



Otamatea High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Otamatea



On Saturday 30th March, DoE Co-Ordinator Robyn Bruce, attended the Auckland Duke Of Edinburgh's Hillary Award Gold ceremony held at Kristen School Auditorium in Albany. Seventy Five students received their gold award from Sarah Hillary. Amongst these recipients were two of Otamatea High School's ex students, Holly Brunt and Shawna Hawken. Current year 13 student, Hayden Wharfe, also received his gold award. This is an amazing achievement for these students and a very proud moment for me as an award leader and for their parents.

Shawna is currently working as a guide at the Waitomo Caves and Holly is leaving mid April to work at one of the Camp America summer camps.

The gold award is the culmination of four years community service, recreation and skill activities. It also includes three bush craft training weekends, six adventurous journeys and a residential section. Students are able to join the programme in the school year they turn 14 and then work through an online record book.

Congratulations to these award recipients.

Principal's Comment

Whenever I look back upon each term I am amazed at how much we pack in and how many opportunities that our students are presented with. Each newsletter represents a small fraction of what is on offer for our students. Often we showcase the learning which takes place outside the classroom but the learning which is happening within classrooms is equally as dynamic and exciting. I have lost count of the number of parents and caregivers who I show around the school who are so impressed that they make comments about wanting to come back to school themselves!

I was recently asked what I am enjoying about my job at the moment. I don't remember the last time that I was asked that question and it took me by surprise! Strangely enough my answer was the building improvements around the school. Although they have all been significantly delayed and have resulted in disruption for us they signal real progress. Having sold six school houses we have been able to invest significant funds into school infrastructure. Most classrooms now have heat pumps and LED lighting, the bus bay is set to be completed by the end of the holidays and then the courts and car park will be the priority. By this time next year both D block and B block will be completed renovated. The students have been adapted admirably with the disruption and I think are excited about the progress too.

It has been a pleasure watching the prefects step up to their leadership roles this year such as at the year 7 camp at the start of the year, supporting the sporting events throughout the term as well as working on their chosen projects. The recently named Health Council (OTA Kaihoe, which fittingly means OTA paddlers) have been working on a number of initiatives and have taken part in some online training. The Ball Committee are going well, have set the date (July 19th 2019) and are working on the theme. The Student Council is made up of a cross section of students throughout the school and have been advocating for improvements as well as making decisions on fundraising causes.

My highlights for term one have included watching the sporting events, participating in Relay for Life, judging the year 7 speech competition and watching the kapa haka students perform at Te Tai Tokerau Festival.

Rachel Clothier-Simmonds



New Programmes at Otamatea High School

Video Games & Music This is a new two term option class offered to Year 9 students as a part of the schools new cross-curricular initiative. It explores the two fields of computer programming and music through project based learning. All of the skills that students learn in this class are learnt with the end goal of creating and composing a working video game and its music.

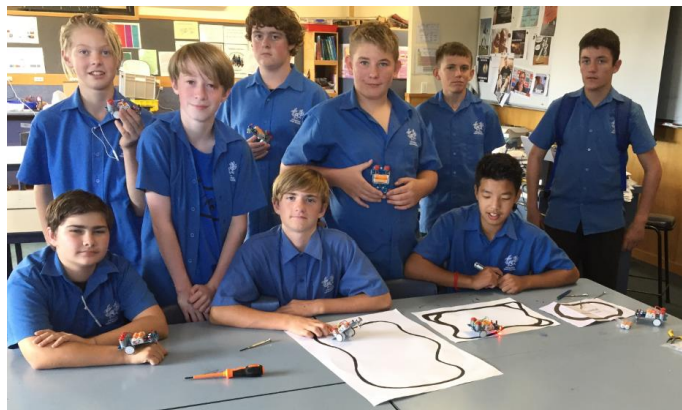
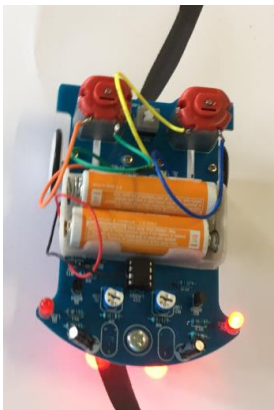
This offers students an approach towards topics such as, coding, programming, using DAWs (digital audio workstations), and music composition in way that is unique compared to how they might approach similar topics in more traditional classes with only one subject focus.

F. Murphy



Planes, Trains and Automobiles The boys have been working on some soldering and have made some kitset cars that follow a line on a page.

G. Skipper



Visiting Students Make NZ Icons and Experience Digital Technologies

The visiting Thai student group got to make themselves a neat NZ icon that they can take home as a small souvenir. Some of the students adapted the design to make it more unique. A taonga, kiwi bird and silver fern were the designs they could sew with wool.

On two Friday mornings the students also experienced digital technologies, first driving and experimenting with the small robots the school has and the next week making a basic game on the Scratch platform. For many of the students this was their first experience of programming and robotics and they enjoyed it very much.

E. van den Berg



GATEWAY & PATHWAYS Otamatea Driver License Programme

In Term 1, our Pathways class were offered learning resources to gain a NZ Learner Drivers Licence. Our students were then offered free travel to the AA Driver Licensing Centre in Dargaville to sit their learner licence.

Nerves coupled with excitement, our students learnt not only about the road code. They learnt about official documents and ID requirements. They learnt that reading requirements is really important.

Otamatea Driving Licence Programme is a new initiative this year which supports students to gain their learners and restricted licences, and if required a defensive driver course. In addition there are NCEA credits offered at Level 1, 2 and 3.

Most importantly students also learnt about vehicle maintenance, insurance, legal requirements for a safe vehicle and much more.



Ben Morrison Year 12 - Midget Car Racing Rookie of the Year

I have just completed my first season at Western Springs Speedway in my TQ Midget.

As well as racing in Auckland I have travelled to Napier, Huntly and Christchurch. I race with around 34 cars each night with only 20 making the main event per night. Throughout the season I have finished 5th overall in points as well as taking out rookie of the year. Western Springs has been granted one more season so I will be racing there again for one more year until it's completely shut down.



Level 2 Physical Education class go Snorkelling

The Level 2 physical education class has spent the term learning and applying safety and risk management strategies in the context of snorkelling. This entailed two snorkelling trips to Picnic Bay in Mangawhai and a final trip on the 'Perfect Day Out' with Dive Tutukaka. This was a day trip out to the Poor Knights where students were given the opportunity to snorkel, explore caves, kayak and paddle board around the Poor Knights. This was an amazing experience for the students and provided them with an opportunity to apply their risk management strategies in a practical setting. A big thank you to Teresa Brown, student teacher James Wright, Alex Cowie and Jay Simmonds for their assistance on these trips.

