



2018 Inter-Iwi Arts Challenge

It has been great to see arts based iwi competitions going on over the past few years. This year, we made stop motion animation films. Each animation had to be around a minute long, have a water bottle, some cheese, the line 'whoa did you see that', and a 'meow'.... The theme was super hero and students could take this challenge in any direction as long as they had the above requirements in it. Each whānau was given a prop pack and a set of rules and away they went. Some iwi created more films than others, which were voted on and the one they thought best was put forward for the final competition.

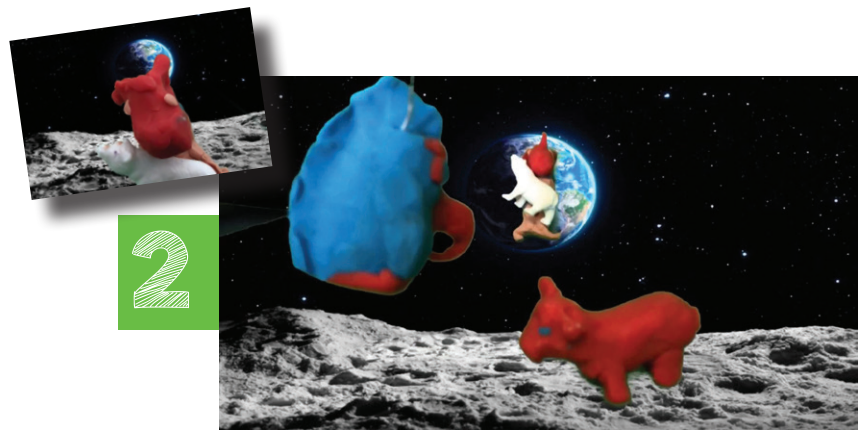


This was a challenging activity that resulted in some fairly creative clips and gave students an opportunity to learn something new, work as a group and be creative.

We called in a past student – Joseph Hoshino to judge the films. While at school he was a keen film maker and now working in Auckland he is involved in acting, and you may have seen him in the back ground of Ash v Evil dead, Shortland Street and Power Rangers.

Stop motion animation results:

- 1st Ngāpuhi
- 2nd Arawa
- 3rd Whātua
- 4th Maniapoto



Principal's Report

2018



Kia ora koutou,

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 and dedication. The fact that there were over 90 different prizewinners at Senior Prizegiving represents the range of students striving to reach their potential.

2018 has been a year of consolidation. We started the year with another set of outstanding NCEA results, achieving over 90% pass rates in NCEA Levels 1 and 2 and very close in NCEA Level 3, with an 89.3% pass rate. Expectations have been high and students have once again risen to the challenge. It has been a pleasure reading the report comments recently and noticing the number of students who have secured their qualification prior to the external exams, many also securing overall endorsements.

Consolidation also occurred this year in our inter iwi competition as we added new challenges. Mathex, debating and stop motion animation have brought a new flavour and have appealed to a wider audience. In the final month of the year the juniors will battle it out in the inaugural My Iwi Rules The Kitchen and the Big Quiz before final iwi results for the year are announced at Junior Prizegiving.

In the sporting arena we have gone from strength to strength, one of the highlights being the Reporoa Exchange which we hosted again this year. We came away with the shield for the third year in a row, coming back from being 3 – 0 down to winning 4 – 3. The girls' football team represented well this year winning their competition and the senior floorball team retained their title. The touch team also took out their competition. The netball teams again did well in their various competitions with the AIMS team getting publicity in the New Zealand Herald and once again winning us a special prize. Due to their efforts, Tom Walsh, New Zealand World Champion shot putter inspired our students and we were able to see what an Olympic Bronze and Commonwealth Gold Medal looked and felt like.

As usual our kapa haka group performed with pride at Te Tai Tokerau Festival and Te Uri o Hau Festival and we have been proud hosts to students from Japan, Thailand and Chile. Debating has really taken off this year with a number of debates with other local schools. We also won the inaugural Readers' Cup in Whāngarei.

The Duke of Edinburgh programme continues to offer our students amazing opportunities to develop their skill, determination, character and resilience. We are, in fact, so busy and successful I often find it difficult to keep up with the achievements and exactly who has done what. This is a good problem to have!

There have been moments this year though when we have had to dig deep and hold true to the school's whakatauki, He waka eke noa; we're all in the waka without exception. I would like to thank those people who have shown their support of the school in numerous ways. A number of senior students, along with staff members in support roles, have developed a new health council in the second half of the year. One main initiative of the Health Council is to support wellbeing, promote help seeking behaviours and encourage resilience. Due to this new initiative fifteen senior students have been trained in Lifekeepers which encourages us to CARE – Connect, Ask, Respond and Engage. Well done to this year's prefects and other senior students who were the catalyst for this and are now passing on the baton to the new group of prefects. You are leaving a real legacy. It has been really humbling to see these students advocate for this extremely important topic. I will leave you with a quote by Abraham Lincoln which has been popularised by Brene Brown, a motivational speaker who talks about courage, leadership and vulnerability. I have though made it more gender inclusive. This is for all of us, a reminder that it takes bravery and courage to be in the arena:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the person who points out how the strong person stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the person who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends themselves in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if they fail, at least fails while daring greatly, so that their place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui. No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

2018

Head Boy

Head Girl



"Starting a new school is much like biting into an apple, the first crunch tells you exactly what to expect for the rest of the apple." This quote from Mr Gill made me immediately think back to my first days of Otamatea. From my first steps into the school at the beginning of year 7, I got my first look at what the rest of my school career had in store for me.

As I sailed through school from my handball orientated junior years to the assessment cramming nights of year 13, I found that as Mr Gill stated; "The further through school you progress the more enjoyable it becomes, but the tougher it gets." As most of my fondest memories from school have been from the last few years whether it being electrocuting, blowing things up, and setting things on fire in physics, filling exercise balls with water, or playing guitar hero in the common room. And not to mention all the great memories from DoE. But my senior years have also been filled with soul crushing assessments that have caused me to be on the brink of mental breakdowns after pulling all nighters to finish them.

However the best thing that I got out of school has definitely been all the amazing friends I have made over the years and the memories made with them, because as Mr Gill once said, "School friends are the friends that you're stuck with until the end, but no matter how you feel about them, they'll always be there for you through thick and thin."

Claude Smyth

Year 13 what a year, the tears - literally (sorry Mr Gill) , the stress, the laughter and the unexplainable. From the good, to the ugly it's been one massive experience to say the least. Starting as a shy little teachers pet, through to giving teachers grey hair with a few things in between. Where do I start or even finish, mathex and maths whizz, rainbows end, year 10 camp, sailing and getting hit in the head countless times by the boom, Claude learning to juggle, Relay for life and the stressful school balls. Year 13 has sure been one rollercoaster but I wouldn't change it, I have grown as a person and learnt a lot throughout this year. Getting involved in all the inter iwi challenges was definitely one of my biggest highlights, especially being the competitive person I am with Ngāpuhi coming out on top. School wouldn't have been what it was without my supportive group, the endless inside jokes and of course the little bit of school work that we did get done, just.., My teachers who have dealt with my inevitably long answers which mostly were not necessary but also being understanding and helping me throughout the journey. Thank you to all the students and teachers who made this year one to remember.

Annmarie Holst



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2018 Prefects



Back Row: Holly Anderson, Anthony Kim, Alex Parr, Molly Curnow, Mathias Damsted, Quintin Brown, Gian Liu, Maddy Lemuel
Front Row: Jessica Allen, Corey Slimo, Laurinda Bokma, Claude Smyth, Mrs R Clothier-Simmonds, Annmarie Holst, Curtis Stanaway, Holly Brunt, Natalie Birt

Areas of Responsibility

Head Boy **Claude Smyth**
Head Girl **Annmarie Holst**
Deputy Head Boy **Mathias Damsted**
Deputy Head Girl **Molly Curnow**
BoT Representative **Alex Parr**
Arts **Laurinda Bokma**
Environmental **Holly Anderson**
Student Learning **Gian Liu**
Sports Captain **Jessica Allen**
Senior Events **Curtis Stanaway**
Community Services **Natalie Birt**
Whātua House Captain **Holly Brunt**
Ngāpuhi House Captain **Corey Slimo**
Arawa House Captain **Dietrich Von Dincklage/Quintin Brown**
Maniapoto House **Captain Anthony Kim**

Congrats to the Student Leaders for 2019

Head Girl **Emma Millard**
Head Boy **Quintin Brown**
Deputy Head Girl **Georgia Denton**
Deputy Head Boy **Alex Parr**

2018 Otamatea Staff



Back Row: Vicky Garnett, Graeme Skipper, Lee Dainty, Marco Troost, Malcolm Crisp, Amanda Haines, Steve Davie-Martin, James Heke-Rika, Samid Buksh, Dave Burnell, Ondre van den Berg, Olivia Courtney

3rd Row: Deborah Cornhill-Davies, Klasina Sewell, Nikola Kemp, Thomaseena Paul, Huia Coll, Arina Bosch, Heather Troost, Kay Robinson, Yvonne Gee, Teresa Brown, Ann Hunt, Traci Moring

2nd Row: Monique Myburgh, Lauriean Getz, Jay Simmonds, Tina Holst, Alex Cowie, Elizabeth van den Berg, Nikki Donaldson, Nyree Alcock, Taira Phillips, Fiona Kemp, Katharine Harris

Front Row: Martin North, Philippa Randell, Frances MacLennan, Bruce Olson, Rachel Clothier-Simmonds, Paul Chambers, Wayne MacLennan, Chris Gill, Rebecca Clist, Alexandra Smith

Absent: Oreti Alexandrou, Tracey Christie, Nicky Cotching, Miriam Crosby, Brenda Dale, Sonia Dickson, Ladene Hunter, Alexandra McHellar, Fionn Murphy, Sam Phillips, Catherine Pilkington, Richard Reed, Dirk Smyth, Donna Squires, Robyn Weir

When
the
kids
aren't
looking



Responsibilities

Senior Leadership Team

Principal **Rachel Clothier-Simmonds** BSc QTS (Hons)
Deputy Principal (Teaching and Learning) **Dirk Smyth** MEdLd (Hons), BA (Hons), Dip Tchg
Assistant Principal (Pastoral Care) **Paul Chambers** B Ed (Hons)

Heads of Essential Learning Areas

Arts and Languages **Rebecca Clist** Dip CA, Dip Tchg
English **Francis Macleennan** BA, Dip Tchg, PostGrad Dip. Education
Mathematics **Chris Gill** BSc B Tchg Sec
Physical Education and Health **Bruce Alison** B Sport & Ed (HPE), Dip Tchg (Physical Education, Sports Leadership)
Science **Nicky Cotching** BSc (tech), Dip Tchg
Social Sciences **Wayne Macleennan** BA, Dip Tchg
Technology **Martin North** B.Eng, PGCE
Year 7 & 8 Syndicate **Philippa Randell** BA, Dip Tchg Primary, Post Grad.Dip Gifted Education

Positions of Responsibility

COL Across Schools (Mathematics, Statistics) **Areti Alexandrou** MBA, BTech (Hons), PG Dip Tchg (sec), CertRS (TCI)
Careers Advisor, Gifted and Talented, Correspondence, ICAS **Elizabeth van den Berg** B Ed, Higher Dip Ed (Pathways, Textile Technology)
Counsellor **Alexandra Smith** M.Counselling (Dist), BA, Dip Tchg
Specialist Classroom Teacher **Arina Bosch** MA (Hons), BA (Hons), Dip Tchg (English, History)
Special Education Co-ordinator **Huia Coll** BSc, Dip Tchg Sec (Science, Biology, PE/Health)
Information and Computer Technology **Malcolm Crisp** BA, Dip Ed, CELTA
ESOL, International Students **Heather Troost** BA
Teacher in Charge of Māori **Thomaseena Paul** BA, Dip Tchg
Arawa Dean **Thomaseena Paul** BA, Dip Tchg
Maniapoto Dean **Yvonne Gee** Dip Hosp, Grad Dip Tchg (Hospitality, Food Tech)
Ngāpuhi Dean **Steve Davie-Martin** BA Resource Studies, Dip Tchg (Geography, Science, Social Science)
Whātua Dean **Robyn Weir** BA (Hons) Economics, Post Grad Dip EdLd

Assistant Teachers

Junior Syndicate, Pathways **Nyree Alcock** BCom, Dip Tchg Primary
Mathematics **Samid Buksh** BSc, Dip Tertiary Tchg, Post Grad Dip (Physics)
Construction, Engineering, Hard Materials, Technology **Dave Burnell** T.T.C
Art, English, Digital Technology **Tracey Christie** BA Design (Hons), Grad Dip Tchg
Junior Syndicate **Alex Cowie** BEd
Engineering, Graphics, Hard Materials, Wood Technology **Lee Dainty** Post Grad Cert
Biology, Science **Lauriean Getz** BSc (Hons) TTD, FDE, ABET
Health, Physical Education **Amanda Haines** BHLth Sci Post Grad
Mathematics **Monique Myburgh** B Ed, Dip Tchg
Music, Physical Education **Fionn Murphy** BMus (Hons), Grad Dip Tchg
Drama, English **Alexandra McKellar** BPA Music
Pathways, English, ORRs, Social Science **Klasina Sewell** B Ed, Cert Tesol
Whakairo **Jay Simmonds** BA (Whakairo) Dip Adult Teaching
Science, Physics, Pathways **Graeme Skipper** BE Mech, Grad Dip Tchg
Junior Syndicate **Ellen Snelling** BA, Grad Dip Education
Social Science, Tourism, Primary Industries **Marco Troost** BA Geography, Dip Tchg
Pathways, ORRs, Mathematics **Robyn Weir** BA (Hons) Economics, Post Grad Dip EdLd

