

OTA20



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Prefect	Brenda Ferguson
Prefect	Brooke Hutton

Thoughts from the Principal

Kia ora koutou,

This time last year I missed senior prizegiving as I was fortunate enough to be awarded a sabbatical to research wellbeing in schools in England. This opportunity also allowed me a chance to refresh and rejuvenate. Prior to leaving I updated the school's pandemic plan as it was due to be reviewed in our triennial cycle. Little did I know back then how useful this would prove to be in 2020. Whilst I was in England I visited schools to see what they had in place for the wellbeing of staff and students. At the national secondary principals' conference in August this year I presented my findings as a comparison of what we have in place at our school as well as within the New Zealand context. We are indeed incredibly fortunate to live in Aotearoa, especially at this time.

This year our school vision of 'ready for the world' and the school values of high expectations, responsibility, wellbeing and resilience have been put to the test as we have collectively responded to the global pandemic. We have heard our school whakatauki 'he waka eke noa', ('we're all in the waka together') frequently repeated through the national media. The response from the school community to the surveys which were sent out prior to lockdown was phenomenal and enabled us to support all of our students in a meaningful way. We had no choice but to navigate this space together and the work that had been put in place in previous years enabled us to do this well. Thank you to all the families who supported their young people to prioritise their studies this year. I'm sure that there were a number of parents and caregivers who discovered a new respect for teachers at this time as they tried to understand how the various technologies worked and attempted to support their children with their learning.

The lockdown reminded us all that there are some specific skills that some students develop early in life such as the ability to organise, independence, time-management, self-direction and communication skills. As a school community our challenge is to ensure that we continue to create the climate and conditions where all of our students are able to develop these skills as this will indeed enable them to be ready for an ever-changing world. Thank you to those parents and caregivers who have responded to the recent home-school partnership survey; the results have reinforced that the suggested changes will be well received by our community. These tightened processes are a way that we can work together to ensure that all of our students are given the opportunity to develop these crucial soft skills.

Flexibility and compromise have also been crucial this year as we have needed to cancel, postpone and adapt events as we moved through the various alert levels. Highlights of the year have included the school ball, the adapted Podriga in the Park, developing a new school waiata, the kapa haka performance, two netball teams winning their competition, inaugural events such as the market day and pride week, the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and the implementation of new cross curricular year 9 courses.

Despite the challenges faced, our students have risen to the occasion and our predictions for NCEA success are very positive with our year 13 students on track to achieve the highest percentage of endorsements ever.

The look of the school continues to improve with renovations to D block, a new canopy roof outside the café, new toilets in the foyer and you are currently benefitting from new chairs and air conditioning in this hall - finally.

Our school roll continues to grow particularly at the junior levels. The number of enrolments received for 2021 is also reaching new highs.

Over the next few years we will be working on 4 strategic goals.

The **first** goal is around refocusing the curriculum to ensure that it is authentic, balanced, connected and engaging. This will involve reviewing our junior curriculum, creating more cross curricular courses in years 9 and 10, creating a new junior diploma and certificate and developing and aligning the new NCEA standards.

The **second** goal is to enhance school leadership which includes governance,



staff leadership and student leadership. Next year's prefects will be given the challenge of stocktaking what leadership opportunities we have at the school and assisting with developing a new student led leadership framework which builds upon our current practices.

The **third** goal is to strengthen community engagement. This will include evaluating the effectiveness of what we currently do and documenting the rich histories and traditions of the school, including showcasing past student successes. I will be looking for a team of community members to assist with this.

Our **final** strategic goal is to continue developing a strengths-based, sustainable wellbeing framework for the school. This will build upon the substantial work which has been completed in recent years in this area as well as incorporating the research findings from my sabbatical.

Congratulations to all the students who have worked diligently this year. Well done on your achievements whether it is academic, sporting, cultural or in the arts. Each certificate, prize and trophy signifies a huge amount of hard work, dedication and, particularly this year, resilience.

Well done also to all of our school leaders including prefects, those who serve on the Student Council, OTA Kaihoe – student health group, Rainbow Youth Group, and those who have shown commitment to the various sports teams, kapa haka, William Pike Challenge and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

I would like to finish today by thanking the staff who have shown tremendous dedication, perseverance and resilience this year. The new staff who joined us at the beginning of the year have integrated wonderfully into the school and your talents and vibrancy are very much appreciated. It really is a privilege to lead this school with an amazing team of teachers and support staff.

Being in education comes with the opportunity to exercise amazing influence. Every day we have the opportunity to inspire our young people to reach their potential, to challenge them to step outside their comfort zones, to reinforce crucial values which will help them to grow into confident, connected, lifelong learners who are positive, friendly and contribute to their communities and society. One of the rewards of teaching is when you can look back and reminisce on the journey that some of the year 13 students have taken, picturing them in year 9 or 10. Some of them have weathered some storms and I believe that together with their families we have helped to mold them into who they are today. We feel a real sense of pride at how they have developed and we know that they're just going to be ok, whatever they end up doing in life. We've done our job. They really are ready for the world!

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou, katoa.

Staff



Back Row: Vicky Garnett, Kari Meachin, Taira Phillips, Annette Atkins, Robyn Baker, Tina Holst, Anna Liddington, Alysha Brown, Jay Simmonds, Nikola Kemp
3rd Row: Sharyne Lewis, Elizabeth Van Den Berg, Jean Hook, Tony Baker, Nicky Cotching, Graeme Skipper, Lana Parkinson, Wiremu Ngatipa, Alison Cadman, Dave Burnell
2nd Row: Nikki Donaldson, Nigel Mills, Samid Buksh, Arina Bosch, Richard Reed, James Rika-Heke, Adam Blake, Malcolm Crisp, Lee Dainty, Simone Ransley
Front Row: Damon George, Andy Thomas, Bruce Alison, Rebecca Clist, Paul Chambers, Rachel Clothier-Simmonds, Martin North, Chris Gill, Tracey Christie, Nyree Alcock



When No One Is Looking

Areas of Responsibility

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Rachel Clothier-Simmonds *BSc QTS (Hons)*
Principal

Dirk Smyth *MEdLd (Hons), BA (Hons), Dip Tchg*
Deputy Principal (Teaching and Learning) Mathematics

Paul Chambers *BEd (Hons)*
Assistant Principal (Pastoral Care)

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Elizabeth van den Berg *B Ed, Higher Dip Ed*
(Pathways, Careers Advisor, Digital Technologies, Gifted and Talented, Correspondence, ICAS)

Alexandra Smith *M. Counselling (Dist), BA, Dip Tchg*
Counsellor

Jean Hook *BA, Dip Tchg, Post Grad Dipl Counselling*
Counsellor

Arina Bosch *MA (Hons), BA (Hons), Dip Tchg (English, History)*
Specialist Classroom Teacher, History, Te Reo

Huia Coll *BSc, Dip Tchg Sec (Science, Biology, PE/Health)*
Special Education Co-ordinator, Te Reo

Alison Cadman *BSc, PGCE*
IT Manager, Bus Controller

Tony Baker
Arawa Dean, Geography, Social Science

Robyn Baker *BA(Hons) Economics, Post Grad Dip EdLd*
Maniapoto Dean, Business and Economics, Junior Syndicate

Alex Linnell *BEd*
Ngapuhi Dean, Junior Syndicate

Lana Parkinson *BEd, Dip Tchg*
Education Outside The Classroom

Bruce Alison *B Sport & Ed (HPE), Dip Tchg*
Whatua Dean, Physical Education and Health
(Physical Education, Sports Leadership)

HEADS OF ESSENTIAL LEARNING AREAS (HELAS)

Andy Thomas *BSc, Dip Tchg, (Hons) Dipt Tchg Sec*
Science

Rebecca Clist *Dip CA, Dip Tchg*
Arts and Languages

Damon George *BA, Grad Dip Tchg*
English

Arina Bosch *MA (Hons), BA (Hons), Dip Tchg (English, History)*
Social Sciences

Chris Gill *BSc B Tchg Sec*
Mathematics

Martin North *B.Eng, PGCE*
Technology

Nyree Alcock *BCom, Grad Dip Tchg (Primary)*
Year 7 & 8 Syndicate

ASSISTANT TEACHERS

Philippa Randall *BA, Dip Tchg Primary, Post Grad.Dip Gifted Education*
English, Food Technology, Mathematics, Social Science

