



Otamatea High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Otamatea



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Principal's Comment

Term two has been action packed with a number of new initiatives and opportunities:

- ❖ The year 7 and 8 students who are involved in the William Pike Challenge were the envy of much older students as they had the opportunity to participate in white water rafting in Auckland. They thoroughly enjoyed this day where the focus was working together.
- ❖ Business studies students also enjoyed their jet boating adventure.
- ❖ Forty of our senior students had the opportunity to go to the Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Tongariro where they were challenged to move beyond their comfort zones. Quintin's write up encapsulates the values that are intrinsic to such activities – perseverance, resilience, reliability and team work.
- ❖ The whakairo students spent three days in the last week of term on a hikoī expanding their knowledge of Te Ao Māori.
- ❖ The Year 9 digital technologies class headed off to Auckland to experience the world of virtual reality.
- ❖ The three day BP Business Challenge saw our students interact with students from Rodney College and Bream Bay College as they were tasked with designing a business idea, developing the marketing around their idea, and then pitching this to the expert judges.

Students have been involved in the arts through watching the Ugly Shakespear Performance, inspired through dance and music in the Revolution Tour and had opportunity to go to the Auckland Writers' Festival. The year 7 and 8 students recently entertained their families and the rest of the syndicate by sharing their poetry at the poetry cafe. The Olla Podriga talent quest was once again a wonderful demonstration of the talent being developed and nurtured at the school.

Student health and wellbeing has been the focus through 10 Feet Tall and Bulletproof, Attitude and Sexwise presentations and workshops. Selected students also participated in the Youth 19 survey which assists with forming national policy decisions and directions.

We won \$20,000 worth of solar panels for our school through Genesis Energy and next term these panels will be installed on the north facing hall roof. The car park and courts have had a much needed upgrade and so we now have a much more welcoming entrance to our school. Students have also benefitted from the new heat pumps in classrooms across the school.

Coming up in the school holidays is the senior ball, A Moonlit Dream. In term three students are looking forward to the Dargaville and Reporoa Exchanges. The winter sports continue and the hockey and netball teams head off to their respective tournaments as well as the AIMS netball team travelling to Tauranga. Inter iwi competitions will be held for basketball, netball, chess, mathex and debating.

We have Open Day on Thursday 9th August followed by Enrolment afternoon on Wednesday 21st August.

Rachel Clothier-Simmonds

Solar Energy coming to Otamatea High School

Otamatea High School students will soon be harnessing the power of the sun thanks to a new solar panel package from the Genesis School-gen Trust, worth \$20,000. More than 400 schools applied for STEM packages from the Trust, which was set up by Genesis to provide schools with solar, science, technology, engineering and mathematics equipment to help rangatahi solve real-world problems. Otamatea High School was the only school granted the solar package and will soon have 42 295W panels installed on our north facing hall roof. Deputy Principal Dirk Smyth made the application with the support of Andy Thomas (Head of Science) and Samid Buksh (maths teacher and solar power expert), and were absolutely delighted when they found out that we had been successful. The solar equipment package will help engage our students in real-world learning. There are already plans to create a new cross-curricular programme next year that will use the solar panel equipment, together with the data it generates, to explore science, mathematics, technology, business economics and sustainability topics. Being a rurally isolated school with limited resources to invest in this kind of equipment, this award is a huge win for our school. It will allow us to develop integrated programmes for students, and to raise awareness of issues around sustainability. Genesis School-gen Trust Chair, Lee Mauger, says Otamatea High School's interest in wanting to involve and educate the community on the importance of renewable energy made its application stand out from the other 400 applications. "We saw in Otamatea's application a real desire to engage in learning that would be relevant to the students' lives and their communities. We also liked their focus on engaging more girls and Māori in STEM subjects, because those two groups are underrepresented in STEM subjects and careers." Once installed, Otamatea High School will be able compare its solar energy generation to 92 schools in New Zealand, from Russell to Timaru, through the School-gen website. Exciting times ahead!



