



Otamatea High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Otamatea



Principal's Comment

This newsletter boasts a number of opportunities that our students have been involved in over the last month. Last week at assembly Mr Smyth shared the great results from 2016 with the students, and students who gained course and overall endorsements were awarded with their badges. The 2017 Prefects have started their roles extremely well and were in their element this morning whilst running their first student led assembly. Numerous students spoke about how the school has changed, a topic which was chosen by the students. Sam Allen, Head Girl, explains below what she sees as the positive changes that have occurred whilst she has been at the school.

Coming up soon: Progress interviews – Wednesday 22nd March, 1 – 6pm, OHS Triathlon (now juniors and seniors) – Friday 24th March, Relay for Life – Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd April, Te Tai Tokerau Festival – Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th April – hosted at Bream Bay College.

Rachel Clothier-Simmonds

“My high school life has been solely at Otamatea. It's come a long way in the short seven years I've been here. A playground, a renovation to the science labs and junior block, heat pumps, chromebooks, a new uniform, and now a paint job. But these are just the exterior changes.

What makes me proud to be part of Otamatea is the mana and pride the students but also the staff have for our school. This pride has definitely grown stronger in the years I have been here. In year seven there were lunchtime detentions, year nine stand downs, year 10 there were fights and suspensions. There's no denying it was a low point for us.

But now we have lunchtime sport trainings for different activities almost every day, everyone getting involved in iwi competition like athletics and the haka competition, kids playing on the astroturf morning, interval, and lunch, whanau activities, and Ngapuhi beating Maniapoto! We have had next to no suspensions and stand downs. We all are happy students maximising our schooling. This is a school I am proud of and when I look at you I'd like to think you are as well. Let's keep paddling in this direction, because I believe our waka is going the right way! “

On Wednesday the 15th of March, Otamatea High School had a student run assembly. As prefects we decided that an assembly should be based on how the school has changed since we began school as juniors, and how others have experienced change. Above is the small speech I gave about the improvements I have witnessed. We also had three year sevens talk about what they have enjoyed about Otamatea so far in the 7 weeks they have been here, as well as some year twelve students and the Head Boy talk of their experiences with school and how it has changed. I felt it was a really inspiring topic to be able to talk about, and to see that the students have a heart felt pride for their school.

Otamatea has definitely struggled in the past with behaviour, attendance and academic results. But in reality what high school doesn't struggle with these issues? This is why we have school, to improve our student's behaviour so they are ready to act like an adult in the workplace, to show how important it is to commit to your schooling and have a high attendance, and of course, most importantly to cater for our students' academic needs so we can have the best results for each individual and set them up with the skills they require for when they leave to continue their studies or go into a career. Otamatea now covers these simple needs through the OTA way; Our safety, Total respect, Always learning. This is something which has been

taught in the school and engraved in our minds, even as a new student they are taught this simple saying not just for the sake of it, but so every student can live by it at school.

We have amazing staff at this school whether it be the Principal, a Teacher or Groundskeeper, they all play a part at creating an amazing learning space for all of Otamatea's students by being passionate about their work, and inspiring students to strive for their goals. We have come a long way and this can be seen with our increasing academic results for 2016, with many year levels beating the national average, or our lack of stand downs and suspensions with only 1 suspension for 2016. The people are what make a school, as Mr Chambers often tells us in assembly and he couldn't be more right. Although the exterior changes are nice it's the changes to the culture of the school which make the advancement in Otamatea so noticeable. There isn't a student at school who wouldn't be proud to say attends Otamatea, and that is what grows my mana for my school.

"He waka eke noa, We are all in this waka without exception".