Support Staff

Executive Officer **Deborah Cornhill-Davies**
Principal's PA **Nikki Donaldson**
Office Manager **Kay Robinson**
Student Support Secretary **Traci Moring**
Gateway Co-ordinator, Kaiawhina **Fiona Kemp** BA, Dip Adult Ed
Sports Co-ordinator **Tina Holst**
Senior Librarian **Catherine Pilkington** T.TC
Librarian **Vicky Garnett** Dental Therapist (RET)
Canteen **Miriam Crosby**
Technology Support/Cafe Assistant **Nikola Kemp**
Alternative Education Tutor **Sam Phillips**
Primary Industries **Stella Clyde**
IT Technician **Brenda Dale**
Property Maintenance Manager **Richard Reed**
Grounds Person **James Heke-Rika**
Cleaners **Adam Campbell, Anita Hemara, Antoinette Mitchell, Grishma Patel, Susan Plaisted, Sandra Sears**
Teacher Aides **Teresa Brown, Katharine Harris, Ladene Hunter, Taira Phillips, Donna Squires**
Student Support - RTL B **Fiona Heiwari** B Tchg & Lrng, P/Grad Spec Needs Resource Tchg, Dip Tchg
Student Support - RTL B **Eric Hansen** BA, PGdip SPEC tchg, SchMgt, Dip Tchg

Chairperson's 2018 Report



The 2018 year got off to a challenging start for the board and the senior management of the school. A complaint was made in relation to the safety issues of the asbestos removal in the tech block. This however has come at a very large cost to the school both in monetary value and time which should have been spent on our children's education.

Exciting news for the school going forward, is that the 10 year property plan has been completed and there will be some beneficial re-developments at Otamatea leading into 2019. This will allow the loading and unloading of the school buses in a much improved and safe area at the front of the school. A designated school zone and signage is in place already. The bus bay will be shifted along with the footpath to create a new footpath, bus lane and 1 meter pedestrian strip. None of these will encroach onto Bickerstaffe Road which will be safer for people using the buses and carpark across the road.

With such a large project being undertaken and the heavy machinery on-site the board has used this opportunity to redevelop the asphalt netball courts, driveway, car parking outside the Te Whare o Rongo and grass area outside the café and Whare Wananga. The car-parking area in front of the tech and administration blocks will also undergo a much needed redevelopment, along with the turning bay at the front of the school. These large projects have only been made possible to the funds we received from the sale of the surplus school housing.

Over the coming Christmas break the energy upgrade will be completed. This will provide the infrastructure to allow for the fitting of heat pumps and lighting upgrades throughout the school. It will also provide the capacity for future technology upgrades, when required. Due to the scope of works over this period and some essential reroofing the upgrades to B Block will be done at the end 2019.

I would like to thank all the staff at Otamatea High School for their continued dedication and professional approach to the education of our children. It is often a hard and thankless task they perform but an essential one. Without our educators and support staff our society as we know it would fail to function.

To the Board of Trustees I thank you for the hours of work you invest in the Governance for our school. We are responsible for providing the strategic direction of a multi-million dollar corporation who develops society's most valuable resources, our kids. With that in mind next year is the tri-annual elections for the Board. If you have any questions or feel that you can offer your time knowledge and expertise please come and speak to any of the board members.

With the end of a cycle it is inevitable that there will be change. I would like to thank Georgina Connelly for her time on the board. Alex Parr the student rep was an excellent contributor to the board and in all discussions. He represented the student body excellently over his tenure.

It is with great sadness that we will say goodbye to Libby Jones next year. She has worked tirelessly for the school and brought a great governance knowledge to the board. Libby's crowning achievement was the revamp of the school uniform which she spent countless hours on.

I would like to welcome Hayley Linton on to the board as the new student rep and look forward to her driving the student voice over the next year.

To the prize winners congratulations for a year of hard work and determination that has seen you achieve to the highest standards. The competition provided to you by your peers show that you truly deserve the accolades you are receiving today. Invest your time wisely and good luck.

Ka kite anō
Llew Smart

2018 Student Council



Back Row: Mr P Chambers,
Ben Donnelly, Renee Ollen,
Isaac Sheppard, Alex Parr, Quintin
Brown, Ocean Shadbolt
Front Row: Sarah Campbell-Winter,
Hayley Linton, Onnmarie Holst,
Jessica Ollen, Michael Ferguson

Year 7 Camp ²⁰¹⁸



Early in the year, all of the Year 7s had a camp. This involved games and activities and an overnight stay at the school. In the morning of the first day, we all headed down to the Country Club for the first round of activities. We did mountain biking, soccer, hockey, and orienteering. We had heaps of fun but due to rain, we ended this early and we drove back to school to spend the rest of the day in the gym and the pool. Some of the prefects had organised an 'amazing race'. We ran around the school like crazy, trying to win, before having dinner and then heading to A block for the girls to sleep and E block for the boys. It was sooo hot! There was a bit of whispering - until we finally settled down for a good night's sleep.

On the second day we headed down to the Country Club once more, in the hope that the weather would stay fine. There were a few showers, but mainly it did as we wished. More activities were added, such as Italian golf, tug of war and human ladder. In the afternoon, the now tired Year 7s packed up and headed home.

Thanks prefects, you were awesome!

-Chloe Comer, Year 7

Aims Games ²⁰¹⁸

On Sept 9th Otamatea 2018 Aims team travelled to Mount Maunganui for our annual AIMS Games. The first few days was for grading and we managed to get graded for B Grade. The kids worked super hard to hold their grade, unfortunately they lost a few games which put them near the bottom of their grade but they weren't going to let that stop them they pulled all the stops out on the last day and won their game which then placed them 63 out of 122 teams.

This year we had the most amazing support team for our kids with almost all our parents, grandparents, aunty's and uncles who stood, screamed, cried and supported our kids on the sideline of every game.

Their dance was always popular with the umpires who were always keen to jump in, there dance also made it on Te Karare Māori news channel, they manage to get Kelly Jury from the silver ferns to do there dance alongside them.

We were lucky enough to have some amazing sponsors, Three Furlongs Bar & Grill for our bags, Huband for our track suits, Jaques Four Square for our kai, KSA for our grant. Alongside a few other local business, whānau for there generous koha and also all the fundraising that we did throughout the year, this trip would not have been as successful without all the Help. Anchor set all schools a challenge as they do every year, this year was to fill a box with Anchor lids. Our AIMS kids placed 2nd and won a visit to our school from New Zealand shotput thrower Tom Walsh.

Jodie & Pat Coach/Manager

Aims Games ²⁰¹⁸ Netball Team



Back Row: Miss J Bennetto,
Branden Edwards, Devine Henderson,
Sara Anderson, Hamuera Henderson,
Nathan Harris, Anthony Kim,
Mrs P Buxton
Front Row: Oyla Ontunovich,
Ashley Greig, Harlia Harris,
Mania Mikaere, Sophie van Hartingen,
Leayah Buxton, Chloe Comer

2018 First Year Faves



Kellan Likes
Home time



Max Likes
the Cafe Food



Ebony Likes
seeing her friends



Zyion Likes
food from the cafe



Zoe Likes hanging
with my friends



Albert Likes
making music



Oscar Likes
the bus



Charlie Likes
going home



Ella Likes being in her
best friends class



Analiese Likes
the same as Ella



Cameron doesn't
know what he Likes



Noah Likes
doing electives



Heaven Likes
wood tech



Matai Likes
food tech



Vrai Likes
playing handball



Pita Likes art



Jackson Likes PE



Toby Likes
hair tech



Azariah Likes
school trips



Maria Also Likes
school trips



Paris Likes
science



Sonya Likes
science too



Hannah Likes
PE



Ashley Likes
PE too



Saffron Likes her
friends being here



Brookie Likes
food tech



Chantelle Likes
cooking food



Callum Likes winning
the science fair



Jade Likes wood
tech & food tech



Riziah Likes friends
& handball



Emmet Likes
friends



Mason Likes
playing handball



Jayden Likes
lunch with friends



Korey Likes
lunchtime friends



Tayten Likes cool
science experiments



Hannah Likes
PE



Christian Likes Making
hockey pockey



Ryder Likes
leaving school



Asha Likes
PE



Max Likes
Playing



Jari Likes
PE



Sophie Likes
English



Niall Likes
PE



Ryder Likes
Food Tech



Hamnera Likes
PE



Ethan Likes
PE too



Starria Likes
having breaks



Ahmaria Likes
Drama



On the 21 June the Year 7-8 English classes held their first ever Poetry Café at Otamatea High School.

This was located in A common room with lots of poetic posters on display, also some students had created booklets to show their poems.

The students had to choose a theme to focus on for the term. These ranged from depression, anger, loneliness, nature, death, fear, space and many more. They had to analyse and recognise various poems, and incorporate the style of poem into their poetry theme.

Some students chose to share their poems during the cafe. There was lots of yummy scones, pikelets, crackers and cheese to nibble on.

Thank you to everyone that helped out, it was a great success.

Ayla Legge Year 8 S

Goats!!!!

*He is a athlete,
jumping as high
at the Olympics Games.*

*He eats like he is athlete
he eats anything
in his path.*

*He is the Flash,
racing through the field
happily with his friends.*

*He is a battery
powering his back wheels
at a hundred
miles per hour.*

*By Jayden Hill
(7N Pukehuia)*

Year 7&8 Poetry

Gymnastics

STOMP! THUD!
There goes the round-off me swinging
my
legs through the air

STOMP! THUD!
I sprint to the tramp Boing! Boing!
There goes the front- Hand spring

I had lots of fun Now my time is Done!

By Jade Johnson
(7N Pukehuia)



Amazing Arawa









Athletics 2018

Grade Champions

		GIRLS	BOYS
SUB JUNIORS	WINNER	MONIQUE SHEPPARD	JESSE GOODFELLOW
	RUNNER UP	SOPHIE VAN HARLINGEN/ TAYTEN SMART	MATAI HARTLES
JUNIOR	WINNER	MAIA FAIRBURN	JOSHUA SHEPPARD
	RUNNER UP	SARA ANDERSON	ROBIN GILLESPIE
INTERMEDIATE	WINNER	TRISTA COMER	TYRONE DE ARDENNE
	RUNNER UP	ALEESHA BUTT	KYRIN HARRIS
SENIOR	WINNER	OCEAN SHADBOLT	ISAAC SHEPPARD
	RUNNER UP	ANNMARIE HOLST	DIETRICH VON DINCKLAGE

Iwi Results 1. Ngapuhi 2. Whatua 3. Arawa 4. Maniapoto



Otamatea High School 2018 Northland Secondary School Athletic Reps
 Back Row: Anthony Kim, Kyrin Harris, Jim Holcroft
 Middle Row: Zayde Wyatt, Conner Quirk, Kieran Fergus, Tyrone De Ardenne, Isaac Sheppard, Joshua Sheppard
 Front Row: Trista Comer, Jenna Swadling, Hayley Linton, Cheylsye Flannagan, Amyee Sheppard, Sophie Gribble, Maia Fairburn

2018 Swimming Grade Champions

		GIRLS	BOYS
SUB JUNIORS	WINNER	CHLOE COMER/ SONYA STEINER	SAM KEMP
	RUNNER UP		NOAH MARTIN
JUNIOR	WINNER	MEG PATON	ROBIN GILLESPIE
	RUNNER UP	BILLIE LE MESURIER-COWBOURNE	BEN DONALD
INTERMEDIATE	WINNER	GRACE KEMP	JOE ROSE
	RUNNER UP	TRISTA COMER	BOB HAMLIN
SENIOR	WINNER	MADDY LEMUELU	ZACK HAMLIN/ QUINTIN BROWN
	RUNNER UP	OCEAN SHADBOLT	

Iwi Results 1. Ngapuhi 2. Whatua 3. Maniapoto 4. Arawa



Otamatea High School 2018 Northland Secondary School Swimming Reps
Back Row: Joe Rose, Ocean Shadbolt, Grace Kemp
Front Row: Sophie van Harlingen, Analiese Allen, Ashley Greig, Sam Kemp



RELAY FOR LIFE 2018



On the 17th and 18th of March a group of students and staff from Otamatea High School travelled up to Trigg Stadium to participate in the Relay for Life 2018. This event supports New Zealand's Cancer Society, raising money for Northland Cancer Society funding and research. Otamatea High School had two groups who took part, OTA Kidz consisting of 23 Year 13's and 1 Year 12 plus the OTA Strollers made up of school staff. The event involves team members walking around the track for 18 hours (at least 1 person from each team must be on the track at all times) as a way of raising money and awareness for the Cancer Society.

