

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora, Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to the first edition of Contact for 2010.

We regret to inform you that Helen, after a long illness, passed away on 26 December 2009. A special service was held at the College on 31 December. Helen was held in very high regard by the community as a teacher who was inspirational to all and whose professional integrity was without question. Helen will be sadly missed by us all and we extend our sympathy to her family.

A special welcome to all new enrolments and new staff; a complete list of staffing changes can be found elsewhere in this issue.

May I thank the Year 13 students and staff who attended the Leadership Camp held prior to the start of school; if the student attitude at camp is indicative of the manner in which they will approach this year – we will be assured of another fantastic Year 13 group.

May I also thank the parents and members of the PTA who support Debbie McBride with the uniform sales.

It was also pleasing to see the students reviewing their results and making changes to their subjects prior to the commencement of the school year.

You will see further on in Contact the names of students who have succeeded in a range of activities over the holiday period; our congratulations to them all. It is always a delight when you pick up the local paper and read of the success of both current and ex-students. To this end we have certainly enjoyed a lot of recent publicity.

May I remind you that Board of Trustees elections will be held in May this year; I would strongly endorse the re-election of any board members who wish to stand; they have done a great job and are very supportive and are at the forefront of strategic planning for our school.

The government has granted additional funding for our Special Needs Unit through our 5 Year Property Plan and we will see a new building on the current site worth in the vicinity of \$1 million.

New school bus shelters are under construction at the Windsor Road bus stop site and a school BBQ area has been completed; both of these projects were made possible through funds raised from Workday. The 2010 Workday will be held on Wednesday 5 May.

Construction will commence shortly on two new rooms – a Transition classroom and an ICT suite to house our 5, on site, technicians.

The school has purchased another 100 computers and these will be upgraded into G Block, the Library, International, Transition and Science departments.

During the holidays major painting projects were undertaken along with cleaning and grounds work to ensure the College was looking at its' very best for day one.

The Student Executive for 2010 will consist of 5 committees – Sports, Creative Arts, Publicity, Special Occasions and Wellbeing. Wellbeing is a new committee this year which will encompass the school environment, anti-harassment, peer mentoring and collating events such as mufti days.

We will also run a number of extended form times throughout the year to grow the liaison between the student and the form teacher.

The year level colours for 2010 are as follows: Year 9, Red – Year 10, Silver – Year 11, Purple – Year 12 – Green and Year 13, Blue. These are the colours that will represent students at each year level at events such as Athletics, Swimming Sports etc.

We welcome Deanne Stewart to the staff of the College. Deanne has been appointed as Group Travel Co-ordinator and will assist any school group that wishes to travel overseas to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip.

A group of less academically inclined Year 12 students will be offered a 5 subject course this year and a course entitled 'Directions' for students who need more regular contact with limited staff is offered to Year 13 students.

Preliminary results from NCEA for 2009 look very good, congratulatory letters will be sent to all students who had their results endorsed with Merit and Excellence. We look forward to receiving our Scholarship results later this month.

With our student numbers exceeding our roll limit we have had to decline a number of out of zone enrolments.

Commencing this year 'Contact' will be issued in Weeks 2, 6 and the second to last week of each term (in the past it has been the last week of term). The second edition for this term will be posted home on Wednesday 10 March.

We will hold one Teacher Only day per term throughout the year, details will be in the enclosed calendar along with dates for report evenings and exam schedules for the entire year.

Class and ID photos will be taken next week, the Year 9 camps commence next Wednesday, the first PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 February and I invite all interested parents to attend. Tomorrow night the NCEA information evening will be held at the College, this is the time to attend if you have any questions you need answered in relation to your student and NCEA.

Reports evenings will start this year with Seniors in Term 1 and Juniors in Term 2 (check the calendar for dates) and don't forget to pencil in Friday 26 March as the date to attend our annual International Food Festival commencing at 5pm on the College grounds run by the PTA and International Department.

A reminder to all students; we expect them to be at school on time, 100% attendance is required to ensure 100% effort is put into their academic studies. We expect all students to have a sense of pride and belief in who they are, wearing their school uniform with pride and attending all classes with the correct gear.

