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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LLEW SMART

This year has been another challenging one for us all collectively. The school board accepted the resignation of the Principal at the start of the year and during this uncertain time the staff showed extreme professionalism and took it in their stride and kept moving forward, with the education and well-being of our students always their first priority. Some staff stepped up to fill senior or middle management roles within the school during the complicated but robust process of appointing a new Principal, and the Board is thankful to those staff who took the challenge in both hands. And the school welcomed Dirk Smyth as the new Principal. He had to hit the ground running with the added complication of the continuing and challenging covid developments. The Board are grateful for his unwavering leadership. Covid border restrictions and lockdowns also meant that the upgrade of B block and the library halted, and with a significant increase to the roll next year, this delay only added to the extra stresses of the year. The good news is that B block and the library will be completed and ready for the start of 2022. Again due to the uncertainty of covid restrictions the Ministry of Education has also pushed back the tri-annual elections for schools' Board of Trustees until September 2022. In these difficult and ever changing times, it is now even more important for the voice of our school community to be heard and represented, and I encourage you to consider putting yourself forward for the board member elections next year. To the students of Otamatea, you have demonstrated resilience and adaptability in these turbulent and chaotic times and always continued to strive towards your academic and educational goals, keep the momentum going into 2022. All the best.



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

DIRK SMYTH

Kia ora koutou. I feel very honoured and privileged to be the new, permanent principal of Otamatea High School. I joined the school 12 years ago as head of mathematics and in 2012 I was awarded study leave to complete my Masters Degree in Educational Leadership. I subsequently joined the senior leadership team and for the last five years have been the school's Deputy Principal. All three of my children have attended this school. The first started here as a year 7 student in 2010, and my youngest is a graduate from the current class of 2021. I know this school and I am excited for its future. Next year we are looking to start the year with a record roll of over 540 students. This is a fantastic school, with incredible staff, amazing students and a very supportive community and it is no surprise why our kura has become so popular.

I am very proud of our students. They are actively involved in their learning, both in and out of the classroom, and 2021 has been a celebration of that, despite several challenges. We lost our principal in the second week of school. We have had the entire B-block under construction for the whole year,

denying us five classrooms and our library. We even had a tsunami warning back in March. Of course several COVID-19 lockdowns have caused the greatest disruption to our school community. What this has taught us is that our students are adaptable, and resilient, and these are qualities that they will need if they are to be ready for the world.

We started the year with another set of outstanding NCEA results, achieving well above the national averages across NCEA levels 1, 2 and 3. Expectations remain high and I am looking forward to more great results for the 2021 academic year.

To all our students reading this: Be yourself. Be brave. Say yes to new opportunities. Create new opportunities. Don't wait for things to come to you. Don't be afraid of making mistakes. Don't be afraid of failure. Failing many times is often the pathway to success. Don't give up on your dreams. There really is no secret to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure. All the best to you all.

He waka eke noa. No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.



Dirk Smyth with newly appointed Head Prefects for 2022. Head Girl is Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne. Head Boy is Michael Ferguson. Deputies are Maia Fairburn and Alfie Vinnels.



Head Boy

JADEN SHEPPARD

Renee and I have had a tough year, and I know there was so much more we wanted to do, but like many others, Covid has impacted our lives in a multitude of ways, and restricted us from a lot of the things we would normally undertake in our previous environment. Looking back to Year 7, it feels like just yesterday. In my opinion, our year group is one of the best year groups Otamatea High School has ever had. One highlight was the Relay for Life at the start of the year. With such little time to fundraise, we managed to surpass our goal of \$10,000 and raise a total of \$12,627, which was not only a new record for our school but the highest raising team in Northland for 2021. I really enjoyed my time as Head Boy and set out to make a difference and be known to the students in our school. I wanted to be an academic role model and I achieved this by concluding the year on track to excellence endorsement in my subjects. High school was fun, but we have turned a page in our life. We have moved from childhood into adulthood and now is the time to find our passion. It's time to learn what we want to be if we haven't figured it out, or follow our dream if we have. Thank you to all my amazing teachers who have contributed by guiding and ensuring that I succeed in my education.

Head Girl

RENEE ALLEN

I remember my first day of high school like it was yesterday. I was year 7, a good foot taller than everyone else and drowning in my uniform that was promised I would "grow into." It was also at this time that my 11 year old self decided she wanted to be head girl and I am so honoured to have been given this responsibility, and would like to thank everyone who helped me get to where I am today. Year 13 has been one wild ride, with tears, concussions, social distancing, lockdowns, laughs and so many amazing memories. From attending netball nationals to tramping Stewart island and of course constantly beating the teachers in staff vs student sports, from which plenty of injuries were gained, but twice as many were given back, sorry Townshend. And while I probably spent more time on the netball court than the classroom, I would like to thank all of my teachers who helped me get through. The memories and friendships formed in this school will not be forgotten and I'm sure we will all carry the lessons we've gained from our time at Otamatea as we move on to the next stages of our lives.



Staff

2021



BACK ROW: Alison Cadman, Alice Croskery, Juliet Clark, Marco Troost, Wiremu Ngatipa, Nikola Kemp, Kay Robinson, Nikki Donaldson, Elizabeth van den Berg
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2ND ROW: Deborah Cornhill-Davies, Kari Meachin, Alexandra Smith, Tracey Christie, Taira Phillips, Alysha Brown, Tatiana Fonseca Bulla, Alex Linnell, Catherine Pilkington
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Prefects



Relay For Life

BY AMY LAWRENCE

After losing the opportunity to relay last year we knew we had to be a strong and dedicated team. We set ambitious goals and we as a team worked together to succeed, holding many fundraisers throughout the community over the course of three weeks before the event. A big thank you to the school for the mufti day and all the money that was donated by students and staff, and to all the businesses that sponsored our fundraisers allowing our team to raise in total of \$12627 for the Cancer Society funding and research. Lastly, I'd like to thank the prefects and year 13's who walked, ran and danced around the track, we all made many valuable memories. I am so proud to have led and been a part of such an amazing team. I wish our Yr 12's the greatest luck for next year's Northland Relay for Life on the 1st of April 2022.



Ota Kaihoe



In 2021 the Ota Kaihoe, our schools Health Council, was led by Amy Lawrence and Lily Hosford. Our role within the school is to improve health conversations through encouraging participation in wellbeing

related events. In May our school raised over \$400 for Mike King's Hope Foundation with our combined Pink Shirt Gumboot day. I think many of the students will remember the student-led assembly where we sang the gumboot song and Jaden (our head boy) performed some groovy moves.

The video we created for Men's health week, as well as activities related to daffodil day, random acts of kindness day, and world suicide prevention day which occurred during our term 3 Lockdown can be found on our instagram page @otamatea.kaihoe. Through this page we were able to stay connected with the students and offer support during the few weeks of home learning. Hopefully next year we can be more involved at school! We encourage students from Year 10 and up to join our group. It would be awesome to collaborate with future leaders who have a passion to create change and increase the overall wellbeing of Otamatea High School.

Rainbow group

While I have only joined the rainbow group this year I have greatly enjoyed interacting with other queer people and discussing some issues around the school and what can be done. But what actually is the Rainbow group? It is a conglomeration of Queer people who gather together bi-weekly to discuss issues around the school and just be chill. It allows for people to be open and express themselves freely. So yeah if you want to come along, do, if you don't, dont.

BY CALLUM SMITH

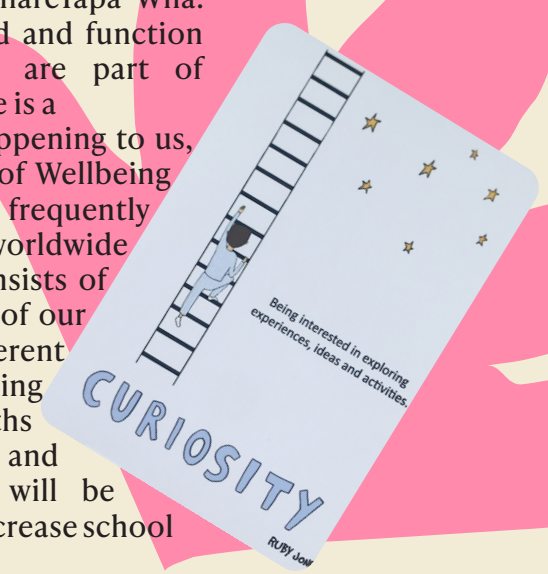
Counsellor Corner

Counselling, Wellbeing and Resilience at Otamatea

Over 180 students visited the Counsellors this year from all year groups with 50% males and 50% females. This is exciting as 3 years ago there were more females than male students sought counselling support. Counselling isn't just about talking but includes creative activities like drawing, painting, music and sound, and sandplay.

The counselling team 2021 included Alexandra Smith, Jean Hook (terms 1,2,3), Ann Hunt (terms 2,3,4) and Stephanie Hutchinson (terms 2,3,4). We all love

our work even though it is heartbreaking at times. Counselling fits within the Wellbeing and Resilience framework of Te WhareTapa Wha. Wellbeing is our ability to feel good and function effectively. Thriving and struggle are part of wellbeing, they ebb and flow. Struggle is a sign that something important is happening to us, not that we are unwell. One aspect of Wellbeing and Resilience counsellors are using frequently is the Via Character Survey. It is used worldwide across cultures and nations and consists of 24 character strengths that are part of our wairua and which we all have different degrees. Research shows that knowing and using our character strengths can help us to increase happiness and wellbeing. Our counselling team will be introducing initiatives next year to increase school wellbeing.



Find meaning and purpose
Enhance relationships
Manage struggle
Achieve goals

Kapa Haka

When one chief falls, Another one rises.

BY WIREMU NGATIPA

This year our school rōpu 'Ngā Uri O Ngā Waka' stood on the competitive stage for Te Tai Tokerau regionals. After months of hard mahi we were able to perform our bracket multiple times before going to the big stage. We performed for our teina from our local schools and in front of our own students and staff.

Our group consisted of Year 7 to 13 who were eager to learn and be a part of our rōpū, under the tutelage of our long standing and amazing tutor Nga Roimata Morgan and Matua Wiremu. Our wānanga gave us the opportunity to gel as a group and further reinforce our intrinsic Māori cultural values.

Throughout the year we had many pōwhiri to welcome manuhiri to our kura - Reperoa College and the many students and whānau at the Open Day to name a few. This is a great accomplishment for our kura as these have been opportunities that highlight Aotearoa's unique and indigenous Māori culture.

A massive thanks to Taira Phillips to whom much of our success is due and works tirelessly for our rōpu. We also acknowledge the hard work and support of the parents and teachers who gave up their time to



cook for the hungry and exhausted kids - the kai was always tino reka!
Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi. Engari he toa takitini.
Our success is because of the many and not the one

We know now that with continued hard work, commitment and determination we will reach our goal to compete at a national level. Lastly a massive shout out to the Year 13 leavers who will be the new raukura (alumni) of Ngā Uri O Ngā waka.

Mate atu he tētēkura, whakaete mai he tētēkura,

Ehara taku toa
i te toa takitahi.
Engari he toa
takitini.



YEAR 7

HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR INCLUDE having fun new subjects such as drama, art and technology. Meeting new friends especially at Year 7 camp at the start of the year - that was fun! We loved Athletics Day - having music and having all of the students together was great! And the large swimming pool for us to use at lunch times and in PE. All in all it has been a fantastic year in the junior syndicate.

Year 7 Camp

BY OLIVIA TONG & SERENITY BREWER

At the start of the year all Year 7 went on a camp to the Otamatea Marae. Everyone bought togs, bedding and clothes enough for one night and one day. It was really sunny for half of the trip and then close to leaving, it started to pour with rain! We went swimming, made more friends and were put in groups of 10 for the camp.

For the two days we were there, everyone had fun doing lots of different activities including shooting, archery, touch, soccer, water games and follow the leader. All the Year 13 were so helpful. They were such good role models as they were in charge of the games and would even take the groups of 10 swimming.

We ate in the wharekai, and the food was really good. We had burgers, hot chocolate, yummy breakfast and lots of homemade baking. Year 7 camp was a great way to start the year at Otamatea High School.



Poetry Cafe '21

On Monday 5th July, the Year 7 cohort all joined together to share their poetry at the annual Poetry Cafe held in A block at Otamatea High School. Each homeroom class displayed their terms work and a selection of students recited in front of invited guests (parents, caregivers and whanau of Year 7 students). Parents were able to enjoy a selection of scones and tea and coffee and join in on the celebration of a busy term learning about poetry.



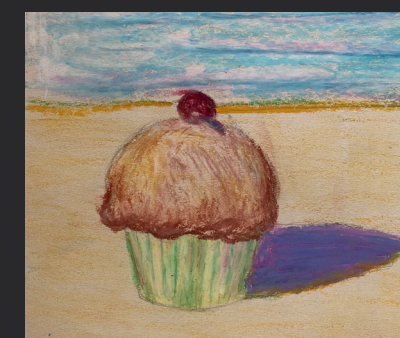
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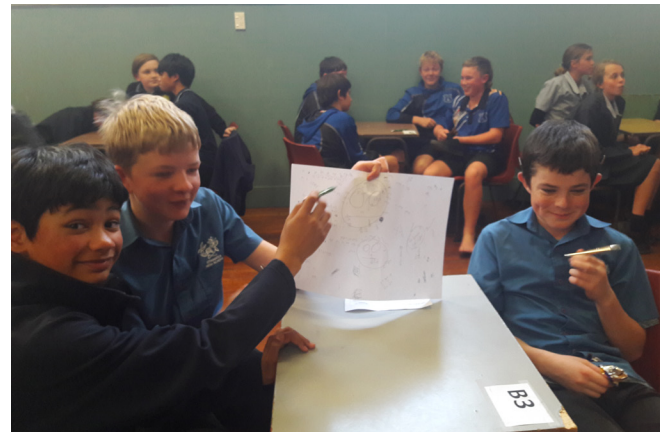
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY



YEAR 7 HIGHLIGHTS

Maths Week

BY NYREE ALCOCK



We were very lucky this year that our annual Maths Week was held just before the August Level 4 lockdown started. A variety of events were held by the Maths Department. These included: a maths quiz for senior students; School Mathex for Y7-10; and the Can You See 3D challenge for Years 7-10. These were all inter-iwi competitions.

For the first time this year we ran three separate Mathex events for Y7&8, Y9 and Y10. This was a great success as there was enough space in the hall for everyone to work comfortably together. On Thursday a multitude of teams from Years 7-10 went up to Whangarei to represent our school at the regional Mathex Competition. Teams of four had

to be fit and focused as they ran to collect questions and whizzed back with the (hopefully correct) answers. There were some tricky questions but everyone did well and it was great to be in a hall with so many keen mathematicians.