"The event was an incredible experience which we will remember for our lifetime. It was filled with a lot of laughs, cringe moments, a little too much Lady Gaga and many other emotions. A highlight of the event was the survivor's lap in which we, as a team, performed the school haka. The survivor's lap starts the event with survivors of cancer, from all ages and backgrounds, coming together and walking around the track. It was especially emotional as some of our own were down on that track celebrating their victory over this awful disease.

As emotional as the event was, it was really special to share this weekend remembering those we have lost to cancer, and fighting for those who we know are fighting it right now. We were all able to support each other through this vulnerability, and it made us stronger as a group. A big congratulations goes out to Corey Slimo, Matthew Riddlestone and Alex Parr who all completed marathon distances (over 124 laps) during the event.

The other significant feature of the 18-hour relay was the remembrance lap. This was where we took the time to remember those who lost their fight against cancer. Everyone who participated in Relay for life was given a candle bag to decorate a few weeks prior to the event. During the remembrance lap, everyone's lanterns were placed around the walking track with candles lit inside them as a symbol of remembrance. We were all given a sprig of rosemary to carry for this lap, as rosemary is the symbolic herb of remembrance and hope. The reality of the impact of cancer really hit us as we walked around the track with only the light of the lanterns the whole way around the 400m track - there were so many lanterns - so many people who have been lost from our community.

We had an amazing time despite the rain and are proud to say that we raised over \$5000 as a group. Many thanks to all those who sponsored our team through our mufti day, bake sale and the donations given. A huge thank you goes out to Nikki, Mr Burnell and Natalie for the long hours they put into organising our team prior to and at this event, making it the great success that it was.

Annmarie Holst and Natalie Birt

2018 Year 9 & 10 Touch

In October the Year 9 and 10 Touch Rugby team travelled to Kaikohe. Congratulations to the team who won against Mangakahia, Kerikeri, Pangaru and Kaikohe to take the competition winning spot.



Gold Awards Duke Of Edinburgh

February saw David Hames' receive his Gold Award in Christchurch. While, July saw Rita Hames, Kate Hallissey, Ben Morley and Rebecca Robertson receive their gold awards from Peter and Sarah Hillary at a formal ceremony at Kristen School, Albany.

Then in September Lee Holst received his gold award from Ken Hames, Chairman of the Board of The Duke Of Edinburgh's Hillary Award at a formal ceremony held in the Aurora Centre, Burnside High School, Christchurch. Later that day, Lee got to meet the Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy, Governor-General of New Zealand at a formal afternoon tea at the Wigram airbase to celebrate the recipients' receiving their gold awards



David Hames: *The Award has helped me to develop leadership and communication skills, as well as building my resilience and confidence. I loved all the amazing tramps that my group did.*

Lee Holst: *It was great to be the first DOE group to complete the Dusky Track which has the reputation of being "the hardest tramp in New Zealand". I especially loved spending hours researching tramps for our group on the DOC website!*

Kate Hallissey: *I'm so grateful that I decided to participate in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. It has taught me so many valuable things.*

Rita Hames: *I have truly loved my time in the Duke Of Edinburgh's Award and I am eternally grateful for the incredible opportunities that it has given me. The highlight of my award was my Gold Youth to Everest qualifying residential and expedition. That trip changed my life!*

Ben Morley: *I have learnt a lot of vital life skills that I intend to use throughout my life. It has taught me to enjoy, appreciate and respect the great outdoors.*

Rebecca Robertson: *My highlight of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award was completing the Dusky Track for my gold qualifier, as well as being able to experience numerous amazing tracks all over the country, alongside a great group of people.*



2018 Northland Reps



Back Row: Tyrone De Ardenne, Ocean Shadbolt, Brady Foster, Annmarie Holst, Denzal Peeni

Front Row: Nikayla Abel, Jack Hodgson, Tamati Phillips, Maia Fairburn, Trista Comer

English Persuasive Writing

Sweet As By Katrina Poyner

Our parents have always told us that chocolate is bad for us. But what if they're wrong? Scientists have proven that dark chocolate has numerous health benefits, and it can be eaten by almost anyone as most dark chocolate is vegan and contains little or no milk products. Dark chocolate is also very versatile, which means it can be used in many dishes around the world. This makes it the ideal sweet treat for people all over the world.

Dark chocolate has been proven to reduce your risks of heart disease and has the ability to improve blood flow, reduce blood pressure, improve brain function, and protect your skin from the sun. These are all health benefits of dark chocolate which people never tell us about as they are only ever trying to convince us that all types of chocolate are bad for us. This obviously isn't true, as there are a number of other ways in which dark chocolate can improve your health, and it is one of the best sources of antioxidants on the planet. Antioxidants are chemicals which help to prevent or limit the damage caused to our bodies free radicals, which can damage your cells and DNA and may play a part in diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and cancer. This means that dark chocolate could potentially save your life. So why does everyone tell us not to eat it?

Secondly, anyone can eat dark chocolate. There are a lot of people around who are gluten-free, lactose intolerant, or vegan. These people can not eat most types of chocolate or many other types of confectionery, but they can eat dark chocolate from many brands as dark chocolate does not require ingredients with gluten or any animal products. This allows these three groups of people and many other groups of people who cannot eat certain foods to eat dark chocolate. Dark chocolates melt-in-your-mouth qualities make it ideal for people of all ages, from toddlers to the elderly, and unlike many other types of confectionery, it is not sickly sweet, which allows it to be enjoyed by everyone. But instead of being given dark chocolate by people who want to bribe us to do jobs, we are given other types of confectionery which many people can not eat, which is very unfair.

Thirdly, dark chocolate can be used in many different dishes around the world, such as chocolate chip cookies, hot chocolate, chocolate waffles, vegan chocolate mousse, ice cream and even savoury dishes such as a chocolate risotto with fried pears. Dark chocolate is very versatile, which allows it to be used in dishes all over the world. This versatility means that dark chocolate can be enjoyed by many people from many different cultures, and all of the different dishes it can be used in allows dark chocolate to be eaten at any meal, unlike most types of confectionery which can only be eaten on their own or used in desserts, rather than being included in other meals.

In conclusion, dark chocolate is the best type of confectionery because it has multiple health benefits and it is one of the only types of confectionery which can be eaten by anyone, including those who are lactose intolerant, vegan or gluten-free. Dark chocolate is the best confectionery because it can be used as an ingredient or a crucial part in many meals all over the world, which is another reason that dark chocolate can be enjoyed by everyone. For all of these reasons, it cannot be denied that dark chocolate is the best confectionery there is.

Sweet As By Maggie Hames

No carnival, theme park, or fair is complete without children running around holding massive clouds of candy floss. With its melt in your mouth texture and sugary taste, and its symbolism of carefree days, candy floss is the happiest and best candy in the world. There are many points which contribute to this fact, including the way it is made, its long history, and its symbolism.

Made just out of sugar and a hint of flavouring, candy floss has the perfect consistency and lightness. This is because it is heated and spun out into tiny strands of sugar through minuscule holes in a machine, then collected on a long stick. The end product is cutely coloured clouds of candy which delights everyone, of all ages! Incredibly, through this process, candy floss is about 70% air. Some may argue that candyfloss isn't exciting enough to be the best candy, but I believe that this simplicity is one of its best features. As you tug off a piece and drop it in your mouth, the flavour, and the way it melts in your mouth, never ceases to make you that little bit happier. What more do you want than that?

Candy floss can be traced back to Europe in the 19th century where the expensive and labour intensive spun sugar was only available to the rich. It was a luxury and was only served to the very rich often in beautiful creations or to decorate cakes. Some other versions of spun sugar may have even originated in Italy as far back as the 15th century! However, the candy floss we now know and love came about in 1897, when the machine for spinning it was invented, ironically by a dentist. It was a big success at their first fair, selling nearly 69,000 boxes and making around half a million dollars in today's money.

Now, candy floss can always be found in at least one stall in a fair, theme park, or carnival, whether it comes on a stick or in a bag. Every fair I've ever been to has included a visit to this stall; when I was younger, this was one of the most anticipated parts. Just the mention of candy floss gives the reminder of these days spent roaming and exploring, a stick of clouds in my hand and a grin all over my face. Candy floss is not just limited to these special events now though, it is found in many supermarkets and is readily available for whenever you have a craving.

Candy floss contains the taste of childhood and of the dreams, magic, and happiness that came along with it. Candy floss has never been only about the taste, but the whole experience of having it; where you are, who you're with, and the feeling of the summer sun shining. Who could resist a stick or bag of this beautiful sweet? Never me, making this my favourite confectionery and the best one there is.



Some highlights from the year:

- Erin Corble was selected to attend a writing workshop in March at the Michael King Writers' Centre, in Parnell. The Young Writers' workshop gave her the opportunity to work with professional writers, to gain skills and advice to improve her creative writing.

- Senior speech competitions

- Maddy Lemuelu represented our school with distinction in the Whangarei Rotary Speech Contest in June, presenting a prepared speech and an impromptu speech
- Annmarie Holst competed admirably in the Lions Speech contest in September

- Debating has come to the fore this year with a variety of opportunities for junior and senior students to take part. This has included several trips to compete against other Northland schools at competitions in Whangarei. The inaugural Iwi Debating competition began in Term 3 and also showed that we have some skilled debaters in Year 7 through to Year 13, who entertained large crowds in the Library during several intervals. And of course the annual Reporoa debate was enjoyed by many students in August.

- Poetry

To celebrate National Poetry Day in August, the school was introduced to Spoken Word poetry. Ms Arina Bosch wrote and performed an impressive Spoken Word poem at assembly to an appreciative crowd. In September, the school was fortunate to host New Zealand poet, Apirana Taylor when he visited Northland. The Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed a story-telling performance and senior students had the experience, many for the first time, of a live poetry performance from this renowned poet.

2018 Mathex

Eleven teams ably represented Otamatea High School at the 2018 Northland Mathex competition on Friday the 29th of June. Mathex is an annual mathematics problem solving competition where students from all schools across Northland compete in teams against each other.

Students compete at year level and the following students represented our school this year: Ayla Antunovich, Ella Baker, Asha Bridge, Cory Browne, Emma Browne, Max Bull, Morgan Bull, Sarah Campbell-Winter, Willow Campbell, Chloe Comer, Kate Cotching, Max Cotching, Margaret Dunn, Michael Ferguson, Cameron Fitzpatrick, Matai Hartles, Elsie Holcroft, Jim Holcroft, Lily Hosford, Toby Hydes, Amy Lawrence, Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne, Noah Martin, Chloe Millard, Vraj Patel, Meg Paton, Cortney Phillips, Korey Ramsay, Connor Sands, Joshua Sheppard, Tayten Smart, Callum Smith, Kyin Smith, Alida Spencer, Joshua Stephens, Asher Tito, Sophie Van Harlingen, Alfie Vinnels, Boyd Wintle, Alana Yardley.

Although we didn't place in the top three we look forward to seeing the final outcome results to determine where all our teams placed.

It was an enjoyable experience for all our students.

- Monique Myburgh



Taking Maths Outside



The Year 10's put their trigonometric skills to the test last week when they used clinometers, measuring tapes, calculators and their trigonometry knowledge to calculate the height of objects like trees and buildings. The clinometer allow students to measure an angle then they need to calculate the height. It was a fun hands-on learning experience for our Year 10's.

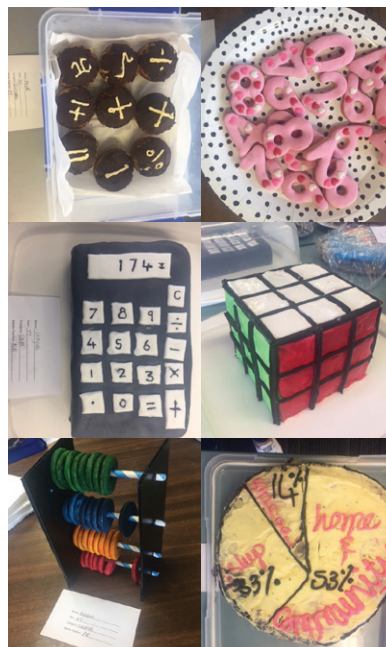
- Monique Myburgh



Maths Week

Maths week is a Mathematics event on the New Zealand school calendar gaining the attention of an estimated audience of more than 250,000 students, teachers and parents. OTA students were given the opportunity to participate in different fun Maths activities throughout the week that included challenges, a treasure hunt and competitions. Every whānau class received a junior and senior question every morning to complete as part of the Inter Iwi Challenge. Overall, the winning iwi was Arawa, Maniapoto achieved second place and in joint third place were Whātua and Ngāpuhi. Student motivation and diligence to complete challenges were exemplary and made Maths Week 2018 at OTA a week to remember. The Year 7 and Year 8 students did amazing baking projects in the Maths Bake-off.