Our school goal for 2010 is 'Learners Together' and through this goal we will continue to strengthen our culture of learning by focusing on Presence, Engagement and Achievement. We will do this by promoting and safe and supportive learning culture for all through the craft of teaching and learning and an individual commitment to learning. I thank the Faculty Leaders and Board of Trustees for their commitment to this work ethic.

Until the next newsletter.
DG Randell, Principal



Goal 2010 – Learners Together

Continuing to strengthen our culture of learning
by focusing on

Presence, Engagement and Achievement

through promoting;

- A safe and supportive learning culture for all
- The craft of teaching and learning
- An individual commitment to learning

Helen Woods

We regret to inform you that after a long period of illness Helen Woods died on 26 December 2009.

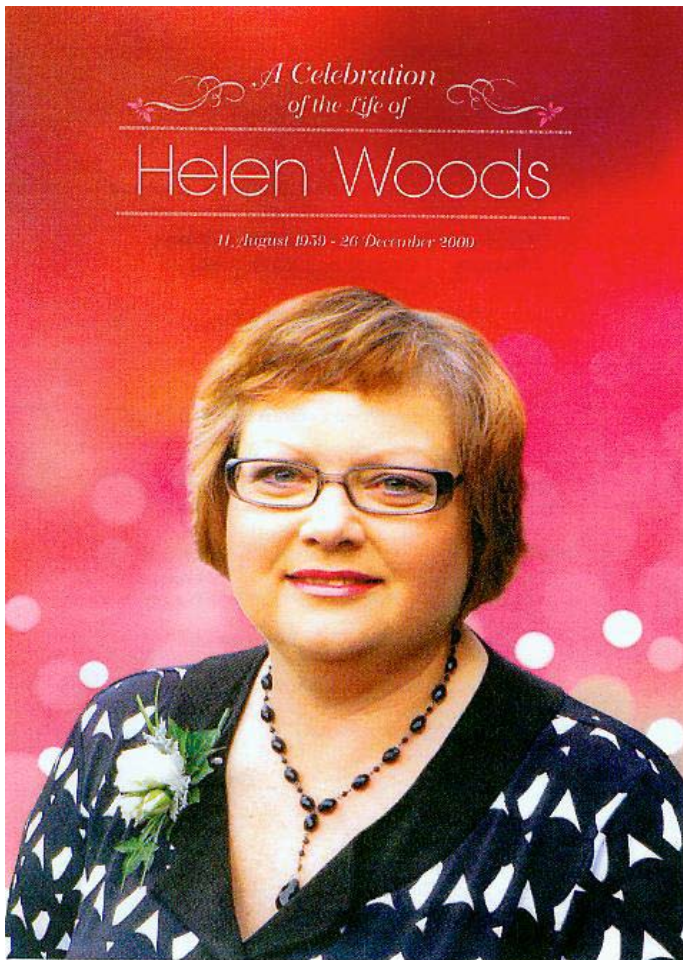
On behalf of all associated with Otumoetai College we would like to express our sincere condolences and deepest sympathies to Helen's family.

When a person very much loved and valued within a community dies, the sense of loss is difficult to understand, the sorrow hard to bear.

Helen had been a member of the staff of Otumoetai College since 1998 and only recently left on medical grounds.

Despite the challenge of ill-health Helen always maintained her professional integrity. She was a vibrant, positive and caring person, and an inspiration for staff and students alike.

Helen will be sadly missed by many students and staff and our thoughts and prayers will always be with her.



Staff 2010

New Staff

Lauren Atkin	Technology
Robyn Barnett	Technology
Kylie Collings	English
Andrea Crawford	Science
Suzanne Kirk	English
Julie Richards	English
Chelsea Roper	Technology
Sarah-Jane Smith	Art
Megan Taylor	Science
Deon Wessels	Technology
Mark Williams	Social Science
Anna Francis	Social Science

Other

Colin Mossong	HOD, Art
Dave Shefferd	Acting HOD, English – Term 1

Welcome Back

Sean Gaskell
Marie Battermann (Nurse)
Claire Lander
Tod Sharland

YEAR LEVEL CONTACTS

Year 9

Dean:	Josephine Carson (nee Somers)
Dean:	Simon Hayward
SLT:	Pip Woodward
Colour:	Red

