



Otamatea High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Otamatea



Max Daniels, 2017 Dux & Joshua Nishitani-Hart, 2017 Proximet Accessit

Principal's Comment

Congratulations to all the prizewinners who were acknowledged at senior prizegiving this year. Well done to the outgoing prefects for their hard work and support of the school this year and congratulations to those prefects who will help to steer the direction of the school in 2018. We recently held the leadership training day for all year 13 students with the biggest ever turn out of year 12 students. The students were involved in a number of activities which encouraged them to consider what their own leadership looks like in action. The 2018 prefects will be involved in leading activities for the new intake of year 7 students at their camp at the start of the year and all year 13s will be leaders within their own whānau classes, acting as mentors for younger students.

A number of our junior students have also been involved in demonstrating their leadership recently through leading the OTA Fun Day with the year 6s, and year 10s coaching the popular game of ki o rahi at the local primary schools. Some of the alternative education students also visited Paparoa Primary school and led a number of fun activities with their students.

Year 9s were involved in interviewing local community members and parents about their respective careers in the year 9 careers speed dating activity which was a new initiative that was enjoyed by all involved. The year 7 and 8 students will be involved in a careers day on the last week of term. The year 9 and 10 speech competitions saw a good level of linguistic ability and the top three year 9 speakers also gave compelling speeches at the junior assembly recently.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday.

Rachel Clothier-Simmonds



2018 Student Leaders

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

Otamatea High School Deputy in Receipt of Respected Fellowship

Rewarding educational excellence in teaching

Deputy Principal Mr Dirk Smyth has accepted a 2018 Woolf Fisher Fellowship.

The fellowship is for a three week study trip to Australia (or other approved destination) in 2018. The value of the Fellowship is \$7,000 or up to \$10,000 if accompanied and the Ministry of Education supports the award by providing for the cost of the relief teachers employed during the period of the fellowship.

The late Sir Woolf Fisher was a passionate supporter of education in New Zealand. In 1960 he founded the Woolf Fisher Trust for the advancement of scientific and general education in New Zealand through its prestigious fellowships and scholarships. When making these awards, the Trust has always sought to uphold the guiding principles and values of its founder.

The major awards provide overseas study and travel for outstanding principals and teachers.

Otamatea High School celebrated Mr Smyth's success with a staff morning tea. Principal, Ms Clothier-Simmonds said; "Dirk is a well respected member of the school who leads teaching and learning as the Deputy Principal. He will be travelling to Australia and visiting different schools to look at their curriculum design. We are all very proud of Dirk and are excited to see what ideas he will be bringing back from Australia that Otamatea High School may benefit from."



Photos show Dr Nigel Evans, Secretary of Woolf Fisher Trust, and Mr Dirk Smyth



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Congratulations to all our Senior Prizegiving prizewinners

Our special prize winners were as follows

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

Peer Support Award
(Kaipara District Council) **Blake Sims**

Best Aggregate of Science Subjects in Year 13
(Fonterra Cup) **Max Daniels**

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

General Excellence by a Senior Student
(D A Finlayson Cup) **Sam Allen**

Exceptional School Supporter
(K & N Trophy) **Sam Allen**

Student Exhibiting School Spirit
(Te Jay Cup) **Quintin Brown**

Best All Round Maori Pupil
(Rennie Trophy) **Maddy Lemuelu**

Fair Play & Sportsmanship Trophy
(Engraving Systems) **Tamati Abel**

Outstanding Sporting Achievement
(Haydn & Mary Hutching Cup) **Ocean Shadbolt**

Excellence in Level 2 English & Science
(R & F Tornquist Trophy) **Natalie Birt**

Most Promising Student Returning to School
(Thompson Trophy) **Annmarie Holst**

Senior Victrix Ludorum
(Karen McNay Cup) **Annmarie Holst**

Senior Victor Ludorum
(Webster Brothers Cup) **Simon Parker**

First in Year 11
(OHS Board of Trustees Cup) **Mya Lawrence**

First in Year 12
(Neil McKay Trophy) **Molly Curnow**

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(Mr & Mrs J Morrison Cup) **Joshua Nishitani-Hart**

DUX OF THE SCHOOL
(Mr & Mrs L Mitchell Trophy) **Max Daniels**



Mya Lawrence



Simon Parker and Annmarie Holst



Molly Curnow

Congratulations to all our Junior Prizegiving prizewinners

Our special prize winners were as follows

First in Year 10 (OHS BOT Trophy)