Speeches

BY KATHERINE COUGHLAN

Speeches are not an easy thing to do. In my opinion you have to be brave and confident enough to speak about what your topic is and get your word out. It isn't just about 'talking'. A good speech is about how well it is written, how you project your voice and tone, body movement, how you interact with the audience and keep them hooked. I am Katherine Coughlan and I've been doing speeches since year 4 in primary school. I have never won in primary school but I was so pleased to win this year. The year 7 students were very brave because it is their first year, and I'm sure they were very nervous to

YEAR 7 WINNERS

- FIRST:** Jaimee McCarthy
My life in 20 years
- SECOND:** Ella Sheppard
Cyber Bullying
- THIRD:** Behr Holland
Gaming
- THIRD:** River Brownlie
Why you shouldn't stress

stand in front of an audience for the first time. I remember we were all sitting waiting for our turn and every time one of us got up we wished each other good luck. Once the students came down from the stage, we congratulated them again and complimented each other on how great they were. Even if someone made a mistake we made sure to comfort them. I believe this made the class feel more confident getting up to speak. I also participated in the the Lion's Speech Competition which

YEAR 8 WINNERS

- FIRST:** Katherine Coughlan
RACISM.
- SECOND:** Stevie Raye Rawaho-Ball
The year that was 2020
- THIRD:** Kingsley Loughran
Civil Defence

was my first speech competition outside of school. I had two weeks to write a speech about "How COVID-19 will affect my future" so I decided to base it off of an educational point of view. When it was my turn to go and present my speech my mum said my face looked like it was my first time going on a rollercoaster. When I went up there I messed up a bit but you can always improve on anything, nothing can be perfect. That's why I like speeches, Because I can use my talent of talking and improve on it. It is a win-win!

YEAR 7 CAMP



YEAR 7

CLASS PHOTOS



7S

Back Row: Rowan Deacon, Vann Johnson, Baxter Culpan, Deana Nickel, Olivia Tong, Harry Thompson
 3rd Row: Sam Watson, Shyla-May Akuhata-Brown, Jacob Lord, Lila Nicholson, Chloe Henson, Arian Shepherd, Nikau Percy
 2nd Row: Kyle Barber, Kingston Bevan, Kane Phillips, Devero Riri, Kalebis Martin, Daniel Voss, Corben Slatter, Nyree Alcock (Teacher)
 Front Row: Serenity Brewer, Azaylea Wilson, Lucy Lawrie, Izzy Paieka, Raiha McCall, Hannah Hodgson, Jaimee McCarthy
 Absent: Naye Davies, Tangaroa Turner-Bennett, Sabrina Broughton, Cyprus Tumata



7E

Back Row: Justyce Wilson, John Harris, Marangai Waata-Kairau, William Kemara, Jacob Watson, Kade Powell, Harper Sutcliffe
 3rd Row: Reon Huggett-McCarthy, Alex Millard, Liam Asuncion, Jakob Buxton, Blake Forsyth-Hall, Ian van Blerk, Paieka Littlejohn
 2nd Row: Brooke Thompson, Lily Adolph, Kyla Mansell, Leyton Greig, Luca Troost, Harper Dowson, Shia de Ridder, Sienna Purcell, Andy Thomas (Teacher)
 Front Row: Heidi Holden, Amber Henderson, Olive Woodman, Lily Clare, Holly Duncan, Cassandra Foy, Bella Holden
 Absent: Billie-Jayne Taurua-Fedarb



7N

Back Row: Caitlin Rogers, River Brownlie, Nikau Tandy, Cohen Hunia, Erika Savage-Serrano, Dani Fergus, Serafim Shefer
 3rd Row: Harvey Tynan, Teneal Veza, Colby Loter, Rubyn Lawrence, James Wintle, Jaya Radd, Behr Holland
 2nd Row: Riley Ward, Riley McKay, Brooklyn Donaldson, Nikau Phillips, Blake Vaughan, Jesse Linn, Tyler Sinclair, Alysha Brown (Teacher)
 Front Row: Ella Sheppard, Stevie Ross, Penny Worsfold, Amelia Martin, Trinity Ullisala, Logan Burkill, Awa-Lee Rees
 Absent: Cordell Smith, Elissah Davis

NGUNGARU SPORTS TRIP



THE READERS CUP 2021

BY CATHERINE PILKINGTON

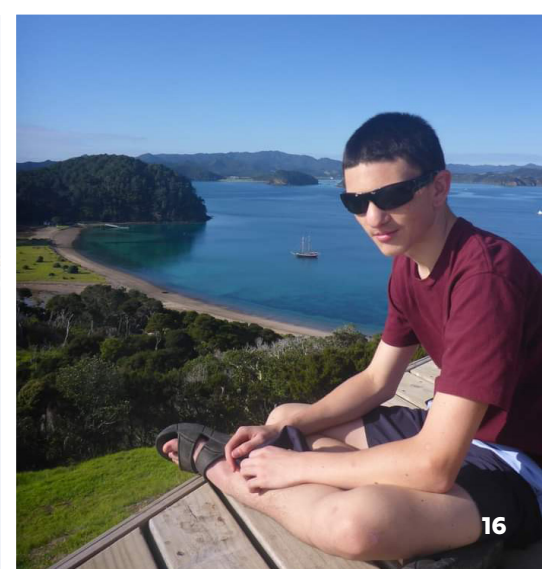
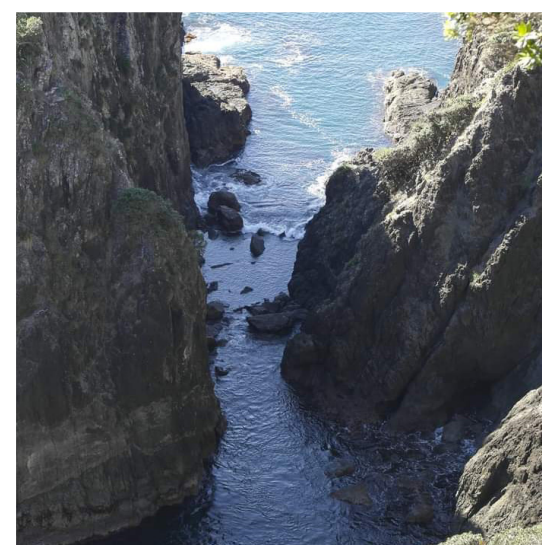
On Thursday 24 June Vicky and I took a team of Year 9 students to Whangarei Girls' High School to compete in the Northland Readers' Cup. The team consisted of Jaime Warrington-Grace, Jess Ewen, Annabella Allen and Leah George. All of the entrants had to read six books and were questioned on their knowledge and understanding of the characters, plot, setting, and details of each book. The books were enjoyed by all the students and were chosen by school librarians from around Northland. The books this year covered a wide range: fantasy, war, global warming, a retelling of Robin Hood, protecting a Taniwha's home and a sports book completely written in verse. The winning team was from Kerikeri High School; they will compete in the national final to be held next term by Zoom. This year's competition had the largest number of teams competing; there were teams from Rodney College in the south and Kaitia College in the north and everywhere in between. Well done to our team, they worked hard and had to give many hours out of school to prepare for this competition.

R. Tucker Thompson

This year several students from Otamatea High School had the amazing opportunity of getting on the R. Tucker Thompson voyages.

BY SARAH CAMPBELL-WINTER

These voyages were 7 days sailing around the Bay of Islands and one trip down to Whangarei. Everyone started their journey with a group of 12 trainees who were complete strangers to each other and 4 crew members. During the voyage everyone experienced new friendships, the challenges of living on a boat and amazing activities that tested their limits. Sailing around on a ship and learning how to operate it alongside new friends that will last a lifetime was enjoyed by everyone. A huge highlight for most was the Tucker challenge. In order to complete the challenge you must climb up the mast of the ship and out the gaft of the top sails. Completing this challenge did not only bring a sense of achievement to those who did it but also a fun ankle bracelet to remember it by. Being able to experience the beauty of the water, especially the marine life and phosphorus (bioluminescence) was another students highlight. They loved every moment of laughter and new challenges. If anyone is interested in trying the R. Tucker Thompson experience then go for it. You will not be disappointed.



William Pike

The quote from William Pike, **“All passion, no limits”** really resonated with the students and has motivated them to keep pursuing their goals even with interruptions and restrictions this year.

BY NYREE ALCOCK

How much better would a young person's life be if they were equipped with 21st century skills to handle any situation that came their way? That is what the William Pike Challenge is all about! Essential life skills for students in Years 7 & 8, with the focus on developing strengths in leadership, social skills, community involvement and creativity! Students learn skills needed to cope with the unexpected and challenged in ways which can not simply be achieved inside the classroom. They are learning to build better relationships with their peers, teachers and activity helpers, taking a different approach with each and building confidence to handle any situation which may come their way.



The strength of the William Pike Challenge lies in taking students outside their comfort zone to solve problems or deal with situations they never expected, but at same time they have fun doing it! The challenge is based around three key areas; Passion Projects, Community Service and Outdoor Activities. Outdoor Activities (5 outdoor activities which run throughout the year and organised by Otamatea High School WPCA co-ordinator) Outdoor Activities provide opportunities for young people to step outside of their comfort zone, take risks, build confidence and strengthen relationships with peers. Outdoor Activities not only build positive wellbeing, 21st-century skills and an explorer

mindset, they also remind our youth about the beauty and accessibility of New Zealand's landscape. Bushwalks, a high ropes course, mountain biking, orienteering or rock climbing are great examples. Studies have shown that spending time in nature improves mental well-being by lifting your mood and decreasing feelings of depression, anxiety and stress. Investing in our youths' mental health means they're more prepared to overcome challenges and change that will inevitably come their way.

Community Service (Complete 20 hours throughout the year) Community Service allows young people to explore, develop and strengthen empathy, humility

and compassion. Characteristics many young people may not have had the opportunity to untap. Giving back to the community also provides opportunities for young people to step outside of their comfort zone, develop communication skills, connectedness with the local community, peers and whānau and embrace a greater sense of purpose. Examples of Community Service which the 2021 William Pikers have undertaken this year include helping at community gardens, rubbish pickup, bake sales with the funds going towards the rescue helicopter, helping train younger netball teams and helping with the free and healthy lunches.

Many young people continue to do voluntary work well after they've completed the William Pike Challenge; those feel-good feelings are hard to shake off!

Passion Projects (Complete 20 hours throughout the year). A Passion Project is a sport or hobby that's totally new to the young person and is usually done in their own time. They are supported to do it in school during lunchtimes or intervals, if they wish however many choose to complete these at home or outside of school hours. They encourage young people to take on a challenge and develop their self belief, work ethic and

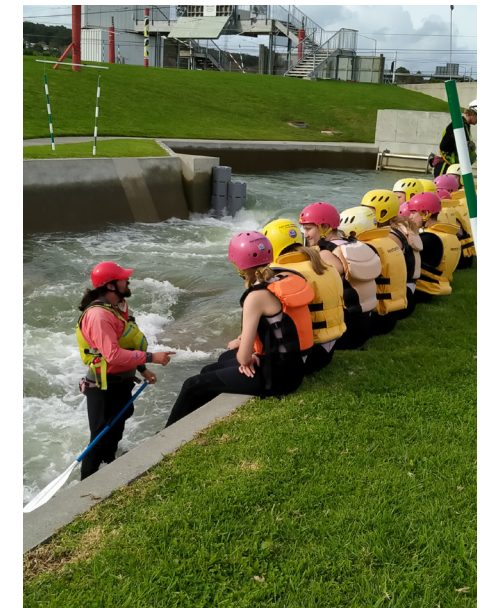


commitment. Trying something new and working hard to master it develops determination, concentration and resilience. Learning a new sport or a new language, learning how to cook, photography, horse riding, or sketching - Passion Project options are endless! This year we have had 34 Y7 & 8 students participate in the William Pike Challenge and will be running it again in 2022.

My experience with William Pike.

BY ALLISTAIR MARTIN

The William Pike challenge is a big extra curriculum thing made up of; community service, outdoor activities (which you do as the William Pike group), and passion project. You would normally do twenty hours of each of these things, unfortunately due to covid 19, we had to cut the hours down to twelve. When you are doing the community service you do work in the community or just around, for no money at all. This year I have chosen to help with tidying up the free lunches for the school. The outdoor activities usually consist of five things, but we had to cut them down to three activities, so far the group has been to a white water rafting park in Auckland, and we are due to go surfing at Waipu Cove. Lastly, the passion project is where you try something you haven't done before, such as: drawing, surfing, skateboarding, arts and crafts and sports just to name a few. This year I have done wood carving, and so far have made a totem pole, and other random things. Overall, the William Pike helps kids to learn new things and get out of their comfort zone with other people and help make new friends.



YEAR 8

2021, A year of hopes, dreams... and FUN! A year 8 student shares her perspective on a great year in the Junior Syndicate.

BY AMY WEBER

Considering our crazy year in 2020 with lockdown, online schooling and the Covid-19 pandemic, this year has been pretty great even with our lockdowns in term three. So here are some of this years highlights for the year 8's so far: First on my list we have the speeches which was fun. We had a couple of weeks to plan, write, edit, practise and deliver our speeches to the class. If you were one of the top three in your class, you then went to the finals in the hall.



Next highlight for us was the introduction of free lunches for schools. The year 7 & 8's were all in the hall together, put in groups by their whanau. This was a great thing for our school to have taken on. At the beginning quite a few kids really didn't like the lunches but after a couple of weeks the menu got changed to pizza - Yay!



Another highlight this year has been the school cross country. It was so much fun and we had lots of people participate even in the rain. The best part was how we all got so super, super muddy! All the year 8 kids did well running around the course and putting in



their best effort.

After cross country we had the haka competition. Each iwi created a fierce performance and we worked hard to get our words and actions in time. Matua Wiremu worked with each iwi to give them a special edge and the teachers participated too. On the day we all went to the gym and watched each iwi perform. This was so much fun and the gym got really loud! Ngapuhi took it out but not without a good go from all the other iwis. After the school holidays we had the science fair. It was tough to complete in the short amount of time we were given, but my whole class managed it and the kids all did some interesting experiments and investigations. This has been a great year so far in the life of a year 8.

ROTATIONS



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ART



By Allistair Martin



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY



MUSIC



YEAR 8 HIGHLIGHTS

Consumers & Producers

During Term 2 the Year 8 students embarked on "MAKING IDEAS HAPPEN", a unit about Producers and Consumers. Students learned about the rights and responsibilities of producers and consumers, product development and the importance of understanding her market.

On the day of the event we set up the hall and we all made our own displays to show the work that we had put together throughout the whole term. For each display we needed to have a business name and make it attractive. For our products we made our own food to 'sell' - though we gave away our products to other students. We had to make all sorts of food products to share



with the group of year 8s and the parents and teachers. We learned all about what a producer is and consumer as well. We learned about selling products and the importance of good marketing through advertising. After weeks

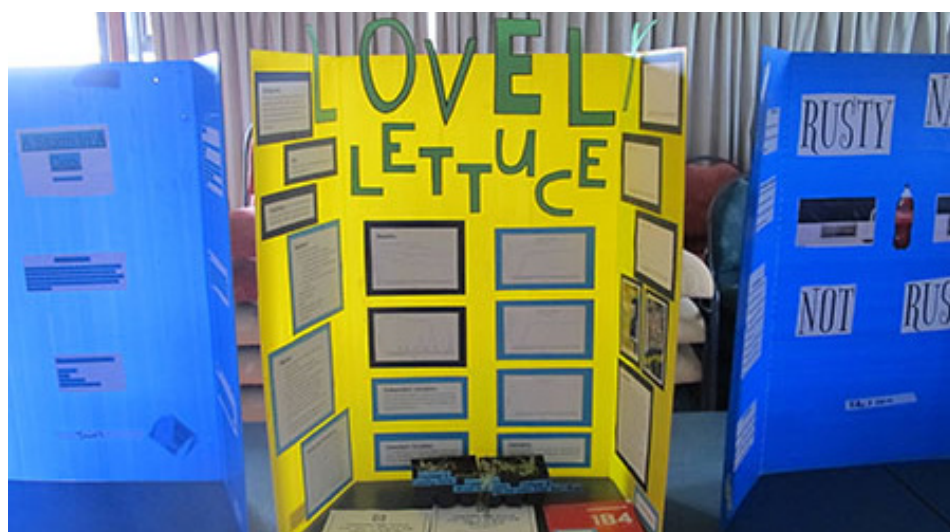
of preparation and planning it was so great to see the hall full of people enjoying what we made. It was really fun and a great experience and I would definitely do it again.