- Monique Myburgh



Cupcake Category:

- 1st Jade Johnson
- 2nd Mack McCamley
- 3rd Corban Gilbert

Cake Category:

- 1st Emmett Denton
- 2nd Leayah Buxton
- 3rd Margaret Dunn

Cookie Category

- 1st Kellan Antunovich
- 2nd Meg Paton
- 3rd Paris Ford

2018 Library



Back Row: Mason Wintle, Sam Daniels, Benicio Van Zwijndregt, Ben Smith
Front Row: Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne, Beck Goodyear, Zoe Meehan,
Mrs V Garnett, Erin Corble, Hayden Wharfe, Gian Liu

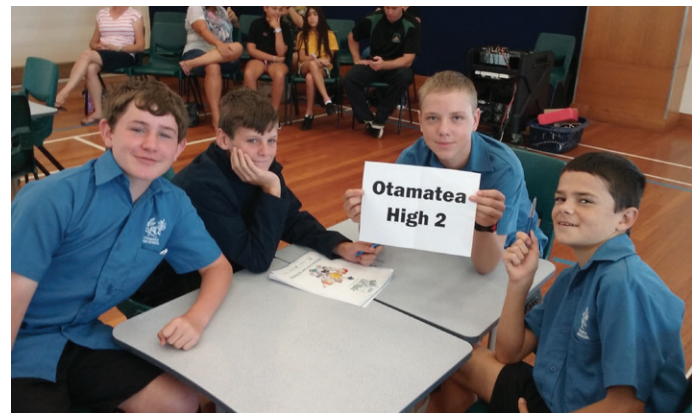
2018 has seen the library have another successful year. We have added new resources across all genres and also in the non fiction area. The students enjoy reading series so we are always getting the next one or beginning new ones and filling in gaps where books are needed. The students were helpful with suggestions for purchases and it is pleasing to be able to acquire books they request. The library is on the schedule to be upgraded along with all of B block so we are looking forward to getting the leaks in the roof fixed so we can get rid of the buckets. There are seven year 13 student librarians leaving at the end of this year. Zoe Meehan and Erin Corble have been giving great service to the library since Year 8 (six years), Ben Smith, Gian Liu and

Jahnessa Davis have been with us since Year 9 (five years) and Daniel Taylor and Sam Daniels have been working in the library for four and two years respectively. All of these students have been great assets to the library and the wider school by giving of their time to help the library run smoothly and efficiently. Vicky and I will miss them all very much. We will be on the lookout for new librarians in the new year.

I wish to also thank Vicky and the other student librarians for their assistance over the past year.

- Catherine Pilkington, Librarian

2018 Kids' Lit Quiz



On March 6 Vicky and I took our 2 Kids' lit quiz teams to Kerikeri to compete in the Northland Regional competition. We had all new competitors this year, 3 Year 8 students and 5 from Year 7. The questions were from categories ranging from Cats and Clocks to Finances and Wizards. Ota 1 comprising of Sophie Van Harlinger (Captain), Rosalyn Stuart, Skye Johnson and Cortney Phillips did well in the Escapes category, with Ota 2 comprising of Kyin Smith (Captain), Matai Hartles, Max Cotching and Callum Smith winning the Female category with 8 correct answers. We had a great time and are preparing for next year's Quiz with lots of reading, not an onerous task for these keen readers.

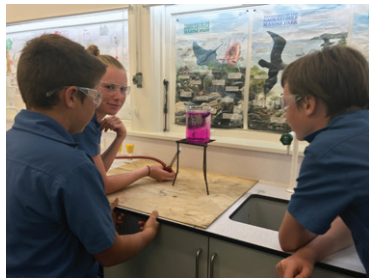
- Catherine Pilkington, Librarian

2018 Readers Cup



The inaugural Northland Readers Cup competition was held at Whangarei Girls' High School on Wednesday 29 August. A team of 4 Year 9 students, Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne, Alana Yardley, Michael Ferguson and Sarah Campbell-Winter, represented Otamatea High School at this event. The students competed against students from seven other schools. All of the entrants had to read six books and were questioned on their knowledge and understanding of the characters, plot, setting, and

details of each book. It was a close fought contest but Otamatea eventually were the victors by one half of a point from Whangarei Girls'. Well done to the team, they worked hard to achieve this result and had to give many hours out of school to prepare for this competition. **- Catherine Pilkington, Librarian**



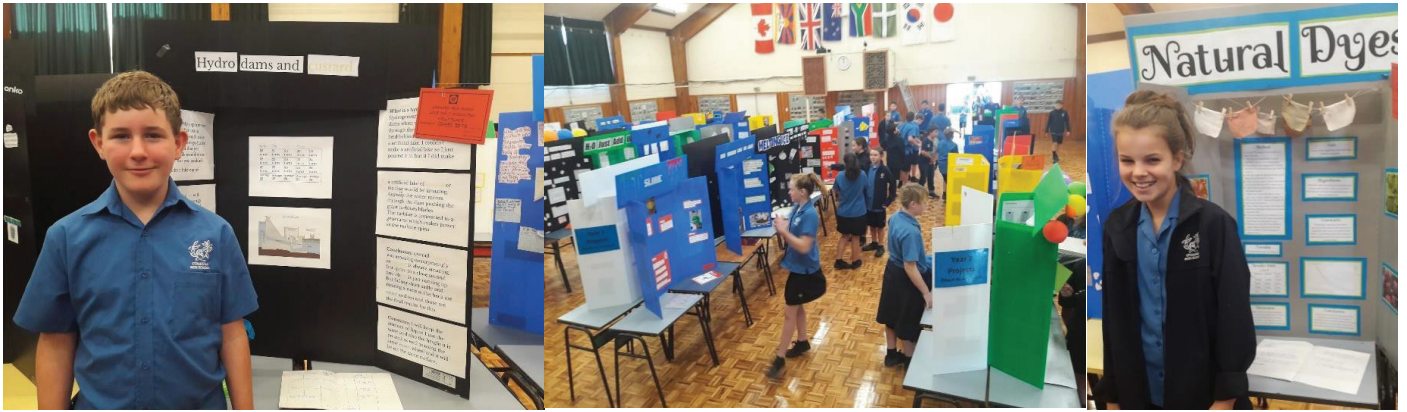
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2018 Science Fair



The Otamatea High School Year 7 and 8 Science Fair was held in week 2 of this term. The students came up with a wide range of ideas to test both inside and out of the science laboratory, from the food choices of cockroaches, to using custard and other materials to power a hydrodam.

Many of the projects compared different brands of products, such as sun-cream, balloons, stain removers and paper towels. Others were based on nature - dyes made from vegetables, the stickiness of mud from different locations and factors that affect plant growth. Some students worked in pairs and others opted to work individually.

	Year 7	Year 8
First	Callum Smith	1st equal Kate Cotching, & Oyla Ontunovich
Second	2nd equal Kellan Ontunovich, Max Cotching	Cortney Phillips
Third	Sophie van Hartingen and Chloe Comer	Quentin Barber
Presentation	Tayten Smart and Paris Ford, Jade Johnson and Ashley Greig	Elsie Hobcroft and Monique Sheppard
Effort	Sonya Steiner and Brookie Hyndman, Leahy Buxton and Saffron Kemara	Piper Donald, Morgan Bull and Rikki Beazley, Ella Baker and Willow Campbell
Overall Best Presentation	Meg Paton	

This year the difficult job of judging was done by Stella Clyde and Eileen Parsons. We would like to thank them for giving up their afternoon to do this. Marks were given for scientific understanding, technical skill, x-factor, thoroughness/effort and presentation.

2018 Science Roadshow

On the 31st of July, Otamatea High School hosted the 2018 Science Roadshow. The students who visited it seemed to really enjoy the experience.

The Science Roadshow is a mobile science discovery centre, which travels around New Zealand, giving students the opportunity to get hands on and explore various science and technology concepts.

This year it included two shows:
 1. Fire and Ice. Concepts of temperature and combustion.
 2. Am I Living? Characteristics of living things: humans, other animals and plants.

There were also many hands on exhibits, that a team of Year 10 students from our school helped to explain to visiting students and teachers.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our students and we are very thankful to the Otamatea High School PTCA who paid for all the Year 7 and 8 students at OHS to attend.



2018 Whakairo Class



Whakairo students 2018 have been studying pattern and designs from the Te Tai Tokerau region of Aotearoa. They have learnt some carving techniques which has helped them to complete 5 carved projects for this year. The class have gained some understanding of names and meanings of their chosen patterns used in their work. Most of the class have whānau links outside the Tai Tokerau region so this gave their research more depth and relevance to their design. The highlight of their research was looking at the story, 'The Naming of Whāngarei, Te Tauwhanga a Reipae, The Waiting Place of Reipae'. This book was written by Meryl Carter, Mrs Coll's sister and we'd like to thanks her for the inspiration. This story lead the students in their interpretation of creating a Manu.

The students also gifted 6 carved pieces to Maunu Primary School in Whāngarei, they will join together to form a Waharoa at the Primary School. The concept was lead by a small group of students from Maunu. The kaupapa is Ngā Waiata o Tānē, the songs of Tānē, through this project the whakairo students have learnt the art of collaboration and koha.

Ngā mihi,
Jay Simmonds, Whakairo Teacher



On Thursday 28th June Otamatea High school once again hosted the annual variety show, Olla Podriga. we were lucky to have a fantastic judging panel this year made up of ex-student and musician Chris Dent, successful folk musician Cameron Burnell and the vastly experienced choir leader and school counselor, Alexandra Smith. The band this year was made up by ex-students, former head boy and arts prefect James Findlay and Jim Bokma with the help of Jon Clist and Fionn Murphy.

This year saw the introduction of the people's choice award, with the overall running duo of Maddy Lemuelu and Teighan Lloyd winning this and first place. Two year 10's were next with Brooke Hutton claiming second while Rose Batten took out third. Kate Cotching also received a special commendation from the judges, as were the number of year 7 students who took part in this event this year.

-Fionn Murphy

Olla Podriga ²⁰¹⁸



Honours Band Festival



The Honours Band Festival at Kings school was an event that seven students from the Otamatea Concert Band took part in. Over two days of intensive group rehearsals, the festival culminated in a performance to a packed Auckland Town Hall. The students involved were Teina Seager, Emma Browne, Meg Paton, Chloe Millard, Clayton Foy, Max Bull, and Chontelle Wilson (from left to right in the group photo supplied). In the build up to this event they spent many hours rehearsing the concert material under the tutelage of our fantastic itinerant music teacher Heather Revell - Knighton.

-Fionn Murphy



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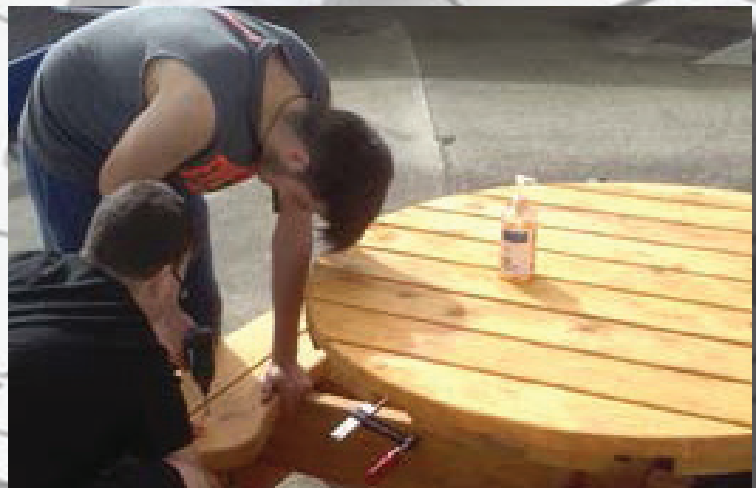
Senior Technology



Level 2 Construction



The senior technology courses require students to produce one piece of coursework, which must consist of a product that the student has manufactured in the workshop plus a folder including research and analysis about the problem being solved. The Year 12 students this year have been working on designing and making musical instruments.

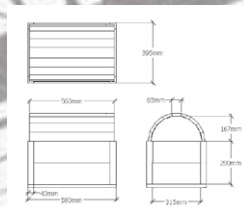


Level 2 Construction



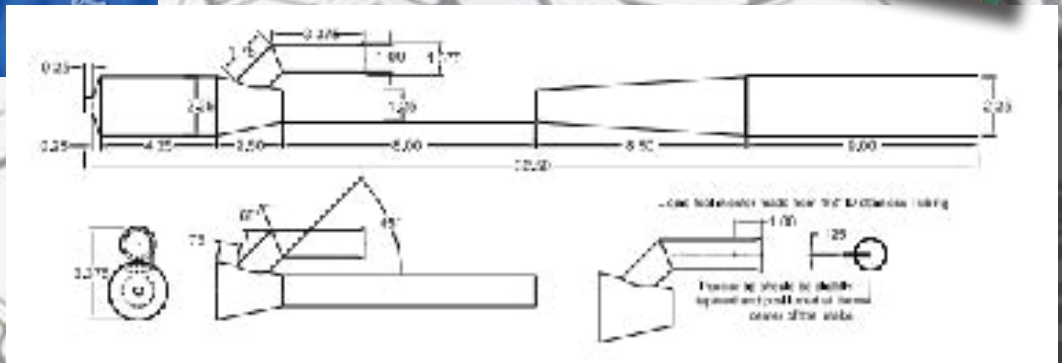
The course offered at Otamatea High School is an innovative, practical programme for students, providing them with the skills and knowledge to springboard into any career in the construction industry.

Projects undertaken during the year include; Pirate Treasure Chest, Free Standing Cupboard, Garden Bench and Table.



