consisted of Lexi Porteous, Tyler Porteous, Rebecca Christensen-Robinson and Eve McCallum. Lexi placed third in her first show hunter class. Eve placed 6th in one of her show jumping classes. Rebecca had a tenth in each of her show hunter rounds, and Tyler jumped two clears. Our team finished in the top half out of 50 teams.

We would like to thank our fabulous manager Mr Cathersides, and all the parents who enabled us to compete in these events.

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SENIOR PRIZES

2014

Kia Maia – Be Brave in Learning	(Te Uri o Hau Development Ltd)	Sophia Butler
Jessie Vaughan Trophy for Senior Citizenship	(Ferguson and Oldham Trophy)	Shelby Ata & Briahna Dawson
Exceptional School Supporter	(K & N Trophy)	Jacob Webster
Fair Play & Sportsmanship Trophy	(Engraving Systems)	Bayley Coates
Outstanding Sporting Achievement	(Haydn & Mary Hutching Cup)	Cullen Curtis
Peer Support Award	(Kaipara District Council)	Celia Bailey
Senior Victrix Ludorum	(Karen McNay Cup)	Michelle Schimanski
Senior Victor Ludorum	(Webster Brothers Cup)	Dylan Sims
First in Year 11	(OHS Board of Trustees Cup)	Ruby-Rose Hallamore
Student Exhibiting School Spirit	(Te Jay Cup)	Ashton Coates
First in Year 12	(Neil McKay Trophy)	Nina Linnell
Excellence in Year 12 English & Science	(R & F Tornquist Trophy)	Nina Linnell
Most Promising Student Returning to School	(Thompson Trophy)	Dylan Sims
Best Aggregate of Science Subjects in Year 13	(Fonterra Cup and Scholarship)	Jordan Hyland
General Excellence by a Senior Student	(D A Finlayson Cup)	James Finlay
Best All Round Maori Pupil	(Rennie Trophy)	Shelby Ata
Proxime Accessit	(Mr & Mrs J Morrison Trophy)	James Finlay
DUX OF THE SCHOOL	(Mr & Mrs L Mitchell Trophy)	Jordan Hyland

JUNIOR PRIZES

2014

Special Endeavour Prizes and Cups

Endeavour in Year 7	(Guy Cullen Memorial)	Oshani Mudannayaka
Endeavour in Year 8	(Guy Cullen Memorial)	Danni McKie
Endeavour in Year 9	(Guy Cullen Memorial)	Jodie Lennie
Endeavour in Year 10	(Guy Cullen Memorial)	David Hames
Junior Boy	(Trevor Cawkwell Cup)	Caleb Reayds
Junior Girl	(M B Mulholland Cup)	Portia Wehi
Excellence in Years 7 & 8 Maths Olympiad	(School Cup)	Isaac Sheppard
Year Book Award	(Art for Cover)	Jera Stanley
Excellence in Junior Art	(Williamson Trophy)	Miriana Littlejohn
Excellence in Year 9 English	(Elizabeth Perry Cup)	Molly Currow
Excellence in Year 9 Science	(Huston Family Cup)	Claude Smyth / Ewan Smith
Excellence in Year 9 Mathematics	(Haydn Hutching Cup)	Claude Smyth
Excellence in Year 9 Social Science	(R Fletcher Cup)	Natalie Birt
Excellence in Practical Skills for Year 10		
Food Technology	(Rural Prize)	Joshua Linton
Excellence in Year 10 English	(R Fletcher Cup)	Danielle Hyland
Excellence in Year 10 Science	(S O'Mahony Cup)	Samantha Allen
Excellence in Year 10 Mathematics	(R Perkinson Cup)	Danielle Hyland
Excellence in Year 10 Social Science	(Mr & Mrs McAdam)	Eve McCallum

Interhouse Competitions

Endeavour Cup	(J & D Olsson)	Arawa
Academic Cup		Maniapoto
Sporting Cup		Maniapoto
Champion House		Maniapoto