Media Studies Film Shoots

Students in Level 1, 2 and 3 Media Studies are working hard producing short films this term. Students have written their own screenplays and now are learning how to collaborate, design, plan and produce their short films from the ground up. Level 1 are creating horror films and we went to Warkworth Cement works on Friday 14 June to shoot amongst the ruins. Actors were transformed into creepy ghosts and ghouls with the help of some talented make-up artists and the ruins echoed all day with blood curling screams. Student directors were excellent leaders in their teams and with the help of their crew, they brought their screenplay to life. It was a fantastic day and the creative thinking, team work and outstanding effort made it a huge success.

Level 2 and 3 are producing film noir crime thrillers and have been shooting their short films locally. You may have seen a film crew recently in your travels! Like the level one class they have had to transform student actors into Private Eyes and Femme Fatales with the magic of costume and make up. Media students have the roles of director, cinematographer, lighting and producer and are all highly invested in creating a quality film. We have been trying to have night shoots to create the dark and atmospheric setting of noir with mysterious dark shadows, rain slicked streets and chiaroscuro effects. Some amazing footage has been shot and I look forward to seeing it all come together in the editing suite.

A big thank you to the parents, staff and student actors who have made these film shoots possible. We will be screening their edited short film in term four at the Otamatea High School 'Thrills and Frights' Film Festival.





Inter iwi haka waiata competition

This year the inter iwi haka competition also included a waiata. Te Aroha was selected as this waiata was already well known to most of the students. The lyrics which encourage aroha (love) whakapono (faith and trust) and rangimārie (peace) to everyone are also universal and inclusive, so it was very fitting. Each year we will choose a different waiata with the aim of building up the school's kete for when we welcome visitors to the school through powhiri.

Towards the second half of the term students utilised whānau time for practices. It was up to each iwi to work out whether to perform the waiata or haka first and how they choreographed the two. Ngaroimata Morgan judged the event this year and praised the students for the mana that they displayed. She was asked to also point out the best leaders overall. Nathan Harris and Tiana Whare Paikea were the stand out leaders on the day and so they have the honour of leading a full school haka in the first school assembly in term three.

Overall, it was a fabulous way to end the term. Whātua came first for the second year in a row, Arawa second, Maniapoto third and Ngāpuhi fourth. Many thanks to Ngaroimata for judging the event, to all the staff and students who participated and the family members who came along to support.



Jet Boat Auckland, Level 1 Business/Economics

After 2 cancellations, the Level 1 business economic class finally got to participate in a jet boat experience in Auckland. Students have been studying the marketing mix for their assessment and using jet boat as their topic focus. Some very useful behind the scenes information was gained and the weather made for a perfect day and fun experience. A special thank you to Teresa Brown who helped with transport.



BP Business Challenge 2019

This year Otamatea High School were privileged to host a 3 day Business event, and invite students from both Bream Bay College and Rodney College. 60 students completed the 3 day course, which involved brainstorming new and original solutions to real-life problems. Students were pushed out of their comfort zones on day 2 to work with other schools and on day 3, the teams had to present their business plans to a group of rotating judges. It was fantastic to watch the students get engaged and use their thinking skills. Some very tired brains were clearly evident at the end of each day!

Mrs Baker was especially proud of the Otamatea students involvement and manaakitanga shown for our guests. The feedback from the judges was very positive and the students will be using their new knowledge and brainstorming skills for their assessments next term.





Nature, Winter, Fear, Power, Summer, Happiness, Death, Loneliness and Anger.

These are all poetic themes that Year 7 and 8 students have been using to write poems throughout Term 2.

We were so proud that parents, whānau and friends came and supported our poetry cafe which took place on Tuesday 2nd July. There was a lot of hustle and bustle coming from the hall. Students were reciting different types of poems from haiku's to diamante, to lyrics. Listening to various poems showed us different emotions, thoughts, and how students interpret themes in poetry differently. Many professional waiters and waitresses were taking orders and delivering hot scones to our audience members. Every student read at least one of their poems out and proudly showed off their poster or booklet displays around the hall. A successful eventhere are a few comments from the students.....

