



Otamatea High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Otamatea



Principal's Comment

We started the 2018 school year with the knowledge that our senior students received even better levels of achievements at all three NCEA levels than their impressive 2016 results. The results were as follows:

NCEA Level 1: 92.3%, NCEA Level 2: 93.8% and NCEA Level 3: 89.3%

Well done to everyone involved. This represents a whole community success. He waka eke noa; we're all in the waka without exception.

This year the Board of Trustees have set the following aspirational goals:

- A. To achieve over 90% pass rates at NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3
- B. 50% of NCEA Level 1 entries to achieve an overall endorsement (Merit or Excellence)
- C. 35% of NCEA Level 2 and Level 3 entries to achieve an overall endorsement (Merit or Excellence)

At a recent assembly students who received overall NCEA Excellence and Course (Merit and Excellence) endorsements received their badges, which are now proudly displayed on their uniforms. The explanation of these endorsements and the names of those received their badges are recorded later in this newsletter.

At the Welcome Evening I outlined the school's annual goals and parents had an opportunity to attend sessions on the 'Year 7 and 8 syndicate', 'Your teenager' and 'Understanding NCEA'. We are planning on running a series of evening sessions this year on topics which are of interest to parents. Please get in touch with any ideas that you have.

The 2018 annual goals are available on the school website under Charter and Strategic Plan. One of this year's annual goals is to develop a new vision with the aim of consolidating a new strategic direction. We are beginning this process at the beginning of term two with a Staff Only Day on Friday 4th May. Prefects, senior Student Council members and parents are invited to join the staff on this day as we are very keen to develop a shared vision which encompasses the views of all groups. Please see the information leaflet attached to this newsletter if you are interested in attending.

We have also recently begun the process of reviewing our annual schedule of inter iwi events that we operate at the school. Our aim is to expand our programme to include all curriculum areas which are important in a student's full development. Ideas which have been put forward so far to enhance this programme are Master Chef, Debating and Mathex. As part of this inter iwi review we will be looking at how points are awarded for each event and how 'champions' are determined. We will be inviting feedback from former record holders and those who initially developed our current system, as any change in our system will need to have the 'buy in' of all interested parties.

On Thursday 10th May at 6pm we will be holding a community session about cyber safety at the school. Technology is all around us and young people across the globe are impacted by it on a daily basis. It is crucial that parents are able to understand what their children are being exposed to so that they can assist them to become confident, connected positive users of technology. This session will be insightful for all, please bring your questions along.

Rachel Clothier-Simmonds, Principal

Welcome to our new staff

Amanda Haines I am excited to be joining your school community for the 2018 school year where I will be teaching Health and Physical Education. I love the school culture here at Otamatea, its connections with the wider community, and the sense of belonging. I am from Ōtautahi (Christchurch) where most of my family still reside. I love travelling and exploring new places, whether on our shores, or afar, recreation fitness adventures, and sport. My background is in Health Science, Psychology, Personal Training and Education. I am looking forward to meeting you all throughout the year, and working with your children.



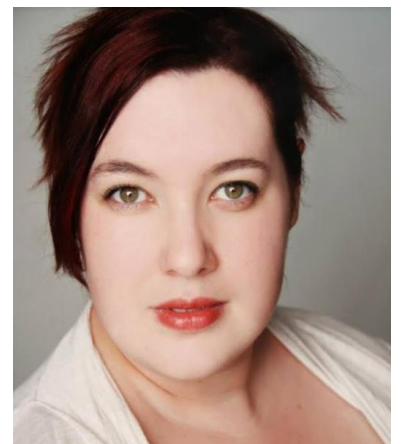
Lee Dainty I live in Whangarei with my wife Gretchen and my border collie Hartley. We moved here from Helensville 3 years ago for an improved lifestyle. Before starting here I spent 5 years at Massey High School teaching workshop skills and techniques. I completed an apprenticeship at the HMNZ dockyard as a sheet metal engineer and have used my trade around the world working on building sites and petrochemical plants, as well as managing CNC manufacturing workshops in Auckland. I am really happy to be working at such a lovely school where I have been made to feel so welcome and plan to be here for quite a while.



Frances MacLennan I am the new head of the English department. I'm a long-term resident of Maungaturoto and taught at OHS seven years ago. I spent one year teaching at Westmount before taking up the Head of Department role at Dargaville High School. I'm delighted to now be back working closer to home and I look forward to reconnecting with the students and families in this part of the Kaipara.



Alexandra McKellar I am very excited to be the new Drama teacher at Otamatea. I have been working as a freelancer in the professional performing arts industry for the last 8 years. I started a company which ran classes in Music Theatre, Dance, Singing, Drama and Voice in Auckland as well as working for various professional companies and community groups as a Director, Choreographer and Performer all around the country. Last year I commuted from Maungaturoto to Auckland to teach Drama at Northcote College so it is nice to be working within my community.



I taught some singing and piano at Otamatea in 2016 where I fell in love with the culture within the school and I am very happy to be back here in a full time capacity. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and making some drama magic!

Traci Moring I am the new Student Support Secretary at the Rongo – Student Centre. I've been working casually at the high school over the past year and a bit filling in at the student centre, in the office and the canteen, and I feel privileged to now be a part of the OTA School family full-time. Myself and my family have lived in Maungaturoto for the 12 years and I have been involved with the local primary school and the high school as a parent in this time, so I know a lot of the families whose children are attending the high school and I look forward to meeting those I don't know yet. I have two girls currently attending the school and a son who left in 2010.



I come from a varied career background – for the past 8 years I have been running my own beauty therapy business from home, whilst caring for my lovely children and moonlighting at the local pharmacy. I spent 7 years managing a PTE in Whangarei and then one in Wellington, and 3 years working in a Kohanga Reo in Whangarei. I've worked in retail, hospitality and administration over the years, and I think my past work experiences will benefit me greatly going forward in my new job. Please feel free to come and say hello anytime.