Samantha Allen

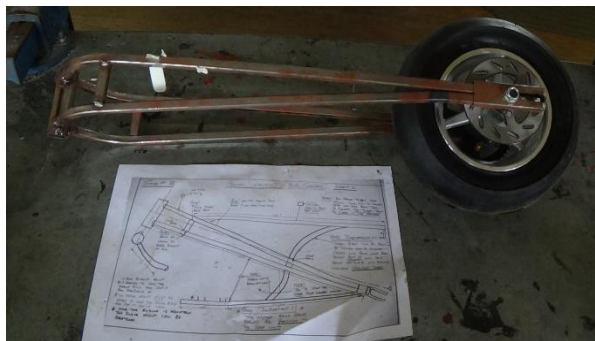


Visit to Historical Site

Late last month the Year 12 History students took part in a field trip to learn about the Brynderwyn bus accident, which occurred in 1963. The accident resulted in the tragic loss of 15 people who were travelling home from Waitangi celebrations, which had been attended by the Queen. To this day it is the worst roading accident in New Zealand history, and it resulted in important changes to vehicle licensing laws. While on location at the site, the students listened to the korero of Helensville Museum historian Leigh Bosch, who is in the process of completing the first book about the accident, entitled *One Last Bend*. They heard about the individual experiences of those involved and learned about the various roles of local people, including local hero Trevor Brjlevich, who was the first ambulance officer on the scene. This trip formed part of a unit of study on the impact of tragedy in historical contexts, and students gave feedback that they found it sobering yet valuable to connect an historical event to real people, and to consider the history that has occurred in our own backyard.



Year 12 Engineering



This year the Year 12 Engineering class are making a mini motorbike as their project. The students were excited to receive the kits which include an engine, wheels, brakes and fairing. The rest is up to them to build using their engineering and fabrication skills. So far students have started to fabricate the frame and are tack welding it together, before engineering the headstock to fit the steering and forks. This is a challenging project, but the students have risen to this and are really enjoying working on their bikes.

Throughout the year we will keep you posted of their progress and whether we have any new Burt Munro's or John Britten's.



When the bikes are finished they will look like the picture (right), or more likely, better!

Construction & Whakairo Academy

The Academy started up this year and is proving very popular with students. This course enables students to gain a National Certificate in Building & Construction as well as gaining Level 2 & 3 credits in Whakairo. The students have started a range of projects, from garden benches to pirate treasure chest boxes to painting Kowhaiwhai panels of their own design.

All theoretical work is supported with practical work so that students understand the importance of basic maths skills and concepts, the pirate treasure chest box booklet was designed so that students understand the importance of geometry and the use of Pi



Treasure chest box by Jenna



Kowhaiwhai Panel by Rubin



Kowhaiwhai Panel by Jesse

Northland Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Ocean Shadbolt, Grace Kemp and Meg Paton who competed in the Northland Swimming Championships.

Top 10 Results from the day

Ocean Shadbolt

competed in the 14-15 year old girls division
1st 100m backstroke, 2nd 50m back stroke, 3rd 100m free style,
4th 5m breast stroke

Grace Kemp (pictured)

competed in the 12-13 year old girls division
7th 100 m back stroke

Meg Paton

competed in the under 11 year old girls division
5th 50 m back stroke, 7th 50 m freestyle



Ocean Shadbolt excelling at swimming

Ocean recently competed at the Swimming New Zealand Division 2 Swimming championships held at Rotorua.

Ocean met the qualifying times for the following seven disciplines' and competed in these events at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre during the week 4th – 8th March.

50m Back, 100m Back, 200m Back, 100m Medley, 50m Free, 100m Free and 200m Free.
Ocean swam a personal best in every one of these events which is fantastic.

Results

Silver 200m Back with a time of 2.31.56

Bronze 100m Back with a time of 1.10.57

Bronze 50m Back with a time of 32.52

Bronze 100m Medley with a time of 1.13.26

From these results Ocean has qualified to compete at the Swimming New Zealand National Age groups to be held in Wellington from Tuesday 21st March – Saturday 25th March.

The events Ocean will be competing in are 50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke.

We look forward to hearing how Ocean goes.