Dave Burnell *T.T.C*
Construction, Hard Materials Technology

Tracey Christie *BDS Hons, Grad Dip Tchg (Art, Technology)*
Social Sciences

Malcolm Crisp *BA*
English

Nicky Cotching *BSC (Tech), Grad Dip Tchg*
Chemistry, Science

Lee Dainty *Post Grad Cert, Dip Engineering, Dip Tchg*
Hard Materials Technology, Graphics

Kari Meachin *BA, Culinary Arts PG*
Food Technology

Anna Liddington *BPhed, Grad Dip Tchg*
Health, Physical Education

Annette Atkins *BEd (Hons)*
Drama

Adam Blake *BMus (Hons), Grad Dip Tchg*
Music

Monique Myburgh *B Ed, Grad Dip Tchg*
Mathematics

Jay Simmonds *Dip Maori visual Arts, BA, Maunga Kura Toi, Whakairo*
Whakairo

Graeme Skipper *BE Mech, Grad Dip Tchg*
Science, Physics

Marco Troost *BA Geography, Grad Dip Tchg*
Social Science, Tourism,Primary Industries

Samid Buksh *BSc, Dip Tert Tchg, Post Grad Dip (Physics), GCED*
Mathematics

Nigel Mills *BA(Hons) History*
Languages

Francis Maclellann *MA,BA, DipTchg*
English

Nazila Khan *BCom (Accounting, Economics)*
Business Studies

SUPPORT STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

Deborah Cornhill-Davies	Executive Officer
Nikki Donaldson	Principal's PA
Kay Robinson	Office Manager
Traci Moring	Student Support Secretary
Taira Phillips	Kaiawhina
Tina Holst	Sports Co-ordinator
Catherine Pilkington TTC	Senior Librarian
Vicky Garnett	Dental Therapist (RET)
Miriam Crosby	Canteen
Nikola Kemp	Technology Support/Cafe Assistant
Sam Phillips	Alternative Education Tutor
Brenda Dale	IT Technician
Richard Reed	Property Maintenance Manager
James Rika-Heke	Grounds Person

Teacher Aides
Teresa Brown, Katharine Harris, Ladene Hunter, Michaela Kemp, Donna Squires

Cleaners
Adam Campbell, Antoinette Mitchell, Grishma Patel, Susan Plaisted, Sandra Sears

Student Support - RTLB
Eric Hansen *BA, PGdip SPEC tchg, SchMgt, Dip Tchg*



In November, our music teacher, Adam Blake, was fortunate to have the opportunity to take some students to the Aotearoa Music Awards.

This was a fantastic night for both teacher and students watching the show live from Spark Arena, as well as meeting with some of New Zealand's most influential musicians and media industry professionals.

The night was a great opportunity to see some live music, but also see the cross section of professions and skill sets required to put on a show of this scale. It was hugely inspiring for us all.

Adam, Rose, Benito, Jaden, and Sarah send a huge THANK YOU to Deborah Pead, as well as Jack and Adam from Pead PR for showing them around and setting up such an amazing opportunity.



Coming off the back of lockdowns and home learning, it was time to take Olla Podriga outside. So over the course of two daytime outdoor concerts, loads of performers took the stage to entertain and enthrall us.

Each artist was backed by stunning session musicians who look a lot like some of the teaching staff. The crowds loved it. After frantic online voting Brooke Hutton took out the coveted people's choice award.

Mrs Christie won the award for best dancing while holding a cup.



Students and staff gathered out on the field for a preview of the OTA Staff band before they competed in a battle of the teacher bands on a Friday Night in Auckland in November.





Pinnacles - 28-29 November 2020

We started the day by waking up far too early and driving down to the outskirts of Thames. After a quick stop at the information centre to check the maps we regrouped and started our hike up the Pinnacles. It took us awhile to warm up and fall into the rhythm of hiking but after a few hours of torturous steps we stopped for lunch at a hydro dam. There were a few mishaps which ended in floor noodles and we were off again and by late afternoon we had reached the Pinnacles hut. We were all extremely excited to venture up the Pinnacles, so set up was quick and we walk-marched up the many flights of steps. The view was indescribable. You could see for miles and we had a lot of fun exploring the rocks and trying to get to the highest point. We also helped to build a wall to block off another track. Dinner was a quick but odd experience featuring mini marshmallows in mashed potatoes. And thanks to some genius idea (mine) we ventured halfway up the Pinnacles, again, to watch an amazing sunset.

On Sunday we woke up to a fire alarm at 6 am after a very cold night (thanks Taytes). We packed up camp and made a sad breakfast while watching other trampers eat a full English breakfast meal. :(The tramp down the mountain was very cold and wet and now noodles are ruined for me thanks to a very disappointing lunch. To finish our hike, we crossed a river and regrouped to check in on each other and drive home. The traffic was weird. We passed two accidents and got in a traffic jam in the middle of nowhere.

Overall, it was an interesting and fun weekend that I think everyone got something out of. On behalf of my group, I would like to say thank you to all the parents and teacher helpers. Without you guys we would not have been able to do this and we are very thankful!



On Friday 21st February, seven Silver level DOE students completed their pre-expedition to the Pinnacles/Crosbies Huts in the Coromandel Forest Park.

As water was short, we had to carry extra with us which added weight to our packs. We checked out the tracks, weather etc at the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre and then headed to the Billy Goat track. We had to cross the almost dry Kauaeranga River bed and simulated a river crossing under Alana's instructions.

The track was dry, dusty and very hot. We arrived at the Pinnacles Hut and were met by ranger Rob. He allocated us a bunk room and we headed off to climb the Pinnacles just before sunset. The views were amazing and the rock climbing was fun and challenging!

Ranger Rob showed us a slide show of the kauri logging and history of the area which was very interesting. Communal dinners were cooked and much needed sleep was had.

On Saturday we cleaned the bunk room and kitchen and tramped down the Webb Creek Track to the van. Here we did a van relocation to Te Puru and headed up to Crosbies Hut. The climb up to the hut was the steepest we had done to date. We also encountered heavy rain, but we were rewarded later with clear views to Coromandel township and Table Mountain.

On Sunday we were up at 5.30am and tramped with our headlamps on...a whole new skill set! We had a welcome swim in a deep waterhole on a river and then headed for home. We stopped for a feed of fish and chips on the way. Thanks heaps, Ken.

A HUGE thanks to Ken Hames, Sharlene Tornquist and Robyn Bruce for being our shadow party. We had an amazing tramp and are now looking forward to our qualifier on Mt Taranaki at the end of March.





On Thursday 27th February thirteen DOE Gold level students traveled to the Whakapapa Visitor Centre to check out the Tongariro Northern Circuit track conditions and the weather.

We tramped to the Taranaki Falls, where some people abseiling provided entertainment while lunches were eaten. The track to the Mangatepopo Campsite was hot and dusty. Three hours passed quickly and the group was soon meeting the DOC Ranger, putting up their tents for the night and cooking the first of their three communal dinners. (There was even time for hut window cleaning entertainment from Cody and Zane.) A beautiful sunset and a clear view of Mt Taranaki capped off a long day of travel and tramping.



Friday saw everyone up at 6.30am, breakfast eaten, tents dismantled and by 8am the group was heading to the Devil's Staircase, South Crater and a steep climb up Red Crater to 1868m, the highest point of the tramp. The 360 degree views were stunning. Everyone enjoyed the scree slope down past a sulphur fumerole to the Emerald Lake for lunch. We then dropped down into the Oturere Valley and made our way to the hut. We claimed our bunks and headed for a much needed cool down in the pools at the top of a waterfall. At 8.30pm we had the hut occupants all outside looking at star constellations and hunting for satellites. Cody had all the times for sightings on his bit of paper and we weren't disappointed.



Saturday saw us leave at 8am for the Waihothonu Hut, known as 'the Palace', due to its size. We had lunch and then completed a scavenger hunt the shadow party set for us, leaving them a good hour to play a game of five crowns. The Ohinepango Stream challenge was then taken with some hardy group members lasting an amazing five minutes in the icy cold water.



Sunday saw us up at 5am for our hike out. We left at 6am in the dark with our headlamps on. This provided us with a new skill set of night tramping. Once the track was completed we headed for Spa Thermal Park in Taupo for a welcome soak in the hot stream pools and a cool down in the Waikato River.



After such a great four days, we will head on to complete our DOE gold qualifier on the 82km ,Heaphy Track in the Kahurangi National Park in the April holidays.

A HUGE thank you to our shadow party of Ken Hames, Dirk Smyth and Robyn Bruce as without their involvement we could not complete our outdoor requirements.