A. Liddington

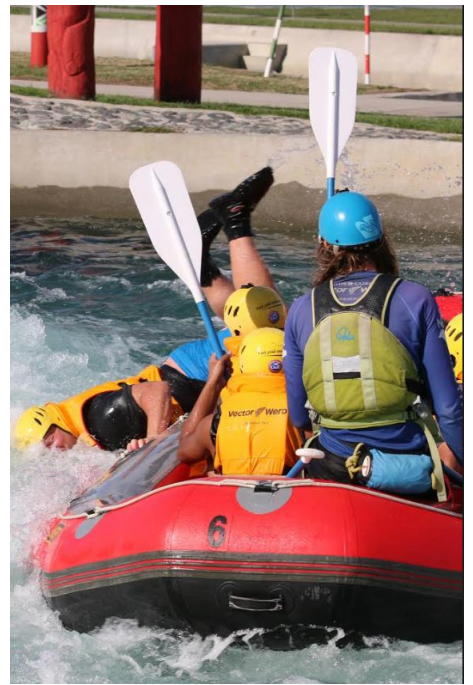


Year 11 Health Trip to Escape Room

On Friday 8th March our Year 11 Health class went to Takapuna to test our listening skills in an escape room. We were split into separate groups for each escape room - Mad Hatter, School of Wizardry, Da Vinci and Asylum. We were lead into our escape rooms blindfolded to start with, and once the door had closed we started on the puzzles. To find clues to the next stages of the escape rooms, we had to unscramble codes together and find numbers or keys to unlock things to help us. While finding clues we made sure to implement our listening skills in group conversations. After an hour and a half two groups successfully escaped with the other two getting help from the workers. All of us really enjoyed the challenge and were happy with the outcome.

Sophie Gribble





Level 2 Sports Leadership Visit Wero Whitewater Park

Tuesday 26th March the Level 2 Sports Leadership class went to the Vector Wero Whitewater Park in Manukau.

The class were split into multiple rafts and completed several runs down a grade 3-4 rapid and a 4 metre waterfall. Students were working towards a unit based on the three key principles of trust, communication and cooperation.

The instructors were amazing and put all the students (and teachers!) through their paces. I think I spent more time out of the raft than in it.

We finished our session at the water park with a stand up paddle board jousting match.

B. Alison



Have you seen our Facebook page?

<https://www.facebook.com/otamateahighschool/>

Year 8 English Articles

Year 8 have been focussing on writing a fictional based article of their choice. I have added two examples to this newsletter.

A. Cowie



Loch Ness Monster uncovered?

21st Feb 2019 By Max Bull

INVERFARIGAIG- On the 20th of February 2019 at 4:30 in the morning a local fisherman Macintosh Scotty from Lochend pulled up his net and found a three metre long Plesiosaur! "I have never seen anything like it in my life!" says Stan Thomas a wildlife expert who flew in from London. "Astounding" gulpes John West, the Scotsman's reporter.

At the moment the 'plesiosaur' is being examined because we are still not quite sure that it is the Loch Ness Monster. When Macintosh Scotty (the fisherman) pulled up the monster he nearly fell out of the boat into to the Loch. After he recovered his wits he raced back to shore in his rowing boat and phoned his friend Stan and the police.

When the police arrived they stunned the Plesiosaur and brought in the ambulance to take the animal away to the research laboratory in Edinborough.



At the research lab there was a huge crowd growing to try and get in to see 'Nessie'. When John got to the lab he quoted "There isn't an inch of room to move in and around the facility!" Macintosh is also in the lab being



A sighting of 'Nessie' in the Loch Ness, (now admitted to be a hoax).

questioned by the scientists and various reporters. When the reporters and crowd have gone and the scientists have completed their research the Plesiosaur will be delivered to SEA LIFE London Aquariums. It will be given a huge 500x500 metre tank. "We are honoured to have the Plesiosaur in our Aquarium, it will bring a lot more customers." says William Logan a worker at SEA LIFE aquariums.



Auckland News

Man loses control of his car on Auckland Harbour Bridge, but a nearby boat breaks his fall.

Tuesday 17th June 2020; Auckland, New Zealand. Ryan Stirling.



Auckland Harbour Bridge.

Yesterday, at around 11:30 am, Daniel Stevens was on his way to work when something very unexpected happened. “I was about half way up the Harbour Bridge when I heard a clunk from inside my car.” Daniel told Auckland News. “All of a sudden I lost control of the steering.” Although Daniel was steering straight, his car started swerving off to the edge of the bridge. Other people driving along the Auckland Harbour Bridge couldn’t help but watch the car drive straight towards the edge. Before he knew it, Daniel was falling towards the water. But miraculously, a nearby boat saved Daniel and his car from plunging into the Waitematā Harbour. Daniel stepped out his car, completely unharmed but very confused. “Just after my car had driven off the edge of the bridge, I just closed my eyes and held on for my life.” The driver of the savior boat wasn’t even aware that the car had driven off the bridge.



A 2019 Holden Commodore SS like the one that Daniel was driving

“Yeah I was just driving my boat when I heard a loud crash.” The boat driver told reporters. “I got out of the cabin and looked and to my confusion, there was a car on top of my boat.” Shortly after Daniel’s crash-landing, the boat headed back to shore where he was then swarmed by news reporters. Police and mechanics then later recovered Daniel’s car and examined it to see what had happened with the steering mechanism. “Well this something to definitely remember and learn from. I probably need to develop better survival instincts too.” Daniel Stevens told Auckland News.

By Ryan Stirling Year 8

Relay for Life

On the 30th and 31st of March marked an 18 hour event known as Relay for Life, starting at 4:00pm Saturday and finishing at 10:00am Sunday. “The event gives everyone a chance to **celebrate** cancer survivors and carers; **remember** loved ones lost to cancer; and **fight back** by raising awareness and funds to support the work of the Cancer Society”. (Cancer Society)

A large group of year 13s and staff members banded together and started fundraising for the cancer society and we ended up raising over \$10,000 for a cause that is trying to make a difference in our health centers. This would not have been possible if it was not for Nicky Cotching who individually fundraised over \$2000, and the diligence of Nikki and Kay who made sure we brought in our money and stayed on track towards reaching our goal.