Monique Myburg Tena koutou, I am looking forward to teaching Year 8 and Year 10 Mathematics at Otamatea High School this year. Returning to Otamatea, it has been lovely to see my Year 7 and Year 8 students from 2014 now as seniors. I was born and raised in South Africa where I completed my teaching degree and I've been teaching in New Zealand for the past 10 years. We live in Ararua where my husband Pieter is a dairy farmer. As a teacher I strive to create engaging learning opportunities that allow students to achieve progress in a safe and positive environment.



Wero White Water Park

The Level 2 Sports Leadership class went to the Wero White Water Park in Manukau, where the students got to experience a grade 3-4 section of rapids and a 10 Metre waterfall drop. This was a fun day and students were able to demonstrate their cooperation, communication and trust skills in a challenging environment. After this we were able to stop in and check out the viaduct harbour and experience the Volvo Ocean Race, all the yachts were out and the atmosphere there was awesome.

Bruce Alison



NCEA Excellence Endorsements for OHS Students

Otamatea High School is very proud of the large number of our senior students who have gained NCEA endorsements in 2017. Each year NZQA recognises high achieving students by awarding various endorsements. Students who gain 50 credits overall at excellence (or merit) level have their NCEA certificate endorsed with excellence (or merit). It is a considerable honour to be awarded such an endorsement. Congratulations to the following students who have all gained overall certificate endorsements for the 2017 academic year.

NCEA Endorsed with Excellence

NCEA Level 3: Samantha Allen

NCEA Level 2: Ewan Smith, Claude Smyth, Zoe Meehan, Natalie Birt, Annmarie Holst, Molly Curnow

NCEA Level 1: Jade Tornquist, Mya Lawrence, Maddy Lemuelu, Hannah Cant, Suzy Hames, Alex Parr, Julia Mickell, Mason Wintle, Kinga Harding, Isaac Sheppard

NCEA Endorsed with Merit

NCEA Level 3: Tyler Porteous, Lenhy Massey, Greer Sanger, Joshua Nishitani Hart, Miriana Littlejohn, Max Daniels

NCEA Level 2: Jodie Lannie, Abigail Mason, Corey Slimo, Laurinda Bokma, Hannah Mills, Gian Liu, Simon Parker, Aaron Lupton, Erin Corble, Holly Brunt, Jessica Allen

NCEA Level 1: Nikayla Abel, Emma Millard, Cat Veale, Eliana-Rose Kerrigan, Bridgette Hosford, Tyler Flannagan, Georgia Denton, Ethan Trembath, Danni McKie, Jeremiah Cosgrave-Brogtrop, Shicane Storey, Rosasharn Vincent, Jayme Curtis, Benicio Van Zwijndregt.



Well done to our NCEA stars, you have all shown commitment to your studies and have continued to demonstrate what the 'A' in the OTA way is all about – Always Learning.

Course Endorsements

Students can also be awarded individual course endorsements. These endorsements recognise outstanding achievement in a particular subject or course. Students need to gain at least 14 credits at excellence (or merit) in a single course to receive an excellence (or merit) endorsement. The following students have done exceptionally well in receiving NCEA course endorsements for their efforts last year (subject in brackets).

NCEA Courses Endorsed with Excellence.

NCEA Level 3: Samantha Allen (Chemistry, Physical Education) , Max Daniels (Calculus), Josh Nishitani Hart (Physical Education), Molly Curnow (Drama), Ewan Smith (Calculus), Claude Smyth (Calculus)

NCEA Level 2: Zoe Meehan (Chemistry, Statistics), Erin Corble (English), Molly Curnow (English), Holly Brunt (Geography), Annmarie Holst (Physical Education), Corey Slimo (Physical Education), Jessica Allen (Physical Education), Kinga Harding (Spanish)

NCEA Level 1: Mya Lawrence (Accounting, English, Health, Mathematics, Science), Kinga Harding (Science, Physical Education, French), Isaac Sheppard (English, Mathematics), Maddy Lemuelu (Health, Physical Education), Alex Parr (Mathematics, Physical Education), Maggie Hames (Māori, Mathematics), Nikayla Abel (Physical Education), Jade Tornquist (History), Emma Millard (Physical Education) Susie Hames (Mathematics), Suzy Thomas (Art).

NCEA Courses Endorsed with Merit

The following students all received merit course endorsements.

Level 3: Max Daniels (Chemistry, Physics), Blake Sims (English), Josh Nishitani Hart (English), Miriana Littlejohn (English), Lenhy Massey (History), Greer Sanger (History), Lee Holst (Calculus), Tyler Porteous (Physical Education), Azariah Ingham (Painting), Natalie Birt (Calculus), Molly Curnow (History), Ewan Smith (Chemistry)

Level 2: Gian Liu (Chemistry, English, Health, Mathematics), Simon Parker (Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Wood Technology), Natalie Birt (Biology, Chemistry, English), Annmarie Holst (Health, Mathematics, Statistics), Claude Smyth (Physical Education, Physics), Jodie Lannie (Chemistry, English), Aaron Lupton (Chemistry, Wood Technology), Hannah Mills (English, Geography), James White (Chemistry), Molly Curnow (Biology), Abigail Mason (English), Zoe Meehan (English), Holly Brunt (English), Elissa Britton (Health), Kimberlee Mannington (Health), Holly Brunt (Health), Kayden French (Physical Education), Caleb Hayes (Physical Education), Chantel Shadbolt (Physical Education), Holly Anderson (Physical Education), Mathias Damsted (Physical Education), Laurinda Bokma (Photography), Ewan Smith (Physics), Tegan Evans (Painting), Erin Corble (Painting), Corey Slimo (Wood Technology), Matthew Riddlestone (Mathematics), Suzy Hames (Chemistry), Mya Lawrence (Chemistry)