BY JUSTICE PERRY



Science Fair

The Science Fair projects were dynamic, allowing students to explore and examine a topic of their choice and complete a scientific investigation. Students work alone or in pairs and have the opportunity to develop their thinking skills, time management, team and relationship abilities. This year there were 82 exhibits, and this produced a great visual display and some excellent science. Investigations ranged from 'Moldy Mayhem', 'Robot toy animals' to 'Does age impact reaction times'. With the B block upgrades and the hall being used for lunches this year we transferred the Science Fair down to the Country Club. The boards were on display on the 5th and 6th of August and parents were able to come and view them. The judging was quite tight with a lot of great contenders for the top slots.



RESULTS YEAR 7

- FIRST:** Rubyn Lawrence
How diffusion is affected by temperature.
- SECOND:** Luca Troost & Alex Millard
Growing microgreens in different soils.
- THIRD:** Amelia Martin & Danielle Fergus
Sample of old LED lights.

RESULTS YEAR 8

- FIRST:** Jamie Cotching & Josh Scheepers
Moldy Mayhem
- SECOND:** Amy Weber
Melting Power
- THIRD:** Allastair Martin
Lovely Lettuce

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YEAR 8

CLASS PHOTOS



8E

Back Row: Kingsley Loughran, Nikau Paratene, Nathan Gilligan, Jamie Cotching, Josh Scheepers, Calvin Mikaere, Riley Thomas
2nd Row: Tailah McLiver, Madi Radd, Melitta Hutchin, Riley Gool, Kurtis Hill, Timothy Bellette, Alex Linnell (Teacher)
Front Row: Chloe Seward, Aya Hassan, Louise Vernall, Monique Fitzpatrick, Jorja Naylor, Kazia Leaf, Sapphire Parata
Absent: Syraya Jansen, Cohen Duke, Raukawa Tongariro, Kataraina Tongariro, Alex Inder, Ryan Gore, Heze Fairburn



8S

Back Row: Aaron Tong, Dave Dela Cruz, Zuri Kimani, Daniel Ford, Hunter Hambrook, John Jansen
3rd Row: Oliver Ford, Max McLean, Lewy Aitken, Dion Sheppard, James Bellette, Charlize Sheppard, Jorja-May Phillips
2nd Row: Ngatiira Mead, Devon Goodin, Ruby Stonex, Kelly Kemara, Billy Holcroft, Luca Nepia, David Burnell (Teacher)
Front Row: Olivia Alcock, Wairua Nathan, Ella MacDonald, Stella O'Keefe, Amy Weber, Namarni Ghio, Willow Woodman
Absent: Amelie Merwood, Gina Smith



8N

Back Row: Hank Savage-Serrano, Bonnie-Rose Ata, Azaria Emerson, Toby Moir
3rd Row: Stevie-Ray Rawaho-Ball, Alex Amesbury, Lucas Watson, Max Kemp, Niko McGee, James Conza
2nd Row: Alex Inder, Riley Rogers, Junior Ullisala, Ben Lawson, Allistair Martin, Casey Greig, Nyree Alcock (Teacher)
Front Row: Mikki de Haan, Isabella Hosford, Brooke Healey, Willow Frazer, Pyper Buxton, Katherine Coughlan, Kelsey Herewini
Absent: Justice Perry, Jayden Brown, Joseph Knight

KIDS' LIT QUIZ 2021

BY CATHERINE PILKINGTON

In March Vicky and I took two teams to the Kids' Lit Quiz Northland Regional Finals in Kerikeri. The teams consisted of six year 8s: Amy Weber, Olivia Alcock, Willow Woodman, Azaria Emerson, Pyper Buxton and Isabella Hosford and two year 7s : River Brownlie and Jacob Lord. Both teams competed well, with only four points separating them at the end of the competition.

The questions this year covered a wide range of genres and topics from blindness to flowers to squirrels to nastiness and a very popular section on Dr Seuss. Our teams both scored well in the squirrels and nastiness sections. Kamo Intermediate Team 1 was the winning team and went on to represent Northland in the National Finals in Wellington. We had a wonderful day; it always amazes me to see the incredible enthusiasm and joy the participants get from reading books. I would like to thank the Paparoa Lions' Club and OHS PTCA for their sponsorship.





Senior PRIZEGIVING 2021

SPECIAL PRIZES

Kia Maia - Be Brave in Learning
 Harlym O'Keefe
 General Excellence by a Senior Student
 Renee Allen
 Exceptional School Supporter
 Jaden Sheppard
 Peer Support Award
 Amy Lawrence
 Best Aggregate of Science Subjects in Year
 13 (Fonterra Cup)
 Amy Lawrence
 Jessie Vaughan Trophy for Senior
 Citizenship
 Alida Spencer
 Student Exhibiting School Spirit
 John Hampshire
 Best All Round Maori Pupil
 Maia Fairburn
 Outstanding Sporting Achievement
 Maia Fairburn
 Principal's Award to BOT Representative
 Michael Ferguson
 Principal's Award to Deputy Head Girl
 Amy Lawrence
 Principal's Award to Deputy Head Boy
 Cody Brunt
 Principal's Award to Head Girl
 Renee Allen
 Principal's Award to Head Boy
 Jaden Sheppard
 Excellence in Level 2 English & Science
 Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne
 Fair Play & Sportsmanship Trophy
 Bille Le Mesurier-Cowbourne
 Most Promising Student Returning to
 School
 Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne
 Senior Victrix Ludorum
 Grace Kemp
 Senior Victor Ludorum
 Jack Hodgson
 Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence
 Award
 Jack Hodgson
 Manukura (Ngaroimata Morgan Trophy)
 Teina Whare Paikea
 First in Year 11
 Morgan Bull
 First in Year 12
 Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne
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 Cory Browne
DUX OF THE SCHOOL
 Amy Lawrence



YEAR 9

Year 9 students have proven themselves to be powerful learners this year. In the second semester all students participated in a cross curricular programme and were able to connect and transference their learning.

BY TRACEY CHRISTIE.

A real highlight this year has been the new cross curricular courses in year 9 taught in the second half of the year. Two topics have been taught; Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse and Discovering the Pacific. Each subject area has approached the topics from their unique vantage point, allowing the students a wide scope of learning and the ability to build on knowledge across the board.

Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse was designed to engage the students in a creative way and let them think about how a popular culture phenomenon such as 'zombies' addresses a range of concepts such as survival, prejudice, globalization, and pandemic response. Each subject was rebranded a 'Zone' and students needed to complete each zone to prove they 'survived'. Discovering the Pacific has been a journey into how early Māori discovered New Zealand. This topic focuses on Polynesian explorers and the extraordinary navigation skills they used to cross the Pacific Ocean.

In 2022 cross curricular learning will expand to become four topics.

NEW WAYS OF LEARNING A STUDENTS PERSPECTIVE

Jaime Warrington-Grace reflects on her learning this year and describes a few highlights.

BY JAIME WARRINGTON-GRACE

2021 has been an interesting year for us all, especially for the year 9s. In term three we started a new way of learning. Instead of going to a new class every hour we started learning about things that connected with all of our other classes.

In term three it was the Zombie Apocalypse. In English we learnt about different movie angles and we were planning on shooting our own zombie movie in groups, but with lockdown we were unable to complete this. In Maths we learnt about exponents, the exponential growth resembled how fast outbreaks spread. Social Studies, we learnt about some of the major pandemics such as The Black Plague, Influenza and AIDS and HIV. During Physical Education classes we learnt about survival. For Science we planned an escape route and drew our own zombies.

After lockdown we moved onto Discovering the Pacific. We have used kayaking to practise skills, movement and transportation modes ancient sailors would have had. We also learnt about Makahiki and traditional Maori games. In Science we looked to the stars and astronomy and created a sundial. The different rotations did Pacific drumming, Pacific island woodcut prints and built out-rigger boats in technology.



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YEAR 9

CLASS PHOTOS



9E

Back Row: Egor Shefer, Lucas Sutcliffe, Cruz McLiver, Spencer Vinnels
 3rd Row: Jack Durrant, Kowen Phillimore-Hawkins, Jack Smith, Wiremu Phillips, Joseph Walker
 2nd Row: Summer French, Sophie Heron, Tyler Kaye, Rico Franks, Tennessee Brewer, Mollie Cato, Gretchen Dainty (Teacher)
 Front Row: Jaime Warrington-Grace, Kiera Johnson, Tessa Ball, Haven Fletcher, Chevanna Mabbett, Sienna Burkill, Jess Ewen
 Absent: Kayne Holden, Leah George, Camron Gaudin-Topia



9N

Back Row: Brock Johnson, Atariki Ashton-Videla, Evan Fisher, Ash Campbell
 3rd Row: Liam van Harlingen, Annabella Allen, Te Aurere Paul, Mollie Hanna, Aaron Teixeira
 2nd Row: Ethan Barber, Tait Winter, Isaiah Pere, Luke Weber, Ben Woolley, Keidis de Ridder, Ethan Gowland, Arina Bosch (Teacher)
 Front Row: Charlotte Bygrave, Amanda Connelly-Richards, Manaia-Lee Puke, Charlotte Gardner, Sage Kingi, Kaya Brown Robson, Brooke Amesbury. Absent: Ben Muller, William Fox, Bailey Glenn, Maddy Stanisich



9S

Back Row: Mya Adolph, Ashton Naylor, Jackson Brown, Oscar Longdon, Sasha Ruiterman, Astin Jebbink, Lincoln Morgan
 2nd Row: Logan Sinclair, Shania Mickell, Dalana Stonex, Felix Le Mesurier-Cowbourne, Robbie Woods, Nieve Kearns, Olivia Little, Andy Thomas (Teacher)
 Front Row: Emma Morrell, McKenzie Joyce, Nia Owen, Alice McCarthy, Shontelle Phillips, Soraya Erutoe, Anika Neckelson
 Absent: Hira Taurua, Bella Jackson



9T

Back Row: Aaron Westlake, Dean Sheppard, Cooper McKay, Wiremu Makea, Ryder Hodge, Bailey-James Bowles, Connor Alcock
 2nd Row: Eli Stables, Zack Schultz, Jazzlyn Martin, Jasper Plaistowe, Zack Grigg, Sarah Millard, Kadeyn Asuncion, Chris Townshend (Teacher)
 Front Row: Nikesha Aitken, Elle Galloway-Meekings, Lauren Browne, Lisa van Blerk, Morgan Jansen, Renee Canton, Omanaia Goodman. Absent: Anahera Worsfold, Jacob Cleave

Duke of Edinburgh

GOLD

By SARAH CAMPBELL-WINTERS

Earlier this year a group of students travelled down to the South island for 10 days to tramp the Milford and Kepler tracks in order to complete their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. They tramped through all sorts of weather including sun, wind and rain experiencing the true likeness of nature. High elevations of Mckinnons pass at 1,154 meters and Mt Luxmore at 1,400 meters alongside following rivers along the tracks. Seeing snow capped mountains and the beautiful wildlife that the South island has to offer was a huge highlight of all the students. Being able to tramp two great walks in one go was challenging and is a huge accomplishment to have made. Great thanks to all of the helpers that accompanied the students on their journey.



Gold Ceremony

By ROBYN BRUCE

It was with great pride and pleasure that Robyn Bruce, Paul Chambers and Cat Veale attended the Auckland Gold Duke Of Edinburgh's Hillary Award Ceremony held at Pukekohe High School on Saturday 19th June where, Tyler Flannagan, received his Gold Award from Sarah Hillary and Ken Hames. The Governor-General, Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy was in attendance at the ceremony and spoke to the awardees... "The Duke Of Edinburgh's Hillary Award offers valuable opportunities to learn life skills, make new connections and engage more fully with your communities. The experiences you have had and the knowledge you have gained will stand you in good stead for years to come." Tyler's citation in the official programme reads : Best time of my life! I enjoyed every moment of it from the environment I was in, to the people I was with. My best highlight was standing at the top of any mountain and just admiring how high above the ground I stood- it was such an incredible feeling. Congratulations, Tyler! We are all very proud of you.

BRONZE

By SONYA STEINER



Earlier this year the Bronze D.O.E group went on three tramping trips to the Tangihuas, for our training tramp, Mangawhai our practice tramp, and the Pinnacles in the Coromandel for our qualifying trip. These tramps were a really good experience for our Bronze D.O.E group. We learnt how to map, and how to pack lightly, we also learnt how to survive if we get lost in the bush. The Pinnacles were the best trip. It had beautiful views and was an enjoyable tramp. Half of the D.O.E group walked up the pinnacles early in the morning to watch the sunrise, this was a good way of starting the day.

On the way back home from the Pinnacles we stopped off to get ice cream (they were massive scoops). This was a delicious way of ending the D.O.E adventurous journey.



SILVER

By SOPHIE LAWSON

At the start of the year our 2021 D.O.E Silver group planned to work towards doing their Qualifier on the Routeburn and Caples tracks in the South Island, but sadly Covid19 restrictions didn't allow for our original plan to go ahead. We started off our tramps at the Tangihua lodge on the 21st of May for our training weekend. We stayed the second night in bivouacs even though it was pouring down, the highlight of the tramp was sliding down the banks on Nikau Palm fronds. On the 22nd of October we left for our practice tramp, originally we were supposed to be going to taranaki but we couldn't get through Auckland with the Covid19 restrictions so our group was forced to do a section of the Te Araroa trail. From Urquharts Bay we started our hike over the Bream head to Ocean bay where we stopped for lunch. We continued our hike along the beach and discovered there was a severe weather warning for northland, we were halfway to our campsite when we encountered a cliff with no obvious track to get down so without hesitation we began our descent to the beach, we got to the bottom and Mr Chambers appeared around the corner, they had found the track. We got to Jagers campsite and decided to go swimming in the washing machine looking sea. The next day we woke up, not ready for the next 32km of walking. We reached pataua for lunch, we were all soaked and miserable, Except for Mr Chambers who was overly joyful as usual. We continued our hike to the next campsite where we were rewarded with warm showers and hot chocolate. The next day we crossed the Ngunguru river and hiked to Tutukaka where the vans picked us up because the weather was getting worse. Our group has had an amazing year even with Covid restrictions, we are excited for our qualifier even though we are unable to do the Routeburn track.

YEAR 10

Even with the interruptions of Covid-19, students have been able to complete a fulfilling year and are ready for their next steps. Callum Smith gives his perspective.

BY CALLUM SMITH.

Overall 2021 has not exactly been a great year in regards to Covid and pretty much everything else but considering we aren't in Auckland, things could definitely be a lot worse.