On the night the energy in the air was exhilarating with many other schools and small groups there all with the same purpose. We had the honor to represent our school with pride by performing the school haka for the survivors who walked the first lap. By the end our vocals were stripped of the ability of sounding normal. After the haka it was over to all the participants to continue the rest of the event.

Team OTA made themselves present by being out on the track in force right up to the end and by giving each of the activities that randomly happened throughout the night 100%. This kept everyone sane and occupied.

By sunrise everyone had felt the effects of walking the track for over twelve hours to which two people resorted to using sticks to help themselves complete the last few hours. Everyone was hurting physically but mentally we stood strong, pushing ourselves to find the energy and walk around the track for the final hour as a group and to celebrate the achievement of walking basically non stop for 18 hours.

The event adjourned with over \$105,000 dollars being raised, which was a record amount raised leading up to the event with money still coming in.

This leaves a huge challenge for the next group of Yr 13's to try to raise more funds than this year's team.

Was the pain worth it? Yes it was. Our tiredness and aching bodies are nothing compared to what those with cancer endure.

I am pleased to have had the pleasure of being part of such a great event and fundraising effort - as do the rest of our year 13's.

Quintin Brown



Technology Department Term 1

It has been a busy start to the new year in the Technology Department with students engaging in a wide variety of design based and practical projects. In the workshop the Year 7 class have been learning new practical skills in the workshops as well as adding their own personal design touches to their wooden storage box. Whilst in Food Technology they have been learning to work in small groups making a range of delicious recipes, including some rather special Easter biscuits, pancakes and pasta bake.

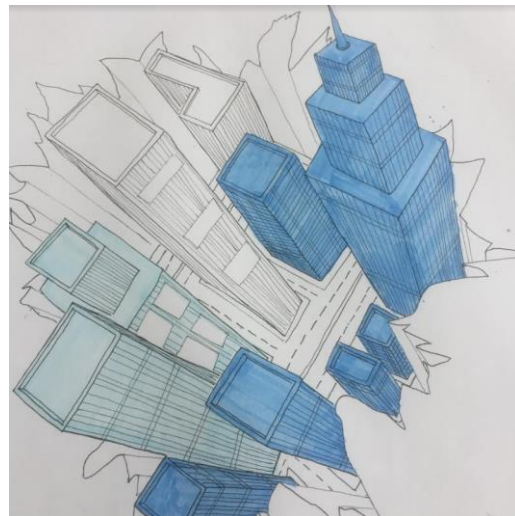
The Year 8 class in the workshop have been exploring different designs and modelling their ideas before creating their own original clock, with very impressive results.



The Year 9 & 10 Engineering students have really enjoyed using the range of equipment we now have, including MIG welders, plasma cutters and metal guillotines, following detailed plans to make a weather vane and metal tool box.



The students studying Graphics in Year 10 have been developing their skills in 3D drawing. and design presentation, which leads them later in the year to our new unit of work, Designing Jewellery with Art Clay Silver.



The students in **Food Technology in Years 9 & 10** have been developing their culinary skills and knowledge in baking, presentation and exploring a range of recipes from different cultures. This is one of my favourite classes to walkthrough, on the off chance that I am needed to taste some of their creations.



The **Senior Engineering** students have all started their practical projects with real enthusiasm in the workshop, with Year 11's learning to follow detailed engineering drawings and develop their lathe skills. The Year 12's have been fabricating the frames for their mini motorbikes and are building on the high standard set by last year's students.



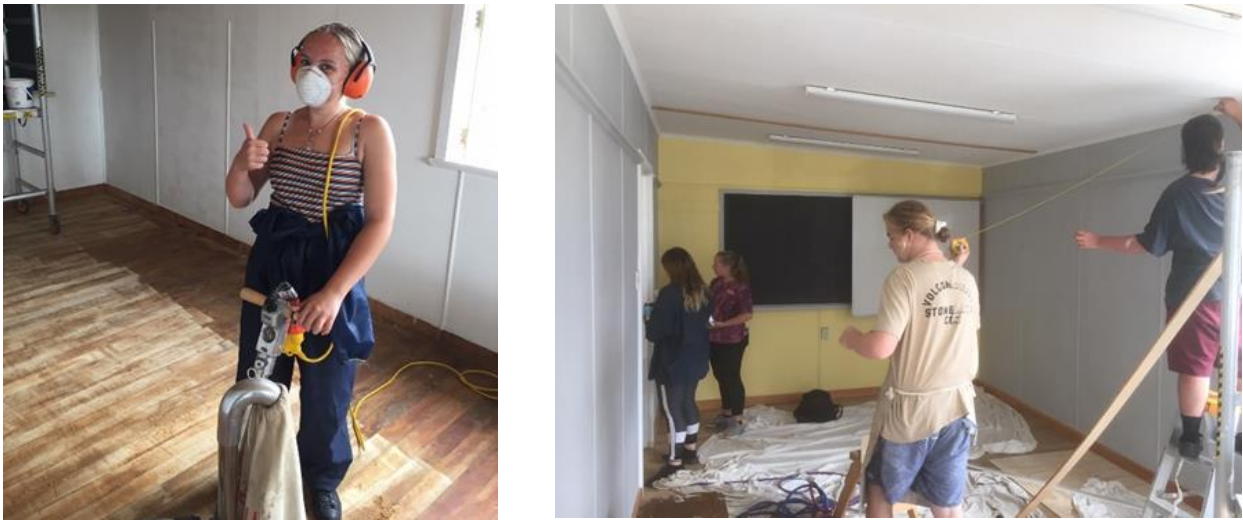
The **Senior Wood Technology & Construction** students are all busy working to complete their first projects with very pleasing results. The new Year 11 course, with two practical projects has really engaged the class and it has been great to see the industrious nature of the students in the workshop. The Construction students have started their course improving and developing their use and knowledge of hand tools to make a garden seat.



The Senior Hospitality courses help students gain essential skills that open the door to an enjoyable career in New Zealand’s exciting hospitality industry, and beyond. The students have been learning how to prepare and serve food in a commercial setting, as well as gaining barista qualifications in the school café.



The Year 13 Construction class have been engaged in a renovation project, converting a storeroom attached to the workshop, into a small classroom. They have been learning a range of skills within the building industry, as well as organising and managing other people. The rest of the year will involve students working in a team building round picnic tables and a sleepout.