Level 1: Bridgette Hosford (English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science), Mason Wintle (Accounting, English, Geography, Mathematics, Science), Julia Mickell (Geography, Mathematics, Science, Textiles), Jade Tornquist (English, Health, Mathematics, Science), Benicio Van Zwijndregt (English, Geography, Mathematics), Emma Millard (English, Geography, History), Hannah Cant (English, Mathematics, Science), Rosasharn Vincent (Art, Geography, Science), Cat Veale (Drama, Health), Danni McKie (English, Physical Education), Suzy Hames (Geography, Science), Alex Parr (Geography, Science), Kinga Harding (Mathematics, Physical Education), Isaac Sheppard (Music, Science), Ocean Shadbolt (Physical Education), Quintin Brown (Physical Education), Jaime Kurupo (Physical Education), Tyler Flannagan (Physical Education), Ethan Trembath (Physical Education), Jerimiah Cosgrave-Brogtrop (Physical Education), Isaac Sheppard (Physical Education), Shicane Storey (Physical Education), Eliana-Rose Kerrigan (Geography), Georgia Denton (Health), Jayme Curtis (Physical Education), Hayden Wharfe (Geography), Bipasa Patel (Māori), Jemma Kurupo (Māori)

RELAY FOR LIFE – OTAMATEA HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATED WITH PRIDE

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

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

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

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

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

Annmarie Holst and Natalie Birt



Twin Coasts Kahui Ako

This year a team of teachers from across the Twin Coasts Community of Learning (Col or Kahui Ako) have begun working together towards improving the achievement of all the students in our community. The schools are Kaiwaka School, Maungaturoto School, Mangawhai Beach School, Paparoa School and Otamatea High School.

To mark the start of this initiative, this week all our students recorded their 'hopes and dreams' for the future onto postcards to their future selves, which will now be buried in a time capsule until the end of this year. This activity was a fun activity done during whānau time.



The team of teachers who are working in the schools will be sharing resources and ideas with each other and taking the 'best practices' into their own classrooms and schools to ensure our school goals are met, and students continue to do well at Otamatea High School, and from all our feeder schools.

Girls' Futsal Tournament

The tournament was held at ASB stadium. We fielded two under 16 teams. Both of our teams displayed good footie and were very disciplined. The girls showed a good team work and respected others on the field.

On the other hand, I would like to thank Mark Flannagan for helping us at the venue. We won 2nd and 5th place. We lost in the final but maintained the high morale in the team. The school will receive the certificates soon.

Samid Buksh



Year 8 Pukearenga - Onomatopoeia



Year 7 Camp 2018

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

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

Thanks prefects, you were awesome!

Chloe Comer, Year 7



Kids' Lit Quiz 2018

On March 6 Vicky Garnett and I took our 2 Kids' lit quiz teams to Keirkeri to compete in the Northland Regional competition. We had all new competitors this year, 3 Year 8 students and 5 from Year 7. The questions were from categories ranging from Cats and Clocks to Finances and Wizards. Ota 1 comprising of Sophie Van Harlingen (Captain), Rosalyn Stuart, Skye Johnson and Cortney Phillips did well in the Escapes category, with Ota 2 comprising of Kyin Smith (Captain), Matai Hartles, Max Cotching and Callum Smith winning the Female category with 8 correct answers. The winning team was from Kamo Intermediate, they will compete in the New Zealand final in Wellington in June with International Final to be held in Auckland in July. We had a great time and are preparing for next years Quiz with lots of reading, not an onerous task for these keen readers.



Catherine Pilkington, Librarian

Congratulations to David Hames, who received his Gold Duke of Edinburgh's International Award on Saturday 17th February at a formal ceremony at Wellington's Government House.

David was one of sixty recipients receiving their awards from Sarah Hillary, daughter of Sir Edmund Hillary. A further forty five recipients received awards in the afternoon.

For David, this is the conclusion of his journey through the DOE programme at Otamatea High School. The gold award is a prestigious award that opens many doors for its participants and their future.



Thank you to David's father, Mr Ken Hames, for all the voluntary hours he has (and still is) putting into our DOE programme. We value your expertise, support, knowledge, and camaraderie in the Great Outdoors very much.

Robyn Bruce



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Duke of Edinburgh Gold – Heaphy Track

The Heaphy Track gold group of eight students flew to Nelson and caught the Heaphy bus to the Brown Hut. At the hut we had our lunch and began our long day's tramp up hill to the Perry Saddle hut. It was extremely hot and we were glad to be in amongst the beech forest. Day two saw us leave the hut early and head downhill through beech forest and on to the expansive Goulard Downs. We had a break at the Goulard Downs historic hut and explored the caves in the area. We found one large cave with a water fall coming out of it which made for a photo shoot! Tyler and Ocean explored the upper cave level and Holly faced her fear of cave wetas! There was a family of wekas who were very friendly and enjoyed our food crumbs. We continued tramping to the Saxon Hut where we had lunch. More wekas greeted us and we had to put our packs out of their reach. Today was to be our 26km day and our bodies were beginning to feel this as we headed towards the Mackay Hut. Along the way we passed some interesting rock formations that saw some of the boys climb to the top.

Day three saw us head out early without packs to climb to the top of a nearby mountain. The views of the hut, the Heaphy River mouth and where we'd come from were amazing and so clear. We tramped downhill to the Lewis Hut where we had lunch and a swim in the river. This was Mr Alison's favourite part... floating/bumping down the rapids several time, along with Tyler and Isaac! The afternoon saw us pass some huge Rata trees and Nikau palms before arriving at the Heaphy Hut. Here we had a swim in the river and sat on the beach watching the colourful West Coast sunset.

Day four saw us up early and heading towards the Kohaihai Shelter to meet our 2pm bus. We tramped beside the calm Tasman Sea passing some remote surf breaks and golden sand beaches. The Heaphy Track is the longest Great Walk at 83km and is the most diverse scenery wise. We had four days of amazing fine weather, swimming and scenery all on a well formed track. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the tramp and were proud of completing their gold qualifier!

Thank you to Bruce Alison and Robyn Bruce for being our shadow party throughout our DOE journey. You are both amazing!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our fund raising activities towards the cost of this tramp.