Otamatea High School Athletics Sports 2017

Tuesday 28th February saw the Otamatea Athletics Championships Sports take place. The day turned out sunny with a slight breeze which was perfect conditions for the day. Congratulations to the three students who set new records on the day – Trista comer beat Vivianne Moorhouse’s record set in 1985 of 69 seconds for the 400m with a new record of 68.46 seconds.

Amy Tohu beat Leah Nepia’s record set in 1997 for the shot put of 7m 37cm with a new record of 7m 94cm.

Simon Parker beat Rakai Parker’s record in 2016 for the shot put of 10m 21 with a new record of 12m 07 using a 5 kg shot.

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



Tina Holst, Sport Coordinator

Grade Champions		
Grade	Winner	Runner Up
Sub Junior Boys	Kevin Kim & Nathan Harris	
Sub Junior Girls	Sara Anderson	Lilly Vaughan
Junior Boys	Brett Allen	Kyrin Harris
Junior Girls	Trista Comer	Sophie Gribble
Intermediate Boys	Zac Hamlin	Tyrone De Ardenne
Intermediate Girls	Ocean Shadbolt	Cassidy Allen
Senior Boys	Josh Nishitani-Hart	Dietrich Von Dincklage
Senior Girls	Tyler Porteous	Holly Anderson

Sub Junior Girls				
	First	Second	Third	
100m	Sara Anderson	Lilly Vaughan	Milly Hodgson	15.14
200m	Sara Anderson	Lilly Vaughan	Milly Hodgson	32.74
300m	Kate Cotching			1.14.64
Long jump	Maia Fairburn	Milly Hodgson	Terehia Tua	3m91
High jump	Maia Fairburn	Terehia Tua	Devine Henderson	1m23
Discuss	Lilly Vaughan	Sara Anderson	Milly Hodgson	14m88
Shot put	Ayla Antunovich	Chloe Millard	Terehia Tua	6m11

Sub Junior Boys				
	First	Second	Third	
100m	Jesse Goodfellow	Sario Gene & Kevin Kim		14.27
200m	Jesse Goodfellow	Kevin Kim	Sario Gene	30.21
300m	Nathan Harris	Kevin Kim	Aaron Cooper	59.32.10
800m	Nathan Harris	Jesse Goodfellow	Gareth Ferguson	2.53.25
1500m	Nathan Harris	Jesse Goodfellow	Roy Thomas	6.00.31
Long jump	Kevin Kim	Nathan Harris	Tawhetu Phillips	4m22
High jump	Tawhetu Phillips	Tamati Phillips & Kevin Kim		1m22
Discuss	Branden Edwards	Kurtis Kemara	Teina Whare Paieka	16m30
Shot put	Kurtis Kemara	Branden Edwards	Tawhetu Phillips	7m35

Junior Boys				
	First	Second	Third	
100m	Brett Allen	Haylen Moir-Bishell	Zayde Wyatt	13.15
200m	Brett Allen	Joshua Sheppard	Zayde Wyatt	28.47
400m	Joshua Sheppard	Keanu Taiaroa	Kyrin Harris	1.11.43
800m	Joshua Sheppard	Kyrin Harris	Keanu Taiaroa	2.35.70
1500m	Joshua Sheppard	Kyrin Harris		5.33.21
Long jump	Bryce Phillips	Haylen Moir-Bishell	Leon Mansell-Clark	4m53
High jump	Brett Allen	Bryce Phillips	Sam Woolley	1m47
Discuss	Joe Rose	Andrew Birt	Jim Holcroft	22m05