Fire Safety Part of all our senior courses involves fire safety and we are always really grateful that Roy Brickell from the NZ Fire Service spends the day with our students explaining what to do in the event of a fire. Students all get to use a fire extinguisher, so they know what it is like to operate one and get to see the effects of using water on an oil fire.



Otamatea High School is the only school in Northland to offer a full programme in **NCEA L1, L2 & L3 Māori wood carving - Whakairo**. Thanks to the Board of Trustees for renovating an existing building, last year, for these classes to take place.

The L1 programme is an introductory level. This term students have experimented with painting and carving a small piece. Other projects for this year include taiaha, hoe (paddle) and a group project which is yet to be confirmed.

The L2 programme looks at the skills involved in creating a carved project, understanding how to position the design in order to give it meaning & originality. Projects this year include manaia, pattern board, mask or koruru and possibly pou.

The L3 program is bringing everything they have learnt to carve a waka huia and tewhatewha. Students also learn to record the process of making.

If you think your child would be interested in one of these programmes please contact me on jay.simmonds@otamatea.school.nz or you can find us in the technology department.



Level 1



Level 2



Level 3

Ollie Rodriguez

A night not to be missed at
Otamatea High School
Singing Talent competition
Variety Acts
Thursday 27 June, 2019
7.00pm start

Tickets on sale from Monday 10th June (\$10 Adult : \$5 student/child)
Get your tickets now to avoid disappointment

Gold Pre Expedition Tongariro National Park 22-24 February

This group of seven students travelled to Whakapapa visitor centre to check out the weather and tracks before beginning their tramp to Mangatepopo hut. The weather was low cloud and light rain which made for wet trampers 4hrs later! A welcoming gas fire was on in the hut. Communal dinners were cooked, then the first night of the 5 crowns challenge.

Saturday saw the weather still closed in, but the wind predicted for the high point of the crossing at the top of red crater was safe enough to proceed. At the top of the Devil's Staircase we layered up and proceeded across South Crater. You could not see the mountains due to white out. Tyrone lead the group safely over the red crater where the clouds parted, the sun shone and the views came out.

The emerald lakes and the smell of sulphur reminded us that we were tramping in a volcanic area.

We dropped down into the Oturere Valley and stopped for lunch at the hut. The valley was filled with amazing rock formations from the last lava flow.

After lunch we headed for Waihohonu hut. This had been a very long day, 22 km.

At the hut, Jaime, the hut warden gave us an inspirational speech about how she became a doc warden. We sampled venison sausages from a deer that she had shot, had a trivia quiz where a cooked breakfast was the prize and went on a treasure hunt to find a bag of crunchie bars.

Libby and Mrs Bruce won an amazing 5am cooked breakfast of bacon and egg.

Sunday saw us head out with our headlamps on at 6am for Whakapapa again in the rain. When it cleared in places we could see that Mt Ruapehu and Mt Ngauruhoe had a good coating of snow on them, which explained the drop in temperature!

After a debrief at Whakapapa we headed to spa park in Taupo for a soak in the hot stream and a swim in the Waikato river. A great way to end a great tramp!

This group will now complete their gold qualifier on the Routeburn/Caples/Greenstone tracks in the Mt Aspiring National Park 15 to 19 April.

Thanks to Andrea Orchard, Andrew Swadling, Chris Perkinson and Robyn Bruce for being our shadow party.



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Qualifier: Te Paki Coastal Track 23-25 March

We travelled to Spirits Bay campground on Friday. The group put up their tents, did some map work, clarified tides etc then went for a swim.

We were up at 7am on Saturday with an 18km tramp along Spitits Bay to Pandora campground for lunch. We explored some natural fresh water rock pools before tramping through bush to a high point of 286m and then dropped down to Tapotupotu camp ground for the night. A much needed swim was enjoyed by all after a scorching hot day of tramping in the sun! The groups cooked their communal dinners and headed to bed.

Sunday saw the group up at 7am ready for a long day ahead of 14km. We tramped to Cape Reinga enjoying spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean and Tasman Sea. We tramped on to Te Werahi Beach Track following the Te Araroa Trail, which is a 3000km trail from Cape Reinga to Bluff.

As we were tramping along towards the tidal Te Werahi, we enjoyed a refreshing downpour for about an hour. This soon had the hard, crusty sandstone turning to mud as streams of water headed towards the sea. Alida and Brenda both found themselves in a mud slide several times. Cape Maria Van Dieman was hidden in misty rain. There was no shelter, so lunch had to wait until 3pm when the rain had stopped. We then tramped on to Twilight Beach camp site and enjoyed the most beautiful sun set.

Monday was the final day of tramping. We followed the track on to the top of 90 mile beach. The firm sand was hard to tramp on, the sun was sweltering and we all got sore feet. We had 5km of this followed by 2km of tramping up the Te Paki Stream beside the amazing sand dunes.

We had three remote days of amazing scenery, swimming and weather to complete our silver qualifier.

Thanks to Robyn Bruce, Mark McKenzie, Dirk Smyth, Michelle Kemp and Sharlene Tornquist for forming our shadow party.



Bronze Practice Tramp Mangawhai / Bronze Qualifier Mt Pirongia

February 9/10 saw 9 students apply the skills learnt from their bush craft training weekend to the King Road Tracks in the Brynderwyns. The waterfall track proved to be challenging for some and the first rain for weeks added to the experience.

Communal dinners were cooked that night at the Mangawhai camp ground. On Sunday the group completed the coastal cliff top circuit.

This group proceeded to their qualifier on March 9/10 to Mt Pirongia. They tramped up the Hiwikiwi which is the shortest route to the Pahautea Hut. As altitude was gained, the goblin forest emerged on the very damp western side.

The clouds overlapped Mt Pirongia parting as the group got closer to the hut and sharing some amazing views of its other peaks, Kawhia harbour and a wind farm. The six boys decided to layer up in thermals and beanies to sleep under the tent fly, as the milky way was so bright, although the temperature was very chilly!

Sunday saw the group tramp to the summit, 959m, and head down the Tahuanui track to the Kaniwaniwha camp ground. One section of Te Araroa had been tramped, 20km.

Thanks to Anna Liddington, Bruce Alison, Robyn Bruce and Ken Hames for being our shadow party.