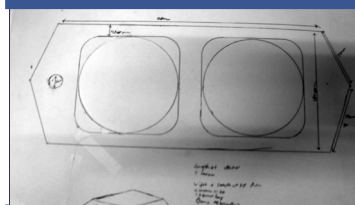
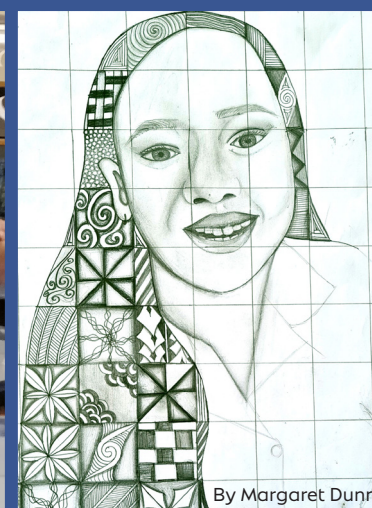
The first and probably most noteworthy thing that I will talk about is the trip to the Bay of Islands. We got to see a number of awesome things including James Busby's house, the oldest church in New Zealand and an absolutely amazing museum which is probably the third best in NZ. We also got to go to the pa site at Ruapekapeka which is where one of the largest battles in NZ took place. We finished the trip by traumatising some McDonald's workers - as pretty much all of year 10 went into McDonalds at once - so that was certainly fun.



Another thing to happen to year 10 this year was our work experience day. Year 10 students had to find somewhere to work for the day and everyone had different experiences in a variety of workplaces. Some people did brilliant things such as working with the Navy, taking a flight in a police helicopter and one lucky student even got to work at an accounting firm. I think that it helped a lot of people figure out what they want to do when they leave school, and what they really don't want to do. Unfortunately, I could not participate in this as I was busy losing at badminton. One huge task that some year 10 students foisted on themselves was the Magazine design class. Having to design and create the

magazine is no mean feat and the class has managed to pull it off spectacularly and you will be looking at the culmination of their hard work right now. It has involved learning lots of new skills for everyone involved and they have hopefully done a good job. However very little would have happened if Mrs Christie had not been putting in as much time as she had, she has had to put an incredible amount of effort into making sure that students do their work during class - so thank you. The class has been slightly rushed towards the end due to being unable to work during lockdown but they have still soldiered on. I hope I have done my due diligence and covered everything worth covering but I probably missed something. The year has been relatively uneventful for us as we have had some of our activities cancelled due to Covid but we have still accomplished a lot this year in school. At the time of publication we were about to embark on Year 10 Camp at Kai Iwi Lakes which will be fun. All of us are looking forward to our time in year 11 and properly starting NCEA Level 1 next year in the senior school.

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YEAR 10 HIGHLIGHTS

BAY OF ISLANDS TRIP

On Thursday, 6th May, and seven other staff members embarked on the twelve hour trip to the Bay of Islands with the entire Year 10 cohort. Seventy-two students and eight adults filled two buses and hit the road before 9am, excited about the whirlwind of activities we had planned.

BY **ARINA BOSCH**

Our first stop was the Treaty Grounds at Waitangi, where the wonderful staff were there to welcome us as we stepped off the buses. Students made an outstanding impression with their genuine interest in the kōrero of the guides, and their readiness to answer questions. We were lucky enough to see Ngātōkīmatawhaorua, the ceremonial war waka, as well as Hobson's Beach, James Busby's house, and of course, the wonderful museum filled with artifacts from this critical period of New Zealand's history. The students seemed most impressed with the chartered ferry from Waitangi to Russell. Many were brave enough to sit on the third level, although a few came back down once the ferry picked up speed! While in Russell, students visited Pompallier House, the old French mission building and printery, and Christ Church, believed to be the oldest church in New Zealand. We walked around looking at the historic buildings of Russell, once the notorious Kororāreka, known as the 'Hell-hole of the Pacific'

for it's grog sellers and unsavoury behaviour (I am pleased to say that our students did not follow the example of the poor behaviour of these early settlers!). After catching the ferry back to Russell, we boarded our buses and headed down to the historic pā site at Ruapekapeka, where British soldiers were lured into the middle of nowhere to attack the pā site. Our students enjoyed the final stop for the day, which involved fast food in Whangārei. The bus trip home consisted of very hyped students, and very tired teachers, but a wonderful day out was had by all, and the weather was spectacular.



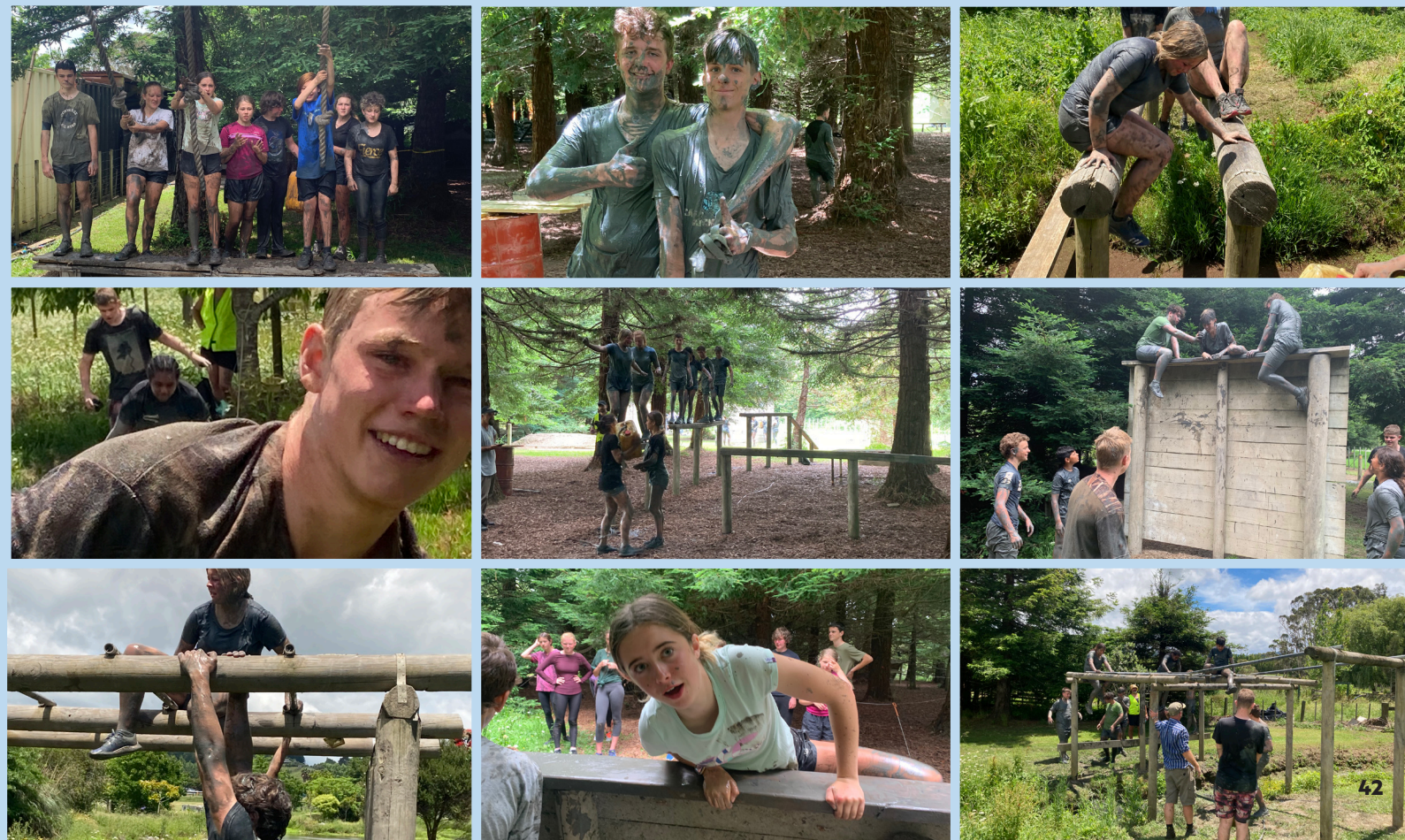
WORK EXPERIENCE DAY

Overall the Year 10 Work Experience Day was a huge success. Students went to various exciting workplaces. Some of these were: the Police Helicopter in Auckland, Northpower in Whangarei, Kiwikrane, DV Electrical, Tori-Lee Equestrian, Dream Planning, NIWA, Rural Design, Advanced Concrete Pumping, shops, automotive, motorcycle as well as engineering workshops and Astley Construction at school who are doing the B-block upgrade.

BY **ELIZABETH VANDERBERG**



2020 EOY ACTIVITIES



YEAR 10

CLASS PHOTOS



10E

Back Row: Whitiora Brown Robson, Keenan Mabbett, Christian Gardner, Flynn Duke, Logan Challis, Ryder Galloway-Meekings, Charlie Packham
2nd Row: Jackson Lambert, Ahriana Phillips, Flynn Richardson-Bright, Cameron Fitzpatrick, Analiese Allen, Maddie Snell, Philippa Randell (Teacher)
Front Row: Rizyiah Gray, Piper Culpan, Matilda Denton, Chloe Comer, Ashley Greig, Hannah Osborne, Alicia Moir
Absent: Melanie Turner-Bennett



10N

Back Row: Vraj Patel, Casey Brookes, Noah Dalkie, Sonya Steiner, Saffron Kemara
2nd Row: Albert Ullisala, Max Cotching, Leiton Stewart, Emmett Denton, Ethan Hayes, Xavea-Cruz Matheoda, Tony Baker (Teacher)
Front Row: Tammy Foster, Ruby Baker, Sophie van Harlingen, Lily Spencer, Amelia Vincent, Tayten Smart, Jade Johnson
Absent: Jayden Hill, Niah Quirk, Margaret Dunn



10S

Back Row: Pita Hamilton, Denham Beacham, Rheydyn Taihia-Paki, Harris Mclean, Charlie Tynan, Ryan Stirling, Ray Lewis Repia
2nd Row: Xavier Steffens, Kellan Antunovich, Matai Hartles, Zander Groenewald, Korey Ramsay, Morgan Guenther-Leslie, Philippa Randell (Teacher)
Front Row: Mikayla Prentis, Alise Rogers, Hannah Fergus, Asha Bridge, Sophie Lawson, Heather Cocker, Azaria Paikea
Absent: Kaine Sade



10T

Back Row: Toby Hydes, Bella Titcomb, Starria Storey, Leayah Buxton, Chance Perry
2nd Row: Mack McCamley, Callum Smith, Noah Martin, Max Bull, Brooklyn Burton, Mason Powell, Malcolm Crisp (Teacher)
Front Row: Irimei Grey, Kali Rahui, Brookie Hyndman, Heaven Slatter, Mania Mikaere, Eboney Vaughan, Paris Ford
Absent: Clayton Foy, Harrison Quinn, Damon Sitters-Neale

Olla Podriga

It was a great sunny day for Olla Podriga in the park everyone had a good time. Well done to everyone who participated.

Once again, Olla Podriga has been disrupted due to covid restrictions, but that didn't stop students from putting on an unreal show. Having planned for months, but not able to rehearse due to lockdowns, performers were finally able to meet for their only full band rehearsals of the year, the day before the show. With rain threatening the day, staff and students nervously worked on a plan C. A successful rehearsal day left everyone feeling ready, and eager to get on stage.

Luckily, the rain and clouds cleared and we were given a hot, summer day for the performance. Finally at lunch crowds started piling in, less than 24 hours after the only rehearsal had ended, ready for a show. Our incredible singers and musicians performed everything from acoustic ballads to full blown rock and roll. The sun brought out the best in the band and the crowd, and we were lucky enough to have a staff vs students lip sync battle hosted by Jaden. Huge credit to Mrs Alcock and Ms Reynolds who took on Kieran and Holly in the most intense lip sync battle this music teacher has ever seen.

A massive well done to Jacob, Heidi, Kelly, Saffron, John, Margaret, Tammy, Mark, Roy, Flynn, Katherine, Olive, and our very own Dion Dobbyn, and a huge thanks to Mrs Coll, Mr Townshend, and Mr Baker for making the music happen.

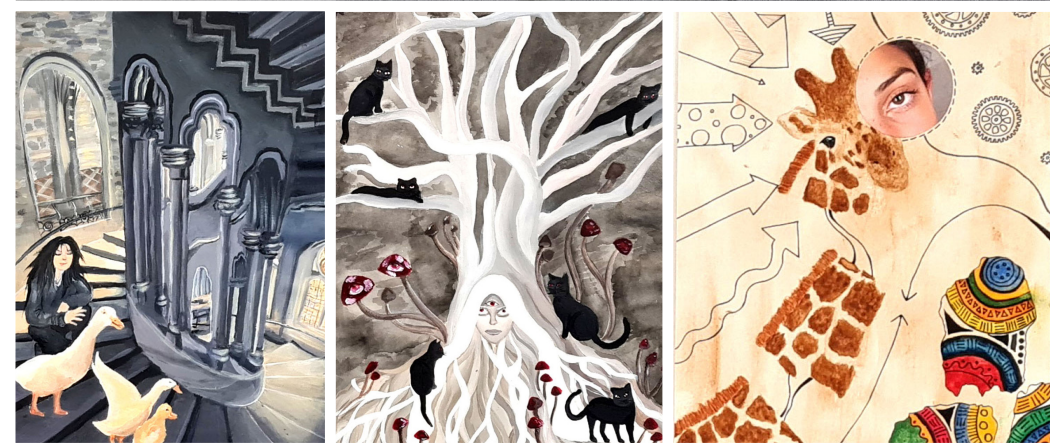
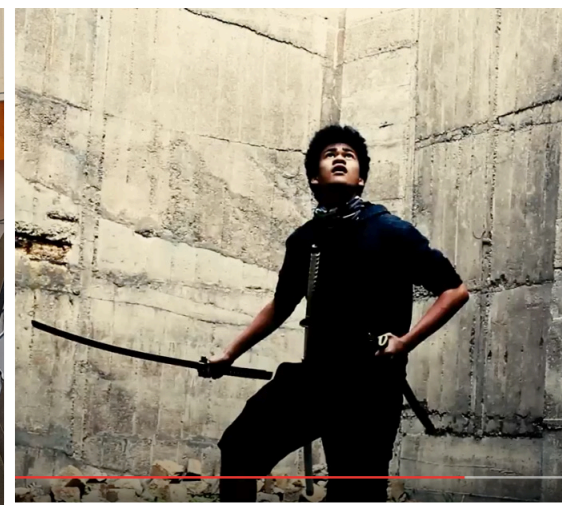
Bring on next year's ear bleeding, rock and rolling, sun burning, lip sync battling, crowd pleasing, guitar dueling, Podriga in the Park.

BY ADAM BLAKE



YEAR 11

Here is a visual storyboard showing some of the creative accomplishments for year 11. Engineering and Construction projects, Business Market Day, Music performances, Media Studies short apocalyptic films, Art pieces and Drama performances are just a sample of this talented group.