Junior Girls				
	First	Second	Third	
100m	Cheylesse Flannagan	Lexi Porteous	Sophie Gribble	14.25
200m	Trista Comer	Sophie Gribble		30.35
400m	Trista Comer	Sophie Gribble	Poppy Scott	1.08.46
800m	Trista Comer	Sophie Gribble	Lola Smyth	2.45.57
1500m	Trista Comer	Sophie Gribble	Poppy Scott	5.44.90
Long jump	Sophie Gribble	Trista Comer	Lola Smyth	4m35
High jump	Renee Allen	Sophie Gribble & Trista Comer		1m35
Discuss	Amy Lawrence	Amy Tohu	Asher Tito	15m25
Shot put	Amy Tohu	Cheylesse Flannagan	Lexi Porteous	7m94

Intermediate Boys				
	First	Second	Third	
100m	Tyrone De Ardenne	Denzal Peeni	Zac Hamlin	12.25
200m	Tyrone De Ardenne	Zac Hamlin	Denzal Peeni	26.75
400m	Isaac Sheppard	Connor Mitchell	Jeremiah Cosgrave	1.05.52
800m	Matt Hamilton	Benecio Van Zwijndrent		2.46.85
1500m	Isaac Sheppard	Matt Hamilton	Jacob Butler	5.14.68
Long jump	Tyrone De Ardenne	Connor Mitchell	Zac Hamlin	4m98
High jump	Tyrone De Ardenne	Zac Hamlin	Kayne Goodfellow	1m52
Discuss	Chevy Turner-Bennett	Hyde Massey	Devon Slack	25m71
Shot put	Anthony Kim	Cole Doyle	Zac Hamlin	10m30



Intermediate Girls				
	First	Second	Third	
100m	Cassidy Allen	Ocean Shadbolt	Jayme Curtis	13.88
400m	Ocean Shadbolt	Amyee Sheppard	Emma Huband	1.13.00
800m	Ocean Shadbolt	Portia Wehi		4.27.30
1500m	Hayley Linton	Amyee Sheppard	Cassidy Allen	6.25.33
Long jump	Suzy Thomas	Ocean Shadbolt	Amyee Sheppard	4m04
High jump	Cassidy Allen	Ocean Shadbolt	Laurinda Bokma	1m36
Discuss	Nikala Abel	Ocean Shadbolt	Blossom Connelly	19m4



Senior Boys				
	First	Second	Third	
100m	Dietrich Von Dincklage	Josh Nishitani-Hart	Bailey Hudson	11.78
200m	Dietrich Von Dincklage	Josh Nishitani-Hart	Kayden French-Brown	25.00
400m	Josh Nishitani-Hart	Dietrich Von Dincklage	Bailey Hudson	1.01.50
800m	Bailey Hudson	Samuel Stephens	Lochy Stedman	2.28.62
1500m	Bailey Hudson	Josh Nishitani-Hart	Lee Holst	5.24.09
Long jump	Josh Nishitani-Hart	Dietrich Von Dincklage	Chas Mikaere	5m46
High jump	Josh Nishitani-Hart	Dietrich Von Dincklage & Simon Parker		1m60
Discuss	Simon Parker	Dietrich Von Dincklage	Tamati Abel	29m67
Shot put	Simon Parker	Dietrich Von Dincklage	Tamati Abel	12m07



Senior Girls				
	First	Second	Third	
100m	Jessie Allen	Shyla Hodge	Tyler Porteous	14.15
200m	Jessie Allen	Tyler Porteous	Annmarie Holst	31.19
400m	Annmarie Holst	Holly Anderson	Parekaahu Paikea	1.33.03
800m	Tyler Porteous	Kayla Joyce	Annmarie Holst	3.04.31
1500m	Tyler Porteous	Annmarie Holst	Shyla Hodge	6.42.93
Long jump	Holly Anderson	Tyler Porteous	Holly Kenyon	4m03
High jump	Shuntel Rika	Tyler Porteous	Shyla Hodge	1m35
Discuss	Shuntel Rika	Shyla Hodge	Sophia Smith	21m45

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



Lower North Athletics 2017

On Tuesday the 7th March Otamatea High School took a team to the athletics at Bream Bay College.