Duke of Edinburgh Silver – Kaimanawas

On Friday 23rd February a silver DOE group of eight students headed to the Kaimanawas to complete the Umukarikari /Waipakihi /Urchin Circuit Track for their pre expedition in preparation for their qualifying tramp to Mt Taranaki from April 6 to 9. On the first day, the group tramped through beech forest, mountain tops and past the summit of Mt Umukarikari (1591m). The views over Lake Taupo, the Thunderbolt Tops and the mountains of the central Plateau were spectacular! As we tramped, the sun was burning until a welcome cloud cover arrived. The descent was made to the Waipakihi Hut, where a swim was enjoyed and bunks were secured. Communal dinners were cooked and 8.30pm saw everyone head to bed, as the group had decided that 6am was to be the wake up time. Paris was the group leader for the morning, so she had everyone up on time and at 7.30am the group began bush bashing and zigzagging their way across the Waipakihi River. We enjoyed lunch beside the river and then carried on to the track junction of the Urchin Track. We were going to camp here, but decided to cook an early tea and then head out over the tops to the Urchin camp site in case the bad weather that had been forecast was moving in.



We used a tramping technique that Stephen taught us to keep the group moving and close together. We were soon out on the tops again. The wind had picked up and the clouds were travelling quickly across the early evening sky. By the time we reached the summit of Mt Urchin (1392), white out conditions prevailed. After two hours of downhill, we were putting up tents for the night at the camp site. There were lots of other groups camping here also.

We packed up early on Sunday morning and walked to Tree Trunk Gorge. Here the boys had fun dropping rocks etc into the river below and waiting 4 seconds for the splash!

We then travelled to Spa Park in Taupo where we enjoyed a swim in a hot stream that was flowing into the cold waters of the Waikato River. This natural hot / cold water was perfect for our sore muscles.

All together we tramped 34km over some of the most beautiful and remote terrain in the North Island. A HUGE thanks to Stephen Orchard for his guidance and expertise on this pre expedition. Thank you also to our shadow party, Andrea Orchard, Andrew Swadling and Robyn Bruce. We couldn't have achieved what we did with out you!

DoE Gold Pre Expedition Tongariro Trip

Last Friday we headed off to Tongariro National Park to tramp the Northern Circuit as part of our Adventurous journey for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. We left Maungaturoto at the early hour of 3.30am arriving at Whakapapa Visitor Centre before lunch. We had a good look around the DOC displays and had a chat to the Ranger before starting our walk to Mangatepopo Hut.

Day 2 started with a wake up call at 4.45 am . The first section of today's tramp was up the Mangatepopo Valley to the Red Crater. This is also part of the Tongariro Alpine Crossing of which up to 3000 people a day are on the trail. So in order to beat the crowd we left the hut in the dark and started heading upwards. It was pleasant tramping being nice and cool. Three hours later we arrived at the highest point of the tramp (1886m). It was another fine beautiful day and we had great views in all directions. From here we slid in scree downwards past the stunning Emerald Lakes and said goodbye to the crowds as we turned off to our lunchstop at Outrere Hut. We ended the day at the palatial Waihohonu hut.

Day 3. A sleep in till 6am. After breakfast it was a relatively easy hike back to Whakapapa, into the van and home.

The volcanic terrain of craters, plateaus, rocks and Mountains were a different landscape than the NZ bush we normally tramp in. Thanks to Sharlene, Areti and Ken for shadowing us on this journey.



DoE Gold Rees/Dart Track Expedition

A group of nine gold level students tramped the 65km Rees/Dart track in December. The track had been closed for the last two seasons due to part of it being washed away by the Dart River. DOC have since re built that part of the track. The tramp started at the Muddy Creek car park where the Rees river was followed to it's source high in the mountains. The weather was hot and sunny (too hot for tramping) and the views of the mountains were amazing! An avalanche full of ice and rock had to be carefully navigated over not far before the Shelter Rock hut, making for some excitement for the group. Sore muscles and sweaty bodies were cooled off in the Rees River and after dinner all headed for an early bed. Day two saw the group gradually gaining altitude. We stopped to do some navigation/map work en route to the high point of the track, the Rees saddle. After the last strenuous climb we were rewarded with the most

amazing 360 degree views of mountains/glaciers and river valleys. A perfect lunch spot and photo opportunity! The afternoon was mostly down hill through tussock and beautiful mountain buttercups and daisies in flower. We were following the Snowy River which met the Dart River in the next valley. The Dart hut was amazing and the first night of the five crown challenges began.

Day three saw the group woken up by a kea outside the hut. It posed for some photos, got up to a bit of mischief and then flew away. After breakfast we headed up the Dart Valley towards the Dart Glacier and the Cascade Saddle. There were lots of side streams to be negotiated carefully as they were full of snow melt and flowing quite quickly. This was a perfect opportunity to use our river crossing skills! At our morning tea stop we were entertained by a kea who came hopping down a rock face to investigate our group before flying away. We continued on towards the glacier, leaving Robyn and Shawna to return to the hut with Corey who was in pain with a rolled ankle from the day before.

Day four saw the group following the Dart River through beech forest, dry river beds and long grassy river flats. Lunch was enjoyed under a large rock bivy amongst beech trees - a most welcome respite from the hot burning sun! Daleys Flat hut was reached in the late afternoon and we all enjoyed a soak and cool down in the river. That night at 9pm another group of 13 students arrived so we had to rearrange bunks and make room on the floor for the late comers. The hut was now over flowing!

Day five saw the group leave at 7am as we had a shuttle bus to catch at 2pm. The morning air was cool and the valley shaded. The track was undulating and at one point climbed a rocky face looking out over a new, glacial blue lake that had formed from a weather event two years ago. We reached Chinamans Flat and the end of our gold qualifier! What an amazing tramp, made even more special by the weather.

The huts came complete with hut wardens and hut talks. The warden at Lake McKenzie hut (of English descent) had our group in fits of laughter with his dry sense of humour. That night we experienced a storm in the mountains complete with lightning/thunder and heavy rain. In the morning the rain had eased so we explored the split rock on the lake edge before heading along the track to the Earland Falls. We crossed the base of the flooded falls carefully, with the power of the water and its back draught leaving us excited but soaked!