Year 10

Dean:	Kelly Hayward (Term 1)
	Kim Whyte (Maternity Leave)
Dean:	Phil Newton
SLT:	Ricky Feutz
Colour:	Silver

Year 11

Dean:	Eloise Stephen
Dean:	Dave Shefferd
SLT:	Bruce Farthing
Colour:	Purple

Year 12

Dean:	Doreen Swetman
Dean:	Steve Gilvear
SLT:	Robyn Pettigrew
Colour:	Green

Year 13

Dean:	Claire Lander
Dean:	Neil McDermid
STL:	Dave Randell
Colour:	Blue

CONGRATULATIONS MR STEWART HENDERSON

40 years Service to Otumoetai College

Congratulations Mr Stewart Henderson on 40 years Service to Otumoetai College.

We commenced our school year by celebrating Mr Stewart Henderson's 40 years service to our college. This celebration was attended by all staff and Stewart's family including wife Alison, mother Eileen, daughter Natalie & her husband & their two children. Past Principals Mr Peter Malcolm and Mr Al Murray also attended.

Stewart & Alison arrived in New Zealand from the UK in January 1970 to be employed as 'Supply Teachers'. Stewart commenced duties at Otumoetai College officially on 21 February 1970. Stewart was a Graduate Trainee and gained a permanent position at the College teaching General Science and senior Physics in May 1970. He later gained the position of PR1 Physics in June of 1975 and was promoted to PR2 Physics in 1987. He also was a Dean for five years from 1985-1989.

Stewart has always been 'sports mad'. Initially he was involved in college rugby and in 1977 he was introduced to Volleyball which quickly became his 'obsession'. He joined Ian Runga in coaching already successful teams and by 1978 Otumoetai College had gained the reputation as one of the leading schools in this sport. In 1979 the Otumoetai College Senior A Girls were National Champions and in 1980 Otumoetai College Volleyball ventured on their first tour to Australia. Over the years Stewart has led the Senior A Girls Volleyball team to many victories. National Volleyball Titles were gained in: - 1993 - 1994 - 1997 - 1998 - 1999 - 2001 - 2002 - 2004 - 2006. In May 2001 Stewart was nominated the ASB Bank College Sports Coach of the month. 2003 saw Stewart take the College team to Sydney for the Trans Tasman Quad competition and in 2005 the team won against Chinese Taipei at the Sydney Youth Olympics. In 2006 they were placed 8th in the Asian Junior Championships held in Thailand and had an historic set win against the Korea Super Power.

Stewart is also an A Grade Volleyball Referee and Coach for Tauranga and was the North Island Coach from 1999-2003 with a near perfect record of Gold! He has been President of Volleyball Tauranga from 1995 to the present day and was the NZ Junior Women's Coach from 2003 to the present day.

Stewart was also the person responsible for the initiative of the College 'Sports Awards Evenings'.

In 2004 Stewart was awarded the Tauranga City Council Key Award for Services to Sports and Recreation.

Thank you Stewart for your outstanding dedication, commitment, achievements & success. Congratulations.



School Buses for 2010

This year any concerns regarding buses need to be directed to the Senior Administrators – Mr McGregor and Mrs Pearson. They can be contacted in the Deans Room. Please note the changes in prices and eligibility below.

Category 1: FREE Transport

Students who are eligible (meet the distance criteria) and who are attending their nearest school are fully funded by the Ministry of Education. These students receive free transport on buses provided by the Tauranga Network Group.

Category 2: \$200 Per Year

All students who are ineligible (do not meet the distance criteria) but are attending their nearest school. These students can only use the buses if there is room for them. Eg: A student who lives at Mayfield, Bethlehem but is under 4.8kms from Otumoetai College.

Category 3: \$450 Per Year

All students who are ineligible (do not meet the distance criteria) and are not attending their nearest school eg: A female student at Welcome Bay who is under 4.8kms from Tauranga Girls' College.

These students can only buy passes to use buses if there is room for them, which is usually not determined until part way through Term 1.

Category 4: \$300 Per Year

All students who are eligible (meet the distance criteria) but are not attending their nearest school eg: a male student at Welcome Bay who is over 4.8kms from Tauranga Boys' College.

Please note that these rules are applied to all schools in the same way, so we are not being singled out for these changes.