First in Year 9 (OHS BOT Trophy)

Endeavour Year 10 (Guy Cullen Memorial)

Endeavour Year 9 (Guy Cullen Memorial)

Endeavour Year 8 (Guy Cullen Memorial)

Endeavour Year 7 (Guy Cullen Memorial)

Junior Victrix Ludorum (School Cup)

Junior Victor Ludorum (J & E Saunders)

Excellence in Junior Art (Williamson Cup)

Excellence in Drama (J & E Perry)

Excellence in Yr 7 & 8 Maths Olympiad (School Cup)

Excellence in Yr 10 English (R Fletcher)

Excellence in Yr 10 Maths (R Perkinson)

Excellence in Yr 10 Science (S O'Mahony)

Excellence in Yr 10 Social Science (Mr & Mrs McAdam)

Physical Education Junior Girl (M B Mulholland)

Physical Education Junior Boy (T Cawkwell)

Excellence in Yr 9 English (E Perry)

Excellence in Yr 9 Maths (H Hutching)

Excellence in Yr 9 Science (Huston Family)

Excellence in Yr 9 Social Science (R Fletcher)

Yr 8 Science Fair Cup (Fonterra Cup)

Yr 7 Science Fair Cup (Fonterra Cup)

Te Roupu Tautoko Taonga

Maggie Hames

Amy Lawrence

Jeff Smith

Renee Allen

Shannon Lee

Kaddison Hyndman

Trista Comer

Joshua Sheppard

Amy Lawrence

C J Smart

Michael Ferguson

Maggie Hames

Maggie Hames

Maggie Hames

Maggie Hames

Poppy Scott

Tawhetu Phillips

Adriana Phillips

Cory Browne

Amy Lawrence

Lola Smyth

Poppy Scott

Billie Le Mesurier

Kate Cotching

Jemma Kurupo



Joshua Sheppard



Amy Lawrence



Maggie Hames

Kaipara Sports Awards

The annual Kaipara Sports Awards were held on Friday 3rd November at the Maungaturoto Country Club. Otamatea High School can be very proud to have 20 students nominated. From these twenty students the following students won their respective codes – either at an open level (competing against adults) or at a junior level (competing against other school age finalists)

Open Code winners



Josh Nishitani-Hart FOOTBALL



Tyler Porteous EQUESTRIAN



Ocean Shadbolt SWIMMING



Annmarie Holst SQUASH



Shuntel Rika NETBALL

Junior Code winners



Trista Comer ATHLETICS



Matt Hamilton RUGBY



Holly Brunt EQUESTRIAN

As well as being a Junior code winner Simon Parker was awarded the top award for The Junior Sports Person of the Year for his success in rugby.

A Service to Sport Award was presented to Robyn Bruce who was recognised for all her hard work over the last 20 years for hockey.



Otamatea High School Tag Team

At the start of Term 4, 12 year 7 and 8 students play Otamatea tag team known as Pohutukawa. This tournament lasts until February 2018. Every Tuesday night we play in Mangawhai against other year 7 and 8 students. Tag is a game that is mixed between rippa rugby and touch that involves fitness and skill. After school on Tuesdays we travel to Mangawhai in our school van with our manager Niki Le Mesurier meeting our wonderful coach Ms Cowie over there. Before we start our games we have a quick warm up and training to get ready to compete against our opponents. The games are half an hour long with our half times 15 minutes from the start. We are currently undefeated champions and hope to keep it this way. It is a very fun game and we encourage everyone to join teams for other tag related sports next year.

Poppy Scott & Maia Fairburn



Primary Industries Students showing the way

Dear Ms Clothier-Simmonds

We run Kerdon Alpaca in Kaiwaka. Recently we contacted Marco Troost to seek assistance from the High School with our alpaca shearing day. Marco was delighted to oblige, did a site evaluation and made all the arrangements.

We want the school to know how very impressed we were with the four students Marco brought along. Daniel, Maddy, Jenna and Connor. They were extremely well mannered, hard working, inquisitive and quick learners. They demonstrated a great affinity working with the alpaca and worked together as a team extremely well after a brief training session.

These young people fitted in well with the shearer and our adult helpers. They were respectful and such a happy group. They fitted in so well our shearer, who is the best in NZ, commented that this group was the best he has worked with throughout the North Island this season.

Our thanks go to these young people and also Marco, not only for arranging the team but actively participating.

We have sent a contribution to the school for the Young Farmers Group and would like you to know that you have some great ambassadors for your High School.