The students represented our school with pride and were a pleasure to look after.

Otamatea students can be very proud of themselves with many podium finishes. The stand out performances for the day for me were our relay races with all our teams coming away with either a win or third placing.

Lower North Champions Girls

Sub Junior Sara Kemp – 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 2nd 300m, 2nd discus / Lilly Vaughan – 3rd 200m

Milly Hodgson – 2nd 800m / Terehia Taua – 1st shot put, 3rd high jump

Ayla Antunovich – 2nd shot put / Relay – 1st

Junior Trista Comer – 1st 300m, 1st 800m, 1st long jump, 2nd triple jump / Sophie Gribble – 3rd 300m, 2nd 1500m, 1st triple jump / Renee Allen – 2nd high jump / Relay 1st

Intermediate Cassidy Allen – 2nd 200m, 2nd long jump, 3rd high jump / Amyee Sheppard – 1st 400m, 3rd long jump / Hayley Linton – 1st 800m, 1st 1500m / Relay 3rd

Senior Girls Tyler Porteous – 1st 800m, 1st 1500m, 3rd triple jump / Annmarie Holst – 2nd 1500m / Shuntel Rika – 1st discus, 1st high jump / Jessie Allen – 3rd long jump / Relay 1st

Lower North Champions Boys

Sub Junior Jesse Goodfellow – 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 3rd 800m, 2nd 1500m / Nathan Harris – 1st 300m, 1st 800m, 1st 1500m, 2nd discus, 1st long jump, 2nd triple jump, 2nd high jump

Kevin Kim – 3rd 200m, 3rd 300m, 2nd long jump, 1st triple jump / Kurtis Kemara – 3rd discus

Tawhetu Phillips – 1st high jump / Relay 1st

Junior Brett Allen – 1st 200m, 2nd 400m, 2nd triple jump / Josh Sheppard – 2nd 1500m / Joe Rose – 1st discus / Relay 1st

Intermediate Tyrone De Ardenne – 2nd 100m, 1st 200m, 1st long jump / Hyde Massey – 3rd discus / Connor Mitchell – 3rd triple jump / Relay 1st

Senior Josh Nishitani-Hart – 1st 100m, 3rd 200m, 1st triple jump, 3rd high jump / Dietrich Von Dincklage – 2nd 200m, 3rd shot put / Bailey Hudson – 3rd 800m, 3rd 1500m / Relay 3rd



Terehia Taua competes at the National Junior Surf Lifesaving Competition

From the 3rd to the 5th of March I competed in the annual National Junior Surf Lifesaving competition called Oceans held in Mount Maunganui. There were 146 clubs from all over NZ, that were represented by 1500 competitors between 10 and 14 years of age.

My team of 7 competitors from Mangawhai Heads Surf Life Saving Club competed in races such as tube rescue, board rescue, flags, the diamond and the relays. All these events contain skills needed in order to be a lifeguard. My team trains every sunday from 10am to 12 to practice and learn new skills that are used by lifeguards worldwide to save lives.

This is the second year I have competed in Oceans and my highlight this year was crossing the finish line in every event I competed in. Even though I didn't place in any, it feels so good to know that I finished something that could possibly one day save a life.

P.S Did you see me on the live coverage on TV.

Terehia Taua Year 7



Northland Secondary School Triathlon

This event was held at Kai Iwi Lakes on Friday 24th February. 21 Otamatea High School students participated in the swim, cycle and run disciplines over the age group distances. The day presented with a cloudy sky and only a gentle breeze. Lovely conditions for our competitors.

Highlights for the day were:

Poppy Scott winning the Sub Junior Individual Girls age group.

Trista coming second in the Junior girls Individual race.

Ocean Shadbolt coming second in the intermediate girls individual race.



Joe Rose, Haylen Moir-Bishell and Kyrin Harris coming third in the junior boys team race.