“Listening to the poems were relaxing”, Bailey.
“I enjoyed speaking out to the people”, Tait.
“Reading my poem I felt proud”, Zack





William Pike Challenge Group Visit Wero Water Park

34 Year 7 and 8 students took the plunge at the Wero Whitewater park as part of their outdoor activity for the William Pike Challenge award. On 13th June, students started their adventure early leaving the High School at 6.45am travelling down to the Wero Whitewater Park in Auckland. After a safety briefing, students learnt about the different river crossing techniques and safety around fast flowing streams and rivers. The William Pike students then paddled down Grade 1 and 2 rapids before taking a refreshing dip in the lake.

Students are continuing to participate in their passion projects and community service, both of which are compulsory components of this award. During Term 3, two more outdoor activities are planned to challenge and excite the students.



Atlas Quarries: A fascinating workplace on our doorstep

Year 12 students had the opportunity to visit Atlas Quarries on 9 May. It was an eye opening experience to see such a highly mechanised operation. Students were fascinated by the area taken up by the quarries and the scientific ways the excavating is planned and executed. The big trucks and crushing equipment delighted the boys especially. Nature conservation initiatives taking place on the land was also highlighted. Atlas Quarries is prepared to offer work experience to students, also in their administration department. They were kind enough to sponsor the bus for this trip.



Exploring Piroa Falls for Video

Year 10 digital technology students have been working with a 360 degree camera and is now working on a video of the Piroa falls. For this project they went out to the falls to take some footage and explore the area. They also have to use Minecraft to design an ablution block that will suit the environment. Since the trip they were also gifted some drone video of the falls that can be incorporated in their project. The drone video was taken by a tourist, Billy Wong who visited his friend who lives on Gorge Road.



Olla Podriga

This was the 20th anniversary of Olla Podriga, which started way back in 1999. It was a night full of entertainment from the contestants, to school band Pahi State of Mind, to the School Concert Bands rendition of Sweet Caroline. It was also a hotly contested competition, with head girl Emma Millard taking first place in the end with a moving rendition of a church song she is very familiar with, 'King of My Heart'. Second place was another Year 13 with Danni McKie performing Billie Eilish's song 'I don't wanna be you anymore'. Third place and the narrow winner of the people's choice award was newcomer Year 7 performer Oscar Longdon with a rousing performance of 'Hey Jude' by The Beatles.



Smokefree Rockquest

Since the start of Term 2 Joshua Sheppard, Ben Donald, Roman Miru, and Jayke Parker have been working together as 'Pahi State of Mind'. To start with they had a simple task of writing one song in three weeks to perform at the Northland regional heats for the Smokefree Rockquest at Tikipunga High School. They did this with flying colours, and so they qualified for the Northland regional final at Forum North.



They now had to have two songs to perform and another two weeks to prepare. Again, they rose to the challenge and this time won the ZM people's choice award. Winning this meant that along with the top two bands in Northland, they now had to write and perform four songs in one performance that would be filmed and sent off for judging to be considered for the Smokefreerockquest National final in Auckland.

Qualifying for the regional heats alone took the boys by surprise, and everything from then has been a bonus. For one of the youngest bands in the competition they have done incredibly well, and they are already looking forward to potentially three more years of competing ahead of them.

DoE Gold Qualifier Greenstone/Caples/Routeburn Tracks

In the first week of the April holidays a gold group of eight students completed their qualifying tramp on the above tracks. The weather was perfect and not once did the wet weather gear have to leave the packs.

The terrain was varied with long river valleys on the Greenstone/Caples tracks which tested the group both mentally and physically. Tramping in the dark proved to be adventurous and posed an aspect of tramping the group hadn't met before...where are we on the map when you can't see your surroundings....loss of track markers.....tramping with headlamps on.... arriving at the hut in the dark. Everyone coped extremely well and group morale was at a high. Much of the group's bush craft training was put into practice and it was good to see strong leadership qualities being displayed by group members.