Special Prizes

Second in Year 9		Ewan Smith
Second in Year 10		Eve McCallum
Junior Victrix Ludorum	(J & E Saunders)	Tyler Porteous
Junior Victor Ludorum	(School Cup)	Rehys Shadbolt
First in Year 9	(OHS BOT Trophy)	Zelda Sims
First in Year 10	(OHS BOT Trophy)	Danielle Hyland

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Kapa Haka

Back Row: Donnya Adams, Sonny Nathan, Tashae Paikea, Jasmine Sampson, Te Whakakotahitanga Jenkins, Neitana Blissett, Raiha Patrick, Kaylah Pene

Middle Row: Ms A Bosch, Huia Nathan-Jenkins, Chantel Shadbolt, Takirangi Paikea, Ebony Smythe, Ocean Tierney, Petuera Kingi, Portia Wehi, Chris-chell Tuhiwai, Christine Patrick, Ms T Paul

Front Row: Jaime Kurupo, Te Arna Matafeo, Mahara Nathan-Pene, Jader Fairburn, Harmony Nathan, Kyrin Harris, Bryce Phillips, Keanu Taiaroa, Jemma Kurupo



The Librarians

Back Row: Kendra Mitchell, Joseph Hoshino, Namiki Shirasaki, Mrs H Hopkins
Front Row: Cheyenne Fisher, Malachi Kerrigan, Kate Hallissey, Bianca Slimo



Northland Secondary School Triathlete reps

Back Row: Jasmine Sampson, Dylan Sims, Mackenzie Rose, Tashae Paikea
Front Row: Bianca Slimo, Maddy Garnett, Tayla Perkinson, Ocean Shadbolt, Grace Stephens, Trista Comer



Northland Sports reps

Back Row: Rhys Shadbolt, Danyon Tana, Cameron Gill, Dylan Sims, Kalem Tana, Samuel Stephens
Front Row: Tyler Porteous, Leroy Porteous, Annmarie Holst, Ocean Shadbolt, Lexi Porteous, Michelle Schimanski



CLASS PHOTOS

Year 7 + 8's



Back Row: Selena Adams, Andrew Birt, Brett Allen, Leilani Paki, Kyrin Harris, Sara Jansen, Kaia Ikahihifo
Middle Row: Sophie Gribble, Cory Browne, Jade Bickerton, Trista Comer, Lucy Gilligan, Finn Paton, Joe Rose, Grace Stephens, Odin Dalkie, Mr C White
Front Row: Jack Hodgson, Caleesto Mills, Ashley Fairclough, Dante Lye, Brenda Ferguson, Samuel Parker, Joshua Aitken, Summer Kenyon, Sarah Everson, Chloe McGowan
Absent: Joshua Aitken, Lily Hosford, Eliza Rockell, Jaden Sheppard



Back Row: Keanu Taiaroa, Matthew Everson, Cullen Peele, Tiana Whare Paikea, Renee Allen, Caleb Powley, Boyd Wintle, Cheylsye Flannagan
Middle Row: Alida Spencer, Jayden O'Keefe, Leon Mansell-Clark, Asher Tito, Kylah Slack, Manaia Butler, Sam Woolley, Abby Cant, Connor Sands, Mrs K Smith
Front Row: Ashley Page, Shayla Hyndman, Natasha Mannington, Aroha Connelly-Nahi, Lola Smyth, Grace Kemp, Teina Seager, Joel Taylor-Whitehead, Franklin Fisher, Charlotte Thurgood
Absent: Amber Corble, Amy Lawrence, Zayde Wyatt



Back Row: Mrs L Whitehead, Mrs T Brown, Brayden Mills, Chris-chell Tuhiwai, Karl Von Dincklage, Petuera Kingi, Matangi Tito, Bryce Phillips, Amber-Jade French, Mrs C Laue
Front Row: Shardae Olsen-Davis, Tara Moyle, Vanessa Andersen, Mahara Nathan-Pene, Rahiri Tierney, Tyrone Maaka, Jade Peihopa, Maddy Bond
Absent: Emma Hosford, Billie Williams, Koby Worsell