We would like to end with a quote from one of the older helpers on the day "Those kids have renewed my faith in future generations"

Best regards

Kerry and Donna Tannion, Kerdon Alpaca

The email above was received by our school early in November. Well done to Marco Troost and students, Jenna Swadling, Daniel Rakoia, Maddy Lemuelu and Connor Mitchell who really showed the OTA way in our community.



Year 10 PE Ki-o-rahi Leadership days

This term the Year 10 students have been working on their interpersonal and leadership skills. Each Year 10 class had the opportunity to go to Kaiwaka, Maungaturoto and Mangawhai primary schools to teach the game of ki-o-rahi (Maori rugby). The leadership days have been a huge success and it has been wonderful to see the Year 10 students grow as leaders. A big thank you to Leela Hauraki from Sport Northland who has supported our Year 10 students.



Civil Engineering Apprenticeship

Last term we were contacted by NPL (National Personnel Ltd) who provide personnel for the Civil Engineering profession. They supply companies with skilled personnel who are presently working on large infrastructure projects in Northland and North Auckland. They were looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, reliable and had started to gain knowledge and skills in the construction industry at school. Initial interviews were arranged to be at the school and 10 students applied, after the interviews this is the feedback we received from NPL *"We were impressed with the confidence of these students, they are a credit to their community."*

The second stage of the interviews involved NPL getting students to do a range of practical tasks whilst being assessed, these included a timed mile run, digging trenches and setting up string lines.



The students are now on a 4 week residential course that will provide them with life and construction skills, motivation, learning and job options while enjoying and participating in challenging physical activities. After the course they are guaranteed an apprenticeship in a range of civil engineering and building disciplines through NPL.

In the whole of Northland NPL offered 7 places in total, of which 5 came from Otamatea High School, a real testament to the quality of our students.

Well done to Devan Gabbitas, Piripi Craig, Jimmy Watson, Bailey Hudson and Chas Mikaere.

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Pre Exhibition Labour Weekend Lake Waikaremoana

Two groups travelled to the lake on a very narrow, windy, storm damaged metal road (53km) which has only just recently been re opened. At the new visitor centre, we were welcomed by Tina. We were told some historical information about the area and the Tuhoe Tribe. We learnt all about the story of and the construction of the new visitor centre.

At Lake Waikaremoana Holiday Park, we settled into our cabins, cooked dinner and had an early night.

6am saw us packing the vans for the start of our tramp (46km.)

Group Two drove around to the Hopruahine Track end and tramped to the Waiharuru Hut. (11km) Group one headed to the Onepoto Track and began the 500m climb to the Panekiere Bluffs and one of the most spectacular views of the lake. The sky was so clear at Baldy Knob that we saw Mt Ruapehu in the west and the Mahia Peninsula in the east. Waiopoea Hut was where we stayed for the night (18km).

Sunday saw both groups visit the Korokoro falls. Ocean and Portia followed a track to the base of the falls and went in behind for some spectacular photos. Van keys were swapped. Group two tramped 26km today and group one 18km.

Monday saw group two head down the hill to Onepoto and group one headed to Hopruahine.

This has been one of the favourite tramps for both groups, as Lake Waikaremoana is so beautiful with each day bringing different scenery.

Thank you so much to Andrea Orchard, Mark McKenzie, Bruce Alison and Robyn Bruce for accompanying us as our shadow party. You are amazing!



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Training Weekend 29 Sept to 1st Oct Kaimais

Twelve students travelled to Te Aroha to begin their gold training. The mist rolled in as the summit of Mt Te Aroha was reached. The rain began to fall cutting our lunch stop short and the view!

We descended into the Waitawheta Valley via the Waipapa Track and set up camp beside the Waitawheta River.

Sunday saw us follow the tramway to a river crossing point. Here we practised river crossing

and made our way up past some giant kauri trees . We followed this track to our lunch spot beside the river. Tyler was the only brave one to swim!

Again, rain cut our lunch short and we packed up and headed to the Dalys Crossing Hut. Tents were erected, a game of mafia, more training and dinner before an 8.30pm bedtime. Monday saw us break camp early and head up the Mangakino Pack Track to our lunch spot, then on to the Tui Mine Track, and the Domain Track to Te Aroha.

With our training complete, one group will be completing a pre expedition to Lake Waikaremoana on Labour Weekend and the other group will tramp the Tongariro Northern Circuit in February, 2018.