It was a very special day for the Otamatea High School Duke of Edinburgh Award group. 13 students from the group received their Gold Award. This is the culmination of many years of hard work and determination. They were presented with their gold certificates by the Governor General, Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy at a special ceremony in Auckland.

Sarah Hillary (Sir Edmund Hillary's daughter) gave a speech of encouragement to all those gathered.

Robyn Bruce was also presented with a Long Service Award recognising her involvement in the scheme since 2001 and as Award Leader since 2005. Ken Hames, Chair of the Board of The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award, gave the closing speech.

Congratulations to all the recipients and thank you to all the parents for their sacrifices and commitment along the way.





The My Iwi Rules competition saw some of our best chefs compete for their Iwis in a 30-minute cook-off.

The year 7 & 8's produced some delicious pizza with a classy presentation. Each iwi finished on very tight scores with Arawa taking it out on a score of 93.25, followed closely by Ngapuhi on 93, Whatua on 92.25 and Maniapoto on 91.

Later in the week, we had our year 9 & 10's bringing their best cooking skills to produce what they thought was their ultimate pizza (The judges loved tasting these ones). The iwis fought till the end for Whatua to take out top spot with a score of 96.5, followed by Ngapuhi on 93.25, Maniapoto on 92.75 and Arawa on 84.5.

The overall all results are Whatua on an awesome score of 94.375, Ngapuhi on 93.125, Maniapoto on 91.875 and Arawa on 88.8.



Yr 7 & 8 Maniapoto team



Yr 7 & 8 Ngapuhi team



Yr 7 & 8 Arawa



Yr 7 & 8 Whatua team



This year was another combined girls and boys Year 10 camp. We set out to the Kai Iwi Lakes in hot weather and it stayed that way the entire time we were at camp. Students helped with the setup of the yachts and the camp kitchen for the next three days and were eager for a swim as soon as their tents were up. Kari Meachin was our cook and she was assisted by Emma Briton and Chloe McGowan. They did a great job of keeping us fed. Thank you ladies! We were lucky to have Phil Cotching and Pete Hames bring their boats up to the lakes this year. They tore around the lake each day taking students biscuiting and skiing. You guys are legends and we really appreciate you giving up your time. Colin Storey came up again this year - he has since his eldest son was there several years ago. Colin helps Dave Burnell with the yachts and takes the students sailing. A huge thank you to you Colin for giving up your time to come and help us each year. We already have you booked in for next year.



Rebecca Clist came to camp this year and she loved every minute of it (not a camping fan)! She took the students biking around the lake and was in charge of our movie by the lake this year. Samid Buksh was the go-to guy when the troops were tired. He took a bike around the lake, helped with the kayaking and general sports around camp - well done buddy. Marco has been on more Y10 camps than, well anyone! He organised the kayaks again this year and really helped students get into the spirit of camp. Well done Marco, enjoy a well-deserved summer break. Nikola Kemp oversaw the paddle boarding, and she ran a tight ship at camp. The students had a blast and we all enjoyed having our very own camp mum help with everything. Anna Liddington organised the amazing race we do each year, and this year was one to remember. Well done Anna and thank you for all the paperwork and organisation throughout the year. Dave Burnell is our new sailing club commodore. But he is by no means new to camp. He again this year helped organise and pack all the gear for camp. We took up nine trailers and Dave packed seven of these. He ran a great sailing programme at the lakes, and I am looking forward to next year Dave. Thank you so very much.



And lastly to the students - well done. It is a full on few days and for some of you, you were right out of your comfort zone. You accepted the challenges and got on with it. Overall a great bunch of young men and women who will have made memories that will go well beyond their schooling years.





Careers 2020

Highlights for this year's career education activities:

- Year 13's who were interested in attending university, travelled to Dargaville for a day of meeting the liaison people of a number of universities.
- A new in-school website with links to university and other training organisations, as well as the websites available to students to discover more about different careers (See Below)
- All year 13 students who completed their CareersFasttrack surveys had a personal interview with a report and discussion. This was followed by several sessions on scholarships and help with applying for training, study allowances and loans.
- The Options Afternoon saw all learning areas setting up displays to showcase NCEA courses and all year 10-12 students visited the displays and discussed option choices with teachers. A number of parents also attended after school.
- Throughout the year all year groups attended activities during whānau times in the mornings with the year 10 to 12 groups working towards some career oriented standards.
- Year 9's attended the Careers Speed Meet talking to about 14 grown-ups about their career journeys.
- The Year 8's Careers Day included activities around self-knowledge and growth mindsets as well as a visit from two young professionals who work for Fonterra and outlined opportunities in the Primary Industries.
- After also having the Fonterra people presenting to the Year 7's, they participated in activities about decision making, self-knowledge and the world of work.



<https://sites.google.com/otamatea.school.nz/otamate-career-education-site/home>



Robots for Activity Day



On the last Wednesday of school, the year 7's had in-school activities of 45 minute slots. Groups rotated from icing cup cakes, making masks, pool activities, target shooting, archery and robots.

The school acquired ten new small robots for this occasion and to be available for next year. As they came in kitsets, the Year 10 Digital Technologies students built them as part of their course.

Then, on the day, the Year 7 students learnt to programme the robots' movements, lights and sounds and also had fun racing each other.



This year, the L2 Primary Industry class has been able to do two outside courses (despite the lockdown) and will shortly complete another: Fencing, Quad Bikes and soon Pest Control.

The fencing course was run by the Northland Regional Council and was held over the course of two days at two different locations. In order to hone their skills the students did several hours of fencing practice at Otamatea High School.



Kevin Mitchell from Training Ventures ran the quad bike course over two days at the Maungaturoto Country Club. Students learned how to ride a quad safely on a variety of terrain in a variety of weather events. Thanks very much to the Maungaturoto Country Club for allowing us to use their facilities and also to Kyle from Maungaturoto Motorcycles for generously loaning us the use of a quad bike.



Through the two courses students were able to gain various credits and certificates.



Self-driven Pathways is still going strong as an option for students with a specific career pathway in mind. This year most students had vocational aspirations and a number of students moved out of the class into apprenticeships in automotive and building. Other students had work experience throughout the year, one day a week. Eight students were also able to complete a Scaffolding Course and one has gone on to working as a scaffolder in Auckland.

This year Samara Foster became the new Gateway Coordinator and with her enthusiasm and connections a number of students acquired their first aid certificates, learner driver's licenses and attended a defensive driving course.

The other change happening next year is a new venue. The workroom will move from A4 to a new class to be constructed as part of the B-block upgrade. This will incorporate the careers and gateway offices and we are looking forward to the integration these areas should experience as a result of this.



After an initial cancellation due to COVID lockdown, the 2020 Wellington Trip was lucky to be rescheduled for the 1st week of Term 3. This is the second year Ms Baker has taken a group of Year 12 students for four nights to visit Parliament, The Reserve Bank and the Treasury office. Fifteen students were perfect ambassadors for Otamatea, engaging in the tours and seminars with interest, and using their free time to learn how to navigate our country's capital city.

The sun was out everyday and students made the most of their time as tourists by visiting other attractions such as Te Papa, old war bunkers up Mt Victoria and Weta Workshop. The highlight for the group was an excellent tour of the Supreme Court, which was a new scheduled addition to the trip this year. Students also had plenty of time to relax in the afternoons and evenings with activities such as ice skating, bowling, Lazer Maze, the Fear Factory and of course shopping. A big thank you to Helen McKenzie and Nazila Khan for their support during the trip.



MEDIA STUDIES

This year the Media Studies students were all set up to produce short films and wrote a litany of terrifying horror, apocalyptic, and comedic screenplays in term 1. With the event of Lockdown we had to do a full pivot as planning and producing a short film is more complex than you think. Actors, crew and locations could all be impacted and it would have affected students assessments. So Mrs Christie decided that we would produce radio shows instead which would allow the students to use audio recording and editing equipment more easily accessible at home (if need be). Radio also felt relevant as a medium in a time of uncertainty especially looking historically at World War 2 where the radio medium was the main source of information. Interestingly enough, students do not engage with the radio format as much as they used to, now with streaming sites and music so readily available. This led to some interesting discussions around how individuals interact with the media and how things have changed. Students planned, designed and recorded their shows and took on the role of DJ extraordinaire. They needed to really think outside the box on how to attract their peers away from Spotify! Creative, funny and interesting segments were written that were really appealing to their target audiences. Family and friends and the odd local celebrity was interviewed too. Some students really excelled at editing and were able to design special effects, radio stings and sweepers that sounded just like the real thing. All in all, our Covid-19 plan B was a success. In 2021 students will have the choice of either producing a short film as we traditionally do, or a radio show/ podcast.