We would encourage all families to try and pay for a pass for the whole year before the year begins. Students without a pass after 2 weeks back at school WILL NOT BE CARRIED. We have an account for every student using the bus and their payments, we must insist that passes are carried all the time. Parents are reminded that students have the privilege of using these services and may be removed for short or long terms for behaviours which are likely to endanger fellow passengers or distract the driver.

All details can be checked and your FAQ's can be answered on www.schooltransport.org.nz

***Any questions or problems
can be directed to the school***

**ph 576 2316
and ask for either**

**Mr McGregor ext 741
or
Mrs Pearson ext 720**



WHY I NEED A NEW BIKE COMPETITION

Do you want to win a new bike worth \$1,800 + all the gear to get cycling (helmet, bike lock, bike lights etc).

Well here's your chance. All you have to do is send an email to Elisha at ZM elisha@zmonline.com on why you think you need a new bike. If you don't have a bike already tell us why you think you should win. Send photos of an old bike if you have one.

Deadline for entries - 23rd February 12pm.
Winner will be announced at the Mayoral Bike Ride - The Lakes - 28th February 11:30am.

Contact Penny at Sportbop for more information on 07 5780016 ext829.



Remember the code - 421

Wear a helmet that fits!



4

4 Straps

2 at the front
 2 at the back
 Divider clip just below your ears



2

2 Finger salute

2 fingers width should fit above your eyes and the front of the helmet



1

1 Finger

One finger should fit between the strap and your chin

Before you go cycling do the ABC check

- A = Air in the tyres
- B = Brakes working – front and back
- C = Chain is oily - not too loose and not too tight



Features your bike must have

- A. A red or yellow reflector at the back.
- B. Good brakes on the front and back wheels.

At night:

- C. A steady or flashing rear-facing red light that can be seen at night from a distance of 100 metres.
- D. One or two white or yellow headlights that can be seen at night from a distance of 100 metres.
- E. Yellow pedal reflectors, or the rider must be wearing reflective material.

Mayoral Bike Ride - The Lakes

Sunday 28th February, 10am
 Mid City Mall (Red Square CBD)

Join the Mayor for the finale of Bike Wise Month with a cycle ride around The Lakes. The Mayor will present the winner of the 'why I need a new bike comp'. Lots of bike prizes to be won on the day.

For more information contact Penny on 5780016 ext829.



National Go By Bike Day - Tauranga

Wednesday 17th February, 7:30am – 9am
 Mid City Mall (Red Square CBD)

FREE Breakfast for all cyclists – Plus be in to win a new Avanti Bike! A great day to start commuting as there will be lots of cyclists around. Cycle to the city and make it across the finish line at Mid City Mall. Heaps of prizes up for grabs!

For more information contact Penny on 5780016 ext829.



NCEA/Assessment Meeting
Tomorrow Night Thursday 11th February
7:30pm

At the beginning of every year the College runs an evening to explain the workings of the qualifications assessment system to parents/caregivers, i.e. NCEA. The meeting is of particular significance to parents/caregivers of students completing NCEA – Level 1 (Year 11), Level 2 (Year 12) and Level 3 (Year 13) – all are invited. This year the meeting will take place on Thursday 11 February in the Performing Arts Centre at 7.30 pm.

Year 9 Parents Evening
“Meet the Teacher”

Students and parents of Year 9 are warmly invited to this special evening:

Thursday 18 February, 7:30pm
Performing Arts Centre

You will be welcomed again as parents and new students to the school, then will proceed to the students' form classes to meet with their form teachers and Peer Support students. The idea of the evening is to further familiarise you with the students' school environment, and to answer any queries you may have about the school.