YEAR 10 CAMP 2020



YEAR 11

CLASS PHOTO



Y11

Back Row: Destiny Paitea, Brooklyn Shelford, Angus Gowland, Clio Callinan, Jesse Goodfellow, Ryan Douglas, Ella Baker, Connor Amesbury, Marshall Scott
 4th Row: Kosei Hayashi, Joel Inder, Joshua Davis, Leo Cannon, Kyn Smith, Roy Thomas, Manasseh Paki, Flynn Osborne-McNeilly, Kevin Kim, Gareth Ferguson
 3rd Row: Gretchen Dainty (Teacher), Reef Riri, Morgan Bull, Rikki Beazley, Branden Edwards, Kurtis Kemara, Aaron Cooper, Mark Andersen, John Hampshire, Bayden Puke
 2nd Row: Corbin Walker, Lexi Bevans, Milly Hodgson, Aylah Legge, Khaleah Smith, Devine Henderson, Emma Browne, Teagan Blissett, Tegan Littlejohn, Malcolm Crisp (Teacher)
 Front Row: Willow Campbell, Elsie Holcroft, Molly Craig, Leyla Routledge, Kate Corching, Isla Gutry, Leonie Beyer, Chloe Millard, Monique Sheppard
 Absent: Quentin Barber, Amy Gribble, William Holden, Piper Donald, Kaddison Hyndman, Mia Stanisich, Shikana Broughton

Reporoa 2021

"Reporoa held their own in the last quarter but could not close the gap enough"

BY TINA HOLST

Sunday 15th - Tuesday 17th August, the 54th Annual Exchange took place at Otamatea this year with 36 Reporoa students travelling up for the occasion. Reporoa arrived right on cue at 2.30 where the Otamatea Kapa Haka group welcomed our guests with a powhiri. This was followed by students finding out who they were being billeted with. Sunday afternoon, in front of a packed crowd, the girls' basketball teams tussled in the first quarter but Otamatea found their form in the second two quarters to gain a 18 point lead. Reporoa held their own in the last quarter but could not close the gap enough. The final score being 46 - 35 to Otamatea. The boys game was a comfortable win to Reporoa with their skills out on the court outclassing Otamatea. The final score being 45 - 12 to Reporoa. Thanks must go to the Otamatea coaches Bruce Alison and Paul Chambers and to our Referees Kalem and Jeremiah from Kaipara Basketball. At the prize giving 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. The overall result from the seven events, Otamatea came out with a 6 -1 win to secure the Hathoway Family Shield. To finish off the exchange a social was held in the school hall with the AIMS netball tournament team running the tuck shop. Here all students got to mix and mingle again. All in all the exchange was a huge success with a wonderful group of students who made everyone proud to be part of Otamatea High School.

VOLLEYBALL

With Volleyball being new to the exchange, the gym was full with exchange students keen to see how the game would unfold. The game was exciting to watch with great sportsmanship shown on both sides. Otamatea had the dominance of the game coming away with a 74-47 win. A huge thanks to Samid Buksh for his many hours coaching the Otamatea team. Thanks also to Kalem Tana and Alex Kelly for Refereeing.



DEBATE

The debate was the first event on Monday morning with the moot being "This house believes that everyone has the right to own guns" with Otamatea debating the affirmative. Sarah Campbell-Winter, Billie Le Mesurier and Alana Yardley presented a convincing debate taking the win over the Reporoa students. Thanks must Huia Coll for doing such a great job of mentoring the Otamatea team. Thanks also go to the adjudicators Lockwood Smith and John Cunningham



NETBALL

The court conditions were good and the sun was shining which made a great start to the game. It was great to have many spectators watching with the game running during interval. Again the final score does not reflect how great a battle the game was. Otamatea won 58 - 17. Thanks go to Nikola Kemp for her hours of coaching. Thanks also go to Mirna Manuell and Taira Phillips for umpiring the game.



FUTSAL

This was the second sport to be new to the exchange. This was an action packed game with plenty of excitement. The final score certainly does not show how close the game was. Reporoa had many shots on goal but just couldn't get the points on the board. The final result was 11 - 0 to Otamatea. Thanks go to Alex Kelly for her many hours of coaching and Samid Buksh for refereeing the game.



RUGBY

As a team that hasn't played together in a serious game of rugby our boys performed well. The game was 10 a side and it took both teams some time to find their rhythm. Otamatea opened the scoring in the first half with a try out wide to Kevin Kim, he went on to score 4 tries out on the wing through some great play from midfielders Tawhetu Phillips and Brandon Edwards. Jack Hodgson played a great game at halfback with some beautiful passing, he scored 2 tries himself and his last try in the corner sealed a great game for Otamatea. Some other standout performances were from Nasah Cullen, Gareth Fergusson and Cameron Fitzpatrick; their play at the breakdown and set piece was awesome. The final score was 47 - 0 to Otamatea. Thanks go to coach Bruce Alison, manager Dave Burnell and referee Ken Finlayson.



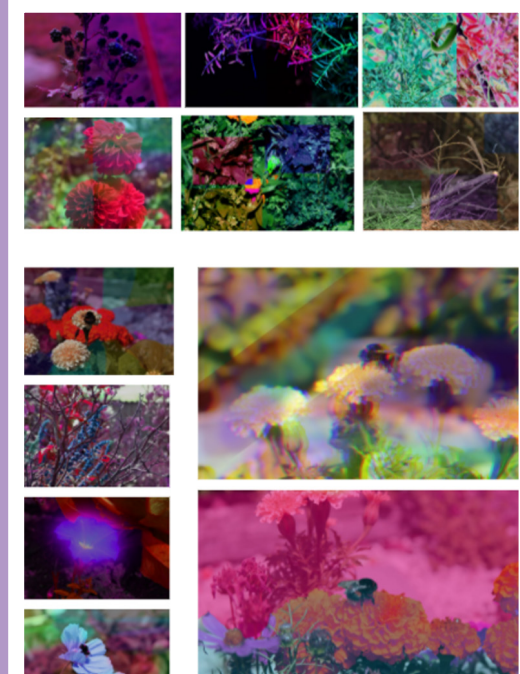
YEAR 12

The year twelves have had a full-on and extremely interesting year. Exploring exciting places where they have not been before and also learning new skills along the way. Each class has been working on their on projects and some even going on sensational trips.

BY SARA CAMPBELL-WINTER

All English, Mathematics and Science departments have worked hard mainly focusing on completing their level 2 NCEA standards throughout the year with some of the year 12s trying their hand at level 3 Biology and Chemistry in which they have been successful in completing the courses. Alongside these mainstream courses there has also been classes like Business Studies, Geography, History, Music, Media Studies and Drama who have also worked on completing their standards and having lots of fun throughout the year.

Level 2 Media Studies created a horror mockumentary and went to Matakohē Limestone Island to shoot their footage. Here we can see the crew wrapping up the day whilst in the ruins of the old concrete works.

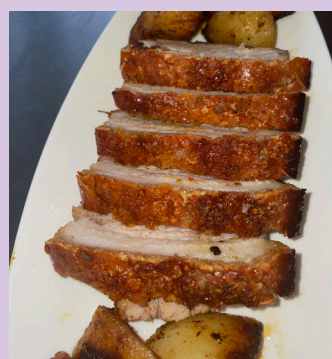


PHOTOGRAPHY

The option subjects this year for the year 12 students have been amazing. One of the photography students summed up level 2 photography with their experience of the class. “We had to pick a topic to take photos of for a portfolio and this year I picked rural farming and slowly moved into flowers. This showed my progression and further improvement throughout the year.”

HOSPITALITY

A student from Hospitality described their experience as “researching and then making extraordinary and extravagant dishes from around the world including Peri Peri Chicken, Nachos and Desserts” which always had the hospitality room smelling amazing when you walked in there.



PAINTING

Level 2 painting students spent the year creating artworks that showed the development of an idea with strong botanical aspects. Initially, they studied various artist models and chose aspects from each to incorporate into their paintings. As the year progressed these initial ideas grew into some amazing and unique creations. While there were only three students in the class, they enjoyed the specialist attention they received to produce such a high standard of work.



BY JONI ATKINSON



BY ALANA YARDLEY



ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION

Both construction and engineering classes enjoyed their projects this year with one student from engineering describing their experience in class when asked as “It has been awesome working in the engineering workshop all year. Manufacturing our very own grass karts from scratch, it has come with many opportunities for learning. Constructing and making components like the chassis to the engine mounts, from scratch. Leading to your kart at the very least being custom. Learning the whole process of making a kart, you very soon find out it is more than just welding two pieces of metal together.”



PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORTS LEADERSHIP

The Level 2 Physical Education class had a blast in their class of 4 students. They endured the lengths of training programmes, explored risk management out at the Poor Knights and even learnt the biomechanics of a volleyball serve. These students excelled in this class and look forward to what level 3 has to offer them.

This year the level 2 sports leadership class had the privilege of going down south to paeroa to tramp the Kaimais track. From camping next to a fresh water river to the jokes and laughs, this was an amazing experience and one the whole class will never forget. This year they also had the opportunity to head up to the Bay of Islands and participate in a fishing charter and mountain biking as well as stay in a magnificent facility called Baylight. From waking up to sunrises over the ocean to sunsets over the hills, to sitting around bonfires and bonding as a class this trip was a one in a lifetime experience.



BUSINESS STUDIES

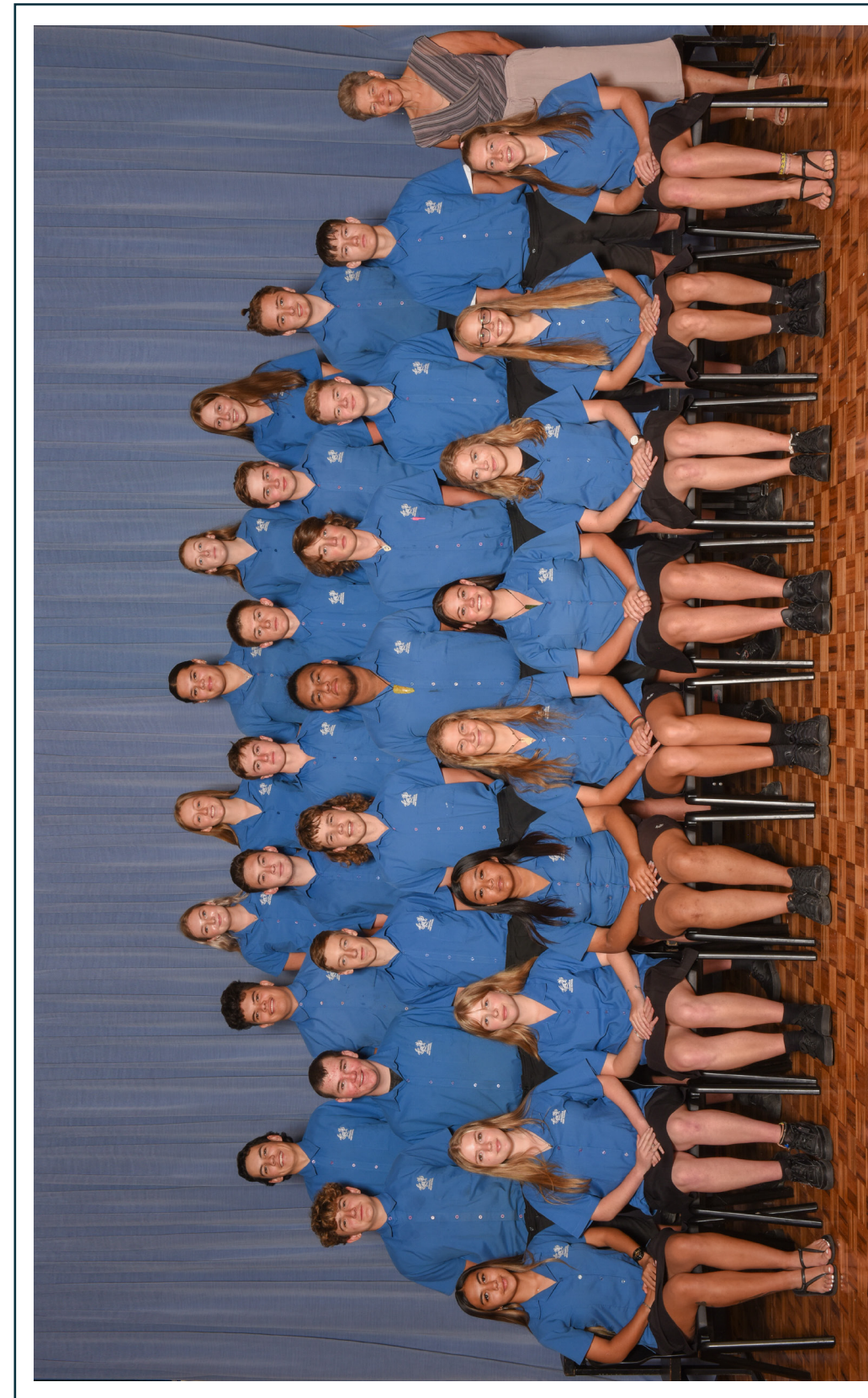
Otamatea Business Market Day was held at the school on 24th of September from 1:30pm. This market day was also part of two extensive six and nine credit assessments that allows students to work in groups to complete a detailed business plan, create and sell a product of their choice. This event gave students the opportunity to run a mini business for a day and earn real profit. We were amazed to see how well they carried out this activity while ensuring health and safety.

There was a variety of stalls that displayed products from candles to body scrubs and delicious food such as sushi and ice-cream sandwiches, which showed the great amount of effort students had devoted to this activity. Students sold out of their products and achieved their SMART goals. The seniors will be donating some of their profits to local charities.



YEAR 12

CLASS PHOTO



Y12

Back Row: Kaydence Joll, Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne, Shannon Lee, Ashlie Hugggett, Saffia Morgan
3rd Row: Jacob Holmes, Caleb Ansell, Tai Walker, Ben Donnelly, Nasah Cullen, Michael Ferguson, Bo Osborne
2nd Row: Austin Mickell, Ryan Fairclough, Alfie Vinnels, Flynn Powell, Teina Whare Paakea, Kieran Fergus, Max Tornquist, Lucas Reid,
Elizabeth van den Berg (Teacher)
Front Row: Maia Fairburn, Deva Chesterman, Joni Atkinson, Mina Fairburn, Alana Yardley, Sarah Campbell-Winter,
Sophie Steinacker, Lara McKenzie, Natalia Orchard
Absent: Jade Paakea, Conner Quirk, Jim Holcroft, Robin Gillespie, Jayke Parker, Freesia Bates

Shanghai Blossom

It was a dazzling night with an exotic theme 'Shanghai Blossom', transporting the senior students to another world. Students were dressed to impress and spent the night socialising and dancing with their friends.

Otamatea High School held their 2021 Senior ball on Friday 23rd July during the school holidays. This year the theme was Shanghai Blossom and the students transformed the hall into an enchanting wonderland. This was done with the help of our Otamatea senior ball committee, lead by Bella Moore and Sara Jansen, plus with the help of Damon George. We were able to make an amazing night for our seniors to enjoy especially for our Year 13's last ball. Good tunes and delicious food kept us going through the event as we danced with our friends, teachers and partners. We also had some amazing help from Matua Wiremu, Tiara Phillips, Huia Coll and many other staff and senior students that helped our night come together. We would like to say a massive thank you to our community that

helped support our ball - especially to the Kaiwaka Jacques 4 Square and The Three FurLongs Bar & Grill for sponsoring us and donating amazing goods to go towards our snacks and prizes throughout the night. Our night ended by us announcing our 2021 prize winners for the night. The King and Queen this year went to Jaden Sheppard and Kyla Slack. Prince and Princess went to Maia Fairburn and River Kerehoma. Beau and Belle went to Devine Henderson and Reef Riri. Cutest Couple went to Tara Moyle and Leo Palmer. Best Dressed Female and Male went to Sara Jansen and Tawhetu Phillips.