During the qualifier three mountain saddles were crossed, the snow capped mountainous scenery of the Routeburn track was beautiful as were the lakes. We saw two ruru, keas, kaka, robins and riflemen along the way, along with several lovely rivers and water falls.

Thank you very much to our shadow party: Stephen and Andrea Orchard, Andrew Swadling, Chris Perkinson and Robyn Bruce. We couldn't have completed this qualifier without you!



DoE Silver Pre-expedition to Cape Brett

Our DOE silver group left Maungaturoto at 5am. It was about a 2 hour drive to the marae in Rawhiti. We left the vans there and started walking. The 4 of us girls left first with 2 adults, and the 8 boys left 10 minutes later with the other 2 adults. We walked up the road for just over a km, until we got to the Cape Brett track where we began our 17.2 km walk. We stopped a few times for quick breaks and for photos of the views of the many islands. We stopped for lunch at a junction at the 12 km point. When we arrived at the hut we did a quiz on the history of the light house. The tram that had once been there was named Puff the Magic Wagon. Later on we started making dinner. Our group had sausages, mashed potatoes and veges. After dinner we played cards.

The next day we started as one group, because the track was on a ridge and there were big cliffs on either side. Once we had passed the ridge, we separated into 2 groups. The boys went in front this time. We walked, counting down the kms on the markers that told you how many you had to go, stopping a few times for breaks. We stopped for lunch at the highest point which was 345 m above sea level. From there it was a 3 km walk back down the hill to the road. We walked back along the road to the vans. Overall we walked about 38 km. It was a very cool tramp, and we identified a lot of different plants. It was fun hanging out with everyone in our group, and I am looking forward to our qualifying tramp at Waikaremoana.

Natalia Orchard



DoE Silver Training Weekend in the Tangihua Forest

Nine silver level students completed their bush craft training in the Tangihua Forest 7 to 9 June. The tracks were in good condition considering it was winter. It was also quite mild sleeping out in tents.

Goats were spotted along the tops of the Tangihua range and we felt like goats ourselves as we battled strong wind gusts and struggled to find our footing amongst the wet, muddy, slippery, steep terrain.

As always, the compass work, bush and stream bashing on the Sunday was the highlight for most and it is the first time a group (the boys) has ever got exactly back to their camp site!

The group now heads to complete a pre expedition to Cape Brett 29/30 June and their qualifier to Lake Waikaremoana 8 to 11 July.

A HUGE thank you to Ken Hames, Andrea Orchard and Robyn Bruce for giving up their weekend to train us at the silver bush craft level. We appreciate what you do for the Otamatea High School DOE programme.



DoE Bronze to Tangihua Lodge

On the weekend of June 7 to 9, thirteen Bronze level students travelled to the Tangihua Lodge to complete their bush craft training. The students learn about route finding, cooker use/safety, hut etiquette, leadership, river crossing etc. The training was delivered by, Stephen Orchard. Our teacher in charge, Dave Burnell was ably assisted by staff members, Marco Troost and Robyn Baker. We thank them all very much for giving up their weekend to help out and are grateful for their help with the DOE programme.



Year 10 Rangatahi / Youth Futures

All year 10's attended the Rangatahi / Youth Futures programme on Academic Mentoring Day. They were divided into three groups, one working with our kaiawhina, Fiona Kemp, the other with a dean, Robyn Baker and the last with the careers adviser, Elizabeth van den Berg.

Each group went through the activities of the programme which was devised by CareersNZ for year 10's. As part of the this they looked at different leadership styles and Mrs Baker's group made posters with the pictures of well-known local and wider people whom they saw fitting the specific leadership styles of Thinker, Organiser, Helper, Creator, Doer and Influencer.

The students also got the opportunity to find out what their own personality strengths and natural communication styles are with the Minded program that Z Energy has sponsored our school for this year. This was a highlight of the day for most students. Then they were introduced to what it takes to work in a workplace, what the expectations and obligations are regarding to how you look and act. For this part students achieved credits towards NCEA level 1.