We had lunch outside the Howden Hut and headed up to the Key Summit. We headed for the Divide and our 3pm transport to Queenstown.

What an amazing two tramps we'd had! In total we'd tramped 120km through a variety of terrain and weather. We'd learnt how to tramp through the pain barrier of blisters, sore bodies, physical and mental tiredness. Our shadow party were amazing! Without them, we couldn't qualify. A HUGE THANK YOU to Paul Chambers, Ken Hames and Robyn Bruce. Be aware other groups, the "five crowns challenge" brings out another side in these three!

Thank you to every one who helped with our fund raising efforts and to Pub Charity.



Otamatea High School Swimming Sports 2017 – 43rd Annual Sports

Thursday 8th February saw the 43rd Otamatea Swim Sports. The day started drizzly humid and windy, but the rain managed to hold off for the day.

Our stand out results came from Ocean Shadbolt who broke four records.

25 m senior girls free style with a time of 13.89, beating the record set by C McInnes in 2003 of 14.94.

25 m senior girls breast stroke with a time of 18.00, beating the record set by R Dean in 2009 of 19.84.

25 m senior girls back stroke with a time of 16.51, beating the record set by R Dean in 2009 of 19.84.

50 m senior girls back stroke with a time of 34.79, beating the record set by J Kingi in 2005 of 34.90.

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

Tina Holst

Iwi Results	1. Ngāpuhi	2. Whātua	3. Maniapoto	4. Arawa
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Grade Champions

Grade	Winner	Runner Up
Sub Junior Boys	Sam Kemp	Noah Martin
Sub Junior Girls	Chloe Comer/Sonya Steiner	
Junior Boys	Robin Gillespie	Ben Donald
Junior Girls	Meg Paton	Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne
Intermediate Girls	Grace Kemp	Trista Comer
Intermediate Boys	Joe Rose	Bob Hamlin
Senior Boys	Zack Hamlin/Quintin Brown	
Senior Girls	Maddy Lemuelu	Ocean Shadbolt

Sub Junior Girls

Event	First	Second	Third	
25m freestyle	Ashley Greig	Ahriana Phillips	Milly Hodgson	17.87
25m backstroke	Chontelle Wilson	Harlia Harris	Hannah Fergus	24.70
25m breast stroke	Ahriana Phillips	Harlia Harris	Leayah Buxton	25.59
50m freestyle	Ashley Greig	Sonya Steiner	Starria Storey	42.89
50m backstroke	Starria Storey	Sonya Steiner	Chloe Comer	53.07
50m breast stroke	Analiese Allen	Chloe Comer	Ashley Greig	53.70
100m freestyle				
75m medley	Sonya Steiner	Ashley Greig	Chloe Comer	1.19.38

Sub Junior Boys

Event	First	Second	Third	
25m freestyle	Kellan Antunovich	Jayden Hill	Reef Riri	20.17
25m backstroke	Jacob Kake	Jayden Hill	Clayton Foy	28.40
25m breast stroke	Max Bull	Korey Ramsay	Max Cotching	28.09
50m freestyle	Sam Kemp	Noah Martin	Christian Gardner	42.82
50m backstroke	Sam Kemp	Christian Gardner	Noah Martin	54.30
50m breast stroke	Max Bull	Korey Ramsay	Max Cotching	1.08.22
75m medley	Sam Kemp	Noah Martin	Christian Gardner	1.25.31
100m free style	Sam Kemp	Noah Martin		1.40.76

Junior Girls

Event	First	Second	Third	
25m freestyle	Brenda Ferguson	Distiny Kenworthy-Manukau	Terehia Taua	18.67
25m backstroke	Brooke Hutton	Kate Cotching	Tiana Whare Paikea	23.47
25m breast stroke	Brenda Ferguson	Ayla Antunovich	Monique Sheppard	26.71
50m freestyle	Meg Paton	Billie Le Mesurier - Cowbourne	Emma Browne	39.80
50m backstroke	Meg Paton	Brooke Hutton	Emma Browne	50.73
50m breast stroke	Emma Browne	Mella Kenworthy - Manukau	Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne	54.50
100m freestyle	Distiny Kenworthy-Manukau	Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne	Mella Kenworthy-Manukau	1.38.99
75m medley	Emma Browne	Meg Paton	Distiny Kenworthy-Manukau	1.15.09

Junior Boys

Event	First	Second	Third	
25m freestyle	Joshua Sheppard	Joshua Stephens	Tawhetu Phillips	17.58
25m backstroke	Joshua Stephens	Branden Edwards	Toby Hudson	23.27
25m breast stroke	Nathan Harris	Ben Donald	Joshua Sheppard	24.41
50m freestyle	Robin Gillespie	Joshua Sheppard	Ben Donald	39.69
50m backstroke	Rikki Beazley	Morgan Bull	Kieran Fergus	1.05.30
50m breast stroke	Robin Gillespie	Ben Donald	Mark Andersen	55.69
100m freestyle	Robin Gillespie	Ben Donald	Toby Hudson	1.41.07
75m medley	Robin Gillespie	Ben Donald	Joshua Sheppard	56.80

Intermediate Boys

Event	First	Second	Third	
25m freestyle	Zayde Wyatt	Tyrone De Ardenne	Ethan Tautari	15.00
25m backstroke	Boyd Wintle	Odin Dalkie	Jayden Sheppard	20.17
25m breast stroke	Zayde Wyatt	Keanu Taiaroa	Jayden Sheppard	22.84
50m freestyle	Joe Rose	Bob Hamlin	Jacob Butler	31.75
50m backstroke	Odin Dalkie	Boyd Wintle	Jayden Sheppard	49.10
50m breast stroke	Joe Rose	Jayden Sheppard		42.85
100m freestyle	Joe Rose			1.15.55
75m medley	Joe Rose	Bob Hamlin	Jacob Butler	1.03.00