Back Row: Mr N Staples, Devon Slack, Romero Madsen, Neitana Blissett, Onyx Lye, Angus Donaldson, Hamish Ferguson, Maggie Hames
Middle Row: Mrs T Brown, Denzal Peeni, Hunter Goodfellow, Paris Rika, Alice Paton, Emma Huband, Ayla Driver, Harmony Nathan, Huia Nathan-Jenkins, Christine Patrick, Mrs K Sewell
Front Row: Vanessa Langman, Tristine SouthernVasey, Summer Ford, Mackay Cormack, Dylan Southern, Amyee Sheppard, Jemma Kurupo, Bipasa Patel
Absent: Brady Foster, Brayden Grigg, Kayla-Rose Reid



Back Row: Kelly Huband, Tyrone De Ardenne, Jacob Butler, Takirangi Paikea, Tane Nepia, Cassidy Allen
Middle Row: Katie Ferguson, C.J Smart, Ethan Tautari, Lexi Porteous, Toni Tornquist, Paige Kenyon, Blake Muir, Mrs P Randell
Front Row: Hayley Linton, Tyler Young, Willow Tito, Emily Page, Stacey Liu, Tiva Kingi, Laura Mickell, Katrina Poyner
Absent: Billie Cormack, Jacob Fox, Summer Miru, Shaquan Shaw-Gray, Raymond Taito

CLASS PHOTOS

Year 9



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Back Row: Benicio Van Zwijndregt, Kauri Rowe, Jerimiah Cosgrave-Brogdrop, Hyde Massey
Middle Row: Portia Wehi, Daniel Rakoia, Lucas Beeler, Preston Allatt, Jaime Kurupo, Mrs L Getz
Front Row: Jenna Swadling, Samantha Andersen, Tyler Flannagan, Kayne Goodfellow, Matthew Hamilton, Joseph Ellis, Suzy Hames

Absent: Mya Lawrence, Danni McKie, Tasha Perrett, Jade Reid, Braeden Yardley



9E

Back Row: Hannah Cant, Shicane Storey, Eliana-Rose Kerrigan, Caleb Royds, Aubyn Heath, Beck Goodyear, Tayla Allardyce
Middle Row: Bailey Baker, Waimarie Nathan-Jenkins, Julia Mickell, Nikayla Abel, Rip Linehan, Suzy Thomas
Front Row: Levi Guffogg, Damien Hayes, Chance Ratima, Flynn Gilmour, Alex Parr, Micaela Tornquist, Jeremy McCallum

Absent: Rosasharn Vincent



9S

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Middle Row: Mrs K Sewell, Isaac Sheppard, Ocean Shadbolt, Brynn Freer, Cole Doyle, Ethan Trembath, Raiha Patrick, Mr J Laue
Front Row: Hayden Wharfe, Cat Veale, Kathleen Craig, Leah Hodge, Phin Ikahihifo, Bridgette Hosford, Jade Tornquist

Absent: Creedence Bristow, Maddy Lemuelu, Emma Millard

CLASS PHOTOS

Year 10

Back Row: Jason Taiaroa, Oscar Bright, Dietrich Von Dincklage, Mathias Damsted, Ewan Smith, Faun Driver, Zahn Phillips, Rubin Paikea, Miss A Liddington
3rd Row: James White, Xavier Brown, Jayde Holloway, Kaylah Pene, Callum McConchie, Madison Holloway, Shyla Hodge, Tyler Foster, Katelin Fairclough, Holly Brunt
2nd Row: Mr B Alison, Claude Smyth, Kasey Ata, Erin Kingi, Zelda Sims, Shawna Hawken, Annmarie Holst, Jessica Allen, Holly Kenyon, Cheyanne Craft, Teighan Lloyd, Mrs K Sewell
Front Row: Jesse Tautari, Stacey Selby-Lye, Isaac Noser, Tewairipo Tito, Piripi Craig, Egypt Turner, Dylan Huggett, Jarrod Hayes, Corey Slimo, Jader Fairburn, Brianna Thurgood