Thanks must go as always to Andrea Orchard, Robyn Bruce, Ken Hames and Paul Chambers our bush craft instructors. We appreciate the time you volunteer for the Otamatea DOE Programme.



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Groups

This weekend saw fifteen new bronze students complete their bush craft training with Stephen Orchard at the Tangihua Lions Lodge. They learnt how to use hiker's stoves, layer their clothing, pack their packs etc. They will go on to their pre expedition at Mangawhai 25/26 November. A HUGE "thanks" to Mark McKenzie, Areti Alexandrou and Michelle Kemp for assisting Stephen.

At the other end of the forest, Friday night saw 16 silver students tramp for two hours to the Tangihua Hut where they camped outside. Possums and moreporks made for an interesting night! Saturday saw them tramp through the forest, training as they went. As usual the stream and bush bashing activities on Sunday were a highlight.

A HUGE 'thank you' to Matthew Blainey and Robyn Bruce for being our instructors for the weekend.



Year 10 Fashion Trip

The year 10 fashion students were intrigued by the detail and work put in to make the garment and wearable arts costumes that featured in the 40th Bernina Fashion Show. A number of these garments are on display in the Whangarei Museum for a close up look at. Information about the materials and thinking behind the designs are given with each exhibit and created discussion among the students. At the same time a video of the fashion show itself with the compère's explanations are being shown on the wall. Students enjoy watching the students' part of the show.



From the museum the students visited The Design School's premises in Robert Street, Whangarei. The graphics tutor, Phillip Hetaraka, welcomed the students and explained about the courses that are taught. These courses include Fashion and Graphics Design courses. Our students could look at the designs displayed on the walls and also see the garments.

Year 9 and 10 Tennis doubles tournament

A group of 4 girls teams travelled to the Thomas Neale Courts in Kamo on Wednesday 22nd November for the Northland Secondary Schools' Tournament. The day was perfect with no wind and a little cloud cover.

Congratulations to our top girls pair who played in the open tournament, coming second overall – Paris Rika and Renee Allen.

The top result for the participation grade tournament went to Kayla-Rose Reid and Emma Huband who placed 7th.

The girls all thoroughly enjoyed the day.



Road Race 2017

Year 13 student Josh Nishitani-Hart won this year's road race, finishing in a time of 19.50 with a clear win looking like he could do another round of the block. Second place went to Isaac Sheppard with a time of 20.55, closely followed by his younger brother Joshua Sheppard.

Year 9 student Trista Comer (6th overall) took out the girl's race in a time of 22.08 – 49 seconds off the girls record. Second place was year 9 student Sophie Gribble with a time of 23.37 ahead of third place getter, year 10 student Hayley Linton.



Josh Nishitani-Hart



Isaac & Joshua Sheppard



Trista Comer



Sophie Gribble, Brett Allen & Jesse Goodfellow

149 students finished the road race just under last year's 151 students. The day was perfect for running being slightly overcast and only a gentle breeze.

House results

Entry numbers were a big part in deciding the winning house with Ngapuhi having 12 more participants than the next closest house. There was only one point between 2nd and 3rd and fourth place was not very far behind.

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

A big thank you to all the teachers, parents and students who helped to make the event run so smoothly.

Males	Year Group Winners	Females
Morgan Bull	7	Milly Hodgson
Joshua Sheppard	8	Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne
Brett Allen	9	Trista Comer
Jacob Butler	10	Hayley Linton
Zack Hamlin	11	Danni Mckie
Claude Smyth	12	Annmarie Holst
Josh Nishitani-Hart	13	Tyler Porteous



Hayley Linton



David Hames



Milly Hodgson



Morgan Bull

Life Education Van at Otamatea High School

Last week Harold and the Life Education Van visited the Year 7 & 8 students. Substances, Resiliency, and Choices were the main focus and the students enjoyed their time in the van. A big thank you to Nadine from Life Education who came down and facilitated the lessons. We can't wait to see Harold next year!



Future Trades Day

On the 27th of October North Tec organised a Future Trades Day and invited 8 students from each school in Northland to attend. All the students were met at the Future Trades campus and introduced to the tutors of the construction, painting, electrical engineering, automotive, mechanical engineering and primary industries.

Then students went off to a workshop in the area they chose until they were treated to a sausage sizzle lunch and another workshop in the afternoon.

By 3 o'clock in the afternoon students came away with a wealth of knowledge about the opportunities that are available for apprenticeships and some even brought back a wooden tool box they made in their workshop.

At least one of the students who went, is moving onto an apprenticeship training course at North Tec next year.