GEOGRAPHY

This year we welcomed Mr Baker as our new Geography teacher. As with everything else, Term One ticked over really nicely with both the Year 11 and 13 students exploring issues relating to Sand Mining at Pakiri. The Year 11 Geography class also took part in a day trip to the Goat Island Marine Reserve and students spent the day exploring the marine reserve. The Year 11 Geographers were looking at Eco Tourism and the Marine Reserves and the effects on both the environment and people of these. After snorkeling and seeing loads of snapper and stingray, the students visited the Goat Island Marine Discovery Centre run by the University of Auckland. Students learnt about the significance of the marine reserve, the effects that tourism and plastic is having on marine life, and examined live sea creatures in the touch tanks. Not long after this Lockdown hit and students were forced to work remotely from home. The Year 11 class carried out a "Geography of Lockdown" research looking at the spatial nature of lockdown in the Kaipara. Students gathered information about movements of people within their bubbles, purpose of these movements, things they missed during lockdown and so on, and compared the "geography" of our lockdown life. Post-lockdown we then looked at the Christchurch & Haiti Earthquakes and how these affected the environment and people's lives. The Year 13's also carried out research into people's "Pie Preferences" within the district and looked at the event management required to run Rhythm & Vines. All in all 2020 was an interesting year with lots of geographic learning opportunities. From the global topic of the pandemic, to looking at disparities in development and how people respond to natural disasters, students will have gained some valuable life-long experiences in this class. Plans for 2021 include doing the Tongariro Crossing and exploring the Bream Bay Coastal Environment.

TOURISM

Tourism continues to be a strong subject at Otamatea High School with students engaging in learning via the International Travel College program. With a large number of Year 12s involved in the course, students looked at The Tourism Industry, Destination New Zealand, Tourist Characteristics, and specific Skills & Attributes required to work in the Industry. As part of the course students went on a three day trip to Rotorua to explore one of New Zealand's top tourist destinations. Of course, with the impacts of Covid in New Zealand and the borders being closed, students were able to look at Domestic Tourism & the "Stay-Cation" from a first hand point of view. Many of the students in Tourism are also closely linked to courses in Hospitality and at the completion of 2020 most were well set up to take on a job in the local tourism industry. Also as part of this class we had four Year 13 students who were in the second year of the ITC Program. As part of this students look at Destinations Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Overall, this year students have enjoyed some great learning opportunities and have all got the opportunity to enter the tourism industry in the future.

HISTORY

What a busy year in History! Ms Bosch taught the Level 2 and 3 students, with Ms Ransley and Mr Chambers sharing the Level 1 class. We all covered a wide range of New Zealand history topics in the early part of the year, before tackling some twentieth century history with the onset of World War II in Level 1, looking at key events between the wars and the rise of dictators, and then examining some of the aftermath of the war, such as the advent of the United Nations. Levels 2 and 3 also looked at a range of New Zealand history topics early in the year, ranging from Minnie Dean to Parihaka, before embarking on a close examination of the causes and consequences of the failed attempt to invade England by the Spanish Armada. It's been a great year in History, despite the upheavals of Covid, and we look forward to delving into a range of new topics in 2021!

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Congratulations to ALL the senior students in Business Economics for managing to complete the Market Day events, despite COVID! It was such a huge effort and achievement and everyone at school thoroughly enjoyed the products for sale. It was heart-warming to see some real experiential learning go on, and reminded me (Mrs Baker) how important it is to see these things through to the end, no matter what life throws at us.

We had a BRILLIANT trip to Wellington also! PHEW! No way was COVID going to hold us back. It was epic fun to hang out with an awesome crew of L2 students, and adult helpers (Ms Khan and Helen McKenzie). Thanks Odin (aka: Blake) for the stop and search memories in the airport!

I'm going to miss Bipasa, Toni (and maybe even Cameron...) who I have taught for the last 4 years. I wish all my L3 seniors the best of luck for the next phase of their adventure in life, you will love it! I'm off next year for maternity leave, but leave the subject in the good hands of Ms Khan.

Have a great summer and see you all soon. All my best, Ms Baker.



Senior Art

Paige Kenyon
Level 3 Painting



Laura Mickell
Level 3 Painting



Harmony Henderson
Level 3 Painting



Paige Kenyon
Level 3 Painting



Laura Mickell
Level 3 Painting



Laura Mickell
Level 3 Painting



The Level 2 Physical Education, Level 2 Sport Leadership and Level 1 Geography class took part in a day trip to the Goat Island Marine Reserve on Monday 16th March 2020. The trip focused on snorkeling and exploring the marine reserve. The Level 2 classes were applying a range of risk management strategies in the context of snorkeling. This required them to plan and carry out a range of strategies to minimise specific risks in the outdoors. The Level 1 Geographers were looking at Eco Tourism and the Marine Reserves and the effects on both the environment and people.

After snorkeling and seeing loads of snapper and stingray, the students visited the Goat Island Marine Discovery Centre run by the University of Auckland. Students learnt about the significance of the marine reserve, the effects that tourism and plastic is having on marine life, and examined live sea creatures in the touch tanks.

Thanks to Ms Liddington, Mr Alison, Mr Baker and Ms Simmonds for an amazing trip.



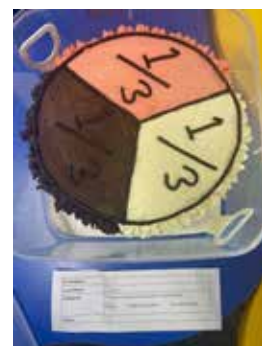
Ten Year 8 students ventured down to the Vodafone Events Centre in Auckland on Thursday 12th November to attend the NYLD20 (National Young Leaders Day 2020). The whakatauki for the event was Kia Kaha, Kia Maia, Kia Manuwanui (Be Strong, Be Brave, Be Steadfast) with students exploring what it means to be a leader in today's ever changing world. William Pike who started the William Pike Challenge spoke about challenging yourself, being brave to stand up for yourself or someone else and not being afraid to be different or to stand out. Riley Hathaway from Young Ocean Explorers spoke about finding your passion and doing something you love, educating youth about the issues which will affect them in the future. Stan Walker performed for the students and then spoke about adversity and being the best version of you! It was fantastic hearing from such amazing New Zealanders!



On Thursday 29 October a group of twenty-one Year 7 French language students visited an authentic French restaurant in Auckland to sample the food, practice their newly acquired French language skills and have a taste of French life over a relaxed lunch. Students were able to order their food in French and try to speak with our servers who were all native speakers of French. Some of the food available was escargots, crêpes, gallettes, pot au feu, navarin d'agneau and the list goes on. Many of the students tried food they had never eaten before, even snails! The trip was a great success and we are very grateful to La Fourchette restaurant in St Heliers for being wonderful hosts and for Ladene, our superb TA for being the second driver and helping us all have a fantastic day.

The next day, Friday 30 October, a group of twenty Year 8 Spanish students visited a Colombian restaurant in Auckland to sample authentic South American food, use their Spanish language skills to order and converse with our fluent Spanish speaking servers and to experience latino culture. Students were able to try some amazing dishes such as pinchos, arepas, longaniza, lomo ancho and plantains. The food is prepared in traditional Colombian style, over a wood fired barbeque and served with cooked green bananas and salads and Colombian drinks & desserts. The students tried food they had never heard of before and used their Spanish extremely well. Many thanks to El Humero restaurant in Takapuna for their wonderful hospitality and the ever fantastic Whaea Huia for being the second driver and ensuring we had a great day.





As part of our Annual Maths Week all Year 7 and 8 students were invited to take part in the Great Maths Bake Off. The theme was anything mathematical. Students let their imaginations run wild and came up with creations that were both mathematical and artistic. All the baking was done at home and carefully brought into school. All our cooks were rewarded with lollies and certificates with special prizes for the top contestants in each category. Special thanks to our judges: Mrs van den Berg, Ms Meachin and Mrs Clist.

The winners were:

Cake

- 1 Shania Mickell
- 2 Sapphire Parata
- 3 Nia Owen

Cupcake/Muffins

- 1 Charlize Sheppard
- 2 Jamie Cotching
- 3 Ben Lawson

Biscuits/Cookies

- 1 Amy Weber
- 2 Olivia Alcock
- 3 Willow Woodman



On Thursday 22nd October seventy Year 7 and 8 students and the Year 12 Sports Leadership class from Otamatea High School travelled to Kaiwaka Sports Grounds to participate in this day.