OHS visit the Hillary Outdoors Youth Development Centre

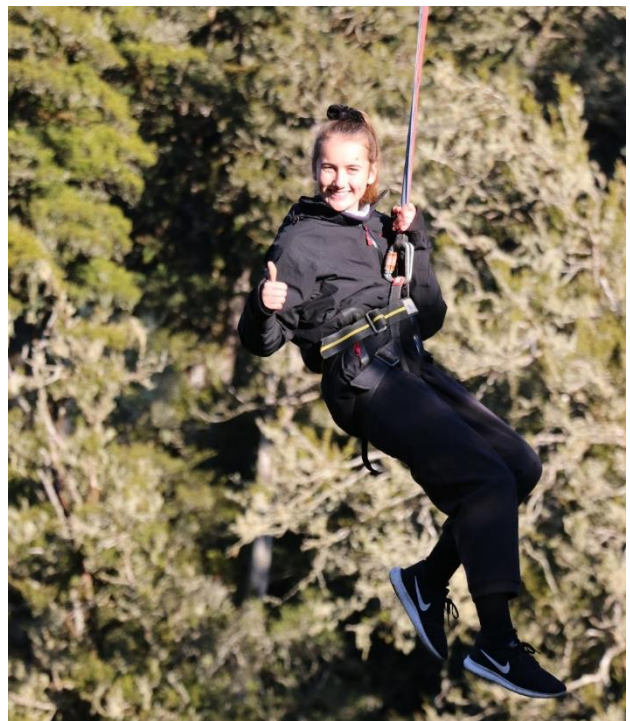
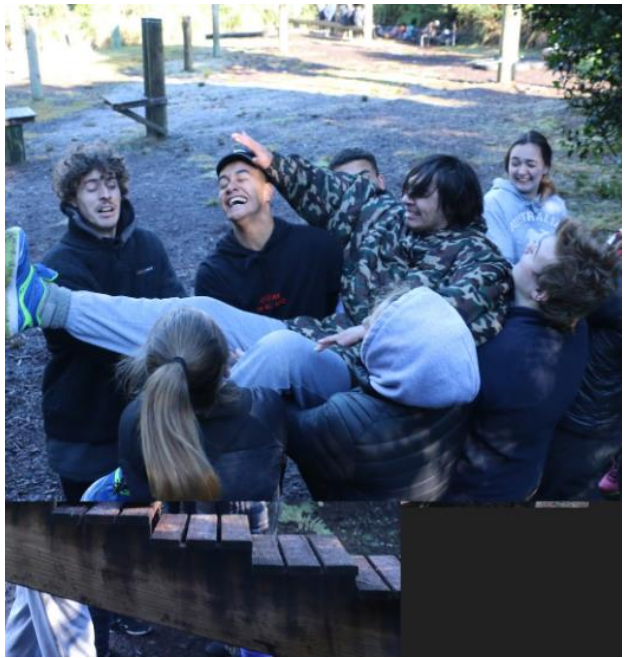
The Level 2 Sports Leadership class and Level 3 Physical Education class, had the opportunity of a lifetime to go to Hillary Outdoors Youth Development Centre. It is based in one of the most breathtaking parts of our country, Tongariro. We were graced with beautiful scenery of mountains and the temperatures whilst there reached a balmy -6 degrees on Mt Ruapehu and Mt Ngauruhoe. The group was split into 4 teams of 10 students and completed a range of outdoor activities including caving, low and high ropes courses, flying fox over the Mangatepopo Gorge, river and bush navigation, kayaking, rock climbing and an overnight expedition above the snowline in tents.

Throughout the course the instructors conveyed a message of perseverance. Giving us the belief in our ability to push through the difficult times, this message was conveyed through the physical activities that we completed throughout the course. These activities were designed to take people out of their comfort zone and make them feel vulnerable, this is key for people to grow. Until you are pushed to your limits all you know is what you know, making it harder to develop as a person whether its physical, mental or spiritual. Key aspects that we need to be able to prepare for the developing world that we live in.