Report Issue Dates

Years 9 and 10

Wednesday 31 March [last day of Term 1]
Friday 2 July [last day of Term 2]
Thursday 9 December [last day of Term 4]

Years 11,12,13

Friday 4 June [Term 2 Week7]
Friday 24 September [last day of Term 3]
Friday 29 October [Term 4 Week 3]

Report Evenings

Year 13 Wednesday 17 March
Year 12 Thursday 25 March
Year 11 Tuesday 30 March

Year 10 Wednesday 28 April
Year 9 Tuesday 4 May

Exams

Juniors

Tuesday 23 – Wednesday 24 November
NB: Thursday 25 – Catch-up Day

Seniors

Tuesday 8 – Friday 11 June
[Term 2 Week 8, following Queens Birthday]

Monday 11 - Sunday 17 October
[Term 4 Week 1, following school holidays]

NCEA Commences Thursday 11 November - see Timetable right ►
<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/for-students/exams/examtt.html>

2010 Examination Timetable

Day/Date	Time	NCEA L1	NCEA L2	NCEA L3	Scholarship
Thursday 11 Nov	am				
	pm				Drama
Friday 12 Nov	NO EXAMINATIONS ON THIS DAY				
Saturday 13 Nov	am				Accounting
	pm				Statistics and Modelling
Monday 15 Nov	am	Mathematics	Art History	Statistics and Modelling	
	pm	Dance	Accounting	Spanish/ Home Economics	
Tuesday 16 Nov	am	German	English		English
	pm	Accounting	German	Biology	
Wednesday 17 Nov	am	English	Latin/Media Studies	Chinese / Samoan	Classical Studies
	pm	Chinese	Physics	Art History	Physics
Thursday 18 Nov	am	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Mathematics / Mathematics CAS	Dance	Te Reo Māori
	pm	French	Te Reo Māori	Economics	Latin
Friday 19 Nov	am	Biology	Education for Sustainability	English	
	pm	History	Biology	Agricultural and Horticultural Science / Japanese	German
Saturday 20 Nov	am				Chemistry
	pm				History
Monday 22 Nov	am	Science	Chemistry	Chemistry	Art History
	pm	Samoan	Drama	German	Music Studies
Tuesday 23 Nov	am	Economics	French	Physics	Spanish
	pm	Social Studies	Science	Drama	Japanese
Wednesday 24 Nov	am	Geography	Dance / Home Economics	Geography	
	pm	Home Economics	Japanese / Te Reo Rangatira	Classical Studies	Te Reo Rangatira
Thursday 25 Nov	am	Japanese	History	Accounting / Latin	Media Studies
	pm	Physics		Mathematics with Calculus	Agricultural and Horticultural Science
Friday 26 Nov	am	Human Biology	Geography	Health	Biology
	pm	Chemistry	Spanish / Samoan	History	
Saturday 27 Nov	am				Mathematics with Calculus
	pm				Geography
Monday 29 Nov	am	Drama	Classical Studies	Science	French
	pm	Te Reo Māori	Music	Media Studies	
Tuesday 30 Nov	am	Business Studies / Spanish	Social Studies	Making Music / Te Reo Māori	Chinese
	pm	Health	Chinese / Health	Social Studies	Physical Education
Wednesday 1 Dec	am	Music	Economics	Music Studies	Economics
	pm	Latin / Te Reo Rangatira	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	French / Te Reo Rangatira	Science

SPORTS NEWS

WELCOME - New Sports Office Staff member –to Janet Taylor who joins our busy office for 15 hours a week (Monday, Thursday & Fridays) to assist with the admin side of our Sport delivery.

TRANSITION SUMMER/WINTER SPORTS

Otumoetai College supports the heritage of Summer sport priority to Term 1 & 4 and Winter Sport priority to Term 3 & 4. While activity between this transition gets blurred it is agreed that ALL COACHES and ADMINISTRATORS are urged to communicate , at all appropriate times, with all those involved so that the athletes are not forced to compromise between impossibly conflicting options beyond their control that could have been avoided.

Please contact the Sports Office if any assistance is required in this important principle.

NORTH ISLAND VOLLEYBALL

Our Junior teams enjoyed a great Tournament in Rotorua at the end of last year. The girls junior A took out the prestigious title from 42 teams. Captain Holly Boyle lead from the front with an intense final match against local rivals Bethlehem. She was joined by Katie Wood and Amy Hunter in the Tournament team with Amy taking the MVP award. Our Boys A captained by James Gilling performed to finish 5th.

The following athletes were then selected for the BOP team who competed in Auckland IPC. James Gilling, Amy Hunter, Katie Wood, Abi May and Holly Boyle.

The North Island Beach Champs were also held late December. An impressive Double Gold for Otumoetai with James Gilling/Charlie Clague and Katie Wood/Holly Boyle taking out these titles.