Here are the students listening to the introductions by the different tutors at the start of the day.



Leadership Course in Whangarei

In order to complete their NCEA level course five students went to Forum North in Whangarei to attend a Leadership course available through Gateway. They gained level 3 credits for the two full days of learning.

The students who attended were Gaby Pitman-Dodd, Caleb Forbes, Jayson Gilpin, Callum Lowrie and Sam Nowell. They all agreed that it was worthwhile going.

One of them stated afterwards: "I found the course both entertaining and educational, and enjoyed every minute of it." and one of the parents reacted to a question of how she perceived the course: *"This leadership course provided a valuable opportunity for students from OHS to participate in leadership and team building training, alongside students from around Whangarei. In addition, the course also allowed the students to experience examples of the type of professional development training they may well encounter in their future careers, facilitated by an experienced and proficient coach."*

The provider for this course was The Learning Place

The Rugby Game

As our team sits in silence and everybody in their own head was thinking about the same thing. How were we going to win this game? This could win the tournament for us but we have to work for it and put every last breath on that field.

Twenty minutes later our team of 24 all had Northland uniforms on. We weren't now only playing for the victory, we were playing for Northland and all the supporters that have come down to Waikato to see us make a difference for Northland. We were in a tournament full of the most talented 13 year olds under the weight of 57 kgs so it was all down to effort, skill and pure mana to beat Auckland West.

As the wind gushes past our faces on that overcast day we knew it was GAME TIME. Like coordinated bees we got in a line and jogged onto the field behind our captain. Auckland West was 90% Pacific Island culture. As their team piles on the field they had smirks on their faces. We began our haka with passion and loud voices. I felt we definitely intimidated Auckland and showed them that playing hard is the only way to play this game.

At kickoff we line up ready to chase the ball, I was eyeing up this one player on Auckland West. He was going to be a real pain for us and he scored the winning tries for their last two games, so I knew it was my job to shut him down. The ball was definitely going to him, so our first five kicks the egg shaped ball high and long which gave me lots of time to speed up. As soon as the ball touched his hands, SMACK! At full pace I dug my shoulder into that muscled Samoan chest and dropped him on the deck. All of the spectators murmured an "ooohhhh" noise. The now injured player drops the ball. We carry on playing, I glance back and see him limping off the field with his physio. He's definitely out for the tournament.

When I applied all my body weight into that tackle my shoulder was the only body part taking the weight of the hit, therefore it hurt like someone had swung at me with a sledge hammer and tackle after tackle in the game, it just got worse. I had to keep going because my coaches were depending on me because of my excellent defence and ruck blowing. I was just playing for what Northland wanted - a WIN. I came flying into a packed ruck and as it collapsed on my impact the ref blew the whistle.

Half time bell goes and we are leading 5-0 mainly because that man/beast wasn't on the field but we were wearing them out and dominating.

As I got up out of that collapsed brutal ruck my physio notices my nose bleed and pulls me off the field.

The second half starts hard and fast. Auckland West brings on their big boys for subs and with fresh legs they make dominating metres. Closer and closer to the tryline and at this moment the coaches and subs are on the edge of their seats biting their nails and screaming at the top of their lungs because the intensity level just kept lifting.

Suddenly their captain calls a move that we couldn't stop their whole team. They came in and drove to the tryline, the ref blows the whistle and the try is confirmed. Three minutes left in the match and the score was 5-7 to Auckland West. We kick the ball high and short our centre catches it as he breaks the line and goes for the run away try but the full back does a rookie high tackle 20 meters out from the try line. We signal the ref for a penalty kick and now at this point the intensity and the stress was insane. As the silence broke for the kick it was either win or lose. Our first five goes for the kick as we watch. The ball blows, we gaze as it soars through the air, it goes in between the posts and the score a mere 7-8. We all whistle with excitement for our well deserved ending.

Written by Joshua Sheppard (Year 8)

Ngā Uri o Ngā Waka – Otamatea Kapa Haka Rōpū

Tutored by Ngaroimata Morgan, our kapa haka rōpū attended and performed at the Kaipara Festival held at Mangawhai Beach Primary School this November. Great end to the year with awesome whanaungatanga within the rōpū, a credit to our kaiako and senior students' hard mahi, which showed in their magical performance. Our rōpū receiving a wonderful response from the crowd. Special acknowledgement to our rōpū leaders, amazing job with extra practises, organising hoodies, fundraisers and supporting each other.