Level 1 Engineering

Projects for Level 1 Students include: Tool Makers clamp, Hacksaw and Pulse Jet Engine
Skills Learned: Fitting, Turning, MIG Welding and Sheet metal fabrication



Level 2 Engineering



The practical assessment in Year 12 is to engineer, construct and fabricate a Mini Motorbike using kits of engines, wheels, & body work. The task requires students to design and build their own frame, forks, and handlebars using a 50cc air cooled 2 stroke engine to power the motorbike.

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2018 Senior Drama



This year the senior drama class performed the piece "Aftershocks" by Australian playwright Paul Brown. Aftershocks is a piece of Verbatim theatre, which means it was created directly from interviews with the people who were working at the Newcastle Workers' Club that was destroyed in the 1989 Earthquake. Many people in the building lost their lives and others were trapped or left with serious injury.

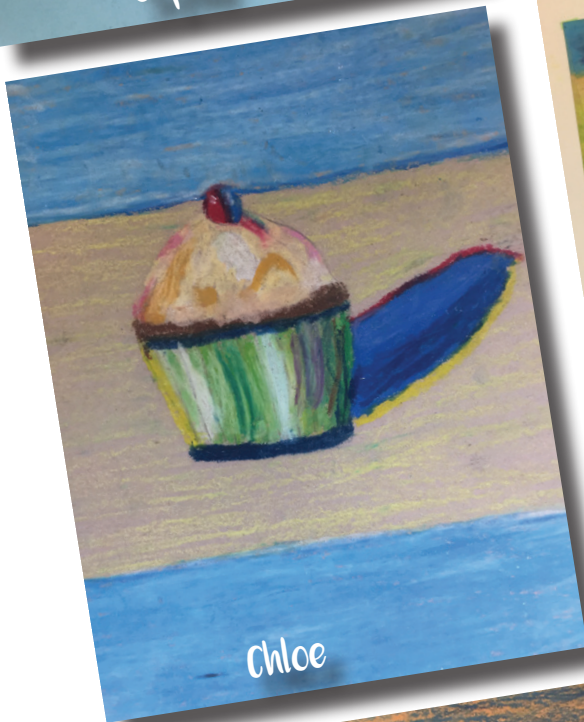
The students played multiple characters and did so to wonderful feedback from their audiences. We even managed to open the Anniversary of the Christchurch Sep 4th Earthquake. This piece was their major production outcome for their internal assessments and they all achieved fantastic results.

Alexandra McKellar TIC Drama



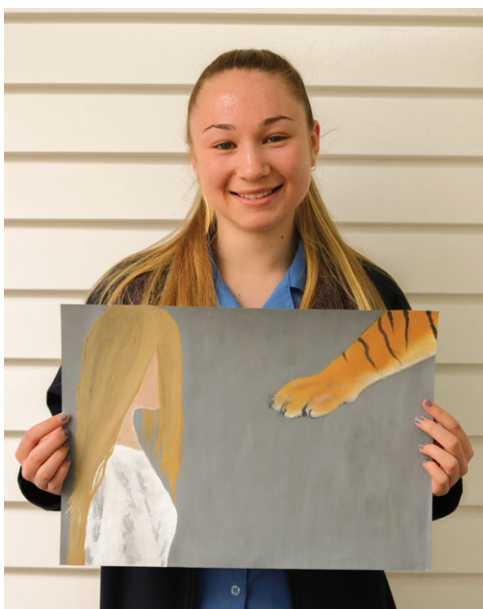
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Junior Art





y11 Amyee Sheppard



y11 Katie Fergusson



y11 Laura Mickell



y11 Paige Kenyon



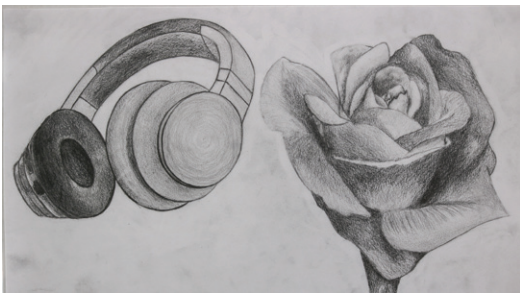
y11 Stacey Liu & Chloe Wheeler



y11 Juliana Bangcong & Ayla Driver



Level 1 Art Katie Fergusson



Level 2 Art Mason Wintle



Level 1 Art Laura Mickell



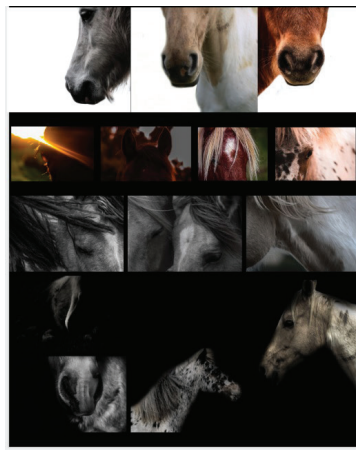
Level 1 Art Paige Kenyon



Level 1 Art Summer Ford



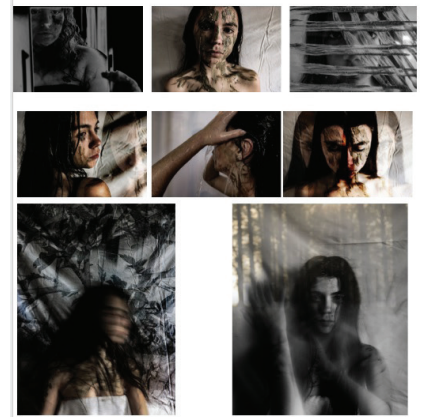
Level 2 Photography Damien Hayes



Level 2 Photography Tayla Allardlyce



Level 2 Painting Suzy Thomas



Level 2 Photography Eliana Rose Kerrigan



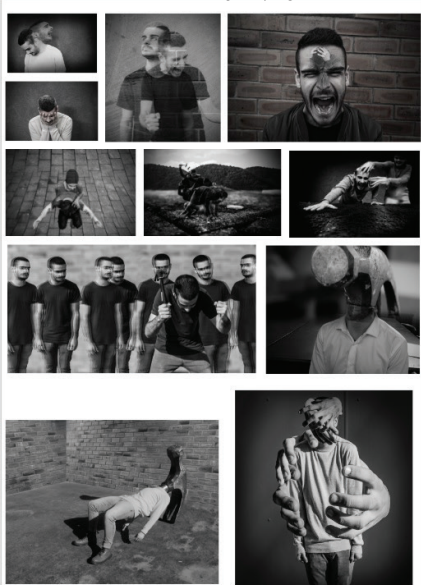
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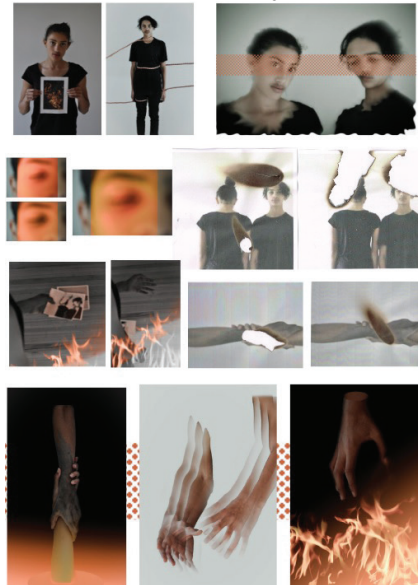
Level 3 Painting Erin Corble



Level 2 Photography Cat Veale



Level 3 Photography Fawn Driver



Level 3 Photography Laurinda Bokma



Level 3 Photography Jack Frost

Critical Thinking Group

This year Mrs Bosch and Mrs Van den berg formed a critical thinking group. Every Thursday lunchtime we would get together and study the art of argument, how it is structured, how to manipulate it and so on. Being a part of this group has taught us a lot about how to structure an argument by identifying deductive and inductive reasoning. This helped us in class during debates and class discussions.



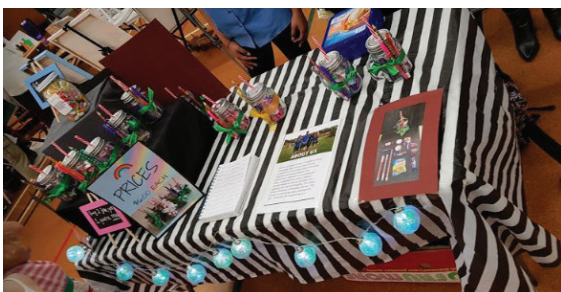
We discovered the different aspects of how an argument is formed and what not to do when arguing a point. On each point we would thoroughly pick apart its various elements and learn how we can apply them to our arguments. When we had learnt all of the basic parts in an argument we had to sit a test covering the topics we had previously researched. Critical thinking is important because it teaches you to think outside of the box and be inquisitive.

A big thank you to Mrs Bosch for giving us this chance to expand our knowledge further.

***-Sarah Campbell-Winter, Alana Yardley
and Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne***

Business Economics

Students worked really hard in Term 3 to produce a business plan that outlined the production and selling of an original product. The businesses "Body Bliss" and "Prismatic Parcels", then took their wares to the local night market in Mangawhai, setting up beautiful market stalls. Despite terrible weather, both groups enjoyed a high sales volume and valuable experience of running their own business, 1 business even sold out! These students represented Otamatea in the best way, making their teacher very proud!



2018 Hospitality



The OHS Year 13 Hospitality Academy students completed the first day of their assessments at MIT on the 29th of August.

Great news.....they all passed the coffee and the Baking Assessments.

Chef Dan, from MIT, was very happy with their progress. We are very proud of our students showing the OTA way!

Yvonne Gee



2018 The Learning Centre



Back Row: Huia Coll, Sam Phillips
Front Row: Taira Phillips, Donna Squires, Teresa Brown, Katherine Harris



It has been a busy year in the Learning Centre for our Learning Support Students. The SENCO and the Teacher Aides have had another busy year for 2018 along with support in the classrooms.

The students have been involved with baking many different recipes in the Learning Centre kitchen. Amy has kept Mrs Coll busy designing super cakes! Other students have been learning life skills in the kitchen, cooking basic breakfasts and dinner meals, and also learning the safe use of utensils and equipment in the kitchen.

Woodtech and Hardtech have also been a part of our students learning. Oliver has learnt to use the welder successfully while creating a weather vane. Shannon has created an outdoor bench-seat and a fantastic butchers block to take home.

This year we have introduced a Maths Programme called Numicon into the Learning Centre and students come in for support during classes to work with the teacher-aides. This programme helps to fill gaps in basic Mathematical concepts using a tactile resource that is easy and fun to use. The students who have been working in the Numicon group have shown huge progress towards their numeracy knowledge.

We wish everybody a safe and happy holiday and look forward to another exciting new year of learning.

From The Learning Centre Staff!
Huia, Ladene, Donna, Kath, Taira,
Kelsey and Teresa



2018 L2 Sports Leadership

This year the Sports Leadership class has had numerous adventures, mountain biking the trails and completing the high ropes course at Tree Adventures in Woodhill Forest, Hellensville. White water rafting at the Wero white water centre in Manuaku and visiting the Volvo Ocean Race bases at the Viaduct in Auckland and seeing some racing first hand. Tramping local tracks in Managawhai and Peach Cove at the Whāngarei Heads. Orienteering at the Maungaturoto Country Club and completing a range of standards in exercise prescription through our schools fitness centre. Their final assessment was the Kaiwaka Sports day, this event was run by these students, they coached the teams in Football, Netball, Hockey and Rugby. I am so proud of how they conducted themselves and of how organised they were, it was a great day. It has been a full on year and this class has met every challenge with a determined and focused attitude, what a privilege it has been to be able to guide this group of students through the year, I can't wait to see what they achieve next year!

Bruce Alison L2 SPLD teacher



A very exciting day at Otamatea High School with Olympic shot putter and current world record holder Tom Walsh visiting the School.

He spent time talking to students explaining the dedication required to perform at the top of his sport and the sheer amount of food he has to eat! phenomenal.

Tom passed his Olympic Bronze medal and Commonwealth Gold medal around to students in the school gym, he answered questions about his experiences and spent some time with the AIMS netball team that won the visit from him. Tom is a fantastic ambassador for the AIMS games. His sincere nature and character with the students and staff made his visit to our school very enjoyable, a humbling experience for all involved.



-Bruce Alison - HELA PE

Te Uri o Hau **Matariki Festival**



Te Uri o Hau Matariki Festival drew all people of our community together. On Saturday 30th June a contingent of kapahaka performers, artists and the whakairo academy from Ōtamatea High School converged on Rodney College to celebrate Matariki with other schools in our community from Te Kopuru and locally. Our kapahaka group performed with gusto in front of an impressed crowd in the hall while our whakairo academy exhibited the many skills necessary to create intricate carvings. Ōtamatea students also dominated in the art competition.

7-12 year category:

1st place Margaret Dunn.
2nd place Max Bull.

13-18 year old section:

1st place Amy Lawrence.
2nd place Jenna Swadling.
3rd place Jordan Crosado.

It was a great day celebrating different kaupapa Māori with Maddy Lemuelu leading the event as the key presenter. Ōtamatea High School showed our commitment to the kaupapa with the students and staff helping the wider community acknowledge Matariki. Matariki pipiri whānau, pipiri hapū, pipiri hāpori whānui.