The level 2 Sports Leadership class were responsible for running each of the sports on the day. These included basketball, soccer, rippa rugby, hockey and netball.

In total there were six schools involved with approximately 250 students competing. The day was enjoyed by all.



On the 18th June the Science Roadshow came to Otamatea. We have not seen them since 2018, so there was a great deal of excitement amongst the students for whom this was a new experience.

There were a range of amazing demonstrations, many of which the kids were involved in running. Did you know you cannot crush an egg in your hand, how cheese is made or the workings of atmospheric pressure?

There was also a huge range of exhibits, demonstrating many scientific principles, harmonic pendulums, vacuum pumps, fluid flow, wind machine (the favourite), microscope and electrostatic equipment.

Special thanks needs to go to our student helpers:

Setting up by Cory Browne, Connor Sands, Alana Yardley, Ashlie Hugget and Sarah Campbell Winter. Demonstrations on the day by Willow Campbell, Sara Anderson, Devine Henderson, Nathan Harris, Milly Hodgson, Molly Craig, Kylan Hattie, Emmet Denton, Vraj Patel, Kyin Smith and Mark Andersen.

Also a special thanks goes to the Otamatea PTCA, who paid for the day, and ensured that all students would benefit from this great curriculum enhancement activity.



The OTA market day was a great success! Ka pai Students. Weeks of planning and preparation by the students, with teacher support, culminated in a fun, busy and exciting day.

Six senior groups and two Year 10 groups provided quality products for the rest of the school to enjoy during interval and lunch. Sunny weather and music enticed students down to inspect the delights on offer. The seniors sold out of their products and can now go on to complete their assessments with careful reflection of what went well, what could be improved on and how their profit margins and charity contributions turned out. Thank you to all the staff who came out to support the students and did their bit to ensure the day went by without a hitch. What a wonderful team we have.





On Friday the 11th of September and Thursday the 17th of September, the L3 Hospitality class went down to MIT to sit 2 out of their 5 assessments.

On Friday the 11th the girls had to make a selection of pickles, chutneys and complex sandwiches, such as a 6 layer chicken and bacon sandwich! The girls managed to complete each dish in a timely manner and pass the assessment with flying colours.

On Thursday the 17th the girls had a range of egg and pasta dishes to complete and present. The girls were so onto it, that they even managed to make their own potato gnocchi from scratch!



On Saturday the 5th of December, Otamatea High School held the inaugural Toi Maori festival which saw a number of schools within the district participating, celebrating and performing haka and waiata. There were balloon stalls, raffles and food stalls to name a few which added to the success of this day.

We would like to acknowledge the support and generosity of the local community and businesses without whom this day would not have been possible.

It was a delight to hear beautiful voices singing waiata and stirring, spine tingling haka from all the students who had put in many hours to deliver a polished performance for their whānau, friends and schools.

A special mention to Ngaroimata Morgan, tutor of Otamatea Kapa Haka and the M.C for the day, Matua Wiremu, for his support and guidance, Taira Phillips for her tireless work behind the scenes and the staff of Otamatea High School who made this day a success.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitaki, engari he toa takitini.
The success is not that of the individual, but everyone.





The first 200cc Grass Kart has been finished in Year 12 Engineering by Josh Aitken today, and we were all very impressed with the results.

Josh has worked hard to finish this after the kits arrived very late due to the shutdown period and he should be proud of his achievements.

He tested it today around the sports field, even letting Mr Dainty have a go.



Logan Sinclair (Year 8) has been going down to the Technology workshop every interval and lunchtime for the past month to complete his wooden Viking sword. Logan has laser engraved his name in Viking runes on the blade.

Mr North commented that Logan's smile is what makes teaching great! Well done, Logan.

The Level 2 Wood Technology class are completing their projects and we have some excellent finished musical instruments.

Jack Hodgson completed his electric guitar made from Ash and Rimu while Austin Mickell finished his Ashiko drum made from Ash and Sapele.

This year we have had a range of instruments being made, including Didgeridoo, Electric Ukulele, Toere Drum and Djembe Drums.



Morgan's table was put together with oversized finger joints which looked great and then he laser burnt a range of Welsh designs.

This is just a small selection of some of the amazing items the Year 10's have made.

This carved Pou Whenua is a new trophy and is going to Te Kura Kaupapa Māori Ngaringaomatariki, Oruawharo. This was another collaboration between the whakairo students and their Kaiako.

He Whakatauki

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari he toa takitini

I come not with my own strengths, but bring with me the gifts, talents and strengths of my family, tribe and ancestors.

Mauri ora.

Jay Simmonds, Whakairo Teacher



Congratulations to Harlym O Keefe & Navana Russell for completing their koruru.

It's been a massive year and their first carved Koruru is a fantastic achievement.



On Tuesday 22nd September, our whakairo classes went to Whangarei Heads Playcentre to deliver and erect the waharoa that they were commissioned to make. The waharoa was gratefully received by tamariki and parents of the playcentre. Our students represented their kura, hapū and iwi with pride. Nga mihi nui koutou katoa. Turou Hawaiki!





Tuesday 25th February saw the Otamatea Athletics Championships Sports take place. The day was hot and sunny with very little breeze. Congratulations to the following students who broke records on the day:

Junior Girls shot put – Harlia Harris broke Amy Tohu's 2017 record of 7m 94 with a new distance of 8 m 29 cm.
 Senior girls 100 m –Cheylsye Flannagan broke the record of Tanisha Batten and Aleesha Butt of 13.34s set in 2019 with a new time of 13.12 s.
 Senior girls 800 m – Trista Comer broke Sharlene Birt's record of 2 m 45.1 sec s in 1991 with a new time of 2 m 43.42 s.

Iwi Results 1st Arawa 2nd Whatua 3rd Ngapuhi 4. Maniapoto

Thanks to all the fantastic parents/whanau who made this championship event possible by stepping up and time keeping the running events and helping with some of the field events. Thank you Helen McKenzie for being our chief timekeeper and Kay Robinson for doing the recording. Thank you to all the staff and students who helped throughout the day in the many jobs to keep the day running smoothly. Lastly thank you to all the athletes who gave all competitions their all to make this an enjoyable day.



Well done to the Year 7 and 8 speech finalists for 2020. This year's topics were varied, from from what life will be like in 20 years to how students should be spending more time outdoors! Such interesting and thought-provoking speeches. The students have been practising hard and it showed with very polished and well presented speeches.

This year's winners are

Year 7

- 1st Katherine Coughlan
- 2nd Wairua Nathan
- 3rd Ella McDonald

Year 8

- 1st Adriana McLellan
- 2nd Spencer Vinnels
- 3rd Logan Sinclair



Year 7 hosted a successful Poetry Cafe in which they showcased the poetry they have been working on since lockdown. Friends and whanau came to see the amazing work that had been produced and it was so pleasing to have the extended Otamatea community come into our classrooms.

Hot drinks and scones were served by our students and people mixed and mingled while reading students' poetry. There was a family-friendly atmosphere and the students were proud to display their hard work.

Katherine Cloughlan (winner of the Y7 2020 Speech Competition) hosted a reading by a selection of students who recited their wonderful poems. The performers included Dion Sheppard, Chloe Seward, Jorja Naylor, Olivia Alcock, Charlize Sheppard, Willow Woodman, Amy Weber, Wairua Nathan, Brooke Healey, Alistair Martin and Katherine Cloughlan, all from the three Year 7 classes, and they did a spectacular job!



The current Year 8 art class has been doing everything like the artist Henri Matisse and his paper cut-out artworks. Students have looked at organic leaf shapes, circus performers and cut shapes out in response to jazz music before arranging and gluing down their toi pipiri - paper art creations. As you can see from the images here, they are a vibrant splash of colour which is certainly welcoming in these winter days.





On the 7th of December, a group of seventy Year 7s and staff headed off on their first adventure of activity week. This kicked off with a ride to the top of Mount Parihaka and a tramp down to the aquatic centre. The students enjoyed two hours in the pool and hydro slide. On Day 2, we arrived at The Adventure Forest, just north of Whangarei. The group was suited and booted, with helmets and harnesses, and made their way through various stages of courses. Each course increased in height and difficulty. These were filled with zip lines, climbing apparatus and acrobatics. Day 3 was jam-packed with six rotations. This included pool activities, robot operation, Day of the Dead Mexican mask making, cupcake icing and decoration, archery and target shooting. It was a wonderful way to send off our Year 7s as they enjoy a summer vacation before embarking on their Year 8 schooling. A big thank you to all of the parents who offered up their help, and those who assisted us on the three days.