Intermediate girls

Event	First	Second	Third	
25m freestyle	Aleesha Butt	Amber-Jade French	Paris Rika	16.25
25m backstroke	Aleesha Butt	Emma Huband	Amyee Sheppard	19.97
25m breast stroke	Aleesha Butt	Paige Kenyon	Hayley Linton	23.53
50m freestyle	Grace Kemp	Trista Comer	Renee Allen	34.00
50m backstroke	Grace Kemp	Renee Allen	Aleesha Butt	41.57
50m breast stroke	Trista Comer	Aleesha Butt	Paige Kenyon	45.15
100m freestyle	Grace Kemp	Trista Comer		1.18.22
75m medley	Grace Kemp	Trista Comer	Sophie Gribble	1.04.63

Senior Boys

Event	First	Second	Third	
25m freestyle	Bailey Hudson	Mathias Damsted	Claude Smyth	16.01
25m backstroke	Claude Smyth	Gian Liu	Benicio Van Zwijndregt	20.82
25m breast stroke	Isaac Sheppard	Tyler Flannagan	Mathias Damsted	21.10
50m freestyle	Quintin Brown	Kayden French-Browne	Zack Hamlin	32.59
50m backstroke	Claude Smyth			54.89
50m breaststroke	Zack Hamlin	Isaac Sheppard	Tyler Flannagan	50.09
100m freestyle	Quintin Brown	Isacc Sheppard		1.19.10
75m medley	Zack Hamlin	Kayden French - Browne	Quintin Brown	1.08.63

Senior Girls

Event	First	Second	Third	
25m freestyle	Ocean Shadbolt	Holly Brunt	Eliana-Rose Kerrigan	13.89
25m backstroke	Ocean Shadbolt	Jayme Curtis	Maddy Lemuelu	16.51
25m breast stroke	Ocean Shadbolt	Holly Brunt	Chantel Shadbolt	18.00
50m freestyle	Ocean Shadbolt	Holly Brunt	Holly Anderson	31.97
50m backstroke	Ocean Shadbolt	Jayme Curtis	Maddy Lemuelu	34.79
50m breast stroke	Ocean Shadbolt	Holly Brunt	Chantel Shadbolt	41.19
100m freestyle	Maddy Lemuelu			1.55.86
75m medley	Ocean Shadbolt	Chantel Shadbolt	Maddy Lemuelu	58.91



Event	First	Second	Third	
Open mixed 200m	Ocean Shadbolt	Grace Kemp	Quintin Brown	2.32.28
25m butterfly boys	Noah Martin	Jaime Kurupo	Tyler Flannagan	24.40
25m butterfly girls	Ocean Shadbolt	Grace Kemp	Sophia Van Harlingen	15.38

Northland Swimming Results 2018

Congratulations to Analiese Allen, Sophie Van Harlingen, Sonya Steiner, Ashley Greig, Sam Kemp, Meg Paton, Grace Kemp, Joe Rose and Ocean Shadbolt who travelled to Dargaville for the Northland swimming sports at the Kauri Coast Community pool. All swimmers can be very proud of their efforts. The top results for the day making it into the top 5 swimmers for their races are –

11 year and under

- Annaliese Allen – 3rd 50 m breast stroke
- Sophie Van Harlingen – 2nd 100 backstroke, 2nd 100 m freestyle, 2nd 50 back stroke, 2nd 50 m free style
- Ashley Greig – 3rd 50 m free style, 4th 50 m breast stroke
- Sam Kemp – 3rd 50 m back stroke, 5th 50 m free style

14 -15 years

- Grace Kemp – 4th 50 m back stroke
- Joe Rose – 5th 100 m breast stroke

16 + years

- Ocean Shadbolt – 2nd 100 m back stroke, 2nd 100 m free style, 2nd 50 m back stroke

Otamatea High School Athletics Sports 2018

Wednesday 28th February saw the Otamatea Athletics Championships Sports take place. The day started out overcast and drizzling then improved for most of the day until the rain came back again on the last rotation. This meant we did not hold the relays on the day.

Congratulations to the following students who broke records on the day.

Sub junior girls discuss - Monique Sheppard broke Faith Maaka's record from 2016 of 13m35 (750g) with a throw of 14m 91

Sub junior boys high jump - Jesse Goodfellow broke Shane Daley (1998) 1m34 record with a jump of 1m 37.

Junior boys Shot – Jim Holcroft broke Tyrone De Ardenne (2016) 9m60 – 4 kg record with a throw of 9m61.

Intermediate boys long jump – Tyrone De Ardenne broke Shane Wearmouth's (1990) 5m57 record with a jump of 5m 60

Intermediate girls 400m – Trista Comer broke Dale Cullen's (1985) 67.5 secs record with a time of 1m 04

Senior girl's shot put – Ocean Shadbolt broke Samantha Cawkwell-Troost's 8m66 (3kg) record with a throw of 9m91



Thanks to all the fantastic parents/whānau who made this championship event possible by stepping up and time keeping the running events and marshalling at the field events. Thankyou Helen McKenzie for being our chief timekeeper and Melinda Birt 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



Iwi Results	1.Ngāpuhi	2. Whātua	3. Arawa	4. Maniapoto
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Grade Champions

Grade	Winner	Runner Up
Sub Junior Boys	Jesse Goodfellow	Matai Hartles
Sub Junior Girls	Monique Sheppard	Sophie Van Harlingen/ Tayten Smart
Junior Boys	Joshua Sheppard	Robin Gillespie
Junior Girls	Maia Fairburn	Sara Anderson
Intermediate Boys	Tyrone De Ardenne	Kyrin Harris
Intermediate Girls	Trista Comer	Aleesha Butt
Senior Boys	Isaac Sheppard	Dietrich Von Dincklage
Senior Girls	Ocean Shadbolt	Annmarie Holst