Absent: Molly Curnow, Jodie Lannie, Gian Liu, Daniel Taylor



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Middle Row: Natalie Birt, Ocean Tierney, Bailey Hudson, Jack Frost, Catharina Veer, Laurinda Bokma, Rory Matheson, Patrick Butler, Leroy Porteous, Matthew Riddlestone, Alyssa Kiddie-Williams, Anthony Kim, Mrs N Cotching
Front Row: Kayla Joyce, Jess Grigg, Te Arna Matafeo, Adara Clements, Curtis Stanaway, Hannah Mills, Zoe Meehan, Stacey Walker, Chantel Shadbolt, Adele Boniface, Holly Anderson, Kimberlee Mannington

Absent: Erin Corble, Jahnessa Davis, Caleb Hayes, Chas Mikaere, Ryan Owens, Terina Wallace, Jimmy Watson



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Years 11 - 13

Year 11



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3rd Row: Kalani Wehi, Jacob Beeler, Caleb Forbes, Boaz Ikahihifo, Daniel Osborne, Jera Stanley, Lochy Steedman, Tane Aitken, Rakai Parker, Travis Flannagan, Nelson Gilmour, Ana Fairburn

2nd Row: Chloe Archer, Callum Lowrie, Rowena Allardyce, Liana Reid, Latina Te Awa, Rhys Shadbolt, Tori Taylor, Lenhy Massey, Greer Sanger, Daniel Dykins, Sophia Smith, Karima Angus, Ebony Smythe, Shyla Smith, Awhina Thomas

Front Row: Joshua Linton, Miriana Littlejohn, Rebecca Robertson, David Hames, Eve McCallum, Tyler Porteous, Kezrah Powley-Anderson, Geri Webb, Sammy Hammon, Amanda McPhail, Kallum Cresswell, Karla SouthernVasey, Misato Fujii

Absent: Samantha Allen, Corey Barber, Kate & Samantha Cawkwell-Troost, Jayden Fairclough, Danielle Hyland, Aidan Kiddie-Williams, Alice Lewis, Dylan Millar, Shontay Morunga, Khamse Namana, Sonny Nathan, Josh Nishitani-Hart, Julia Pearce, James Ratima, Shania Torpy, Bailey Turner-Bennett, Britney Wallace, Jordan Wetini-Donaldson

Year 12



Back Row: Malachi Kerrigan, Jesper Smyth, Daniel Woodward, Gage Powley-Anderson, Josh Royds, Cameron Lupton, Erin Mooney, Joel Stephens, Mathew Te Moni, Jamahl Robinson, Kendra Mitchell

Middle Row: Mrs R Clist, Rueben Elmbranch-Singh, Gabriella Seager, Ashton Coates, Ricky Wood, Kruegor Burton, Danyon Tana, Connor Van Dalsum, Tony Walker, Sean Woodward, Mycah Keefe, Baylee Van Dalsum, Michelle Baker, Cheyenne Fisher, Miss L Parkinson, Mrs C Laue

Front Row: Kelly Mace, Ruby-Rose Hallamore, Celia Bailey, Rita Hames, Reihana Phillips, Monica Jaques, Kate Hallissey, Santana Tierney, Renee Forbes, Jessica Linton, Emily Parker, Emma Rankin

Absent: Amalie Brown, Mickii Gilpin, Raajiv Kumar, Joseaphine & Shaniqua Maaka, Kasumi Matsumoto, Terira Maxwell, Molly McKie, Natasha Tornquist, Zena Tuhiwai-Kingi, Zac Watson, Tane Young

Year 13



Back Row: Clayton Nishitani-Hart, Joshua Mills, Luca Rosseels, Calvin Craig, Cullen Curtis, Blake Porteous, Bailey Hamlin, Renata Blissett, Caleb Young, Joben Hicks