Daily focuses and key ideas were introduced throughout the week to help development with the groups, to push us towards team and independent steps in life. The first being time management. Time management teaches us the basics of being reliable. Reliability is also a key factor for future applications like work or being able to turn up to an event. The second was influence, the power we have to influence decisions and shape our destiny. Third was Team, together we are stronger and everyone has a role to play.

This trip would have not been possible if it was not for Mr Alison, Llew Smart and Teresa Brown. They made the trip memorable and enjoyable, with late night table tennis and a bounty of jokes.

Quintin Brown, Head Boy



OHS Student Attends Gateway Techtorium Course

Over the April holidays, I went to a few I.T courses in Auckland. As a technology nerd I was extremely excited for them, for the new friends I would make, what I would learn, and the opportunities I would come across when doing so.

I did two, three day courses and both of them had just the right amount of challenge. The first being cloud computing where we learned about big data, the cloud, system virtualisation and PowerShell. The second being A.I, where we covered fuzzy logic, neural networks and made a basic chatbot.

I took away a lot from those few days, one of those things being how important it is to experience both the best and the worst of what you want to do for a career.

On top of experiencing how much I don't know about programming and a lot of positive sides to the field, I also got a glimpse into some of the negatives. Overall though, I'm just as excited to learn more than before I took the courses and would still classify myself as a diehard technology nerd.

And if there is one thing that's held true to the hype, it's that all you need to make cool stuff and learn in the process is a laptop and an internet connection.

I also want to give a big thanks to OHS Pathways for sponsoring the course, you guys rock!

Benicio Van Zwijndregt



Northtec Nursing Day

Sitting in an anatomy lecture and imagining how it would feel being a nursing student next year or the next, was the experience 10 students had at Northtec in Whangarei on Monday 13 May. They also learned how to make up a proper hospital bed and change the linen with a patient in the bed, take blood pressure and administer oxygen in the clinical teaching ward. These activities were guided by clinical instructors who would be the students' tutors and accompany them into the first term when they go into the hospital for practicals. Students were also introduced to the librarians who would support their studies and research and given an overview of the Bachelor's degree programme. Entry requirements were spelled out and students came home with a clear idea of where this career pathway could take them.



Technology in Term 2

The technology department has been extremely busy this term with students finishing projects in the junior rotations and seniors working towards finishing their projects.

In Year 7 digital technology students are learning to write computer code using Scratch, to design their own computer games, this has been extremely popular and what students have achieved has been very impressive.



The students in wood technology have been working with real enthusiasm to complete their projects and they have produced a range of products enhancing their making and design skills.



The senior wood technology students are working on a range of projects and there is an industrious atmosphere in the workshops.

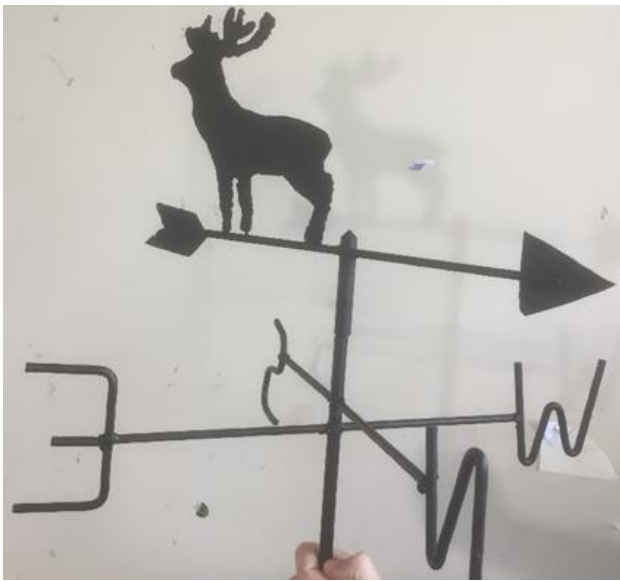


Djembe Drum

Round Picnic Table

Year 11 Wood Technology

In engineering technology the Year 9 students really excelled themselves working on the weather vane project, this allows students to use a range of equipment including the plasma cutter, mig welder, oxyacetylene torch, and metal lathes.