Silver Pre Expedition to Cape Brett

February 1st and 2nd saw a Silver DOE group of eleven students travel the Kaingahoa Marae, Rawhiti where they put up their tents for the night, ready for a 5am wake up call. We wanted to be on the track by 6am to avoid the heat of the day, as we had a 7-8 hour tramp ahead of us to Cape Brett (32km).

All our water had to be carried due to the salinity of the water at the cape, so most packs had 4kg of water in them.

The track was a relentless amount of up and down hills. The reward was the amazing views of the Bay of Islands en route and when we got to the Cape it was spectacular, with lots of cliff drop offs, turquoise water and blistering sun. Photos were taken at the lighthouse and then we made our way to the DOC hut. We spent the afternoon swimming in the beautiful clear water of an incoming tide and amongst the fish. There was a seagull nesting area with birds of all ages to entertain us also.

Grace and friends found an amazing diving rock and pool so were suitably rehydrated (new energy gained). Communal dinners were cooked and an early bed ready for the 5am wake up call again.

We retraced our steps to Rawhiti. This was a very successful practice tramp for the qualifier to Te Paki Coastal track in March.

Thanks to Robyn Bruce, Dirk Smyth, Samid Buksh and Michelle Kemp for being our shadow party.

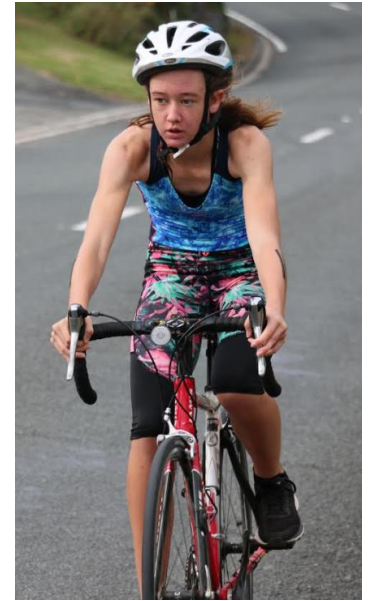
Triathlon Results – 2019

This years triathlon had record numbers of entries with 5 individual and 21 teams in the year 7 and 8 race and 7 individuals and 16 teams in the year 9 – 13 race. The day proved lovely and sunny – perfect for the triathlon.

The year 7/8 course had to be slightly altered due to the construction happening along the front of school but this did not hinder new records being set.

The year 9 – 13 race was a new course due to safety reasons which made the bike slightly shorter therefore all results will be new records.

It was awesome to see so many families supporting and cheering along the students. A thankyou to all the marshals and police who helped on the day.



Year 7 and 8 Girls – No individual girls this year

Boys 1st Keegan Lydiard – 38 minutes 19 seconds – A new record
2nd Noah Martin 3rd Felix Le Mesurier - Cowbourne

Boys Team

1st Sam Kemp/ Max Bull/ Ethan Van Waveren – 35 minutes 14 seconds – A new boys record
2nd = Ethan Lydiard/ Logan Tracey Luke Weber/ Liam Van Harlingen/ Dean Sheppard

Girls Team

1st Analiese Allen/ Chloe Comer/Tayten Smart – 33 minutes 21 seconds – A new girls and overall teams record.
2nd Sophie Van Harlingen/ Ella Crum 3rd Sonya Steiner/ Dalana Stonex/ Anahera Worsfold

Year 9 – 13 Triathlon

Boys 1st Quintin Brown – 1 hour, 5 minutes, 6 seconds 2nd Alex Parr 3rd Ben Donnelly

Girls 1st Trista Comer – 1 hour, 2 minutes, 22 seconds

Boys Team

1st Toby Hudson/ Ben Donald/ Joshua Sheppard – 55 minutes , 59 seconds
2nd Quintin Brown, Connor Mitchell, Isaac Sheppard
3rd Joe Rose/ Brett Allen/ Kyrin Harris

Girls Team

1st Maggie Hames, Hayley Linton, Cassidy Allen – 1 hour, 11 minutes, 7 seconds
2nd Emma Browne/ Chloe Millard/ Milly Hodgson
3rd Alana Yardley/ Billie Le Mesurier-Cowbourne/ Ashlie Huggett

Mixed Team

1st Grace Kemp/ Zane Crum/ Sophie Gribble – 1 hour, 2 minutes, 48 seconds
2nd Sarah Campbell-Winter/ Peter Sun/ Jesse Goodfellow
3rd Renee Allen/ Joel Taylor Whitehead

Northland Swimming Results 2019

Congratulations to Analiese Allen, Sophie Van Harlingen, Sonya Steiner, Ashley Greig, Sam Kemp, Lauren Browne, Luke Weber, Chloe Comer, Connor Alcock, Anahera Worsfold, Emma Browne, Noah Martin, 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. This year Northland divided the competition into Division 1 and Division 2.

Division 1 – Top five results

Sam Kemp – 5th 100m Backstroke 12-13 year old boys

Grace Kemp – 3rd 50m Freestyle, 5th 100m freestyle 14-15 year girls

Ocean Shadbolt – 2nd 100m freestyle and 100m back stroke. 4th 50m freestyle and 50m back stroke, 16+ year girls.

Division 2 – Top three results

11 year and under

Sonya Steiner – 1st 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke and 50m breast stroke.

Lauren Browne – 1st 100m backstroke, 3rd 50m backstroke

Anahera Worsfold – 3rd 100m freestyle

Connor Alcock – 2nd 100m freestyle and 50m backstroke.

Noah Martin – 2nd 50m backstroke and 50m butterfly. 3rd 50m freestyle.

Luke Weber – 2nd 100m breaststroke, 3rd 50m backstroke.

12 – 13 years

Annaliese Allen – 2nd 100m breaststroke

Sophie Van Harlingen – 1st 100 backstroke, 1st 100 m freestyle, 2nd 50 backstroke, 2nd 50 m freestyle

Ashley Greig – 2nd 50m butterfly, 3rd 100m freestyle.

14 -15 years

Joe Rose – 1st 50m freestyle, 2nd 100m breaststroke and 50m breaststroke.

A huge thank you must go to all the parents and staff who supported the students at Northland. Thankyou also to the parents who stepped up and helped with time keeping on the day.

Northland Secondary School Athletics 14th March Kensington Park, Whangarei 2019.

This year, Otamatea High School had twenty nine athletes representing the school at this event. The day was a huge success with the students bringing home three 1st, ten 2nd and six 3rd place results on the day.

Joshua Sheppard – 2nd 2000 m steeplechase junior boys (7.25.96)

Trista Comer – 1st 800 m (2.27.69) and 1500m (5.18.55), 2nd 400 m (1.04.08) intermediate girls.