Jayson Gilpin, Lochy Steedman and Josh Nishitani-Hart coming third in the senior boys race.

All students thoroughly enjoyed the day and were rewarded with a much deserved swim in the lake after the event.

Duke of Edinburgh – Gold Pre-Expedition to Tongariro National Park

On Saturday 4th March, eleven DOE Gold level students travelled to the Tongariro National Park to complete the 46km, Tongariro Northern Circuit for our pre expedition.

Day one saw us head out in misty, moist weather conditions down the Waihohonu Traverse. We cooked lunch just before the Tama Lakes junction. The white out conditions meant that the views of the lakes were not to be.

As the weather site had predicted, however, the afternoon turned out to be hot and sunny. The mountains came into view and we were blown away by their size and the beauty of our surroundings. Our group settled into the Waihohonu Hut (1100m) and then went to explore the " historic Waihohonu Hut. For some of us who were brave enough the Ohinepango Springs 30m challenge was undertaken in what is the coldest water we had all experienced. Simon doesn't feel the cold and did it twice! (14km)

Day 2 saw us up at 6am and tramping by 7.30am towards the Oturere Hut (1360m). The weather was misty, but as we began our climb out of the valley, the mountains were bathed in early morning sunlight and were amazing! We were tramping in volcanic sand with a strong wind making it slow going as we crossed the undulating terrain. Morning tea was enjoyed at the hut, then began the steep climb out of the valley to the Emerald Lakes on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing. When we reached the lakes, we cooked lunch and watched hundreds of day trippers passing. They were like a line of ants soaking up the views and speaking in their native languages. We had a tough climb up the scree slope of the Red Crater with our back packs. The views at the top (1860m) were spectacular and the strong gusting wind almost blew you over. We decided that it was too late to climb up Mt Ngauruhoe so we descended the Devil's stair case and tramped on to Mangatepopo Hut (1190m). Many of us soaked aching feet and leg muscles in the stream below the hut, the others just rested after our 20km, 10 hour day.

Day 3 saw us up at the familiar time of 6am and tramping towards Whakapapa, just as the new trail of "ants" began their day on the crossing. The misty/moist cloud had rolled in across the plateau, once again hiding the mountains from view. We reached the Taranaki Falls where Holly (times two) and Dietrich had a swim. The rest of us enjoyed watching them and cooked food on our cookers. The final part of the circuit was following the true left of the Wairere Stream and then tramping through beech forest and alpine shrubs to the visitor centre.(12km).

We had an amazing tramp in an alpine/volcanic environment and learnt some of the history of the area from the Doc rangers, Boyd and Jack.

We have one more pre expedition to Lake Waikaremoana, Labour weekend, and then our gold qualifier to the Rees/Dart/Routeburn Tracks in Mt Aspiring National Park 3-10 December. A huge thank you to our shadow party: Lana Parkinson, Dirk Smyth, Mark McKenzie, Jason Allen and Robyn Bruce



OTA UNIVERSITY VISITS



We welcomed Massey University earlier this month with a great turn out of 18 students attending at interval.

Rebekah Sulman, Massey Student Recruitment Advisor, presented degree options with a general Q & A session. Lucky for our school, Rebekah lives close by and is able to meet with potential students and families if required. Please contact Elizabeth van den Berg, Career Advisor for enquiries.

Our school holds **OTA University Visits** at intervals in the where:

Otago University - 20 March

University of Auckland - 21 March

Victoria University - 13 April

Y11 & Y12 students looking to attend University will need to attend the **OTA University Visits** if they are to have a better preparation for entry and scholarships. Do not wait until you are Y13.



Thinking of going to university (or if your child is thinking of going to University) get up to speed with the language they use. Look on the Career page on the school's website to find the meaning of GPA, scholarships, semesters, etc.

Proudly hosted by Otamatea High School

CAREERS ROAD SHOW

Tuesday, 28th MARCH 2017

Held in the OHS Hall during school hours.