Year 8 students at Otamatea High School ventured off to the beautiful Bream Bay for the end of year camp for 2020. This year it was held at Ruakaka Beach Holiday Park and what an amazing place to be! Students camped in tents, were challenged at raft building, enjoyed surfing, SUP boarding and kayaking, tried to catch a fish or two and tested their culinary skills with My Kitchen Rules - camping style! On the first night, students hosted Eric Hansen from MPI who spoke about how we can all play our part in keeping fish stocks healthy. On the last day of camp, the incredible crew at Sea Cleaners visited the camp with students participating in an estuary clean up. A massive thank you to all the parents who helped bake and attend our Year 8 camp.



On Monday 27th July, 43 students and 6 staff headed off to Dargaville High School for the senior exchange. This year had four schools participating – Dargaville High School, Ruawai College, Rodney College and Otamatea High School.

The codes played were – Netball, football, touch, boys and girls basketball and hockey.

The weather for the day was perfect with little breeze and sunshine. Our students were a huge credit to our school while playing and supporting on the side line. The netball girls were our winning team coming home with three out of three wins. A huge thank you to our wonderful coaches and referees who kept the day running smoothly.





Congratulations to our Head Girl, Maggie Hames, who came first in the Northland Secondary Schools girls' badminton competition. Maggie is the 2020 Northland Secondary Schools girls' badminton champion. Well done Maggie.



On Thursday 29th October Matai Hartles, Kellan Antunovich, Callum Smith and Emmett Denton travelled to the Northland Badminton Centre to participate in the Northland Secondary Schools Year 9 and 10 Boys and Girls Tournament. The boys all really enjoyed the day.



The weather wasn't the best, the field was muddy but that didn't stop the girls First XI football team from playing a friendly game against Bream Bay. Being the first game this year we were ecstatic to play, and I think it's safe to say that we all had a lot of fun even though the score was 4 - 2 to Bream Bay. Emma Huband and Billie Le Mesurier Cowbourne scored the two goals.

All thanks go to Teresa Brown for the photos, Cory Browne for refereeing the game and to Samid Buksh and Tina Holst for organising the match. Fingers crossed to having more friendly matches!!



Piper Culpan recently competed at the Northland Secondary Schools Combined Training Equestrian Event held at Kaikohe.

Although Piper did not place in the top 3 she really enjoyed her day.

Well done Piper and your magnificent horse.



Well done to our senior team who won the Division 2 Mixed Competition at the Northland Secondary Schools Touch Tournament held at Lindvart Park, Kaikohe on Friday 6th March.

Thank you to Taira Philips for coaching and reffing on the day and Teresa Brown for managing the team.

The team played Ruawai College, Okaihau College and Kaikohe College winning all their games.

Thanks also must go to One Pure water company who provided all teams with two boxes of water on the day.





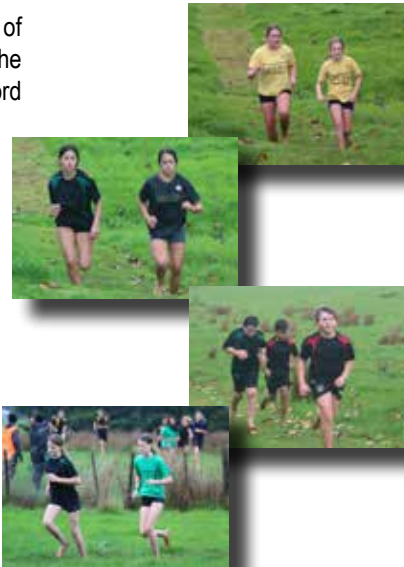
Thursday 24th June brought fantastic cross country weather with plenty of rain over the past couple of days and a cloudy wet day for the race. The ground conditions were perfect for a wet and muddy race. The outstanding results for the day go to Sub Junior Calvin Mikaere who matched Dean Sheppard's 2019 record of 14 minutes and 16 seconds.

The Level Two stats class were chief marshals and did a great job of making sure all students knew where to run. A huge thank you to members of the community: Stella Clyde, Eileen Parsons, Helen Mckenzie and Tony Fawkes who helped marshal on the day.

Thank you to the Otamatea High School staff who went above and beyond to help set up/run the morning and tidy up afterwards.

Lastly, thank you to all the students who participated making the morning a great success. This year's inter lwi competition was very closely contested with only 7 points difference between first and third places.

Iwi Results: 1st Whātua, 2nd Ngāpuhi, 3rd Arawa, 4th Maniapoto.



On Friday 18th September we left school to head off to orienteering with high hopes and the sun on our backs. After a long drive we arrived at Springbank School to miserable weather! While waiting for all teams to arrive we played touch rugby and the boys taught us how to tackle until our races started.

The races were fun and as it was our first time orienteering we kinda sucked to start with but we soon got the hang of it and managed not to come last.

There were a few slight challenges with two misplaced pegs and us getting lost (um yeah we were very lost).

All in all it was a really fun, wet, running and rugby filled day! Thank you so much Tina for organising and driving us to this event!



What a year it has been....

The year started with the unknown question: was our sport was going to take place? To our delight hockey was one of the few sports that continued this year. The team hit a refresh button for sure as the majority of the team had either never played hockey before or were still in the early years of playing hockey competitively. The different skill levels allowed teammates to help each other and support each other in games. The season was short and fun with each game providing positive learning steps for everyone in the team.

I have been fortunate to be captain of the Otamatea First XI Hockey team for the second year in a row and what a crazy adventure it has been. The team has the foundations and players to continue to be a really good team where they can grow together. It has been a privilege to play alongside the team through this tough year. They have made my last year playing at Otamatea a very memorable one. Thank you to you all.

Lastly, an overall HUGE thankyou to our manager/coach, Tina Holst, as hockey wouldn't have gone ahead without her!!
Hayley Linton



College A1 Champions - second year in a row!!!

Ota SNR 1 demonstrated great tenacity and composure during the Saturday 19 September final against Whangarei Girls High School 2, to snatch the win 35-31. Ota SNR 1 were down 2 points after the first quarter and down 1 point at half time. The girls really had to maintain their focus and keep their heads in the game.

Some positional changes were made in our side for the third quarter and we finished the third quarter with the scores tied. So everything depended on the team performance in the last quarter. A couple more position changes were implemented for the last quarter with all of our players taking the court in the final and after a nail-biting end, we came away victorious, defending the title that we took in 2019, and securing the championship for 2020.

Otamatea SNR 1 dedicated this championship win to their families who have shown unwavering support through this covid-affected season and to our Year 13 players for whom this was their last game. Team management would also like to thank the OTA SNR 1 players for their commitment and outstanding team spirit.

Best wishes to our outgoing captain, Paris Rika, our dedicated defense player, Cassidy Allen and our imported shooter ,Taylah Babbington.

Nikola Kemp & Melissa Watts





Thursday 13th February saw the 55th Otamatea High School Swim Sports. The day was a scorcher with everyone wanting to cool off in the pool.

Our stand out results came from Grace Kemp who broke 4 records . Grace broke the following records:

25m breast held by O Shadbolt (2018) of 18.00 with a new time of 17.41.
50 back stroke held by O Shadbolt (2018) of 34.79 with a new time of 34.71.

50 breast stroke held by J Kingi (2006) of 40.78 with a new time of 39.17.
200m Open Girls – breaking her own record of 2m 34.88 (2019) to 2m 31.88.

A huge thank you to all the parents who helped time-keep on the day.

Thank you Paul Chambers and Nikola Kemp for being our stroke inspector/ turn judges for the day. Thank you to all the staff and students who helped throughout the day in the many jobs to keep the day running smoothly. Lastly thank you to all the swimmers who stepped up and swam their hearts out to make this an enjoyable competition.



On Tuesday 20th October, Otamatea High School students hit the road to push themselves as hard as possible for the annual road race. Year 10 student Morgan Bull won this year's road race, finishing in a time of 19.32. Second place went to Isaac Ben Donald with a time of 21.20 ahead of third place, Jack Hodgson with a time of 21.52.

Year 12 student Trista Comer (4th overall) took out the girl's race in a time of 23.15. Second place went to Year 9 students Sophie van Harlingen and Ella Crum with a time of 24.53.

147 students finished. The day was hot with very little breeze so students were very happy to get their juice as they finished.