The Year 12 engineering class is working through the popular mini motorbike project and Tyler Young is one of the first students to finish. As students complete this project they move onto our extension task, building pulse jet engines.

In food technology the junior classes have been producing beautiful creations and learning about healthy food, as well as recipes from around the world.



The senior hospitality students have been honing their barista skills in the café and are preparing themselves for their overnight trip to MIT in Auckland next term to learn about preparing gourmet food.

Year 7 and 8's Building Robots in Robotics Club

Expanding on the number of robots for students to work with in robotics club and digital technologies classes, two more robot sets were acquired. They had to be built before they can be driven or programmed and this job was taken up by Ben Miller (year 7) who brought two friends to help, Egor Shefer and Eli Stables. They chose to build the land raider. Noah Martin (year 8) built the nervous bird.



Ben and Egor hard at work

There is one more version but that can only be bought if money can be sourced for the robot initiative.

The robots are now ready to be used and the year 7's have started experimenting. Next term the robotics club will have a robot dance challenge where they will choose a song and program the different robots the school now has to move to the music.

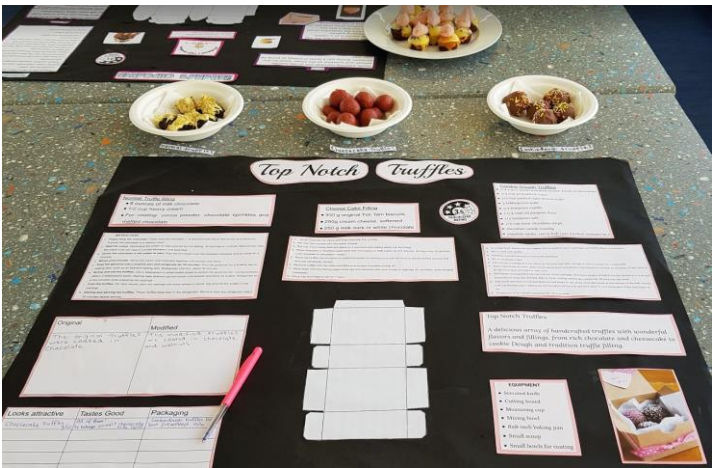


Ben, Egor and Eli with the Land Raider



Noah building the Nervous Bird

Year 8E Social Studies



On Thursday 27 June, class 8E got to create their final food product for display and taste. This term, students were given the challenge to produce an original product and business, with name, logo, slogan, blurb and modified recipe. The overall results were fantastic and prizes will be given out at the end of term in class. Ka pai 8E!



Whakairo success at Matariki Festival 2019

Matariki Festival 29th June 2019 was held at Rodney College. It was a very successful day for three of the L2 students from the Whakairo class at Otamatea High School. They each entered one carved piece into an art competition class and each student won a cash prize and other goodies.

First:
Ripeka Craig



Second:
Bob Hamlin



Third:
Shaquan Shaw-Gray



It was a positive day showing the talents of our students and receiving a lot of interest from the wider community.



Whakairo students Visit Kawhia and Pikitu Marae

Ngā kete o te wānanga,

To fill one's basket through the sharing of knowledge & understanding.

In the last week of term two the whakairo students spent three days away, exploring new parts of Aotearoa. First port of call was Kawhia where they were told some stories about the area & the carved pou that surround the harbor. They also gathered ideas to help in next year's projects. Each student got to experience the hot water and views at Ocean Beach, Kawhia. It is an experience they will remember forever.

Our second stop was at Pikitu Marae where we settled into a bone carving workshop. We talked about tikanga practices & how we can implement those values into everyday life.

Overall, it was a positive trip with an awesome bunch of young people.

Mauri ora



Students comments of their trip.

Tamati Phillips: "Liked the hot water beach at Kawhia, we had to dig to let the hot water in. At Pikitu Marae I was given the responsibility to be the Kaikorero for Ngati Whatua, I was nervous but I can say I did it".