Engineering Finance Tourism Construction University Health Care Farming Defence Force Education



TE ROOPU TAUTOKO

At the start of the year stationery can be a bit of a mission for whanau. Te Roopu Tautoko had an initiative to purchase 1B8 & 1J5 for any student who needed it. Over 52 stationery items have been issued to whoever needed it. The feedback from staff and students has been awesome.

What's Coming Up?

This year we are hosts to **Nga Manu Korero Regionals 2017**. Te Roopu Tautoko are holding meetings on the following dates, specifically for this event: 6th April, 4th May, 11th May and 1st June. Time of meetings is usually 3.45pm.



Gateway

Shaun Ritchie Racing Ltd

Sammy Hammon has had aspirations of being a veterinary since forever. Early in the year Sammy gained placement, during the school holidays, with the Vet Centre in Maungaturoto. She learnt so much about what the ins and outs are of

being a vet. In addition she completed valuable unit standards and hours for entry into Massey University.

Towards the end of the year Sammy decided her career direction was more towards horses. A fantastic opportunity arose via family, that Sammy could do work experience with Shaune Ritchie Racing – one of New Zealand's most successful thoroughbred training operations located in the heart of thoroughbred racing in Cambridge.

Sammy will be returning to his stables this year and she will also complete unit standards associated with a National Certificate in Equine.



Are you receiving the weekly

Te Panui o Otamatea

via email every Friday?

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Te Uri o Nga Waka – Kapa haka



Te Taitokerau Festival will be held at Bream Bay College this year. Our kapa haka roopu is in full swing with wananga and after school practices.

I'm so pleased to announce that [Nga Roimata Morgan](#) will be our Kaiako kapa haka for 2017. Rawe, that Nga Roimata has agreed to come back, her commitment to our roopu is nothing less than amazing.

MAURI ORA!!!

Former Head Girl, Jasmine Sampson graces Te Matatini stage 2017!

If you have ever had the pleasure of knowing what Te Matatini is, it is the competition for the best of the best in the world in kapa haka. Held in Napier this year, our very own Jasmine represented her roopu, Te Pou o Mangatawhiri, with our former kapa haka tutors, Parekura and Te Wai. Amazing performance. Through hard work and dedication Jasmine fulfilled her dream of performing at Te Matatini. Currently studying at Waikato University, Jasmine continues to do Otamatea High School proud!



Juniors explore workplaces

All the year 7 students went into Maungaturoto town on Monday 13 March to visit some workplaces. They were divided into two groups who each visited a service centre and a business. One group was hosted by the Vet Centre while the other group went to the Ambulance station. Then they went to the butchery and Fergus Electrical respectively. The information students gathered on the trip is part of their Social Studies unit on Communities and it also builds their Career Management Competencies. They prepared specific questions to ask about the jobs people in these workplaces do and the skills and training they had.

On Wednesday the year 8's have a similar experience visiting the Police Station, the Fire Station, Four Square and Carters.

The year 7 and 8 Syndicate and Careers Advisor are very grateful to the people who gave up their time to answer the students questions so thoroughly and gave them a look into the adult world of work.



School Social

When : Thursday 30th March

Where : OHS Hall Time : 7pm-10pm Who : OHS students ONLY

Cost: \$8.00

Parents/Caregivers must deliver their children by 7pm and pick their children up by 10pm (or earlier) in front of the hall. No one will be allowed entry after 7.15pm.

Students cannot leave early unless a parent or caregiver is there to pick them up.

All bags and jackets **MUST** be left along the office corridor.

Money will need to be in pockets for the canteen.

The social is a fundraiser for the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award Group.

Mr Chambers and Mrs Bruce (organisers)

Olla Rodrigo

A night not to be missed!

Singing Talent competition

(backing band Spiral)

Variety Acts

Thursday 29 June, 2017

Tickets on sale from Monday 5 June



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