Congratulations to Abbie Meredith/Jessica Lacy who took Silver in the Yr 9 grade and Julia Hartley/Kaitlyn MacLean for their bronze.

SWIMMERS SUCCESS

Congratulations to NATHAN CAPP who was 2nd in his age group the National 10km Open Water Swim comp and 6th overall. Nathan also won the Round the Mount swim

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

The following athletes were selected into the Mid-Northern Under 18 Rep team : Anton Williams, Nick Milne, Katrina Lynam, Rachael Nicholls, Candice Wilkinson and Victoria Wood. They competed in Nelson at the National Tournament. Rachael Nicholls is now confirmed in the NZ Squad who will be working towards team selection for the Worlds.

NEW TEAM MEMBERS WANTED NOW – Enjoy the challenging sport of Underwater Hockey . Want to give it a go, have some fun and get fit with your team. Come up to Sports Office for more info. Regular Sunday night comp starting Feb 21st.

TENNIS

Sam Daly had an excellent start to his Premier interclub rookie year helping to clinch a Premier Baywide Men's title. Playing for the Otumoetai Club he had an epic 2 hour

match to take it 6-7,6-4,7-5. Past pupil Ben Twyman was also part of this winning team.

WATER POLO

Congratulations to Campbell Allen who has been named as a trialist for the NZU15 team.

GOLF

Sam Davis (plays off a 0.2) had a fantastic result at the Kaimai Classic Golf Tournament. With rounds of 73,74,69,72 he was placed 4th in the Gross. Madison Read with Net 68,65,66,72 took out the Girls Overall and Nett title. Brooke Polley and Neville Edwards also competed.

PAST PUPILS

Cyclist Courtney Lowe took a national title double, capturing the U19 time trail and road race titles.

Sailor Laura Hemingway – Crowned Women's World champion in the Splash Class. Reigning Starling Class champ she is the first sailor to bring an Open fleet racing title to Tauranga.

Michael Watson (Mr Watson's son from Tech) enjoyed huge success on this year's Pro Beach Volleyball Tour. Mike was reaping the benefits of training in Germany for several months last year.

Partnered with rising star Ben O'Dea they won their semi final in the NZ Open to advance to the final against the Chinese pairing. Susan Blundell (Mrs Blundell daughter Science Dept) showed again her world class skills in the Womens Comp. Partnering with Anna Scarlett they reached the final in all Tournaments. After two years on the world circuit Susan has matured hugely and is a true athlete showing incredible skills. Her serve is "one of the best on the World Tour circuit".

PARENTS – We want YOU. Love the game, want to pass on your skills but are concerned about the time load. It is our role to make it EASY for you. We will help you to concentrate on coaching without all the paperwork and off the field/court/pool dramas. Give us a call and make a difference to our Sports teams. !!! ph Jenny or Paul 5761.390 or email sport@otc.school.nz for a chat.

FOOTBALL COACHES NEEDED FOR OUR ELITE TEAMS NOW !!!

VOLLEYBALL COACHES WANTED NOW ALSO

NETBALL NOTICE: Parent and Player evening for all IMPORTANT information about the season Weds Feb 17th 6:30-7:30 at PAC. Irichardson@otc.school.co.nz

HOW SPORT RUNS AT OTUMOETAI COLLEGE

VISION : To create a successful sporting environment at Otumoetai College which encourages student participation, achievement and enjoyment

KEY FOCUS - PARTICIPATION – To maximize student participation in sporting activities

EXCELLENCE – Support, recognize and reward excellence in sporting activities

COACH DEVELOPMENT – Assist Coaches to deliver the best possible coaching programmes.