3rd Row: Hayden Buckley, Crystal Millar, Joshua Riddlestone, Banyon Carmell, Joseph Hoshino, Nicole Hinch, Cheyanne Ball, Mackenzie Rose, Krystal Buckingham, Victoria Bidgood, Julie Williamson

2nd Row: Maddy Garnett, Mercedes Von Dincklage, Gemma Thomas, Nikita Butler, Haydn Dyer, Jamie Manuell, Kalem Tana, Michelle Schimanski, Cheyenne Phillips, Breanna Taito, Krystal Reyland, Courtney Mottram, Sok Cheang Lim

Front Row: Bianca Slimo, Nina Linnell, Murphy Linehan, Te Whakakotahitanga Jenkins, Tayla Perkinson, Cameron Gill, Mrs R Clothier-Simmonds, Jasmine Sampson, Dylan Sims, Tashae Paikea, Ayla Wehi, Anna Southern, Emma Garnett

Absent: Hannah Johnson, Michaela Kemp, Warren Kiddie-Williams, Leslie Kingi, Anjalin Kumar, Scott Owens, Kaipo Parker, Adam Pierce, Dylan Swadling, Kyle Taylor

2015 LEAVERS

The Final Word

NAME: TE WHAKAKOTAHITANGA JENKINS

NICKNAME: T.K.

BEST OTA MEMORY: MY BEST MEMORY OF OTA IS THAT OF ALL MY FRIENDS AND THE TEACHERS THAT I HAVE MEET

FUTURE: IN THE FUTURE I AM GOING TO A AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY AND I AM GOING TO STUDY SECONDARY SCHOOLING IN MAORI THAT IS MY FUTURE



NAME: AYL A WEHI

NICKNAME: AYLIE

BEST OTA MEMORY: MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY KEEPING ME SANE. FUTURE: UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO



NAME: ANNA-MARIE SOUTHERN NICKNAME: ANNA

BEST OTA MEMORY: ATTENDING THE YEAR NINE CAMP, AS A YEAR 13 LEADER, AND STAYING UP ALL NIGHT PLAYING POKER AND OTHER CARD GAMES ALL NIGHT WITH THE OTHER LEADERS.

FUTURE: VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON TO STUDY TOWARD A BA AND AFTERWARDS TO (HOPEFULLY) TRAVEL OVERSEAS

NAME: DYLAN SIMS NICKNAME: UMUFU, MR. CHOW

BEST OTA MEMORY: ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS INSTEAD OF PERMISSION

FUTURE: BRIGHTER THAN KALEM'S FOREHEAD



BLAKE PORTEOUS NICKNAME: PCHAMPZ BEST OTA MEMORY: PHYSICS LESSONS AND CRAZY EXPERIMENTS FUTURE: I WANT TO BECOME AN ELECTRICIAN

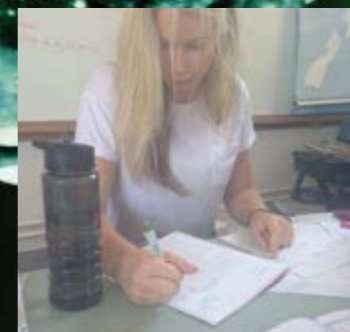


NAME: MADDY GARNETT NICKNAME: MAD/ MADDY LION BEST OTA MEMORY: JUMPING THE SCHOOL FENCE, STILL GOT A MIGHTY SCAR TO THIS DAY AND PLUS I NEVER DID IT AGAIN. FUTURE: RICH WITH 6 CATS.



NAME: MURPHY LINEHAN NICKNAME: MURF BEST OTA MEMORY: DRINKING SOMETHING THAT DEFINITELY DIDN'T TASTE LIKE LEMONADE IN JAPAN!