We would also like to say a big thankyou to our ball committee for 2021: Brenda Ferguson, Tara Moyle, Mina Fairburn, Rangawairua Moeau, Sara Jansen and Bella Moore.



YEAR 13

Seven years at OHS has prepared students for the world. In 2021 year 13 students have focused on meeting academic goals and enjoying a broad range of experiences in and out of the classroom.

BY ALIDA SPENCER & AMY LAWRENCE.

SCHOOL EVENTS STUDENT-LED ASSEMBLY

During our first student run Assembly this year the year 13s serenaded the students with the gumboot song as they came in and found their seats. At the end of the assembly there was time left over so Jaden challenged the school to a dance competition. He was amazing up there showing the school his “dancing queen” moves. The prefects hadn’t introduced themselves yet this year so he took the opportunity to show them who he was.



LEVEL 3 BIOLOGY APIARY VISIT

Year 13 Biology students were buzzing after having a close encounter with an apiary (beehives).

On the 12th of April Mr Townshend took our Level 3 biology class on a trip to see beehives and watch how the bees behaved. Mr Townshend’s mum sewed us special hat covers so we were able to open the hives ourselves and look for the queen bee. We were also able to lift out the slides and try some of the honey. Hamish, who owned the

hives, is an expert about bees and we learnt what some of their different behaviors and dances mean. We observed how the bees communicated with each other using their body language and what different signals and behavior meant. It was a great trip and I think it was inspiring for us all seeing someone following their passion and caring for the bees.

POOR KNIGHTS SNORKELLING TRIP

Despite a large swell, students had an outstanding experience snorkelling at the Poor Knights marine reserve at the start of the year.

Accompanied by the level two Physical education and Sport Leadership class, the level three Physical education class travelled to Poor Knights Island for a snorkelling trip. It was an exciting and unbelievable experience. We used our outdoor safety management knowledge and skills to embark on this incredible adventure. The journey began travelling to Dive! Tutukaka and then jumping onto a boat to cruise across to the Poor Knights. But the cruise wasn’t very cruisy

because of the heavy swell but that didn’t stop us from having fun as a lot of us sat at the bow or as others liked to call it, the “splash zone.” We hadn’t even reached the Poor Knights and some of us were already soaked. Once we did reach the Poor Knights, instantly everyone got into their snorkelling gear, eager to explore the waters. The day was filled with swimming in caves, paddling on paddle boards, flipping off the boat, encountering a local turtle and plenty of fish and even performing the school haka in RikoRiko, the world’s largest sea cave.

I think everyone who went on the trip can agree that it was a once in a lifetime experience and are all grateful for the opportunity.



ROTORUA TOURISM TRIP

The importance of our Tourism economy is evident when students got to experience first hand in June.

The weather was on our side as we headed off in two vans, with the students in safe hands of chauffeurs Ladene and Mr Troost. We had a great drive down to our accommodation at YHA Rotorua. The students were able to do a bit of retail shopping and dine out in the evening. Our destinations included a luxury unwind at the Polynesian Spa, Whakarewarewa Living Maori Village. The Luge, as always

is a highlight of the trip, as adrenaline is high and even if you weren’t planning on racing like lightening down the track and knocking all subjects in your way... out of your way... you most certainly do! The screams, laughing and yelling echo down the tracks! The Redwoods Tree Walk was done at nighttime. It was fantastic with the beautiful lights displayed, which I highly recommend. Our last tourist event was the Zorb! Students and Mr Troost participated in rolling down



the hill inside a Zorb. Some had three students inside getting tossed around as if they were in a washing machine. A great time was had!



LEVEL 3 MEDIA STUDIES PRODUCTION

Students in level 3 Media Studies created short films and radio shows in 2021. A group of students traveled by boat to Matakohu Limestone Island and shot a horror film in amidst the ruins. It was the perfect location for creepy capers and mysterious monsters. Other short films were shot locally with one group creating a hilarious mockumentary following the hijinks of a 'lost band'. Radio shows were extremely well made using cutting edge podcast equipment and editing software. The shows were talk-back style and covered a range of topical and entertaining content.



LEVEL 3 HOSPITALITY MIT ASSESSMENT

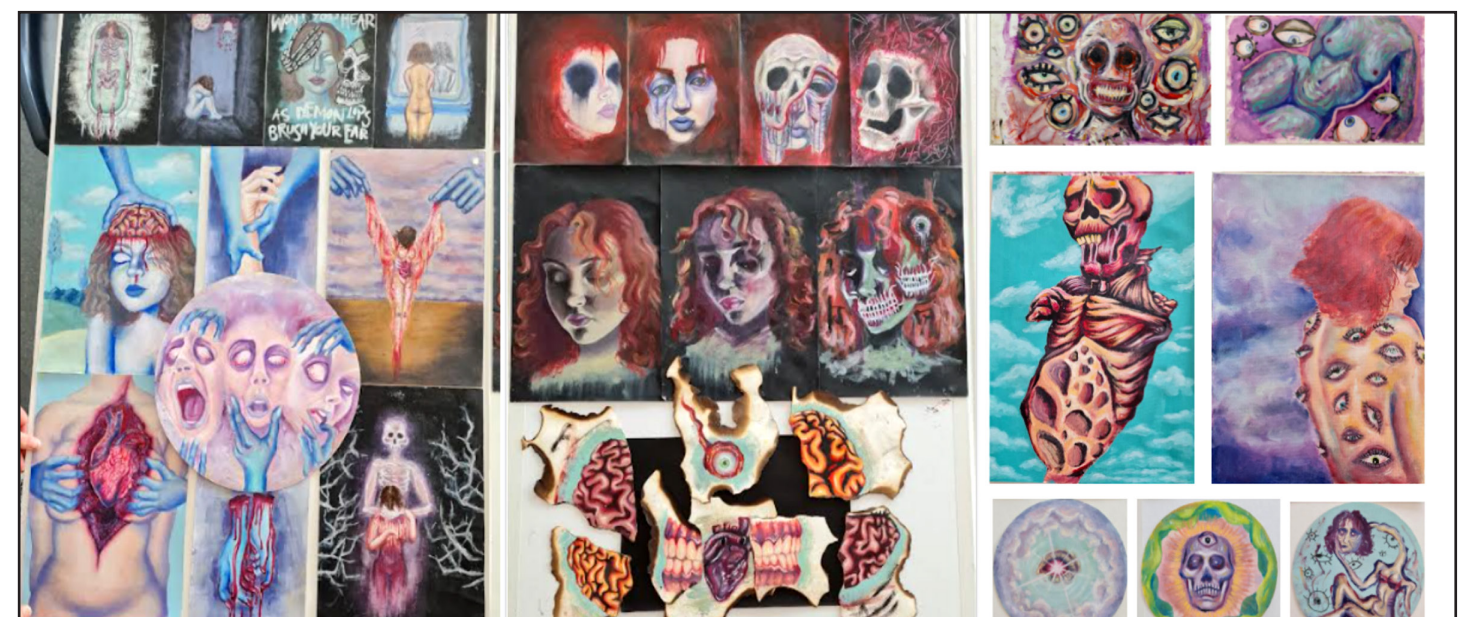
At the end of term 2 the year 13's in the L3 hospitality class went to MIT in Auckland. This was an awesome experience as we got to cook in a commercial kitchen. On the first day we met up at school super early in the morning and drove down to Auckland. We got to MIT and started our practical cooking assessment. The people at MIT were really nice and it was really fun. We were joined by another school and we cooked things like gourmet sandwiches and eggs. For dinner we went to a fancy restaurant which was certainly one of the best parts of the trip. On the second day we went back to MIT to do the pasta assessment. We cooked things like spag bol and tomato gnocchi. We then headed back to school. This trip was very rewarding and fun.



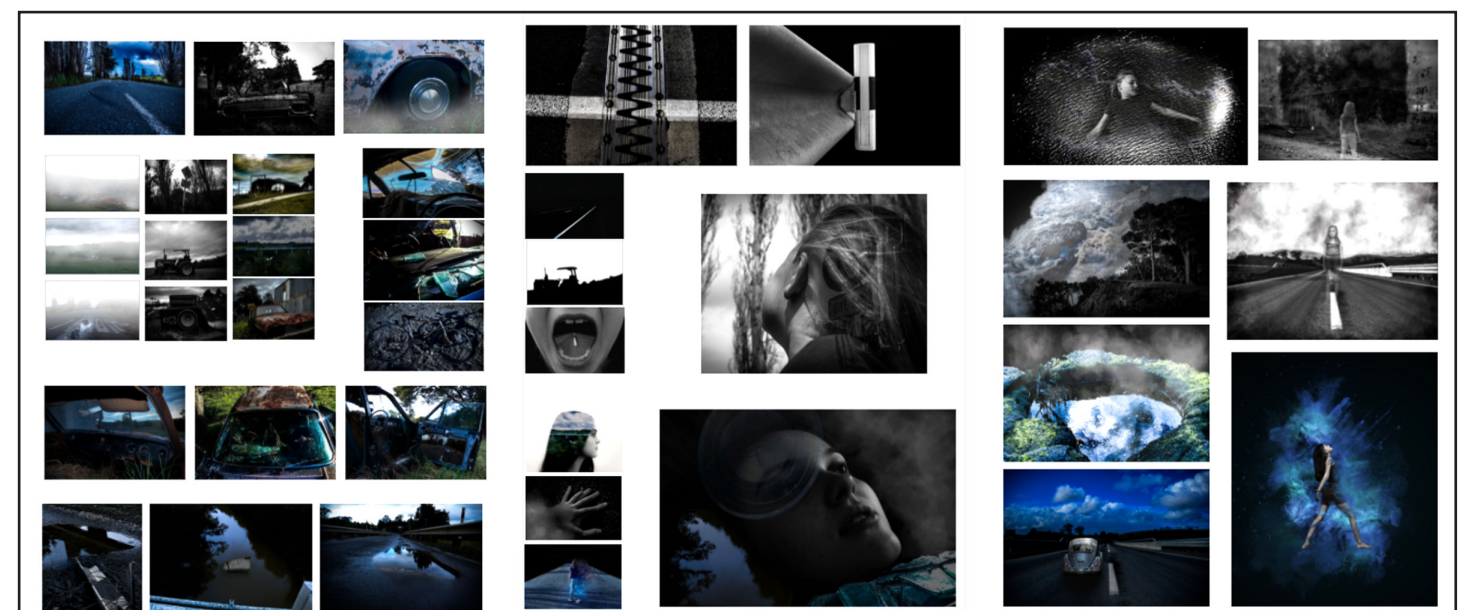
LEVEL 3 ART PAINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY



BY JADE STABLES

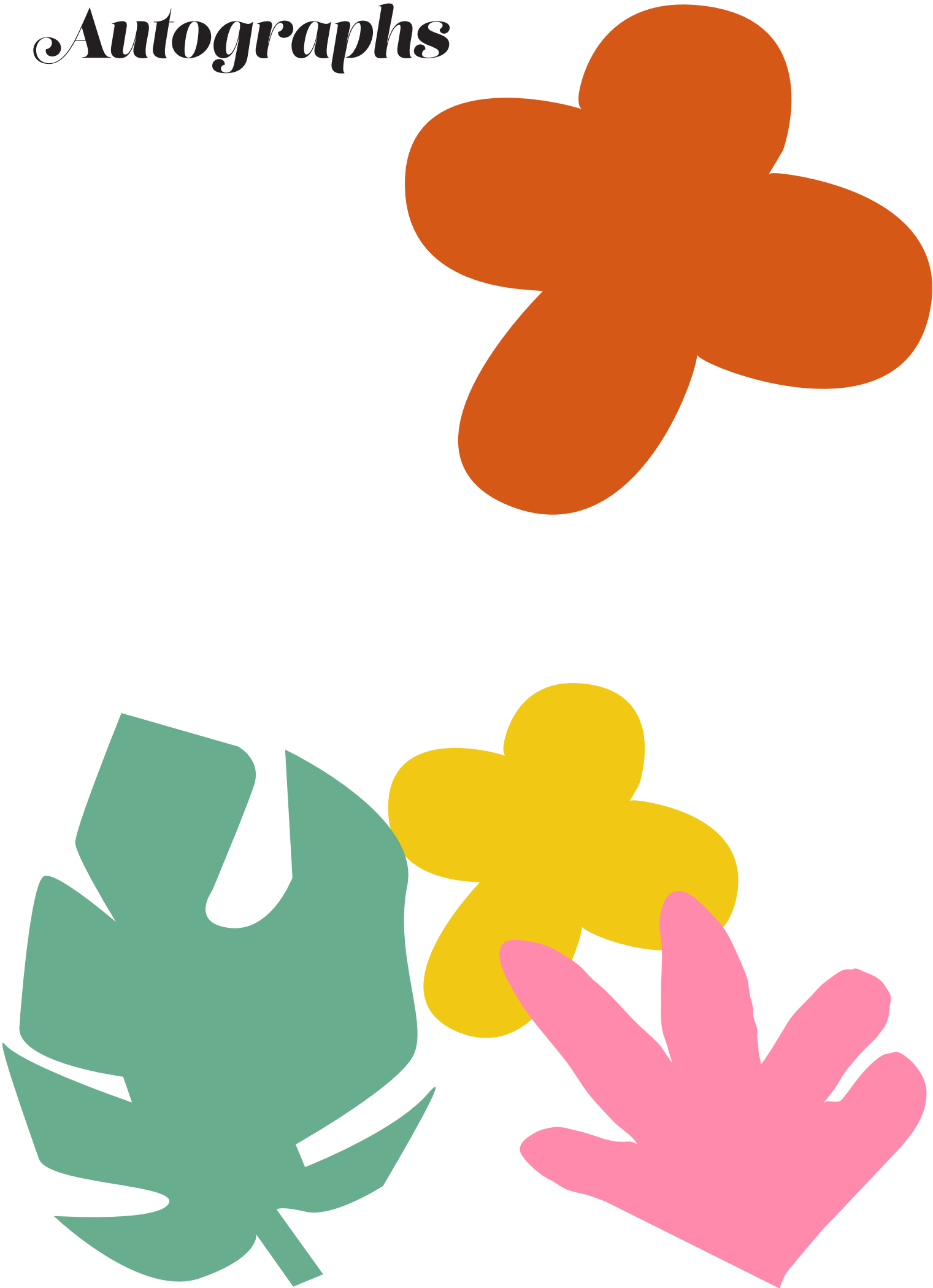


BY BETHANY HUDSON



BY JADEN SHEPPARD

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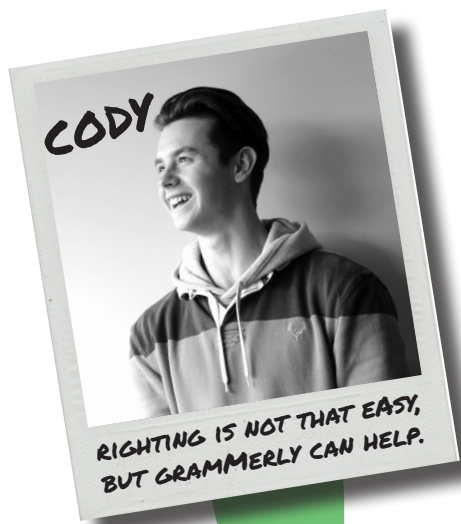


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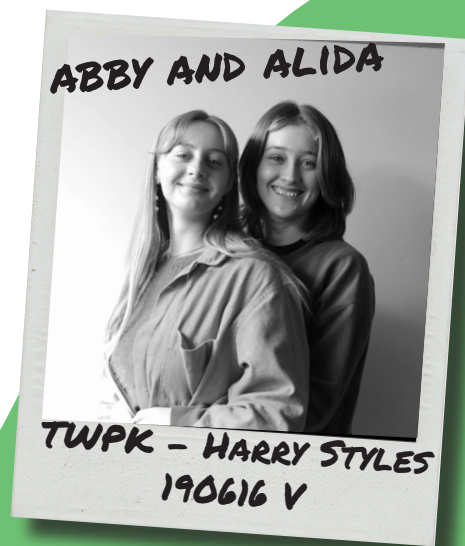
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4th Row: Shayla Hyndman, Rangawairua Wikaira, Grace Kemp, Lily Hosford, Benito Beyer, Renee Allen, Amber-Jade French, Jade Stables, Summer Kenyon
3rd Row: Arrick Corble, Jacob Hawkings-King, Sam Woolley, Cory Browne, Odin Dalkie, John Dornelly, Connor Sands, Cody Brunt, Jaden Sheppard
2nd Row: Teina Seager, Natasha Mannington, Kyla Slack, Calesto Mills, Rose Batten, Tara Moyle, Chloe McGowan, Bella Moore
Front Row: Brenda Ferguson, Emma Britton, Abby Cant, Beth Horne, Brooke Hutton, Sophie Gribble, Alida Spencer, Cheylsye Flannagan, Lola Smyth
Absent: Lilli McCarthy



CODY

RIGHTING IS NOT THAT EASY,
BUT GRAMMERLY CAN HELP.