STAFF - Jenny Kirk (Sport Manager), Paul Braddock (Director of Sport and Facility Manager), Debbie McBride (Uniform Co-ordinator), Janet Taylor (Sports Administrator). All have a very good local knowledge and network base and are passionate about getting students active and in meaningful activity. The Sports Office is situated upstairs in the Action Center on the field side of the building. Contact directly on ph 576.1390, Fax 5762.309 email sport@otc.school.nz

Sport is a vital part of life at Otumoetai College, and we rely heavily on the contribution of parents and community volunteers to make it happen. In 2009 the number of volunteers was in excess of 130. We are always keen to hear from anyone who wishes to help out in sport. It is our role to make sure our Volunteers can concentrate on delivering the sport with the Sports Office staff assisting the Volunteer. This could only be a small time commitment but may make the difference in that sport being offered to students

The Annual Sports Awards evening at the end of the school year highlights the achievements of our students during the year. Regular newspaper articles keep our community reminded of our activity and the Contact highlights achievements. We are very reliant on Participants, Coaches and Managers getting information back to the Sports Office. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

If you are interested in finding out more about this important aspect of school life your queries are welcome at any time. Fund raising opportunities are coordinated through the sport office which can assist with the associated costs of sport. We know that we can find an activity for your child that could make a difference to their enjoyment and achievement during their College years.

ATHLETICS, BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, BEACH VOLLEYBALL, CANOE POLO, CHESS, CRICKET, CROSS COUNTRY, CYCLING, DODGEBALL, EQUESTRIAN, GOLF, HOCKEY, LAWN BOWLS, TEN PIN BOWLING, INDOOR BOWLING, MOUNTAIN BIKING, MULTI-SPORT, NETBALL, RUGBY, ROCKCLIMBING, ROWING, SKIKING, SOCCER, SNOWBOARDING, SQUASH, SWIMMING, SKAEBORING, SURFING, TENNIS, TABLE TENNIS, TRIATHLON, UNDERWATER HOCKEY, ULTIMATE FRISBEE, VOLLEYBALL, WATER POLO, WHITEWATER KAYAKING, YACHTING.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Friday 19 February (Heats) and
Tuesday 23 February (Finals) 11:30 - 3.20 pm

The Athletic Sports are compulsory for Year 9 and 10 students. At the senior level it is a competitive event only. All students need to register via their Form Teachers to be eligible to enter the event. No entries will be taken on the day.

Junior Students (Year 9 and 10) Must enter at least 1 x track and 1 x field plus one other, ie: 3 events. Students can enter a maximum of 5 events only.

Senior Students: Must enter at least one track and one field plus one other. A minimum of 3 events and a maximum of 5 events.

NOTE: No entries will be taken on the day.

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: The junior, intermediate and senior boy and girl Athletic Championship cup will be awarded from a points basis. FIVE EVENTS ONLY.

Win = 5pts; 2nd = 4pts; 3rd = 3pts; 4th = 2pts.

Certificates will be awarded to the top 5 athlete's in each age group.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL SUCCESS

Ben, Sam and Edwin O'Dea were the talk of the Pro Tour this year. All partnering with other athletes their 3 teams contested a closely fought series. Ben O'Dea and Michael Watson (past pupil) achieving the semi's in all events. Our PE Teacher Charles Leota also performed with distinction showing his great skills in this demanding sport.



Photo: Ben O'Dea blocking the action at the New Zealand Pro Tour against brother Edwin O'Dea with partner Brendon Heath

PTA NEWS & EVENTS

I'd like to welcome everyone to the exciting 2010 PTA year. We have another eventful year ahead of us. Two highlights this year are the March 26th Annual International Food Festival from 5:30pm - 8:30pm and the Annual Bookarama which is held in August. We are saying goodbye to some wonderful parent volunteers this year whose children have finished their school days at Otumoetai College and are now going on to further their careers. We wish both the students and their parents all the very best for the future. There is no way around this...we need your support and help to make these events succeed. Please mark your calendars and diaries and if you are able to help please fill in the form at the bottom of the flyer and send it in to the main office. The first PTA meeting is on 17 February, at 7.30 pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome; this is a great opportunity to hear all the happenings at your school and to support our college in a very friendly environment. The dates of the PTA meetings are always found in the calendar section of the Contact (usually the third Wednesday of each month). - Jo Lilley, Chairperson, Otumoetai College PTA

'Embracing the Spirit of our Community'

Time to meet the Principal, Senior Management team members and other parents of College students in a friendly and open environment.

Meeting Dates

Meet on the third Wednesday of month (not during school holidays) at 7.30 pm in the College Staffroom (with a cup of tea or glass of wine).

Sub-committees of various activities meet at times given at meeting.

Meeting

Business is conducted in a semi-formal format with a report on activities, Principal's report on what's happening in the school and sub-committee report i.e. Bookarama, Food festival etc.