Tawhetu Phillips: "At Pikitu Marae we made Rei niho (whale's tooth pendant) I love it. It took us 6 hours to make. I learnt how to weave the whiri that makes it hang around my neck".

Raatapu Nathan- Jenkins: "I liked looking at all the Pou at Kawhia and I can't wait to make one next year. I also took my first carved Taiaha on the trip as it was a way we could bless it".

Bream Bay College and Otamatea High School Sports Exchange for year 7 & 8

On Tuesday 28th May, Bream Bay College year 7 and 8 students travelled to Otamatea High School for our yearly sporting exchange. The sports played on the day were netball, football, basketball and rugby. Congratulations to all the students who took part. The weather started off fine but about half way through the games it started to rain but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the students.

Touch Rugby – Otamatea and Bream Bay had two teams each. All games were close between the school's but Bream Bay came out the winners on the day. Thanks must go to Tyrone De Ardenne, Denzal Peeni, Joe Rose, Kyrin Harris and Brett Allen who coached the Otamatea teams leading up to the exchange and refereed the games on the day.



Football – The Otamatea team being coached by Kayla Rose Reid, Aleesha Butt and Emma Huband never gave up but Bream Bay was the stronger team on the day, who took the win. Thanks goes to Alex Parr for refereeing the game.



Netball – Otamatea and Bream Bay had two teams each – The Otamatea AIMS team came out winners for both of their games. Thanks go to coach Jodie Bennetto and manager Pat Buxton. The second girls' team had great games but Bream Bay took out the wins on the day. Thanks go to coaches Paris Rika and Cassidy Allen and manager Alex Cowie. Thanks also go to Taira Phillips, Jemma Kurupo, Cassidy Allen and Paris Rika for umpiring the matches.

Basketball – This was a first time for basketball to be included in the exchange. All students really enjoyed the game with Otamatea coming out winners on the day. Thanks go to Tanika Rutson, Hayley Linton, Cecile Daniels and Rochelle Woods for coaching the team. Thanks also go to Bruce Alison and Paul Chambers for refereeing the game.



Virtual reality - Year 9 Digital Technologies

Seeing someone standing in a booth, making strange motions with their arms and stepping left and right seems crazy but realising they are actually in a totally different world where those motions make sense is quite fascinating.

That is the experience the Year 9 Digital Technologies students had on Tuesday 2 July at Virtual Reality Studio in Auckland.

The studio has 8 booths and about 30 different virtual reality games and experiences. Students had 40 minutes to play on their own and were then linked in two group games for 20 minutes each.

Two of the experiences available were being in the ocean on a sunken boat and seeing a whale swimming past very close up and being in google earth flying around and stepping into street view.

This experience is aimed at students understanding the frontiers of Digital Technologies and thinking about themselves as creators of technology not just users.



Quick Rip

On Friday 31st June Otamatea Year 7/8 quick rip team and coach Brett Allen ventured up to Tikipunga, Whangarei to participate in a mini tournament. Quick rip is a mixture of tag, rippa and rugby combined. The team started off strong and were still getting used to the new rules. We came away with 3 wins and 3 losses. Captain, Cameron Fitzpatrick, mentioned “we are starting talking more as a team, and we’re still getting to know each other’s play”.



Parafed Northland visit OHS

In the last week of Term 2 we had Sharon for Parafed Northland come into PE lessons and teach our students wheelchair turbo touch. Every class that had a go at this sport thoroughly enjoyed themselves and gained even more respect for the skill and talent competitors in these sports have. A fun learning opportunity, not to mention a great upper-body workout!





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OPEN DAY

Thursday 8th August at 9.30am

Come along to our hands on interactive day.

Parents/caregivers of prospective students are warmly invited to join in with their child to experience what Otamatea High School has to offer.

We look forward to seeing you.

For more details please ring Otamatea High School 0800 682 628 or email ohs@otamatea.school.nz

Enrolling now for 2020