2018 Kapahaka

Back Row: Lilly Vaughan, Paige Harris-Hurunui,
Tamati Phillips, Tawhetu Phillips, Teina Whare Paikea,
Devine Henderson, Jayda Ratima, Kate Cotching
Middle Row: Mrs P Buxton Mrs F Kemp, Maia Fairburn,
Margaret Dunn, Tiana Whare Paikea, Mina Fairburn,
Harlia Harris, Mrs K Harris
Front Row: Leayah Buxton, Yuri Suzuki, Nathan Harris,
Kyrin Harris, Jader Fairburn, Hamuera Henderson,
Mania Mikaere, William Holden



International Students



Hi!!

I'm Himawari. I'm from Japan. I've been here 8 months already which is unbelievable and I don't want to believe it, because I don't want to go back to Japan to be honest. I thought 10 months would be really long, but I feel the time has gone really fast. NZ, kiwi food and Kiwis are very nice, but sometimes I have culture shock because lots of things are different to Japan. Also, I've done lots of things which I can only experience here. I've milked cows, been horse riding, snorkeling, tramping, joined Kapa Haka, learned to surf, participated in the cross country and so on. I've done countless things I've really enjoyed. I'll miss many things about NZ.

I still remember the first time I came to this school, I was scared of everything and I was really nervous. Honestly, I didn't want to come to school then because I didn't feel happy. However, I'm enjoying school life now, that's thanks to the awesome teachers, my new friends and actually, the whole school. I'm still struggling to understand some of NZ life, and culture though, but I hope to have a 'handle on the jandal' by the time I leave. This experience is a life changing one I will never forget. It has been a HUGE challenge so I'd like to say a big thank you to all of the people who have made my time here so memorable, especially my wonderful teachers, friends, classmates and host family. I'm glad to have come to this school. Thank you to everyone for supporting me.

Himawari Azechi

Hi guys!

It's Yuri. I am an international student from Japan and I've been at the school for about eight months. Time flies so fast, I can't believe that I have to go back to Japan in few weeks. I really love living in New Zealand because everyone is lovely. I've totally fallen in love with the beautiful nature and the landscape of New Zealand. Also, I have experienced lots of things here. For example, I was in the Kapahaka group and learned how to sing songs in Maori, dance and use poi. I was also in the DOE. bronze group. It was the first time I ever went tramping and it was quite hard for me, however, I learned new things so I have no regrets. One of my favourite things that I experienced in the school was the School Ball. We don't have school balls in Japan, so it was a very new thing for me and I had a great time. It was the first time for me to dress up and put make up on, so I was little bit nervous... haha.

I absolutely love Otamatea High School. At first, I thought that the school rules are not as strict as my school rules in Japan and that was weird for me. However, it doesn't matter now and I'm having fun. I especially love the students and teachers in the school because they are really friendly and they often talk a lot to me. I've made many friends so I look forward to coming to school every day which is really good. I want to say thank you to everyone who has been my friend, accepted me as I am, helped me in class, and so on. I love you guys and I will really miss all of you after I go back to Japan. I will remember everyone for the rest of my life so I hope that everyone will remember me as well. I'm so glad that I could come to New Zealand.

Yuri Suzuki



Hi ! My name is Kimheak Heng. I come from Cambodia I have been in NZ for 10 months now. I came here to learn more English at OTAMATEA HIGH School. I enjoy being at this school because of my teachers and friends. I have struggled with English here as the pronunciation of English in Cambodia is different. I'm looking forward to seeing you next year.

Kimheak Heng

Duke Of Edinburgh ²⁰¹⁸



2018 has been a very busy year for the Duke of Edinburgh students with many trips and tramps spread across New Zealand.

In March a group of six silver level DOE students completed their training in the Tangihua Ranges covering all aspects of bush craft. The group had torrential rain late Saturday afternoon which saw the Pikawahine stream turn into a raging torrent. The stream had dropped by Sunday morning, but the group had to adjust their training route due to its fast flowing and discoloured water. Fun was had by all bush bashing on a set compass bearing!

Seven silver students travelled to Mt Tongariro to complete their silver adventurous journey. The weather was perfect for the three days, but due to the snow fall earlier in the week, the group adjusted their plans and tramped on and off track. The off-track terrain provided the "wow" factor with frozen rivers to explore and sheets of ice to be broken! Snowballs to be thrown, snow men to be made, melting and eating snow, snow slides and the armchair rock to navigate to. This was all capped off with a soak in a hot stream running into the Waikato River. All agreed that this had been their BEST DOE experience so far and some would have loved to have stayed at the volcanic plateau and had more adventures.

March also saw 14 eager new bronze level students tramp in to the Tangihua Lions Lodge for a weekend of learning about bush craft from Stephen Orchard. Torrential rain on Saturday afternoon turned the experience in to reality as the group tramped. Sunday saw them learning techniques for climbing up a waterfall and crossing rivers.

In mid-April a DOE group of seven students set out to tramp the Kepler Track in Fiordland National Park for their gold adventurous journey. We flew to Queenstown and then bused to Te Anau to visit the DOC centre to get track and weather updates.

Also in April, a silver qualifying group of seven students travelled to the Dawson Falls visitor centre. Here the weather and tracks were checked out before commencing our three-day tramp. Bas, the doc ranger was very friendly, knowledgeable and helpful. Our climb to the 1950m Symes Hut on Fanthams Peak was exhausting. The last part was a route following 70 numbered poles mostly on a scree slope, very challenging with back packs on! The views as we got higher up were amazing.

Then in July saw eight gold level DOE students travel to the Kaimais to complete their training. Due to river levels and heavy rain forecast for the weekend our schedule had to be adapted. The Waitawheta river was only half a metre from going over the track in one place and all the side streams had suddenly become raging torrents of water all running into the main river. This was amazing to see and experience. It reinforced the river crossing training....do you need to cross?

The July holidays saw two groups travel separately to the Pinnacles for their bronze qualifier adventurous journey. These groups had fine weather all weekend although their view from the top of the Pinnacles was lost due to evening cloud.

While in October a team decided it was time to crack Kaiweka.

Robyn Bruce
Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader



Primary Industries

Level One Primary industries involves a combination of practical and theory work mainly to do with horticulture. Over the course of the year students have grown a wide selection of vegetables and have considerably developed their gardening skills. Stella Clyde has been invaluable in providing specific tuition and guidance for the horticulture component of this course.

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

This year we have undertaken the following trips:

- Atiu Creek Regional Park to assist in tree planting.
- Overnight trip to Mystery Creek field days (Hamilton)
- Kenworthy-Thompson organic dairy farm (Whakapirau) and assisted Otamatea -Harbour Care with tree planting
- Rural designs nursery in Kaiwaka
- Robotic milking dairy farm Kumeu
- Overnight trip to Kerikeri visiting Goat dairy farm in Maungatapere, Large scale intensive dairy farm in Okaihau and various orchards and pack-houses in Kerikeri.
- Alpaca shearing in Mangawhai

Students from both the Level One and Level Two classes have had the opportunity to attend at least one of the following courses:

- Two day quad bike course with Taratahi
- Two day chainsaw course with Taratahi
- Two day fencing course with the Northland Regional Council
- Two day possum course with Papa Taiao

Most students have achieved very well and overall the class was an excellent bunch of students who have made the most of their opportunities. Many are keen to work in the Primary Industries and will make excellent future employees.

-M. Troost

Tourism Trips

On the 25th September 11 tourism students and Mr Troost travelled to Auckland to visit AUT School of Hospitality and Tourism and the International Travel College in order to explore careers in the hospitality and tourism industries. The AUT visit included a lecture on the future of hospitality and study options at AUT, a tour of the campus including the hospitality kitchens, and a silver service three course lunch.

We then went to the International Travel College to see their campus and learn about their diploma and certificate level courses.

This trip was inspirational and thoroughly enjoyed by all of the students who were impeccably behaved and great representatives of Otamatea High School.

Earlier in the year Mr MacLennan and Ladene Hunter took a dozen or so students to Rotorua for two nights staying at the Backyard Inn backpackers. While there they visited various tourist attractions and activities including; The Buried Village, Agrodome, Whakarewarewa, Rainbow Springs, Sudima Hotel and Skyline Gondola and Luge.

-M. Troost



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2018 UNISS

UNISS 2018 was an awesome fun filled experience held in Tauranga at Harbourside Courts. Our UNISS squad came into the tournament focusing on this year's vision of development and a great team culture. Our young team faced some experienced seasoned teams, winning half of the games we faced. We fought hard and placed 26th in C Grade, which is a massive improvement from last year's final rankings that took us into D Grade.

The players and management had such a great time. Thank you to Nikola and Wiki for all your hard work throughout the season and during the week. Thank you Martyn and Jodie for adding value and support to the week. Also Paige's dad, Craig, and Jodie with the changeover of players. Much appreciated. Thank you Melissa for your support coming down to watch the girls as well.

A huge thank you to whānau who tirelessly helped fundraise and brought their daughters to trainings and games. Literally, the core reason we get to go and enjoy UNISS. Without a doubt, this was by far the best UNISS I have been involved in, a credit to the girls, management and whānau.

-Fiona Kemp, Coach

2018 Floorball

I had the privilege of participating in the floor ball tournament on the 22nd of June. We took up ten players and played six a side games. Our team played five games and won the senior division, we won 3 games, lost one to Kerikeri High School, drew against Whangarei Girls' High School.

It was a hard tournament but we enjoyed the day with many smiles and laughs despite being exhausted at the end of the day. So many thanks to Teresa Brown who took us up and Refereeing the games. Also thank you to Miss Haines for coaching us.

This is the second year in a row we have taken out the Senior Division.

-Anthony Kim

2018 Northland Cross Country Reps



Back Row: Mrs N Kemp, Maia Fairburn, Harmony Henderson, Ocean Shadbolt, Renee Allen, Grace Kemp, Paige Kenyon, Mrs F Kemp
Front Row: Sophie Gribble, Paris Rika, Jayme Curtis, Cassidy Allen, Jemma Kurupo



Back Row: Mrs T Brown, Tane Nepia, Anthony Kim, Brady Foster, Tyrone De Ardenne, Summer Ford
Front Row: Miss A Haines, Paris Rika, Tanika Rutson, Amyee Sheppard, Hayley Linton, Willow Tito



Back Row: Cameron Fitzpatrick, Amyee Sheppard, Analiese Allen, Ben Donald, Ocean Shadbolt, Isaac Sheppard, Joshua Sheppard, Morgan Bull, Trista Comer
Front Row: Ella Crum, Sophie van Harlingen, Monique Sheppard, Sophie Gribble, Grace Kemp, Sara Anderson, Cassidy Allen, Max Cotching, Tayten Smart

2018 Mixed Hockey



The First XI Mixed Hockey team had a great end to their season with a 3-0 win against Hora Hora. This year the 1st XI Hockey team played in the second division competition in Whangarei. Some new players were brought into the team this year and their hockey improved dramatically as a result. The team struggled with the loss of a key player towards the end of the season, but eventually found their rhythm and played some great hockey against tough and determined opposition. Tyler Flannagan captained the team this year, his energy and spirit encouraged us all to be better. This was the last season of hockey for Anthony Kim, he has served his school with distinction and his presence in the backs will be sorely missed. A huge thanks to Teresa Brown for all her work with managing the team, she organised transport, fundraising and the end of season dinner - what a star!

-Bruce Alison & Huia Coll

2018 1st X1



Back Row: Mrs T Brown, Jaime Kurupo, Isaac Sheppard, Anthony Kim, Mr B Alison

Front Row: Emma Millard, Nikayla Abel, Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne, Hayley Linton, Quintin Brown, Tyler Flannagan, Amyee Sheppard, Willow Tito, Bridgette Hosford

2018 2nd X1

Back Row: Ms N Le Mesurier, Cheylisse Flannagan, Andrew Birt, Rose Batten, Cecile Daniels, Brayden Grigg, Mrs K Everson
Front Row: Jenna Swadling, Kevin Kim, Osher Tito, Tanika Rutson, Matthew Everson, Emma Hosford, Joshua Stephens, Tanisha Batten



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2018 Basketball The Girls

The 2018 basketball season was an enjoyable, yet challenging experience for the girls. Early on in the season the girls played in the Reporoa exchange and the Dargaville exchange. These games demonstrated the importance of unity and communication within the team and girls should be proud of their efforts. Despite being a small team, the girls stood their ground on the court, representing the school well. They are to be commended on their sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and participation. The girls were eager to improve and worked tirelessly on their offensive shooting skills and 3-2 zonal defence. Their hard-work and dedication paid off and they were victorious against Dargaville during a home game, and played well against Rodney, just seeing Rodney take the game in the final quarter. It has been a successful season and as the team progresses next year, expect to see some great things from the Otamatea Girls' Basketball team. Congratulations to all the girls involved, and a big thank-you to the staff, parents and caregivers for making it all happen.