Sub Junior Boys

Event	First	Second	Third	
100m	Jesse Goodfellow	Hamu Henderson	Matai Hartles	14.65
200m	Jesse Goodfellow	Ethan Van Waveren	Callum Smith	30.05
400m	Jesse Goodfellow	Cameron Fitzpatrick	Noah Dalkie	1.26
800m	Jesse Goodfellow	Luca Verlaine	Max Bull	3.02
1500m	Jesse Goodfellow	Matai Hartles	Noah Dalkie	6.21
Long jump	Jesse Goodfellow	Matai Hartles	Ethan Van Waveren	4m21
High jump	Jesse Goodfellow	Gareth Ferguson	Kellan Antunovich/ Reef Riri	1m37
Discuss	Matai Hartles	Reef Riri	Korey Ramsay	18m62
Shot put	Reef Riri	Korey Ramsay	Kellan Antunovich	8m48

Sub Junior Boys

Event	First	Second	Third	
100m	Eboney Vaughan	Monique Sheppard	Tayten Smart	15.57
200m	Sophie Van Harlingen	Tayten Smart	Ella Crum	34.12
400m	Sophie Van Harlingen	Monique Sheppard	Analiese Allen	1.21
800m	Sophie Van Harlingen	Eboney Vaughan	Monique Sheppard	3.05
1500m	Sophie Van Harlingen	Ella Crum	Monique Sheppard	6.25
Long jump	Milly Hodgson	Kleeshae-Rose Briggs Tayten Smart		3m60
High jump	Ashely Greig	Chontelle Wilson	Analiese Allen	1m16
Discuss	Monique Sheppard	Kleeshae-Rose Briggs	Jayda Ratima	14m29
Shot put	Jayda Ratima	Monique Sheppard	Elsie Holcroft	6m41

Junior Boys

Event	First	Second	Third	
100m	Joshua Sheppard	Peter Sun	Robin Gillespie	13.69
200m	Joshua Sheppard	Connor Quirk	Kevin Kim	28.90
400m	Joshua Sheppard	Toby Hudson		1.04
800m	Joshua Sheppard	Alfie Vinnells	Robin Gillespie	3.35
1500m	Joshua Sheppard	Morgan Bull		5.18
Long jump	James Marshall-Baker	Joshua Sheppard	Roman Miru/ Robin Gillespie/ Raatapu Nathan-Jenkins	4m80
High jump	Kieran Fergus	Joshua Sheppard	Tamati Phillips/ Roman Miru	1m38
Discuss	Jim Holcroft	Joshua Sheppard	Kurtis Kemara	22m14
Shot put	Jim Holcroft	Connor Quirk	Caleb Ansell	9m61

Junior Girls

Event	First	Second	Third	
100m	Maia Fairburn	Sara Anderson	Ayla Antunovich	14.60
200m	Maia Fairburn	Sara Anderson	Emma Britton	32.48
400m	Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne	Alana Yardley		1.44
800m	Ashlie Huggett	Sara Anderson	Terehia Taua	3.27
1500m	Ayla Antunovich			8.45
Long jump	Maia Fairburn	Sara Anderson	Ayla Antunovich	3m96
High jump	Maia Fairburn	Mella Kenworthy-Manukau	Terehia Taua	1m27
Discuss	Mella Kenworthy-Manakau	Faith Maaka	Tiana Whare Paikea	15m05
Shot put	Manea Turner-Bennett	Mella Kenworthy-Manakau	Faith Maaka	7m12

Intermediate Boys

Event	First	Second	Third	
100m	Tyrone De Ardenne	Zayde Wyatt	Brett Allen	12.42
200m	Tyrone De Ardenne	Brett Allen	Kyrin Harris	27.47
400m	Kyrin Harris	Jacob Butler	Connor Stuart	1.08
800m	Kyrin Harris	Jacob Butler	Joe Rose	2.33
1500m	Kyrin Harris	Brayden Grigg	Joel Taylor-Whitehead	5.23
Long jump	Tyrone De Ardenne	Tane Nepia	Zayde Wyatt	5m60
High jump	Tyrone De Ardenne	Zayde Wyatt	Brett Allen	1m69
Discuss	Hyde Massey	Shaquan Shaw-Gray	Jacob Butler	28m60
Shot put	Ethan Trembath	Joe Rose	Dylam Lambert	10m25

Intermediate Girls

Event	First	Second	Third	
100m	Cheylysse Flannagan	Aleesha Butt	Tanisha Batten	13.84
200m	Cheylysse Flannagan	Hayley Linton	Renee Allen	29.18
400m	Trista Comer	Amyee Sheppard	Sophie Gribble	1.04
800m	Trista Comer	Amyee Sheppard	Sophie Gribble	2.40
1500m	Trista Comer	Sophie Gribble	Hayley Linton	5.38
Long jump	Trista Comer	Amyee Sheppard/ Sophie Gribble		4m30
High jump	Aleesha Butt	Renee Allen	Trista Comer/ Cassidy Allen	1m39
Discuss	Jenna Swadling	Distiny Kenworthy- Manukau	Paris Rika	17m76
Shot put	Aleesha Butt	Jenna Swadling	Jemma Kurupo	9m20

Senior Boys

Event	First	Second	Third	
100m	Kayden French- Browne	Isaac Sheppard	Kayne Goodfellow	12.20
200m	Kayne Goodfellow	Kayden French- Browne	Isaac Sheppard	25.90
400m	Isaac Sheppard	Bailey Hudson	Kayden French- Brown	1.01
800m	Isaac Sheppard	Claude Smyth	Tyler Flannagan	2.27
1500m	Isaac Sheppard	Tyler Flannagan	Claude Smyth	5.10
Long jump	Isaac Sheppard	Zack Hamlin	Connor Mitchell	5m02
High jump	Isaac Sheppard	Kayne Goodfellow	Connor Mitchell	1m57
Discuss	Dietrich Von Dincklage	Corey Slimo	Quintin Brown	25m03
Shot put	Dietrich Von Dincklage	Anthony Kim	Corey Slimo	11m05

Senior Girls

Event	First	Second	Third	
100m	Jessie Allen	Ocean Shadbolt	Shyla Hodge	14.44
200m	Jessie Allen	Ocean Shadbolt	Annamarie Holst	31.15
400m	Ocean Shadbolt	Kasey Ata	Annamarie Holst	1.22
800m	Ocean Shadbolt	Annamarie Holst		3.28
1500m	Ocean Shadbolt	Annamarie Holst		6.47
Long jump	Ocean Shadbolt	Jessie Allen	Holly Anderson	4m20
High jump	Ocean Shadbolt	Shyla Hodge	Annamarie Holst	1m35
Discuss	Suzy Hames	Maddy Lemuelu	Nikayla Abel	19m41
Shot putt	Ocean Shadbolt	Eliana-Rose Kerrigan	Holly Anderson	9m91

Northland Secondary School Athletics

15 March 2018 Kensington Park, Whangarei. This year, Otamatea High School had twenty five athletes representing the school at this event. The day was a huge success with the students bringing home nine 1st, five 2nd and three 3rd place medals on the day.