Amyee Sheppard – 1st 2000m steeple chase (8.50.55), 3rd 800 m (2.41.78) senior girls.

Sophie Gribble – 2nd 2000m steeplechase (9.12.05) intermediate girls.

Aleesha Butt – 1st Triple jump (9.18m), 2nd long jump (4.42m) senior girls.

Cheylysse Flannagan – 2nd 100m (13.30), 3rd 200m (27.49) intermediate girls.

Tyrone De Ardenne – 3rd high jump (1.60m) senior boys.

Isaac Sheppard – 3rd 1500 m (5.00.77) senior boys.

Tanisha Batten – 3rd 200m (28.11) senior girls.

Wayen Pitman Dodd – 2nd shot put (10.12m) junior boys.

Ocean Shadbolt – 2nd shot put (8.84m), 2nd= high jump (1.30m) senior girls.

Tawhetu Phillips – 2nd= high jump (1.50m) junior boys.

Renee Allen – 3rd= high jump (1.40m) intermediate girls.

Cassidy Allen – 2nd= high jump (1.30m) senior girls.

Well done to all the athletes. You were a credit to your school. Thank you to Mrs Parsons for her head official time keeping duties on the day and Helen McKenzie for helping officiate. Lastly, thankyou to all the parents/family who supported our athletes.

Otamatea High School 54th Annual Swimming Sports 2019 –Sports

Wednesday 13th February saw the 44th Otamatea Swim Sports. The day was a scorcher increasing the participation numbers up hugely on last year with everyone wanting to cool off in the pool. Due to these numbers some races did not go ahead.

Our stand out results came from Grace Kemp and Joe Rose who broke a record each. Grace broke the 25m freestyle record held by J Kingi (2003) of 14.09 with a new time of 14.07. Joe broke the intermediate boys breast stroke record held by P Waata (2004) of 19.37 with a new time of 18.73.

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

Grade Champions		
Grade	Winner	Runner Up
Sub Junior Boys	Noah Martin	Luke Weber
Sub Junior Girls	Sonya Steiner	Anahera Worsfold
Junior Boys	Sam Kemp	Joshua Stephens
Junior Girls	Sophie Van Harlingen	Emma Browne
Intermediate Girls	Grace Kemp	Trista Comer
Intermediate Boys	Joe Rose	Keanu Taiaroa
Senior Boys	Quintin Brown	Isaac Sheppard
Senior Girls	Ocean Shadbolt	Aleesha Butt

Sub Junior Girls				
25m freestyle	1. Sarah Dickson	2. Sonya Steiner	3. Anahera Worsfold	15.45
25m breast stroke	1. Anahera Worsfold	2. Sarah Dickson	3. Sonya Steiner	22.30
50m freestyle	1. Sarah Dickson	2. Sonya Steiner	3. Anahera Worsfold	36.82
50m backstroke	1. Sonya Steiner	2. Lauren Browne	3. Anahera Worsfold	49.10
50m breast stroke	1. Anahera Worsfold	2. Ella Crum	3. Sonya Steiner	50.73
100m freestyle	1. Sonya Steiner	2. Anahera Worsfold	3. Nia Owen	1.31.74
75m medley	1. Sonya Steiner	2. Anahera Worsfold	3.Sarah Dickson	1.13.83

Sub Junior Boys				
25m freestyle	1.Noah Martin	2. Luke Weber	3. Connor Alcock	16.41
25m breast stroke	1. Luke Weber	2. Noah Martin	3. Liam Van Harlingen	24.52
50m freestyle	1. Connor Alcock	2. Noah Martin	3. Luke Weber	42.35
50m backstroke	1. Noah Martin	2.Luke Weber	3. Oscar Longdon	46.87
50m breast stroke	1. Noah Martin	2. Luke Weber	3. Liam Van Harlingen	54.47
75m medley	1. Noah Martin	2. Luke Weber	3. Connor Alcock	1.17.70
100m free style	1. Noah Martin	2. Connor Alcock	3.Luke Weber	1.29.91

Junior Boys				
25m freestyle	1. Tawhetu Phillips	2.Tamati Phillips	3. Nathan Harris	16.30
25m backstroke	No race held			
25m breast stroke	1. Tamati Phillips	2. Max Bull	3. Cameron Fitzpatrick	23.60
50m freestyle	1. Nathan Harris	2.Sam Kemp	3. Tamati Phillips	42.31
50m backstroke	1. Sam Kemp	2. Joshua Stephens	3. Tamati Phillips	47.14
50m breast stroke	1. Nathan Harris	2. Tamati Phillips	3. Max Bull	51.75
100m freestyle	1. Sam Kemp	2. Joshua Stephens	3. Ricky Beazley	1.30.81
75m medley	1. Sam kemp	2. Joshua Stephens	3.Max Bull	1.20.97

Junior Girls				
25m freestyle	1. Sophie Van Harlingen	2. Tasharna Keogh	3. Ashley Greig	15.11
25m backstroke	No race held			
25m breast stroke	1.Analiese Allen	2. Sophie Van Harlingen	3. Tayten Smart	23.70
50m freestyle	1.Sophie Van Harlingen	2. Emma Browne	3. Ashley Greig	34.69
50m backstroke	1. Sophie Van Harlingen	2. Emma Browne	3. Ashley Greig	46.62
50m breast stroke	1. Emma Browne	2. Analiese Allen	3. Chloe Comer	51.22
100m freestyle	1. Sophie Van Harlingen	2. Emma Browne	3. Ashley Greig	1.17.34
75m medley	1. Emma Browne	2. Sophie Van Harlingen	3. Ashley Greig	1.07.96

Intermediate Boys				
25m freestyle	1. Joe Rose	2. Benji Plummer	3.Kyrin Harris	14.09
25m backstroke	No race held			
25m breast stroke	1. Joe Rose	2. Keanu Taiaroa	3. Robin Gillespie	18.73
50m freestyle	1. Joe Rose	2. Benji Plummer	3. Joshua sheppard	31.26
50m backstroke	1. Joe Rose	2. Keanu Taiaroa	3. Morgan Bull	46.96
50m breast stroke	1. Joe Rose	2. Keanu Taiaroa	3. Ben Donald	41.81
100m freestyle	1. Joe Rose	2. Joshua sheppard	3. Robin Gillespie	1.16.70
75m medley	1. Joe Rose	2. Keanu Tairoa	3. Ben Donald	1.01.89