FUTURE: BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND



NAME: NINA LINNELL NICKNAME: NEEN BEST OTA MEMORY: FINDING A GIN TRAP IN MY LOCKER FUTURE: RIPPING PEOPLE'S TEETH OUT

NAME: TAYLA PERKINSON NICKNAME: T. SLAYLA PERKINDAUGHTER BEST OTA MEMORY: DYLAN'S ANTICS FUTURE: PRODUCT TESTER FOR MACPAC AND NIKE

NAME: CRYSTAL MILLAR NICKNAME: UGLEE BEST OTA MEMORY: YEAR 13 DUTY FUTURE: FULFILLING MY DREAM OF MOTHERING 13 HALF SIBLINGS WHILE WORKING AT THE LOCAL CALTEX EVERY WEEKEND FOR THE REST OF MY #BLESSED LIFE



2015 LEAVERS

The Final Word

YEAR 13

NAME: TASHAE PAKEA
NICKNAME: TA
BEST OTA MEMORY: FRIENDS I'VE MADE
FUTURE: EVENTS MANAGER



NAME: JOSHUA MILLS
NICKNAME: JEESH
BEST OTA MEMORY: GETTING HIT WITH A PEACH IN THE CHEST WITH THE THREE MAN SLINGSHOT AT SCHOOL.
FUTURE: HOPEFULLY WORKING IN IT DEPARTMENT IN MELBOURNE



NAME: CULLEN JAMES CURTIS
NICKNAME: CULLY, SCULLY OR SCULLS
BEST OTA MEMORY: DOWN TRAILING CALVIN IN FRONT OF THE GIRLS THAT LIKE HIM AND GOOD LAUGHS WITH THE BOYS AND GIRLS
FUTURE: NO CLUE AT THE MOMENT, TAKE DAY BY DAY, SEE WHAT COMES AND WORK FOR THE MEAN TIME.



NAME: MICHELLE SCHIMANSKI
NICKNAME: MANSKI
BEST OTA MEMORY: GETTING DETENTIONS FOR WATER FIGHTS AT LUNCH TIME.
FUTURE: TAKING A GAP YEAR AND DOING CAMP AMERICA, THEN BACK TO HOPEFULLY STUDY AT AUT OR MASSEY IN SPORT OR PARAMEDICS



NAME: CALVIN CRAIG
NICKNAME: KING CAL
BEST OTA MEMORY: SLING SHOT PRACTISE ON THE FIELD
FUTURE: HAVE PURE BANT WITH THE LADS UNTIL THE END.

NAME: LESLIE KINGI
NICKNAME: LESS
BEST OTA MEMORY: GOING TO JAPAN AND BEING ABLE TO ORGANISE THE 2015 MATARIKI FESTIVAL
FUTURE: PROFESSIONAL CHEF OR WINNING THE LOTTO AND BECOMING AN INTERNATIONAL TOURIST.



NAME: GEMMA THOMAS
NICKNAME: GENEVA
BEST OTA MEMORY: LAUGHING
FUTURE: MY GOAL= BEST TATTOO ARTIST IN DA WORLD + SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT

NAME: BIANCA SLIMO
NICKNAME: BEE
BEST OTA MEMORY: THROWING YOGHURT ALL OVER MICHELLE EACH TIME SHE TALKED SMACK
FUTURE: HOPING TO STUDY A BACHELOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT OTAGO UNIVERSITY, AND THEN FIND WHAT I WANNA DO WITH MY LIFE AFTER THAT.



NAME: JASMINE SAMPTSON
NICKNAME: JAZZY
BEST OTA MEMORY: THERE IS TOO MANY!
FUTURE: I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO HAVE FOR BREAKFAST IN THE MORNING!



NAME: KALEM TANA
NICKNAME: KEEZUS
BEST OTA MEMORY: GETTING CALVIN TO DRINK CLEAR EYES
FUTURE: MIGHT NEED SUNGLASSES CAUSE ITS SO DAMN BRIGHT

NAME: EMMA GARNETT
NICKNAME: EM
BEST OTA MEMORY: IN YEAR 9 WHEN MURPHY BROKE HER RED PEN IN MATHS CLASS AND SMEARED IT ALL OVER HER HANDS AND THE TEACHER THOUGHT IT WAS BLOOD AND FREAKED OUT.
FUTURE: VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON.