ABBY AND ALIDA

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CONNOR

I CONNOR, AM YOUR
GOD. ACCEPT ME..



BELLA

I COULD SLEEP M



SHAYLA

NOT ALL BLONDES ARE DUM,
I JUST HAPPEN TO BE.



SHOELACE

THE YOUNGER AND PRETTIER
VERSION OF LEO MESSI



GRACE

PUHA



TARA

I FINALLY LEARNT HOW
TO RIGHT GOOD



BROOKE

MY D'S WENT TO A'S AND
SO DID MY GRADES XOXO



AJ

DRINK COFFEE AND
RAISE HELL



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MY SCHOOL GAVE ME
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LIFE IS A GAME, GOLF
IS SERIOUS.



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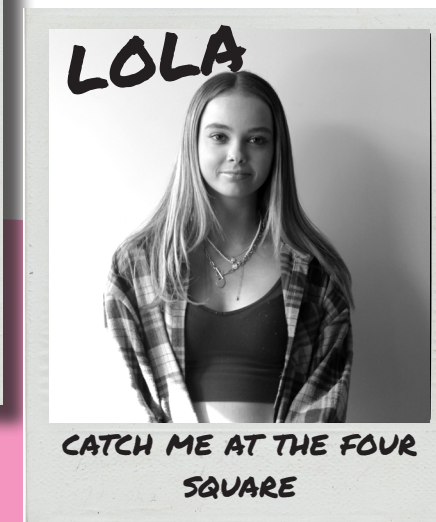
HELLO WORLD!



RENEE

TWO TWINS STARTED, ONLY
ONE FINISHED. HES NOT DEAD
JUST DUMB

Year 13 2021



BOYS FOOTBALL

The 2021 season was full of surprises and the team displayed very good football skills and teamwork.

This year Otamatea 1st XI boys football team has been filled with a lot of positive learning, new players and developing skills throughout the season. With a third of our team being new players. It was interesting to say the very least at the start of the season. But with a few training sessions and a friendly match against Bream Bay College saw great progress with skills and positioning. Highlight of the season was taking the boys up to Kaitaia and coming home with the (2-1) win. We played many home and away games leading us to play off in the finals against Dargaville just

coming short and losing (3-2) Ending the season we played against Whangarei Boys High school and took the win (5-3). Top scorer Alfie Vinnels ended the season with 32 goals, which was a stunning number to hear. Such an enjoyable season and it was awesome to see at the end of the season how much everyone had improved to become a better football player and team player. A huge thanks to Samid Buksh for being an awesome coach. Until next season Bark out boys. Team Captain: Austin Mickell

By SAMID BUCKSH



GIRLS FOOTBALL

What a season we have had this year. With a lot of new players coming in and joining the team, they have made an outstanding impact. Most have gone from not knowing how to play, to being exceptional football players. I have been captain of the Girls Football team for 4 years and it is always a privilege to see the extraordinary improvement the team makes throughout each season. It makes me proud as a captain to see the amazing attitude and determination these girls have, as their willingness to learn and play is always inspiring. Our competitors for the year were, Bream Bay, Whangarei Girls, Kamo, Tauraroa, Kerikeri and Bay of Islands College. With our final game of the season being played against Bream Bay college, fighting for the 3rd position on the table. Unfortunately we came away with a loss of 1-0, though the game was tied until the very end. It is always fun to be playing alongside these girls, they have made this season one to remember. All of the girls should be very proud of how far they have come and how much talent they have developed throughout the season. I'm sad to be leaving but I have thoroughly enjoyed my journey and I think I can speak on the behalf of Sophie Steinacker and our co-captain Brenda



Ferguson who also played their final season for the Otamatea Girls XI Football team. I wish the team lots of luck for the future. They all have immense potential so I encourage them all to keep playing and make Otamatea proud for the future seasons. A huge thanks to our amazing coach Ms Kelly who has put in amazing work for the team, couldn't have made it this far without her.

BY SHOELACE (CHEYLYSSE FLANNIGAN)



NETBALL

TEAM ONE

This year Otamatea Netball Team 1 moved out of 'A' Grade and into Premier Reserve after playing a promotion relegation round. With a team of 10 we were able to come up with a lot of new combinations and develop some upcoming players. Unfortunately due to COVID our season was cut short but we still had many highlights, we met some of the mystics players at our game, we won the quad-exchange against 3 other schools, and we placed 2nd in our grade at Whangarei. Our team would like to thank our families who put in so much time into helping us with fundraising and supporting us every week, and to our Coach Nikola and manager Melissa who put so much love and effort into the team, we couldn't do it without you.



By RENEE ALLEN

UNISS TEAM

Unfortunately, due to Covid our UNISS team was unable to travel this year. Our team worked really hard this year to get ready for the competition with 2 trainings and a game each week. Currently Otamatea sits in C grade and our goal for 2021 was to move to the top of C grade or try to move up to B and hopefully next year's team gets the chance to achieve this. Thank you to everyone who

helped fundraise and support the team, best wishes to the girls competing next year.



AIMS TEAM

Eleven year 7 and year 8 students were selected to attend the AIMS tournament in September this year. AIMS is the largest sporting event for Intermediate students in NZ, with over 10,000 attending in Tauranga. Well done to all the students who were selected and trained hard for this tournament. Unfortunately the event was cancelled due to Covid.

BASKETBALL

The boys basketball team have had their season somewhat curtailed this year, through Covid and having to cancel a game through illness. The first game of the season saw Otamatea play Bream Bay College at home. Bream Bay dominated this game and it took Otamatea nearly fifteen minutes before they scored their first points. Once they had scored, the points began to flow freely and the team matched the opposition point for point in the second half. On Tuesday 10th August we held the Lower North Senior Boys Basketball Tournament here at Otamatea. All five schools were present and there were some excellent matches, three decided by a single point. Otamatea's first match was against Bream Bay who went into the match extremely confident.

Otamatea again started slowly but with some excellent work in the last two minutes took the lead for the first time in the game with only a few seconds on the clock, winning dramatically 16-15.

In game 2, Otamatea came up



against a very good Rodney team who won quite comfortably. The boys did not play confidently and lacked accuracy when shooting. However, they turned their performance around completely when playing a strong Dargaville team winning quite comfortably in the end although Dargaville scored a couple of late baskets to close the scoreline to 18-14.

The final game of the tournament was Otamatea v Ruawai. This initially looked the easiest game on paper, however, Ruawai gave Rodney College a hurry up, going down to a 3 pointer in the last minute 23-20.

Ruawai started well and kept the pressure on the boys for the

entire game. It was a real nail biter and went down to the wire with Otamatea winning 19-18. Overall the team came runners up in the five team competition. An excellent result for their hard work. The basketball team have also played in the 3x3 tournament in Whangarei, coming second in their group and going into the play offs and had a game against Reporoa where they went down to a well coached team. Another poor start hampered them having any chance of competing and they never did catch up in this match.

By PAUL CHAMBERS

HOOP DREAMS

Rising star, Anahera Worsfold updates us on her achievements this year.

By ANAHERA WORSFOLD

Basketball this year was great. I got to attend a lot of tournaments and camps that heaps of kids don't get to go to. At the start of the year I got to play in the 2021 national Maori tournament down in Rotorua with Ngatiwai. Our under 15 team had a mixture of talent and we really bonded throughout the tournament. We didn't end up coming in the top 3 but we loved the experience. The next few months I was playing basketball for Kaipara and a few other places until I got selected for the NZ under 14's training camp. The camp was in April and I was looking forward to it but I injured my ankle and had to sit out for half the camp, but during the last few days I got involved and had a blast. Through the rest of the year I competed in regionals and nationals for the under 15 Northland team. During August and September I started training with the Auckland team for Hoopnations Basketball competition but that got cancelled due to Covid. I hope that many more opportunities come my way.



HOCKEY

We had a relatively new team this year with some players having never picked up a hockey stick before. Despite this everyone has greatly improved and learnt how to work together as a team. I am extremely proud of how our team has grown over these past couple of months. We have had some tough competition but our players have always kept their heads high and carried on. We finished the first round in 3rd place and have started this round off to a great start with three wins and a draw. I am looking forward to seeing how the last bit of the season goes. A big thank you to Tina Holst and Kim Everson for giving up countless hours to help us train and transport us to games. We really appreciate all that you do for us.

By **BILLIE LE MESURIER COWBOURNE**



FUTSAL

It has been a fantastic year for futsal at OTA. With returning futsal players, new players joining, and an incredible amount of interest from Year 7 through to 13, these teams have made quite an impact in their tournaments and festivals. For all the coaches and captains, it has been a privilege to see the passion, commitment, and enjoyment of all the players displayed throughout the year. Every team achieved success in their own right, displaying sportsmanship and proudly representing Otamatea High School. Players improved not only their skills but their attitude and willingness to learn which is all any coach and school could ask for. Every student that attended a training, played a game, or supported their friends should be proud of themselves and their contribution towards the school's futsal teams. I can only encourage

all the students from this year and anyone else interested in joining futsal teams to continue to do so next year. They are a wonderful group of students that created a supportive and encouraging environment and in which they were able to have fun and enjoy themselves.

By **ALEXANDRA KELLY**



TURBO TOUCH WHEELCHAIR

Friday 21st we headed to Whangarei with a small group of girls to participate in Turbo Touch Wheelchair. After a quick warm up and a lesson on the wheelchairs they were ready to go. There were a lot of laughs, crashing into each other and amazing sportsmanship by Otamatea Kids.



RUGBY/TAG

On Thursday 3rd June, ten year 9 and 10 students travelled to Otaika Sports Park in Whangarei. This was a great festival day. The students thoroughly enjoyed all their games and look forward to next year.



CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

The shooting this year has been a total blast. It was a totally new experience for everyone. We had five people in our team. Three of those five people had all shot their guns before and weren't totally new. Aaron Westlake and I were completely new to this sport. We picked the sport up quickly and were not that bad. It was a Northland secondary school competition which took place over five days of shooting. We started at Whangarei then went to Kaitaia. Then Kaikohe and Dargaville. The last shoot was at Whangarei with a big prizegiving. Each gun club was prepared and set up great. At the end of the whole experience everybody had improved a lot. Overall the most fun was our trip up to Kaitaia and hanging out with cool people.

By **CONNOR ALCOCK**



VOLLEYBALL

2021 Volleyball Team has displayed excellent skill in all the tournaments. These students took volleyball to the next level thus competing with the best teams in Whangarei. They had heaps of training early mornings, during breaks and after school. These students have sacrificed a lot and we all can see the skills developed while they are playing the game. They also worked in building positive relationships and they showed good moral values not only to each other but to other players, parents, teachers and spectators. We also played mixed volleyball during Reporoa and Ruawai exchange. We won the Reporoa exchange and finished second in the Ruawai exchange. The points were very close. This season was stunning, and practices helped us to improve

our performance, hence uplifting results in tournament facing teams with more experience. We played extremely well in Whangarei, and we will do our best next year so that we can come first in our division. Most of the boys are in Year 11 and we still have two more years to do better. I would like to thank the following people without whom this could not have been such a success. Firstly, Tina Holst for organising all the games and morning trainings. Secondly, Kalem for coaching us in the morning, and after school on Wednesdays. Also not forgetting the amazing Mr. Buksh for coaching the team and taking us to all the games and giving side-line advice.

By SAMID BUCKSH



BADMINTON

Overall our badminton players have done very well with some people, namely Cory Browne, absolutely dominating the competition in one of the tournaments but unfortunately due to an error he was put into the losers brackets and could not win the tournament. Emmett was also a decent badminton player. Everyone that went gave it their all and put a lot of effort into getting the positions that they did with almost everyone doing spectacularly at the tournaments that Otamatea attended over the year. I lost every game that I played by myself, which is a new record for me but I do look forward to more badminton in the future and hope that the other players do too.

By CALLUM SMITH

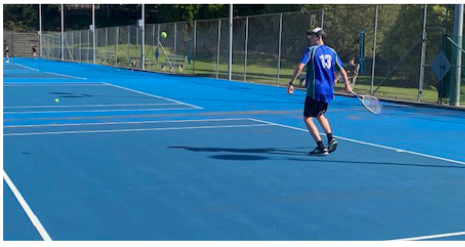


TENNIS + TABLE TENNIS



On Wednesday 7th April three students travelled to the Thomas Neale Courts in Kamo to test their skills in tennis. All three students really enjoyed the day and Billie Le Mesurier Cowbourne made it into the semi finals.

By TINA HOLST



SERVE IT, SMASH IT, WIN IT, LOVE IT

Jaimee McCarthy shares the highs and lows of her table tennis experience.