25m freestyle	1.Grace Kemp	2.Renee Allen	3.Sophie Gribble	14.07
25m backstroke	1. Grace Kemp			
25m breast stroke	1. Grace Kemp	2. Billie Le Mesurier Cowbourne	3. Alana Yardley	18.62
50m freestyle	1. Grace Kemp	2. Sophie Gribble	3. Trista Comer	32.46
50m backstroke	1.Grace Kemp	2. Trista Comer	3. Renee Allen	39.97
50m breast stroke	1. Grace Kemp	2. Trista Comer	3. Billie Le Mesurier Cowbourne	41.50
100m freestyle	1. Grace Kemp	2. Sophie Gribble	3. Trista Comer	1.17.32
75m medley	1. Grace Kemp	2. Trista Comer	3. Alana Yardley	1.00.50

Senior Boys				
25m freestyle	1. Quintin Brown	2. Ethan Trembath	3. Connor Mitchell	13.82
25m breast stroke	1. Isaac Sheppard	2.Tyler Flannagan	3.Jacob Butler	21.16
50m freestyle	1. Quintin Brown	2. Jacob Butler	3. Ethan Trembath	31.32
50m backstroke	1. Quintin Brown	2. Connor Mitchell	3. Tyler Flannagan	45.56
50m breast stroke	1. Isaac Sheppard	2. Tyler Flannagan	3. Jacob Butler	47.71
100m freestyle	1. Quintin Brown	2. Jacob Butler	3.Alex Parr	1.10.77
75m medley	1. Tyler Flannagan	2. Isaac Sheppard	3.Alex Parr	1.17.60

Senior Girls				
25m freestyle	1. Ocean Shadbolt	2. Aleesha Butt	3. Hayley Linton	15.71
25m breast stroke	1. Ocean Shadbolt	2. Paige Kenyon	3. Paris Rika	22.31
50m freestyle	1. Ocean Shadbolt	2. Aleesha Butt	3. Emma Huband	36.45
50m backstroke	1. Ocean Shadbolt	2. Danni Mckie	3. Jayme Curtis	42.54
50m breast stroke	1. Ocean Shadbolt	2. Paris Rika	3.Paige Kenyon	49.91
100m freestyle	1.Ocean Shadbolt	Aleesha Butt	Willow Tito	1.19.30
75m medley	1. Ocean Shadbolt	2. Aleesha Butt	3. Hayley Linton	1.10.72

Open Boys 200m	1. Quintin Brown	2. Sam Kemp	3. Alex Parr	2.57.95
Open Girls 200m	1. Grace Kemp	2. Ocean Shadbolt	3. Sophie Gribble	3.34.88
25m butterfly boys	1. Noah Martin	2. Joshua Stephens	3. Quintin Brown	19.93
25m butterfly girls	1. Grace Kemp	2. Ocean Shadbolt	3. Ashley Greig	15.88

House Results	1. Ngapuhi	2. Whatua	3. Maniapoto	4. Arawa
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Otamatea High School Athletics Sports 2019

Tuesday 5th February saw the Otamatea Athletics Championships Sports take place. The day was a hot sunny day with gentle breeze which was perfect.

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

Intermediate boys 100 m – Brett Allen broke Murry Foster and Trevor Ramsay’s record of 11.87s set in 1993 and equalled in 2000 with a new time of 11.82s.

Intermediate girls 100 m –Cheylsye Flannagan broke Lyn Causers record of 13.60s set in 1969 with a new time of 12.76 s.

Senior boys 100 m – Tyrone de Ardenne broke Ashton Coates record of 11.74 s in 2016 with a new time of 11.72 s.

Senior girls 100 m – Tanisha Batten and Aleesha Butt broke Lyn Causers record of 13.60 set in 1970 with a new tied time of 13.34s.

Thanks to all the fantastic parents/whānau who made this championship event possible by stepping up and time keeping the running events. Thank you Helen McKenzie for being our chief timekeeper 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

House Results	1. Ngapuhi	2. Arawa	3. Maniapoto	4. Whatua
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Grade Champions		
Grade	Winner	Runner Up
Sub Junior Boys	Oscar Longdon	Spencer Vinnels
Sub Junior Girls	Anahera Worsfold	Annabella Allen
Junior Boys	Nathan Harris	Jesse Goodfellow
Junior Girls	Maia Fairburn	Sophie Van Harlingen
Intermediate Boys	Joshua Sheppard	Brett Allen/Kyrin Harris
Intermediate Girls	Trista Comer	Cheylsye Flannagan
Senior Boys	Isaac Sheppard	Tane Nepia
Senior Girls	Amyee Sheppard	Aleesha Butt

Sub Junior Boys				
Event	First	Second	Third	Dist/time
100m	Oscar Longdon	Spencer Vinnels	Hamu Henderson	14.32
200m	Oscar Longdon	Mason Powell	William Fox	32s
400m	Noah Martin	Wade Anderson	Spencer Vinnels	1m15.77s
800m	Oscar Longdon	Spencer Vinnels	Mason Powell	3m8.29s
1500m	Logan Sinclair	Liam Van Harlingen	Dean Sheppard	6m18.7s
Long jump	Spencer Vinnels	Oscar Longdon	Noah Martin	3.73m
High jump	Liam Van Harlingen	Oscar Longdon	Spencer Vinnels	1.20 m
Discus	Jarn Bracken	Hamu Henderson	Rico Franks	16.65m
Shot put	Hamu Henderson	Jarn Bracken	Mason Powell	7.22m

Sub Junior Girls				
Event	First	Second	Third	Dist/time
100m	Anahera Worsfold	Summer French	Ella Crum	15.19s
200m	Anahera Worsfold	Ella Crum	Annabella Allen	32.48s
400m	Ella Crum	Anahera Worsfold	Annabella Allen	1m17.22s
800m	Ella Crum	Anahera Worsfold	Annabella Allen	3m3.1s
1500m	Ella Crum	Anahera Worsfold	Sarah Millard	6m42.5s
Long jump	Morgan Jansen	Sarah Dickson	Anahera Worsfold	3.67m
High jump	Sarah Millard	Annabella Allen	Anahera Worsfold	1.20m
Discus	Rizyiah Gray	Leayah Buxton	Olivia Little	13.91m
Shot put	Leayah Buxton	Rizyiah Gray	Morgan Jansen	6.62 m