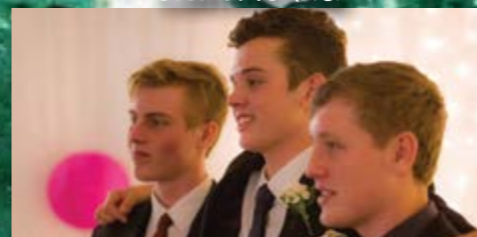
NAME: NICOLE HINSCH
NICKNAME: NICOLE
BEST OTA MEMORY: MEETING ALL MY FRIENDS AND MAKING GOOD MEMORIES
FUTURE: TO WORKING IN THE FIELDS OF PSYCHOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY AND BEING SUCCESSFUL



NAME: KRYSTAL REYLAND
NICKNAME: REYLAND
BEST OTA MEMORY: GETTING LOST IN KYOTO WITH MURPHY, RENATA AND CHLOE FOR 3 HOURS.AFTER SOMEONE SENDING US IN THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE DIRECTION, WE ENDED UP HAVING TO ASK A POLICEMAN FOR HELP.
FUTURE: BACHELOR OF NURSING



NAME: ADAM PIERCE
NICKNAME: ADAM
BEST OTA MEMORY: LAST YEAR AT OTAMATEA WITH ALL YR 13 STUDENTS.
FUTURE: DAIRY FARMER OR 60 CONTRACTING.



NAME: CAMERON GILL
NICKNAME: CHAV, G-GAINZ GILL
MEMORY: WATCHING DAKOTA THROW HIS HOCKEY STICK ON THE ROOF BY ACCIDENT AND GETTING SO ANGRY THAT HE KICKED HIS SHOE UP THERE
FUTURE: COMPLETING A DEGREE IN BANTOLOGY MAJORING IN THE FIELD OF 'FEEDING THE BIRD'



NAME: MERCEDES VON DINCKLAGE
NICKNAME: CEDES OR MERCEDES VON DICKLE - DITCH
BEST OTA MEMORY: YEAR 10 GIRLS CAMP, HAHA CANT THINK OF ANY THING ELSE
FUTURE: STUDY A BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS AT MASSEY UNIVERSITY



NAME: MACKENZIE ROSE
NICKNAME: KENZIE
BEST OTA MEMORY: BIANCA, MICHELLE AND I GETTING TOLD OFF IN MS KINGSFORD'S ART CLASS BECAUSE MICHELLE WAS TRYING TO BE FUNNY GUY
FUTURE: I WANT TO GET A CAREER IN NURSING, HOPEFULLY PAEDIATRIC NURSING.



NAME: BAILEY HAMLIN
NICKNAME: BAYZ OR BAILS
BEST OTA MEMORY- THE HEAD AT SCHOOL
FUTURE: PROBABLY GET OLDER



NAME: COURTNEY MOTTRAM
NICKNAME: COURTO
BEST MEMORY: YEAR 8 SCIENCE WHEN MURPHY AND I TRIED TO MAKE PINK BATS OUT OF COTTON WOOL AND FOOD COLOURING AND DIED OUR HANDS RED.
FUTURE: BACHELOR OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY AT MASSEY UNIVERSITY.

NAME: CHEYANNE BALL
NICKNAME: CHEY
BEST OTA MEMORY: GETTING INTRODUCED TO THE GIRLS OUTSIDE THE HALL IN YEAR 8
FUTURE: JOIN THE POLICE FORCE



NAME: JULIE WILLIAMSON
NICKNAME: JUJU
BEST OTA MEMORY: MEETING MY FRIENDS
FUTURE: HOPEFULLY STUDY THEN WORK THEN TRAVEL

NAME: JOSEPH HOSHINO
NICKNAME: JOE
BEST OTA MEMORY: JESPER NEARLY FALLING OFF A ROOF BECAUSE BANYON TRIED TO TAKE HIS SHOE.
FUTURE: WIN AS MANY OSCARS AS LEONARDO DICAPRIO.



Without
Hardwork
nothing grows
But Weeds

-Gordon B. Hinckley