-Amanda Haines



Back Row: Mrs T Brown, Miss A Haines
Front Row: Holly Brunt, Emma Huband, Annmarie Holst, Tanika Rutson, Aleesha Butt



Back Row: Peter Sun, Jaime Kurupo, Cole Doyle, Rubin Paikea, Mr P Chambers
Front Row: Tyrone Maaka, Ethan Tautari, Curtis Stanaway, Keanu Taiaroa, Franklin Fisher

The Boys

The students have been involved in the Northland and Lower North tournaments as well as games against Dargaville and Reporoa. Their best performances were at the local tournament where they competed well and won two of their four games but were narrowly beaten in the other matches. Curtis Stanaway led the team well but he was ably supported by Rubin Paikea. The younger players who have a few more seasons yet played with composure and skill, Ethan Tautari being the pick of these players. Cole Doyle as centre was outstanding this season and integral to the team's success. The team need to play more regularly if they are to compete at the highest levels but for the amount of game time they get, they do extremely well.

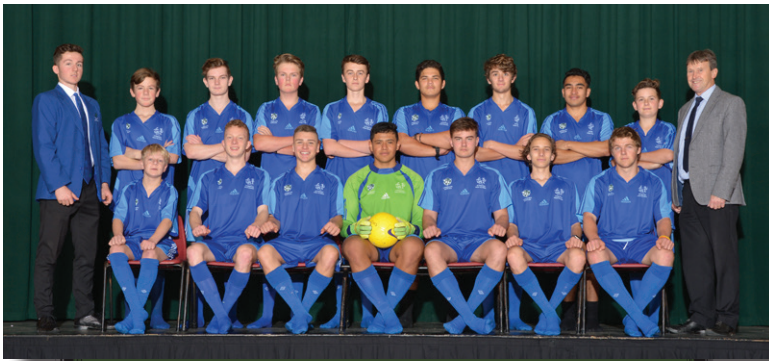
-Paul Chambers

2018 1st XV Rugby

Back Row: Mr D Burnell, Zayde Wyatt, Jaime Kurupo, Brandon Sullivan, Kylin Harris, Jacob Butler, Tane Nepia, Corey Slimo, Kayden French-Browne
Front Row: Hyde Massey, Kayne Goodfellow, Joe Rose, Tyrone De Ardenne, Rubin Paikea, Brady Foster, Koby Worsell, Bob Hamlin, Shaquan Shaw-Gray



Football



Back Row: Matthew Riddlestone, Joshua Stephens, Caleb Hayes, Hamish Ferguson, Alex Parr, Jaime Kurupo, Connor Mitchell, Rubin Paiea, Austin Mickell, Mr P Chambers
Front Row: Oliver Caldwell, Claude Smyth, Corey Slimo, Quintin Brown, Mathias Damsted, Tyler Flannagan, Isaac Sheppard

The boys team have had to go through a time of rebuilding as a large number of players left the school in 2017, in particular Josh Nishitani Hart who had been the cornerstone of the team for the last three years. Mathias Damsted stepped up and took over the captaincy for the year and as centre forward shouldered a lot of the onfield responsibilities. The competition this year saw Otamatea drawn in a new division 1 south, which included Whangarei Boys' and Kamo High. These games were always going to be difficult and playing WBH in the first match was far from ideal. A large defeat here did not do much for morale but the team soldiered on and made some good improvements as the season progressed, winning a few games on the way and an excellent victory against Reporoa capped off a good season of rebuilding the team.

The team consisted of year 13 to year 9 students and hopefully the younger ones will develop into good players over the next few seasons. There were a few new faces from the seniors with Rubin Paiea and Claude Smyth joining Mathias, Bailey Hudson and Caleb Hayes in the team. These seniors gave the team some strength in their play and they were ably supported by Isaac Sheppard, Alex Parr and Matt Hamilton who added some real skill to the team. Connor Mitchell and Jamie Kurupo also grew in stature throughout the season. Victories at the end of the season against Rodney, Pompallier and Reporoa were evidence of the improvement achieved by the team. I would also like to thank Mr Murphy for his help throughout the year running the team.

Mr P Chambers

Back Row: Laurinda Bokma, Bridgette Hosford, Emma Millard, Ocean Shadbolt, Holly Brunt, Kayla Reid, Emma Huband, Cheylisse Flannagan, Mr S Buksh
Front Row: Aleesha Butt, Brenda Ferguson, Tanika Rutson, Maddy Lemuelu, Shayla Hyndman, Amyee Sheppard, Juliana Bangcong



2018 Squash



2018 Northland Secondary Schools Squash Team & Individual
Back Row: Jessica Allen, Ocean Shadbolt, Annmarie Holst

On Thursday 17th May 11 students travelled to Whangarei Squash Club to compete in the Northland individual squash tournament. All students can be very proud of their playing efforts on the day with a huge 63 students taking part in the event. Results from the day are as follows...

Novice Girls' Draw Special Plate winner - Grace Kemp
Novice Boys' Draw 3rd Place - Ben Donald
Special Plate winner - Mathias Damsted
Open Girls' Draw Champion winner - Annmarie Holst
Open Boys' Draw Consolation plate winner - Kieran Fergus



Triathlon 2018



Juniors

Girls 1st Sophie Van Harlingen - 38 minutes and 20 seconds
Boys 1st Rikki Beazley - 40 minutes and 26 seconds, 2nd Morgan Bull, 3rd Nathan Harris
Boys Team 1st Noah Dalkie/Kellan Antunovich/Cameron Fitzpatrick - 36 minutes and 5 seconds
 2nd Sam Kemp/ Max Bull/ Ethan Van Waveren 3rd Branden Edwards/ Toby Hydes
Girls Team 1st Chloe Comer/Tayten Smart - 41 minutes and 30 seconds
 2nd Ashley Greig/Hannah Fergus/Chontelle Wilson 3rd Harlia Harris/Pheonix Herekiuha/ Sara Anderson

Swim 500m - Bike 15km - Run 4km

This years triathlon had record numbers of entries with 5 individual and 15 teams in the year 7 and 8 race and 7 individuals and 13 teams in the year 9 - 13 race. The day proved lovely and sunny - perfect for the triathlon. Outstanding results from the day came from Rikki Beazley, Ocean Shadbolt and Corey Slimo who all set new records.

Seniors

Boys Individual

1st Corey Slimo - 1 hour, 7 minutes and 14 seconds
 2nd Claude Smyth, 3rd Joe Rose

Girls Individual

1st Ocean Shadbolt - 1 hour, 3 minutes and 12 seconds
 2nd Trista Comer, 3rd Annmarie Holst

Mixed

1st Mathias Damsted/Bailey Hudson/Jessie Allen
 - 1 hour, 9 minutes and 37 seconds

2nd Jacob Butler, Amyee Sheppard

3rd Jack Hodgson, Brett Allen, Sophie Gribble

Boy

1st Quintin Brown, Connor Mitchell, Isaac Sheppard
 - 1 hour, 4 minutes and 35 seconds

2nd Kayden French/Matthew Riddlestone/Rubin Paikea

3rd Mathias Damsted, Daniel Taylor, Morgan Bull

Girls

1st Maggie Hames, Hayley Linton, Cassidy Allen
 - 1 hour, 16 minutes and 13 seconds

2nd Maddy Lemuelu, Emma Millard, Bridgette Hosford

3rd Sarah Campbell Winter, Lily Hosford



Road Race 2018

In October a large number of students and teachers hit the road to push themselves as hard as possible. 140 students finished the race with the fastest of the boys being Morgan Bull with a time of 19.28 and the quickest of the girls being Trista Comer with a time of 22.22. Great fun was had by all with the Inter Iwi competition results of: 1st Ngāpuhi, 2nd Whātua, 3rd Maniapoto, 4th Arawa. The Winning School Team was Hockey Team One.

Well done to all who participated.

The Winners

Boys	Year Group	Girls
Max Bull	7	Ella Crum
Morgan Bull	8	Milly Hodgson
Joshua Sheppard	9	Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne
Jack Hodgson	10	Trista Comer
Brayden Mills	11	Amyee Sheppard
Isaac Sheppard	12	Ocean Shadbolt
Corey Slimo	13	Annmarie Holst



2018 Cross Country

The day was a lovely sunny day but the ground was still very wet under foot. There were 194 students involved in the event. The outstanding results for the day go to Trista Comer beating the record set by Hayley Linton in 2017 of 14.32 with a new record of 14.00. Ethan Van Waveren beat the record set by Nathan Harris in 2017 of 14.48 with a new record of 14.27.

A third record was nearly broken by Joshua Sheppard when he only missed beating his Uncle, Lee Sheppard's record by 3 seconds. 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.

GRADE CHAMPIONS		GIRLS	BOYS
SUB JUNIORS	WINNERS	ELLA CRUM	ETHAN VAN WAVEREN
	RUNNERS UP	TAYTEN SMART	CAMERON FITZPATRICK
JUNIORS	WINNERS	SARA ANDERSON	JOSHUA SHEPPARD
	RUNNERS UP	ASHLIE HUGGETT	MORGAN BULL
INTERMEDIATE	WINNERS	TRISTA COMER	KYRIN HARRIS
	RUNNERS UP	AMYEE SHEPPARD	ZAYDE WYATT
SENIORS	WINNERS	JESSIE ALLEN AND ANNMARIE HOLST	ISAAC SHEPPARD
			TYLER FLANNAGAN



Novice Table Tennis

Four students attended the Northland championships at Kensington on June 19. Captain, Jeff Smith, Corey Brown, Yuri Suzuki and Connor Sands competed along with 80 others from Kerikeri to Dargaville.

Jeff and Corey came second in their sections and lost in the knockout round coming in the 16-24 placings. Yuri and Connor finished 3rd and 4th in their section.

-Wayne Maclellennan



2018 Reporoa Exchange

On Sunday 12th August, Otamatea High School hosted the 52nd annual exchange.

This year there were many nervous students as we had returned back to billeting the Reporoa students into our homes. This was after two years of visiting students staying at each other's schools. After the initial introductions and the first nights stay, all students returned with huge smiles and many new friendships forged.

Sunday proved a challenging start to the Reporoa team when their initial bus broke down which put them two hours behind schedule. To Reporoa's credit this did not hold them back for Sunday's basketball games.

All games held on Monday were played with great spirit and were highly competitive. By the time the rugby started it was clear that the overall shield for the exchange was going to be decided with this game as both schools had three wins each.

At the prizegiving it was lovely to see the bonds between the students had grown even more with a happy relaxed atmosphere along with a wonderful spread put on by our Duke of Edinburgh students. To finish off the exchange a social was held in the school hall which was run by our UNISS and AIMS netball tournament teams. Here all students got to mix and mingle again.

It was wonderful to have Reporoa visiting us once again and great to see how the traditional billeting of students forges lasting memories and friendships.

The Results

Basketball: Boys and Girls Reporoa showed their strength in their basketball skills with both the girls and boys coming away with convincing wins.

Debating: The moot –“This house would aggressively wind down NZ's dairy Industry in the interest of the environment.” Reporoa held the affirmative and Otamatea the negative. After both teams giving many facts, opinions and convincing statements it came down to the judges decision. The win went to Reporoa.

Boys' Football: The final result being 6-4 to Otamatea (Mathias Damsted-3 and Matthew Hamilton-3)

Girls' Hockey: It was an amazing game had with Reporoa girls, and the Otamatea performance was even better. Otamatea coming away with the win 12 - 1.

Netball: The game against Reporoa was a great build up game, leading to our team travelling to the Upper North Island Tournament. The team performed really well coming away with a good win 37 - 18.

Rugby: A nail biting game right through until the end. It was a very tight game and could have gone either way. In the end Otamatea managed to stand our ground, but Reporoa put up a real fight and kept their heads held high all the way.



School Ball 1950's



Otamatea High School's annual senior ball was held on Monday 9th July. This year the highly anticipated event was held at the Maungaturoto Centennial Hall for the first time in a number of years. Themed 1950s, more than 130 excited guests arrived in their best retro style to dance the night away - some people even arrived in classic cars. Upon arrival, the excitement was captured by White Door photography next to a jukebox which was kindly loaned by the Mannington family. The local hall was carefully decorated to transport us all back in time to the famous 50s. DJ Si provided a great vibe with a mix of both contemporary and twisting rock n roll music, keeping everyone dancing all night long. An amazing group of year 10 waiters helped keep everything running smoothly throughout the evening by offering soft drinks, milkshakes, curly fries, donuts and mini burgers.

Everyone looked stunning and a groovy time was had by all.

Belle and Beau of the ball (year 11) were awarded to Kayla Reid and Hunter Goodfellow.

Prince and Princess (year 12) were awarded to Tyler Flanagan and Ocean Shadbolt.

Everyone had the opportunity to vote for King, Queen and the cutest couple. King was awarded to Corey Slimo, Kasey Ata was the Queen of the ball, and Curtis Stanaway & Molly Curnow were voted cutest couple. At 11pm, the last song was finally played and all guests, with weary feet and cheeks sore from smiling, were seen out by a great group of volunteer parent security guards.

Overall, the 2018 Otamatea High School ball was a huge success. The ball committee would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this event the most memorable evening of the school year, and thank you to everyone who attended and danced the night away!