Year 9 Careers Speed Dating Event

On Wednesday 29 November 24 parents and community members came to the school in order to support our year 9 students understand what different jobs are out there. Students prepared questions to ask about how the person got the job, what training they needed, what the best part of the careers are. Students worked in groups of three to ask questions and had 8 minutes with an adult before moving on to the next person.

An effort was made to find four people to represent each of the six vocational pathways that has been identified by the Ministry of Education to cover all industries. The six pathways are: primary industries, manufacturing and technology, construction and infrastructure, service industries, community and social services and creative industries.

Students were also trained in the principles of doing an interview and the adults interviewing them marked them on how well they performed for a fun competition. The winners of the competition were:



Primary Industries Students build a greenhouse

On Thursday and Friday last week four Level 1 Primary Industries students volunteered to come in and build a greenhouse at OHS during their study leave. It was a very complicated process (not helped by the fact that we only found the instruction booklet at the end of the first day), but ably led by Flynn Gilmour the students did an amazing job. The students all worked exceptionally hard in varying weather conditions, and still managed to attend the odd exam tutorial. This greenhouse was funded by the Primary ITO and will allow Primary Industry students to grow plants for assessment purposes through the winter.

I'd like to thank the four students: Flynn Gilmour, Jenna Swadling, Maddy Lemuelu and Samantha Anderson for displaying such great school spirit in volunteering their time as well as working exceptionally well as a team.

Mr Troost



OTA TeenAg club sponsored by Whangarei A&P Society



The OTA TeenAg club (an affiliate of the Young Farmers clubs) recently received club polo shirts kindly sponsored by the Whangarei A&P Society. In return about 8 members of the club, and Mr Troost, will travel to Whangarei to volunteer at the Whangarei A&P show on Saturday 2nd December. The students will also compete in the Teen Ag Challenge; a fun competition designed to promote and test the students agricultural knowledge and skills organised by Young Farmers NZ. The club encourages people to come along and support the Whangarei A&P

Society and students of the OTA Teen Ag club on Saturday 2nd of December.

Hours: 9am to 4.30pm Entrance: \$10, under 5s free.

Year 8's to North Tec

All year 8 students visited the North Tec campus with their teachers and Fiona Kemp, the Gateway coordinator on the 31st of October. The students were shown around the different classroom areas for courses such as hairdressing and hospitality. Some were fortunate enough to enter the kitchen just as some goodies were ready and they got a taste, much to the envy of the other group. Then the group moved to the Future Trades campus where building and construction, painting, automotive and civil engineering courses are taught.

After the event, Kat Tasker, North Tec's Youth Marketing Coordinator, sent an email saying: *"It was such an awesome group of students we had the pleasure of showing around NorthTec today! They all seemed really interested in what we offer and were all so well behaved. We would love to run a similar tour again for you guys in future."*

The students also reacted very positively on the evaluation forms they filled out. Comments made were: What I found most interesting "that they used dummies that looked so real in the medical department." "I found the science lab informative." "The chef kitchen and how good food they were doing." "The trades building."

"The automotive engineering room was awesome." "The height safety room with all the scaffolding and netting." "Information about the hunting and trapping course."

In the automotive area, the tutor allowed some of the boys to get into the stationary car and 'drive' it, that drew a number of comments from the students as being the best part of the trip.



SWIMMING SPORTS

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 8th February, 2018.

11.30am – 3.30pm.

Come along and support your child/ren. A fantastic day with a carnival atmosphere is promised.

WELCOME EVENING

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 15th February, 2018

We wish to invite and encourage you to join us. This is a perfect opportunity for new families and teachers to be introduced to our school community.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR START OF YEAR 2018

Tuesday 30th January (Buses will be running) School starts for all Year 7, all Year 13 and all new students to OHS.
On the first day of school students should bring pen, paper, morning tea, togs and a towel. Sausage sizzle lunch provided

Wednesday 31st January Whole school to attend (All Years) School finishes at 2pm.
Senior Course confirmation will take place.

Thursday 1st – Friday 2nd February Year 7 & Prefect Camp at Otamatea High School
Thursday 8th February School Swimming Sports
Thursday 15th February Meet the Teachers Evening
Wednesday 28th February School Athletics Day

New Uniform Sales / Year 13 Dress Uniform

Paparoa Drapery stock a full range of Otamatea High School uniform Phone 09 431 7306

PTCA 2ND Hand Uniform Sales

Please contact Karen Flannagan 021 128 1670

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www.otamatea.school.nz