The winning Iwi was Ngapuhi who pulled away with points helped by having eight girls from Ngapuhi in the top 12.

Iwi Results

1st Ngapuhi 2nd Whatua
3rd Maniapoto 4th Arawa



Iwi Results 1st Whatua 2nd Ngapuhi 3rd Arawa 4th Maniapoto



Wednesday 9th September saw Bream Bay College, Dargaville High School, Rodney College and Bream Bay College descend on Otamatea High School for the annual Lower North Senior Boys Basketball Tournament.

It was great to see everyone enjoying the game of basketball.

A huge thanks to our referees Anahera Worsfold, Spencer Vinnels, Raymond Huriwaka, Paul Chambers and Bruce Alison who made the day run smoothly.

The days results were

1st - Rodney College

2nd - Bream Bay College

3rd - Otamatea High School



Thursday 3rd September saw 7 students travel to Whangarei to compete in Northland Secondary Schools Squash Individuals Championship Tournament and Novice table tennis.

Squash

Kieran Fergus, Jack Hodgson and Milly Hodgson competed in the division 2 boys and girls draws. Milly placed 5th in the girls draw. Jack and Kieran played each other in the final with Jack winning 2-1 to take out first place.

Table Tennis

Cory Browne, Nasah Cullen, Billie Le Mesurier Cowbourne and Alana Yardley competed at the Northland Table Tennis Centre in a huge 77 person competition. All players did really well in their pool play which then led into the knock out play off draws. Cory made it to the top 32 and Nasah and Billie made it to the top 16 before being knocked out.

All students thoroughly enjoyed their day.



It is always great to celebrate the wins and while 2020 was a weird and challenging year these Juniors made the most of it.

Second in Year 9

First in Year 9 (OHS BOT Trophy)

Second in Year 10

First in Year 10 (OHS BOT Trophy)

Junior Victrix Ludorum (J & E Saunders)

Junior Victor Ludorum (School Cup)

Margaret Dunn

Chloe Comer

Morgan Bull

Chloe Millard

Sara Anderson

Spencer Vinnels



Back Row: Daniel Ford, Jorja-May Phillips, Wairua Nathan, Zuri Kimani

3rd Row: Hunter Tracey, Olivia Alcock, Dave Dela Cruz, Willow Woodman, Kingsley Loughran, John Jansen, Aaron Tong

2nd Row: James Bellette, Billy Holcroft, Ben Lawson, Devon Goodin, Rylee Keyte-Cleverly, Lewis Aitken, Simone Ransley (Teacher)

Front Row: Charlize Sheppard, Amie-Lee Harris, Stella O'Keefe, Ruby Stonex, Ella MacDonald, Amy Weber, Amelie Merwood

Absent: Isabella Hosford

7N



Back Row: Timothy Bellette, Dion Sheppard, Jamie Cotching, Josh Scheepers
3rd Row: Calvin Mikaere, Nikau Paratene, Kelsey Herewini, Sapphire Parata, Nathan Gilligan
2nd Row: Oliver Ford, Jamal Sae, Kelly Kemara, Madi Radd, Junor Ulisala, Max Kemp, Heze Fairburn, Nyree Alcock (Teacher)
Front Row: Chloe Seward, Syraya Jansen, Louise Vernall, Kazia Leaf, Bonnie-Rose Ata, Monique Fitzpatrick, Jorja Naylor

8N



Back Row: Sage Kingi, Kowen Phillimore-Hawkins, Aaron Teixeira, Omanaia Goodman
3rd Row: Jess Ewen, Spencer Vinnels, Ashton Naylor, Eli Stables, Tessa Ball, Lauren Browne, Logan Tracey
2nd Row: Jack Smith, Zackery-Ryan Grigg, Ben Woolley, Rico Franks, Oscar Longdon, Hira Taurua, Keidis De Ridder, Sharyne Lewis (Teacher)
Front Row: Manaia-Lee Puke, Chevanna Mabbett, Sarah Dickson, Sarah Millard, Maddy Stanisich, Anahera Worsfold, Elle Galloway-Meekings
Absent: William Fox, Kayne Holden, Rownan Howell, Dalana Stonex

7S



Back Row: Justice Perry, Emma Quinn, Tash Fielding, James Conza, Namarni Ghio, Isabella Hosford
2nd Row: Lucas Watson, Kurtis Hill, (...), Niko McGee, Luke Dalkie, Alysha Brown (Teacher)
Front Row: (...), Katherine Coughlan, Stevie-Ray Rawaho-Ball, Casey Greig, Ngatiira Mead, Pyper Buxton
Absent: Alex Amesbury, Willow Frazer, Compton Harema, Brooke Healey, Allistair Martin, Hank Savage-Serrano

8E



Back Row: Charlotte Gardner, Shontelle Phillips, Evan Fisher, Lucas Sutcliffe
3rd Row: Aaron Westlake, Connor Alcock, Egor Shefor, Lincoln Morgan, Jaime Warrington-Grace
2nd Row: Zack Schultz, Kadeyn Asuncion, Wade Anderson, Ethan Gowland, Felix Le Mesurier-Cowbourne, Wiremu Phillips, Ryder Hodge, Philippa Randell (Teacher)
Front Row: Sophie Heron, Summer French, Tennessee Brewer, Nieve Kearns, Annabella Allen, Morgan Jansen, Nia Owen
Absent: Leah George, Toby Lee, Ethan Lydiard, Jasper Plaistowe, Rosemary Tweedie

8S



Back Row: Joseph Walker, Liam van Harlingen, Sienna Burkill, Logan Sinclair
3rd Row: Dean Sheppard, Emma Morrell, Ash Campbell, Brooke Amesbury, Nikesha Aitkin, Brock Johnson, Mya Adolph
2nd Row: Jacob Cleave, Luke Weber, Tane Thomas, Camron Gaudin, Lisa van Blerk, Tait Winter
Front Row: Bailey Glenn, Shania Mickell, Haven Fletcher, Jazzlyn Martin, Olivia Little, Soraya Erutoe, Anika Neckelson
Absent: Atariki Ashton-Videla, Ethan Barber, Adriana McLellan, Ben Muller

9N



Back Row: Ray Lewis Repia, Toby Hydes, Logan Challis, Rheydyn Taihia-Paki, Vraj Patel
2nd Row: Ayla Turner, Jayden Hill, Jarn Bracken, Flynn Richardson-Bright, Cameron Fitzpatrick, Andy Thomas (Teacher)
Front Row: Clio Callinan, Leayah Buxton, Lily Spencer, Jade Johnson, Ruby Baker
Absent: Asha Bridge, Piper Culpán, Emmett Denton, Matilda Denton, Ethan Hayes, Hamu Henderson, Keegan Lydiard, Harris Mclean

9E



Back Row: Tembo Kimani, Whitiora Brown Robson, Kylan Hattie, Trey Davis, Callum Smith, Noah Dalkie, Charlie Packham
2nd Row: Korey Ramsay, Albert Ullisala, Ryder Tito, Niah Quirk, Latailah Parata, Ryder Galloway-Meekings, Chris Gill (Teacher)
Front Row: Melanie Turner-Bennett, Hannah Fergus, Heaven Slatter, Sophie Lawson, Margaret Dunn, Paris Ford, Amelia Vincent
Absent: Chloe Comer, Clayton Foy, Rizyiah Gray, Brookie Hyndman

9P



Back Row: Mack McCamley, Heather Cocker, Christian Gardner, Kali Rahui
3rd Row: Jack Brooks, Irimei Grey, Brandon Cotterill, Tammy Foster, Pita Hamilton
2nd Row: Samid Buksh (Teacher), Kaine Sade, Jackson Lambert, Kellan Antunovich, Zander Groenewald, Max Bull, Harrison Quinn, Samantha Phillips (Teacher)
Front Row: Mikayla Prentis, Tayten Smart, Sophie van Harlingen, Charlene Masiutama, Chloe Comer, Ella Crum, Azaria Paikea
Absent: Noah Martin, Ahriana Phillips

9S



Back Row: Eboney Vaughan, Piper Culpan, Sonya Steiner, Ryan Stirling
3rd Row: Mania Mikaere, Kimi Tihema, Xavea-Cruz Matheoda, Keenan Mabbett, Harlia Harris
2nd Row: Brooklyn Burton, Charlie Tynan, Flynn Duke, Max Cotching, Matai Hartles, Morgan Guenther-Leslie, Chance Perry
Front Row: Saffron Kemara, Hannah Osborne, Starria Storey, Asha Bridge, Analiese Allen, Ashley Greig, Alicia Moir
Absent: Rani Parker, Oscar Yorke