My heart was using me as a boxing bag as we pulled up to the legendary Mckay stadium. My first ever table tennis match was right around the corner. Sienna and Caitlyn proudly by my side also ready to compete. We get put into our groups, it's now or never. 3,2,1 the timer starts. Ping,pong,ping,pong the ball hits the table getting more intense every hit. I beat 1 player and 2 players till just one left. My eyes lock his, squinting with determination. The whistle blows eight straight minutes of ping pong ping pong. The whistle hoots for the end. It is 21 all. We had to

go into overtime. 'Let's do this' I say to myself confidently. Whack, whack. One mislead, one mishap or one mistake could ruin my whole game. Ping po-OUT! I have lost. But I still qualified to the top ten. One more chance to prove I am the best. I believe in myself that I can do it. Finally after nearly puking out my guts, I step up to the table ready for whatever is going to come at me (even though I know it is going to be a table tennis ball). I see Sienna and Caitlyn out of the corner of my eye cheering and supporting me. Pong, Ping, Pong, Ping. Whistle. Pong. Whistle. Ping. Whistle. I went through ten



tough, competitive hard games qualifying in 9th place. I have competed to my best standards. I still feel like a winner. Maybe table tennis just isn't my thing. I guess I don't know but hey at least I tried. Chances are I will end up in the same spot as I was in this year, but I can't predict the future (no one can), So we have to be ready for whatever curveballs life throws at us, including table tennis balls.

ORIENTEERING + ROGAINE

On Friday 14th May nine students travelled to Spring Bank school, KeriKeri, to participate in an orienteering day. All the students enjoyed either learning new skills or furthering their skills in orienteering.



ROGAINE

On Friday 21st May, Jamie Cotching and Josh Scheepers were ambassadors for Otamatea as this is the first time Otamatea has attended this event. The boys really enjoyed their day. With rogaine, everyone starts at the same time, and generally finishes at the same time, it is just the amount of ground that has been covered by teams that differs. Controls are given different scores, so strategy plays a big part in collecting the most points versus shortest distance, as the winner is determined by the highest score. It differs from orienteering in that you can visit them in any order, and is normally a team sport with groups of 2 to 5 competing.

By TINA HOLST



EQUESTRIAN

On Thursday the 8th April, four students from Otamatea High School headed to Kaikohe Show Grounds. The day was a combination of Show Jumping and Dressage. Alise Rogers riding Stanley came fourth 4th Overall in dressage and show jumping. Bella Jackson rode River Oaks Gold Digger and got 2nd and 4th overall for the day in the intro division. Sophie Van Harlingen was riding Shellalie Blues and Piper Culpan was riding NWC Ticket to Ride. This was a great experience and fun day had by our girls.

By Tina Holst



PADDLE BOARDING

On Tuesday 13th April I had the privilege of taking 7 students up to Lake Manuwai just North of Waipapa. The students started off a bit shaky with it being their first time of trying paddle boarding, but all the students improved hugely throughout the day. Congratulations to Sienna Purcell for winning gold and Dion Sheppard for winning bronze in the year 7/8 competition. All the students had so much fun and learned heaps. Bring on next year...

By TERESA BROWN



CHANCE TO DANCE



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Congratulations to Brock and Vann Johnson who competed at the Skoda North Island Secondary School's Mountain Bike Championships Enduro Event on 22nd March. This event was held at the 440 Mountain Bike Park just South of Auckland. Brock came 7th overall in the under 15 boys enduro section in which there were 33 entries and Vann came 9th overall in the under 13 boys enduro section in which there were 24 entries. Brock Johnson also competed in the 440 Gravity Enduro Event in March where he placed 3rd.

By TINA HOLST



CROSS COUNTRY

This year's inter Iwi competition was very clearly won by Whatua but everyone had fun in the mud.

BY TINA HOLST

Thursday 15 th June brought fantastic cross country weather with plenty of rain over the past couple of weeks and a cloudy day for the race. The ground conditions were perfect for a wet and muddy race. It was exciting to see the biggest entry numbers for many years. There were no records broken on the day, but the junior boys top two boys came very close with 14 and 20 seconds off the record of 12.44. The Level one PE class were chief marshals and did a great job of making sure all students knew where to run.

A huge thank you to members of the community Stella Clyde, Eileen Parsons and Tony Fawkes who helped marshal on the day. Thank you to the Otamatea Staff who went above and beyond to help set up/run the morning and tidy up afterwards. Lastly, thank you to all the students who participated, making the morning a great success.



The winners and runners up of the event were:

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

Girls - 3000m Time
Boys - 3000m Time

Sub Juniors Winner
Olive Woodman 15.15
Luca Troost 14.44

Runners Up
Jaime McCarthy 15.31
Vann Johnson 14.50

Juniors Winner
Jaime Warrington-Grace 15.18
Dean Sheppard 12.58

Runners Up
Anahera Worsfold 16.05
Joseph Knight 13.04

Girls - 3000m Time
Boys - 4000m Time

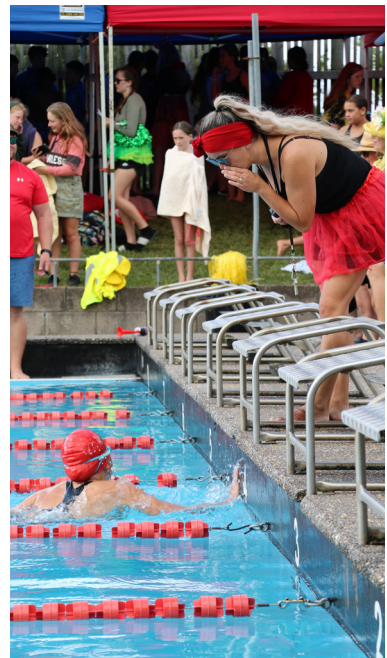
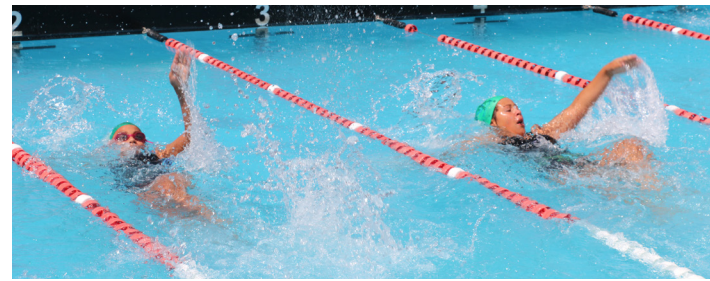
Intermediate Winner
Sophie van Harlingen 14.50
Matai Hartles 20.46

Runners Up
Alicia Moir 15.06
Casey Brooks 20.52

Boys - 5000m Time
Seniors Winner
Natalia Orchard 14.55
Morgan Bull 22.28

Runners Up
Sophie Gribble 15.56
Jack Hodgson 24.10







ATHLETICS



DAY



Results table can be found on the school website



TRIATHALON

This Years triathlon had smaller numbers of entries with three individual and six teams in the year 7 and 8 race, and two individuals and eleven teams in the year 9 – 13 race. The day proved to be lovely and sunny – perfect for the triathlon. Both courses have been shortened from previous years, therefore all results will be new records. It was awesome to see so many families supporting and cheering along the students. A thankyou to all the marshals and Llew Smart our local policeman who helped on the day.

Winners

YEAR 7- 8 TRIATHLON

GIRLS

1st Jaime McCarthy – 37 minutes 6 seconds

BOYS

1st Leyton Greig – 33 minutes 49 seconds

2nd Allistair Martin – 35 minutes 54 seconds

BOYS TEAM

1st Blake Forsyth-Hall/Alex Amesbury/Luca Troost – 31 minutes 7 seconds

Girls Team

1st Stevie Ross/Sienna Purcell/Ella Sheppard – 34 minutes 23 seconds

2nd Willow Woodman/Penny Worsfold/Olive Woodman – 35 minutes 5 seconds

3rd Olivia Alcock/Amy Weber/Charlize Sheppard – 35 minutes 18 seconds

YEAR 9 – 13 TRIATHLON

BOYS

1st Morgan Bull – 51 minutes 29 seconds

GIRLS

1st Alice McCarthy – 62 minutes 04 seconds

BOYS TEAM

1st Luke Weber/Brock Johnson/Dean Sheppard – 48 minutes 54 seconds

2nd Kieran Fergus/Alfie Vinnels/Nasah Cullen – 53 minutes 38 seconds

3rd Oscar Longdon/Liam van Harlingen – 55 minutes 10 seconds

GIRLS TEAM

1st Analiese Allen/Chloe Comer – 53 minutes 13 seconds

2nd Alana Yardley/Billie Le Mesureir Cowbourne/Natalia Orchard – 53 minutes 40 second

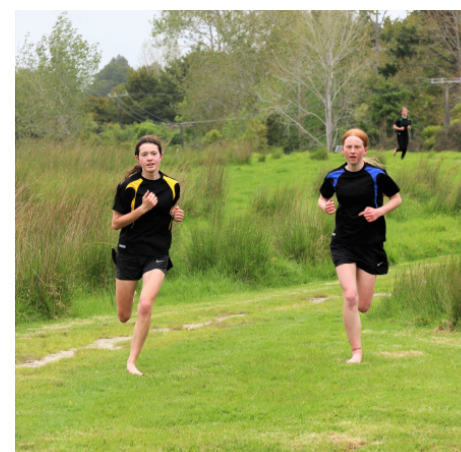
3rd Lauren Browne/Tessa Ball/Jess Ewen – 67 minutes 35 seconds

MIXED TEAM

1st Grace Kemp/Cody Brunt/Jack Hodgson – 47 minutes 01 seconds

2nd Ashley Greig/Casey Brooks/Alicia Moir – 50 minutes 03 seconds

3rd Annabella Allen/Felix Le Mesurier



On Thursday 21st October, Otamatea High School students hit the track to push themselves as hard as possible for the annual running race. This year the race was held on the Country Club walking track. Year 11 student Morgan Bull won this year's race, finishing in a time of 13.55. Second place went to Jack Hodgson with a time of 14.37 ahead of third place, Joseph Knight with a time of 14.45. Year 7 student Olive Woodman (12th overall) took out the girl's race

in a time of 16.56. Second place was year 7 student Jaime McCarthy with a time of 17.44 ahead of third place, Jaime Warrington-Grace with a time of 17.58. 193 students finished. The day was challenging with it being very windy and by the end of the afternoon light rain started to fall. A huge thank you to all the staff, parents and students who helped to make the event run so smoothly.

House Results

1st Place Ngapuhi
2nd Place Whatua
3rd Place Arawa
4th Place Manipoto

The top team winner was the Collegiate Hockey with 7 members of the team pacing in the top 39 runners.

Results

Males	Year Group	Females
Serafim Shefer	7	Olive Woodman
Joseph Knight	8	Willow Woodman
Dean Sheppard	9	Jaime Warrington-Grace
Casey Brookes	10	Ella Crum
Morgan Bull	11	
Ben Donnelly	12	Alana Yardley
Jack Hodgson	13	Renee Allen

Ngaphui

The golden tribe

I'm going to keep it real, in terms of house events we have not won a lot, however I think many of the senior students and leadership team within the house would agree that winning the haka for the first time was a huge victory for us. I think I'm fair in saying that we were the underdogs that have never done particularly well in this house event and as the house captain I could not be more proud of Ngapuhi for their efforts. We came together to exceed the low expectations from the other House Captains. With many students such as

Allister and Janae stepping up to lead the haka we rose to victory. In addition to the Haka competition we also won another big event, The Round loop race. I had high expectations based on previous years and I'm glad that we came out on top. Most other house events we had a bit of trouble winning however I commend everyone who got stuck into it and participated, I'm sure in the coming years we will win those. Finally, I wish the Next Ngapuhi House Captain well for next year and hope to see Ngapuhi win the House Cup in coming years.

HOUSE PREFECT
GRACE KEMP



Arawa

The best looking Iwi

2021 has definitely been an interesting year for Arawa. I am proud of being a part of Arawa as they have shown so much improvement with every event throughout the year. We have competed in lots of inter-iwi events like football, unihoc, basketball, haka etc. These Inter iwi competitions have allowed students to get involved, to gain confidence and support their iwi. Each event reminds us that participation is key to winning but also, that having fun is the most important thing. We celebrate the success of the whole iwi but we also celebrate the success of individuals. It would be nothing without the students and their hard work and effort. A huge thanks to the encouragement and determination teachers give their whanau. 2021 Arawa also wouldn't be who they are without Emma Britton, the co-captain of Arawa. The hard work and dedication she puts

into making Arawa the best they can be is incredible and I couldn't do it without her. This year has been tough with competitions but Arawa has shown that we are not going down without a fight. Even though inter-iwi events are mostly about participation and competing, it's also about the encouragement, leadership, support and pride we have. It's about giving it a go and enjoying ourselves in these events. We have worked hard throughout the year, In and out of the classroom, participating in all the events, like Mr Chambers says, "Arawa is the best looking house" and he is not wrong.

HOUSE PREFECT
CHELYSE FLANNIGAN



Whatua

The Mighty Iwi

What a year this has been! Whātua has certainly had a year of success and I am very proud of our achievements this year. After all, winning last year was only the beginning of our legacy. We dominated right from the start by winning the swimming sports, taking out the athletics and a successful Term 1 was capped off when we won the triathlon. Term 2 continued in this fashion with a first in Cross Country, Basketball and most of the events we competed in. Our successes were not only on the sports field with coming in 1st in the debating competition where despite a valiant effort by Maniapoto we concluded that face to face learning was superior over online learning. We also came first in the Tableau Vivant with Whatua 1's beautiful depiction of The Deposition.

HOUSE PREFECT
BILLIE LE MESURIER COWBOURNE

As a house we participated with passion in every event and certainly gave it our all. It was fantastic to see so many students getting involved and enjoying all the Inter Iwi events. I would like to thank our amazing whanau teachers and other members of Whātua. Your support and enthusiasm has helped us reach where we are today, as our key to victory is having everyone on board. I also want to thank the year 13's, our senior leaders of Whātua and wish them all the best moving forward in life.

As Whātua house captain, one of the highlights for me this year would have to be swimming sports and seeing everyone take part and having fun in the other Inter iwi events. I feel privileged to be able to lead such an awesome house. I greatly look forward to next year and the opportunities that will come. No doubt that Whatua will rise once again. Bring on 2022!!



Maniapoto

At least we didnt come last in everything

This year Brenda Ferguson and Alida Spencer have had the pleasure of being co house captains for Maniapoto. It has been a bit of a tough year for us as an iwi with a limited number of senior students to take part in iwi events. Luckily we have been able to step up and shown our resilience during the inter iwi competitions. Cory Browne, our only year 13 boy has been amazing participating in almost all events. Our best results this year have been for basketball and debating with us coming second in both. It was amazing to see such high levels of athletic and swimming ability from individuals during the school athletics and swimming competitions. There are a number of incredibly talented junior iwi members rising through the ranks in years to come. Within our iwi as individuals we have been achieving well too. Special shoutouts for people in our iwi doing

well in their fields for Gareth Ferguson, who came 11th in his floor routine at the National Men's Artistic Gymnastics competition, Katherine Coughlan, who won the Lion's Speech Competition, Morgan Bull winning Northland Cross Country and many more achieving at high levels in both sporting and academic areas. I think that as an iwi we celebrate our successes together, and when we lose we get back up and rally our team spirit, determined to do better next time. With other competitions yet to come we're excited to see what we can achieve together. Thank you to everyone who has participated this year and decided to give things a try, without you guys we wouldn't have been able to come second in anything! All the best to our upcoming senior leaders and juniors coming up the year levels. Remember that participation is key and it takes a full iwi effort to climb the ranks again.

HOUSE PREFECT
ALIDA SPENCER