2018 Prize Giving

Kia Maia – Be Brave in Learning (Te Uri o Hau Development Ltd)
Callum McConchie

Peer Support Award (Kaipara District Council)
Chantel Shadbolt

Best Aggregate of Science Subjects in Year 13 (Fonterra Cup)
Ewan Smith

Jessie Vaughan Trophy for Senior Citizenship
(Ferguson and Oldham Trophy)
Jayson Gilpin

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

Exceptional School Supporter (K & N Trophy)
Anthony Kim

Student Exhibiting School Spirit (Te Jay Cup)
Maggie Hames

Best All-Round Maori Pupil (Rennie Trophy)
Quintin Brown

Fair Play & Sportsmanship Trophy (Engraving Systems)
Rubin Paikea

Outstanding Sporting Achievement (Haydn & Mary Hutching Cup)
Annmarie Holst

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

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

Senior Victrix Ludorum (Karen McNay Cup)
Ocean Shadbolt

Senior Victor Ludorum (Webster Brothers Cup)
Brady Foster

First in Year 11 (OHS Board of Trustees Cup)
Maggie Hames

First in Year 12 (Neil McKay Trophy)
Mya Lawrence

Proxime Accessit (Mr & Mrs J Morrison Cup)
Claude Smyth

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Ewan Smith

2017 Prize Giving

Kia Maia – Be Brave in Learning (Te Uri o Hau Development Ltd)
Miriana Littlejohn

Peer Support Award (Kaipara District Council)
Blake Sims

Best Aggregate of Science Subjects in Year 13 (Fonterra Cup)
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Year 7

Back Row: Ryder Tito, Matilda Denton, Jayden Hill, Emmett Denton, Zoe Hiini, Jarn Bracken, Zyon Flavell, Ebony Vaughan

4th Row: Mrs P Randell, Heather Cocker, Jackson Lambert, Cameron Fitzpatrick, Noah Martin, Niah Quirk, Hamuera Henderson, Korey Ramsey, Ryder Galloway-Meekings, Christian Gardner, Mrs N Alcock

3rd Row: Amelia Vincent, Latailah Parata, Starria Storey, Mania Mikaere, Kleeshae-Rose Briggs, Analiese Allen, Asha Bridge, Ashley Greig, Margaret Dunn, Te Ao Marama Armstrong, Ahriana Phillips, Lily Spencer

2nd Row: Pita Hamilton, Toby Hydes, Vraj Patel, Kylan Hattie, Ethan van Waveren, Max Cotching, Sam Kemp, Kellan Antunovich, Keegan Lydiard, Matai Hartles, Albert Ullsala, Charlie Tynan, Noah Dalkie, Ryan Stirling, Mack McCamley, Mason Powell

Front Row: Azaria Paikea, Saffron Kemara, Rizyiah Gray, Tammy Foster, Ella Crum, Chloe Comer, Hannah Osborne, Harlia Harris, Sophie Van Harlingen, Hannah Fergus, Leayah Buxton, Tayten Smart, Paris Ford, Brookie Hyndman

Absent: Max Bull, Trey Davis, Clayton Foy, Corban Gilberd, Jade Johnson, Heaven Slatter, Callum Smith, Sonya Steiner, Rosalyn Stuart, Melanie Turner-Bennett, Chontelle Wilson, Oscar Yorke



Year 8

Back Row: Mrs M Myburgh, Morgan Bull, Sara Anderson, Braden Brooks-Tee, Mark Andersen, Kurtis Kemara, Kyin Smith, Reef Riri, Branden Edwards, Manasseh Paki, Ms A Cowie

3rd Row: Rickardo Bradley, Leo Cannon, Kevin Kim, Courtney Phillips, Lilly Vaughan, Ayla Antunovich, Kaddison Hyndman, Piper Donald, Leyla Routledge, Aaron Cooper

2nd Row: Mrs K Harris, Amy Gribble, Nathan Harris, Jesse Goodfellow, Jayda Ratima, Devine Henderson, Destiny Paikea, Monique Sheppard, Elsie Holcroft, Shayden Peele, Luca Verlaine, Willow Campbell, Quentin Barber

Front Row: Gareth Ferguson, William Holden, Roy Thomas, Corbin Walker, Te Aniwa Hamilton, Kate Cotching, Aylah Legge, Tegan Littlejohn, Jacob Kake, Connor Amesbury, Skye Johnson, Milly Hodgson

Absent: Ella Baker, Rikki Beazley, Joshua Davis, Myra Kingi, Chloe Millard, Meg Paton, Bayden Puke, Marshall Scott, Terehia Taua

Year 9



Back Row: Mr C Gill, Flynn Powell, Damin Edwards, Jim Holcroft, Teina Whare Paikea, Ben Donald, Conner Quirk, Joshua Sheppard, Mr S Buksh

3rd Row: Tamati Phillips, Toby Hudson, Wayen Pitman-Dodd, Tawhetu Phillips, Raatapu Nathan-Jenkins, Mina Fairburn, Radelle Thompson, Caleb Ansell

2nd Row: Ben Donnelly, Manea Turner-Bennett, Leeyah Sullivan, Peter Sun, Joshua Stephens, Max Tornquist, Robin Gillespie, Austin Mickell, Kieran Fergus, Faith Maaka

Front Row: Oliver Caldwell, Maia Fairburn, Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne, Alfie Vinnels, Roman Miru, Bo Osborne, Sarah Campbell-Winter, Charlette Myburg, Shannon Lee, Tai Walker, Michael Ferguson, Gypsy Harvey

Absent: Ronin Davis, Jade Paikea, Tyla Stonex, Alana Yardley

Year 10



Back Row: Cory Browne, Joshua Aitken, Wyatt Wheeler, Connor Sands, John Donnelly, Kyryn Harris, Andrew Birt, Bryce Phillips, Joel Taylor-Whitehead, Connor Stuart

4th Row: Mr M Crisp, Shayla Hyndman, Rose Batten, Sophie Gribble, Grace Kemp, Amity-Rose Littlejohn, Renee Allen, Brooke Hutton, Summer Kenyon, Amber Corble, Brenda Ferguson, Mr W MacLennan, Mrs F MacLennan

3rd Row: Jade Stables, Adriana Phillips, Amy Lawrence, Cheylisse Flannagan, Amber-Jade French, Alaek Tua-Taiapo, Harlym O'Keefe, Sara Jansen, Tiana Whare Paikea, Lily Hosford, Asher Tito, Alida Spencer, Trista Comer

2nd Row: Tygan Campbell, Zane Crum, Cody Brunt, Dylam Lambert, Cullen Peele, Ali Ghanbari, Puckey Tepania, Odin Dalkie, Joe Rose, Leon Mansell-Clark, Zayde Wyatt, Jaden Sheppard, Keanu Taiaroa, Franklin Fisher, Jack Hodgson

Front Row: Paige Harris-Hurinui, Charlotte Thurgood, Natasha Mannington, Beth Horne, Emma Britton, Ava Macdonald, Madeline Daniels, Caleesto Mills, Emma Hosford, Lola Smyth, Tara Moyle, Abby Cant, Madaline Sosene-Fletcher, Chloe McGowan

Absent: Brett Allen, Kimheak Heng, Deborah Marshall-Baker, Teina Seager, Kylah Slack, Sharon Sun, Boyd Wintle, Sam Woolley



Year 11

Back Row: Karl Von Dincklage, Ethan Tautari, Brandon Sullivan, Romero Madsen, Lance Allardyce, Jeff Smith, Cameron Phillips, Riley Stables

4th Row: Mr L Dainty, Shannon Nightingale, Blake Jackson, Rikki Atkin, Brayden Mills, Brady Foster, Hamish Ferguson, Kyle Reid, Jacob Fox, Jacob Butler, Mrs E Snelling, Miss A Haines

3rd Row: Jonas Cassin, Brayden Grigg, Denzal Peeni, Riley Evans, Bob Hamlin, Shaquan Shaw-Gray, Tane Nepia, Tyrone De Ardenne, Koby Worsell, Tyrone Maaka, Blake Muir, Tyler Young

2nd Row: Katie Ferguson, Tanisha Batten, Paris Rika, Toni Tornquist, Ayla Driver, Cecilie Daniels, Danielle Phillips, CJ Smart, Emma Huband, Rochelle Woods, Paige Kenyon, Kelly Huband, Natasha Partridge, Cassidy Allen

Front Row: Katrina Poyner, Bipasa Patel, Amyee Sheppard, Vanessa Andersen, Chloe Wheeler, Aleesha Butt, Harmony Henderson, Laura Mickell, Stacey Liu, Willow Tito, Summer Ford, Hayley Linton, Tanika Rutson, Juliana Bangcong

Absent: Ripeka Craig, Hunter Goodfellow, Maggie Hames, Syriah Hodge, Petuera Kingi, Tiva Kingi, Jemma Kurupo, Ben Morrison, Crystal-Rain Nicholson, Kayla Reid, Matangi Tito, Gene Watts



Year 12

Back Row: Benicio Van Zwijndregt, Quintin Brown, Ms L Hunter, Mrs R Clist, Mr B Alison, Miss O Courtney, Mr M North, Alex Parr, Cole Doyle

3rd Row: Jordan Crosado, Braeden Yardley, Jerimiah Cosgrave-Brogdrop, Kayne Goodfellow, Hayden Wharfe, Julia Mickell, Damien Hayes, Connor Mitchell, Beck Goodyear, Levi Guffogg, Flynn Gilmour, Mason Wintle

2nd Row: Brandon Roberts-Murphy, Tyler Flannagan, Eliana-Rose Kerrigan, Jaime Kurupo, Isaac Sheppard, Hannah Cant, Connor Morris-O'Reilly, Hyde Massey

Front Row: Suzy Thomas, Kinga Harding, Cat Mason-Veale, Georgia Denton, Tayla Allardyce, Mya Lawrence, Bridgette Hosford, Nikayla Abel, Suzy Hames, Yuri Suzuki, Jenna Swadling, Emma Millard

Absent: Himawari Azechi, Bailey Baker, Kathleen Craig, Jayme Curtis, Matthew Hamilton, Leah Hodge, Darryl Keyte-Cleverly, Maddy Lemuelu, Danni McKie, Renee Paterson, Ocean Shadbolt, Jade Tornquist, Ethan Trembath, Rosasharn Vincent

Year 13



Back Row: Mr P Chambers, Mr G Skipper, Caillean Ritchie, Sam Daniels, Mathias Damsted, Faun Driver, Callum McConchie, Ben Smith, Ms Y Gee

3rd Row: Claude Smyth, Corey Slimo, Matthew Riddlestone, Ewan Smith, Kayden French-Browne, Anthony Kim, Gian Liu, Caleb Hayes, Dallas Harvey

2nd Row: Adara Clemments, Elissa Britton, Holly Kenyon, Hannah Mills, Natalie Birt, Erin Corble, Gabby Pitman-Dodd, Jayde Holloway, Jader Fairburn, Jodie Lannie, Jack Frost

Front Row: Daniel Taylor, Ruben Paikea, Laurinda Bokma, Zoe Meehan, Molly Curnow, Kasey Ata, Holly Anderson, Kimberlee Mannington, Holly Brunt, Annmarie Holst, Jarrod Hayes, Curtis Stanaway

Absent: Jessica Allen, Teighan Lloyd, Abigail Mason, Chantel Shadbolt

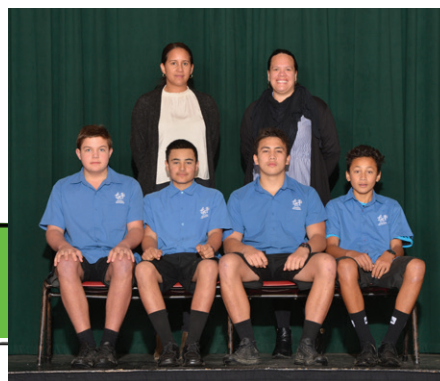
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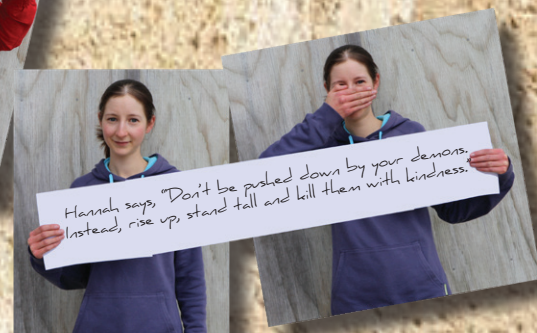
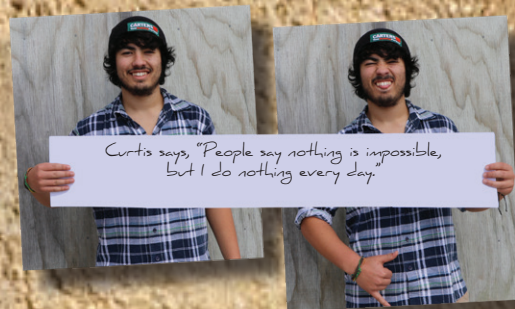
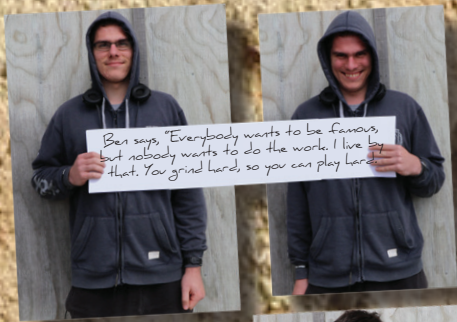


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