Joshua Sheppard – 1st 800 m, 1st 1500 m junior boys

Trista Comer – 1st 800 m, 2nd 400 m intermediate girls.

Amyee Sheppard – 1st 2000 m steeple chase, 3rd 400 m intermediate girls.

Sophie Gribble – 1st Triple jump, 1st 1500 m, 3rd 800 m intermediate girls.

Aleesha Butt – 3rd 100 m intermediate girls.

Hayley Linton – 2nd 3000 m intermediate girls.

Cheylysse Flannagan – 2nd 200 m intermediate girls.

Tyrone De Ardenne – 1st 200 m intermediate boys.

Kyrin Harris – 2nd 1500 m intermediate boys.

Isaac Sheppard – 1st 2000 m steeple chase, 4th 1500 m senior boys.



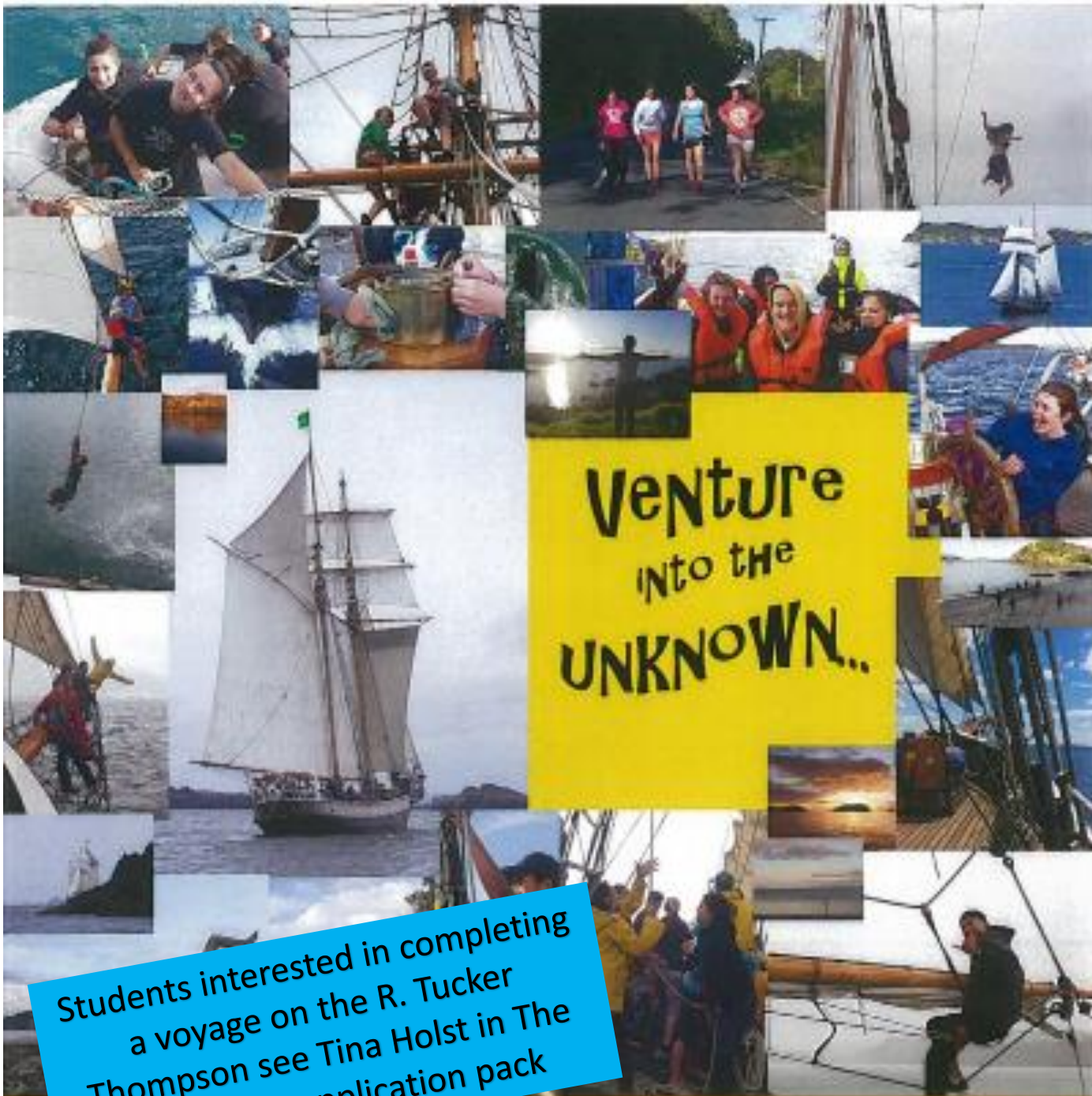
Dietrich Von Dincklage – 1st shot put, 2nd discus senior boys.

Well done to Haylen Moir Bischell, Zayde Wyatt, Maia Fairburn, Kayden French-Browne and Conner Quirk who all made the 200 m finals.

Well done to Maia Fairburn, Tyrone De Ardenne and Cheylysse Flannagan who made it into the 100 m finals.

Well done to all the athletes. You were a credit to your school and a really supportive team assist on the day! Thank you to Mrs Parsons for her official time keeping duties at the day and to all the parents/family who supported our athletes.

Tina Holst



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