Junior Boys				
Event	First	Second	Third	Dist/time
100m	Roman Miru	Kevin Kim	Tamati Phillips	12.63s
200m	Kevin Kim	Jesse Goodfellow	Tamati Phillips	28.91
400m	Kevin Kim	Nathan Harris	Jesse Goodfellow	1m9.36s
800m	Nathan Harris	Jesse Goodfellow	Kosei Hayashi	2m44.79s
1500m	Nathan Harris	Jesse Goodfellow	Reef Riri	5m44.42s
Long jump	Roman Miru	Kevin Kim	Nathan Harris	4.59m
High jump	Tawhetu Phillips	Jesse Goodfellow	Nathan Harris	1.54m
Discus	Tamati Phillips	Roman Miru	Wayen Pitman-Dodd	22.82m
Shot put	Wayen Pitman-Dodd	Reef Riri	Tawhetu Phillips	9.8 m

Junior Girls				
Event	First	Second	Third	Dist/time
100m	Maia Fairburn	Eboney Vaughn	Sara Anderson	13.43s
200m	Maia Fairburn	Tayten Smart	Milly Hodgson	31.13s
400m	Sophie Van Harlingen	Sara Anderson	Monique Sheppard	1m16.93
800m	Sophie Van Harlingen	Monique Sheppard	Analiese Allen	3m0.17s
1500m	Sophie Van Harlingen	Tayten Smart	Analiese Allen	6m30.9s
Long jump	Maia Fairburn	Mia Stanisich	Tayten Smart	4.03m
High jump	Maia Fairburn	Chloe Millard	Monique Sheppard	1.22m
Discus	Ahriana Phillips	Harlia Harris	Mania Mikaere	13.7m
Shot put	Devine Henderson	Sara Anderson	Harlia Harris	6.84 m

Intermediate Boys				
Event	First	Second	Third	Dist/time
100m	Brett Allen	Kyrin Harris	Conner Quirk	11.82s
200m	Joshua Sheppard	Brett Allen	Boyd Wintle	26.6s
400m	Brett Allen	Joshua Sheppard	Kyrin Harris	1m1s
800m	Joshua Sheppard	Ben Donald	Kyle Reid	2m31.37s
1500m	Joshua Sheppard	Kyrin Harris	Ben Donald	5m 0s
Long jump	Joe Rose	Kyrin Harris	Robin Gillespie	5.0m
High jump	Kyrin Harris	Brett Allen	Boyd Wintle	1.62m
Discus	Joshua Sheppard	Joe Rose	Kyrin Harris	25.56m
Shot put	Shaquan Shaw-Gray	Kyrin Harris	Brett Allen	9.95 m

Intermediate Girls				
Event	First	Second	Third	Dist/time
100m	Cheylysse Flannagan	Trista Comer	Grace Kemp	12.76s
200m	Cheylysse Flannagan	Trista Comer	Sophie Gribble	29.2s
400m	Trista Comer	Sophie Gribble	Lola Smyth	1m8.03s
800m	Trista Comer	Sophie Gribble	Renee Allen	2m41.47s
1500m	Trista Comer	Sophie Gribble	Renee Allen	5m37.7s
Long jump	Trista Comer	Renee Allen	Grace Kemp	4.51m
High jump	Grace Kemp	Renee Allen	Sophie Gribble	1.35m
Discus	Harlym O’Keefe	Cheylysse Flannagan	Amy Lawrence	19.21
Shot put	Tiana Whare Paieka	Cheylysse Flannagan	Brenda Ferguson	8.8 m

Senior Boys				
Event	First	Second	Third	Dist/time
100m	Tyrone DeArdenne	Tane Nepia	Isaac Sheppard	11.72s
200m	Tane Nepia	Isaac Sheppard	Tyrone DeArdenne	25.37s
400m	Isaac Sheppard	Connor Mitchell	Tane Nepia	58.16s
800m	Isaac Sheppard	Tyler Flannagan	Tane Nepia	2m25.56s
1500m	Isaac Sheppard	Tyler Flannagan	Alex Parr	5m6.7s
Long jump	Tane Nepia	Isaac Sheppard	Tyrone DeArdenne	5.61m
High jump	Tyrone De ardenne	Tane Nepia	Connor Mitchell	1.65m
Discus	Hyde Massey	Tane Nepia	Isaac Sheppard	26.38m
Shot put	Isaac Sheppard	Quintin Brown	Tyrone De Ardenne	10.76m

Senior Girls				
Event	First	Second	Third	Dist/time
100m	Tanisha Batten /Aleesha Butt		Cassidy Allen	13.34s
200m	Hayley Linton	Cassidy Allen	Emma Huband	31.43s
400m	Amyee Sheppard	Cassidy Allen	Hayley Linton	1m9.53s
800m	Amyee Sheppard	Hayley Linton	Ocean Shadbolt	2m49.4s
1500m	Amyee Sheppard	Hayley Linton	Emma Huband	6m0.2s
Long jump	Aleesha Butt	Tanisha Batten	Amyee Sheppard	4.25m
High jump	Ocean Shadbolt	Amyee Sheppard	Aleesha Butt	1.40m
Discus	Nikayla Abel	Aimee Hinsch	Jenna Swadling	23.28m
Shot putt	Jenna Swadling	Aleesha Butt	Ocean Shadbolt	9.43m



Year 8s visit the police station, fire station, Carters and Four Square

As part of the Careers Education and Social Studies programme the Year 8 students walked up to Maungaturoto to visit a community service and a shop. At each of the places they were shown what work is being done there and why it is such an essential activity for the town. Students gained a small insight in what it meant to work there. Both the local policeman and the fire chief came to their stations especially to meet with the students and as a school we are grateful to them for taking the time to show students what they do.



Minded: an opportunity to gain 21st century career skills

Thanks to a generous sponsorship from Z Energy our school can offer all our students the opportunity to discover their personality traits and how that can help them communicate and work with other people with different traits. They also have access to a variety of online courses that will help them develop career skills that have been identified as essential for

today's working world. There are also courses on learning agility, self discovery and health and well-being that can stand them in good stead during their school years. A competition on 3 free innovative games in the construction, hospitality and technology sector has just been announced. Students can access all these with any device at otamatea.jbaschools.com.

Olivia Sheat from Minded in Wellington came up to our school to introduce students and a number of teachers to the platform. The school is looking for a sponsorship from a local organisation to be able to make this a longer term initiative.

E. van den Berg