10S



Back Row: Connor Amesbury, Kosei Hayashi, Kaddison Hyndman, Braden Brooks-Tee, Ella Baker, Samid Buksh (Teacher)
Front Row: Khaleah Smith, Monique Sheppard, Devine Henderson, Chloe Millard, Milly Hodgson
Absent: Branden Edwards, Jesse Goodfellow, William Holden, Jack McCaffery, Destiny Paikea

10E



Back Row: Ellis Baker, Flynn Osborne-McNeilly, Corbin Walker
Middle Row: Kevin Kim, Bayden Puke, Kyin Smith, Mark Andersen, Morgan Bull, Samid Buksh (Teacher)
Front Row: Aylah Legge, Mia Stanisich, Gareth Ferguson, Willow Campbell, Tegan Littlejohn
Absent: Sara Anderson, Shayden Peele, Marshall Scott, Brooklyn Shelford, Luca Verlaine

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Back Row: Nathan Harris, Leyla Routledge, Manasseh Paki, Quentin Barber, Roy Thomas, Piper Donald, Angus Gowland
Middle Row: Samid Buksh (Teacher), Joshua Davis, Rikki Beazley, Kurtis Kemara, Reef Riri, Leo Cannon, Aaron Cooper, Teresa Brown (Teacher Aide)
Front Row: Lilly Vaughan, Emma Browne, Kate Cotching, Leonie Beyer, Molly Craig, Lexi Bevans, Amy Gribble
Absent: Oliver Caldwell



Kia Maia – Be Brave in Learning
(Te Uri o Hau Development Ltd)
Keanu Taiaroa

Peer Support Award
(Kaipara District Council)
Denzal Peeni

Jessie Vaughan Trophy for Senior Citizenship
(Ferguson and Oldham Trophy)
Kelly Huband

Exceptional School Supporter
(K & N Trophy)
Hayley Linton

Fair Play & Sportsmanship Trophy
(Engraving Systems)
Nasah Cullen

Outstanding Sporting Achievement
(Haydn & Mary Hutching Cup)
Maia Fairburn

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

Best Aggregate of Science Subjects in Year 13
(Fonterra Cup)
Maggie Hames

Best All Round Maori Pupil
(Rennie Trophy)
Harmony Henderson

Most Promising Student Returning to School
(Thompson Trophy)
Amy Lawrence

Excellence in Level 2 English & Science
(R & F Tornquist Trophy)
Amy Lawrence

Student Exhibiting School Spirit
(Te Jay Cup)
Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne

Senior Victrix Ludorum
(Karen McNay Cup)
Grace Kemp

Senior Victor Ludorum
(Webster Brothers Cup)
Jack Hodgson

First in Year 11
(OHS Board of Trustees Cup)
Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne

First in Year 12
(Neil McKay Trophy)
Amy Lawrence

Proxime Accessit
(Mr & Mrs J Morrison Cup)
Jessica Evans

DUX OF THE SCHOOL
(Mr & Mrs L Mitchell Trophy)
Maggie Hames



Back Row: Conner Quirk, Lucas Reid, Austin Mickell, Ben Donnelly, Wayen Pitman-Dodd, Joshua Sheppard, Alfie Vinnels, Nasah Cullen, Mina Fairburn

3rd Row: Bo Osborne, Jacob Papera Holmes, Ronin Davis, Harry Leese, Tai Walker, Caleb Ansell, Navana Russell, Freesia Bates, Michael Ferguson

2nd Row: Shannon Lee, Robin Gillespie, Ben Donald, Max Tornquist, Kieran Fergus, Teina Whare Paikea, Jayke Parker, Damin Edwards, Flynn Powell, Ladene Hunter (Teacher Aide)

Front Row: Deva Chesterman, Ashlie Huggett, Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne, Sarah Campbell-Winter, Alana Yardley, Tyla Stonex, Maia Fairburn, Lara McKenzie, Saffia Morgan

Absent: Jim Holcroft, Roman Miru, Jade Paikea, Paige Parker, Manea Turner-Bennett



YEAR 12



Back Row: Layton Harris, Chloe McGowan, Beth Horne, Bella Moore

5th Row: Emma Britton, Rose Batten, Shayla Hyndman, Tiana Whare Paikaea, Jazz Moka, Harlym O'Keefe, Sara Jansen

4th Row: Tygan Campbell, Jacob Hawkings-King, Wyatt Wheeler, Jaden Sheppard, Sam Woolley, Franklin Fisher, Joshua Aitken, Amber Corble

3rd Row: Caleesto Mills, Tara Moyle, Charlotte Thurgood, Sophie Gribble, Brooke Hutton, Aroha Connelly, Natasha Mannington, Madeline Daniels, Teina Seager

2nd Row: Benito Beyer, Joel Taylor-Whitehead, Connor Sands, Boyd Wintle, John Donnelly, Cory Browne, Keanu Taiaroa, Joe Rose, Ava MacDonald

Front Row: Summer Kenyon, Rangawairua Wikaira, Jade Stables, Renee Allen, Amber-Jade French, Amity-Rose Littlejohn, Asher Tito, Lilli McCarthy, Amy Lawrence

Absent: Cody Brunt, Abby Cant, Trista Comer, Zane Crum, Odin Dalkie, Brenda Ferguson, Cheylysse Flannagan, Ali Ghanbari, Jack Hodgson, Emma Hosford, Lily Hosford, Grace Kemp, Leon Mansell-Clark, Deborah Marshall-Baker, Navana Russell, Kylah Slack, Lola Smyth, Alida Spencer

YEAR 13



Back Row: Toni Tornquist, Blake Muir, Natasha Partridge, Cameron Phillips, Tyler Young, Ayla Driver, Emma Huband

3rd Row: Katrina Poyner, Chloe Wheeler, Willow Tito, Katie Ferguson, Laura Mickell, Stacey Liu, Juliana Bangcong

2nd Row: Summer Ford, Tiva Kingi, Paris Rika, Jeff Smith, Jacob Butler, Harmony Henderson, Bipasa Patel, Chris Gill (Teacher)

Front Row: Kelly Huband, Cassidy Allen, Tyrone De Ardenne, Maggie Hames, Denzal Peeni, C J Smart, Hayley Linton

Absent: Ripeka Craig, Cecillie Daniels, Jessica Evans, Jacob Fox, Paige Kenyon, Prom Turner-Tanenui, Karl Von Dincklage, Rochelle Woods



Just before we head off...



Maggie Hames

"The only thing that's straight is the straight excellences"



Emma Hubbard

"Lived in sportswear all year round"



Summer Ford

"4'11 and still waiting on my growth spurt"



Ayla Driver

"I wish I lived in sims. I could say shooba wormie! and graduate as a doctor"



Kelly Huband

"I planned this quote for the past year..."



Katrina Poyner

"If you give a man a fish, he will eat for a day. But if you give a fish a man, he will eat for at least 30"



Bipasa Patel

"thrivingggg :) note: (please make sure the t is lowercase)"



Paige Kenyon

"Always hangry"



Willow Tito

"I didn't know this was due today"



Jess Evans

"Good For You"



Laura Mickell

"Gluten Free and proud"



Cassidy Allen

"High school was easy. It was like riding a bike. Except the bike was on fire & the ground was on fire & everything was on fire."



Juliana Bangcong

"Deadass got all excellences on assessments I turned in after the deadline (which was all of them) :)"



Hayley Linton

"You can't buy happiness but you can buy me chicken nuggets... I swear they're the same thing!?"



Harmony Henderson

"I spent 113,880 hours of my life for a paper and a handshake"

Final thoughts from the Year 13s



Cameron Philips

"I wonder how"



Jacob Fox

"I wonder why"



Denzal Peeni

"something something something blue sky"



Tyler Young

"and all that I can see"



Karl Von Dincklage

"is just a yellow lemon tree"



Toni Tournquist

"**beep* oH whoops, I missed it"



Stacey Lui

"No puedo creer que hayas traducido esto"



CJ Smart

"This was nothing like High School Musical"



Paris Rika

"I'm actually not funny, I'm just really mean and people think I'm joking"



Tiva Kingi

"I turned this in late too"



Chloe Wheeler

"Follow me on spotify @chloe wheeler"



Katie Fergusson

"Still have pink hair dye in my hair from lockdown"



Jeff Smith

"Overthought too much and couldn't think of a quote"

Here's to what's ahead!