Throughout the year details of such activities are given out and at a later date these activities reviewed (see Calendar).

AGM

Held in March – Election of Officers i.e. Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and committee on a voluntary basis (no pressure – your presence is what counts – everything that you do is valued).

International Food Festival

In March each year the PTA in conjunction with the College run an International Food Festival evening. This is a fun event for the whole community held in the grounds of the College (main courtyard).

Approx. 30 different types of meals are served representing up to 15 different countries. The International Exchange students to the College and overseas fee-paying students contribute to this function.

The organising committee consists of a co-ordinator and a sub-committee of the PTA members.

The committee approaches business for funding and donations, liaises with the school's International Department; obtains volunteers for cooking and organisation and all the required equipment for the night. All entertainment on the night is provided by the talented students of the school.

The first meeting of volunteers is usually held in November followed by short regular meetings until the event. In February a letter box drop advertising the Festival is carried out and all members of the PTA are asked to help with this.

In the week of the Festival members are required for the shopping and collection of goods. The co-ordinator will assist in this busy week.

All members of the PTA are asked to help on the night and also with the preparation work leading up to the night.

It is a lot of work but at the end of the night it is a really great feeling at what you have accomplished.

The evening attracts approx. 3000 visitors and the PTA earns approx. \$4000 for the school.

Pot Luck Dinner

Usually a mid-year and end of year dinner (with spouses) at 'someone's home'.

Bookarama

Major fundraising event held annually that contributes approx. \$20,000 annually to the school for special projects. Throughout the year books are delivered to the school. They are stored in a container on the College grounds. The books are 'sorted' prior to the big event in August. The College runs a competition to collect books (this competition is held the week before the 3-day sale).

The committee meet prior to the event, gaining support for selling / sorting etc. In 2009 25 helpers were used for the 'sorting out' and selling for the 3 day event. A pamphlet drop is co-ordinated; advertising sought for what is a major event. All assistance is appreciated.

Combined Meeting

Board members, Executive, Senior Management and PTA gather at the October meeting where over dessert topics relevant to today's youth are discussed.

Report Evenings / Supper

There are 5 report evenings during the latter part of Term 1 and beginning of Term 2. The PTA roster on parents who serve a cup of tea to the teachers attending the report evening (approx. 5 – 5.30pm)

PTA NEWS & EVENTS *Continued*

Also, serve a cup of tea etc. to:

- Yr9 Parent evening
- Year 8 Orientation evening
- Senior Subject Choice evening
- Cultural Awards and Senior Prize giving evenings (one hour of help is given)
- Sports Awards

Otumoetai Trust Combined Fund Raising Society

- Two or three times a year the PTA is asked to supply 3 people on a Thursday / Friday evening (5.00 pm) for one hour to sell raffles.
- Bureta Flea Market parking duty – once or twice a year, approx. 7am to undertake the following duties:
- Parking duty to ensure no cars are in the restricted areas
- Be prepared to stay in designated areas until dismissed by flea market co-ordinator
- Flea markets are never cancelled irrespective of weather
- Bureta Flea Market clean up – once market has finished, approx. 30 mins. From 11.45 am
- Bring own rubbish bags and take rubbish away
- Report to Hotel office when completed
- Approx. 15 local clubs and schools in our area are invited to participate and approx. \$1500 is raised each year.
- Punctuality is important. Clubs will be fined for lateness or non-attendance at \$100 per person.

Staff Scholarship Fund

- The PTA donates \$2000 annually to the College to support selected teachers with additional Professional Development. The Chair of the PTA is on the selection panel.
- Principal's Endowment Fund
- The PTA donates \$1000 to this fund that the Principal uses at his discretion to help 'students in genuine financial difficulty'.

- Free Entry
- Raffles
- Morton Estate Winery
- De Bier Haus
- International Food Stalls
- Great Entertainment



WE NEED YOU!!

- Chief cooks and bottle washers
- Helpers on the night
- Donations of food
- Donations of raffle items
- Contacts in the business community

THIS YEAR THE COLLEGE WILL GIVE OUR STUDENTS 1200 HOURS EACH - CAN YOU SPARE US A FEW HOURS IN RETURN?



All responses will go into the draw for a **GREAT PRIZE!** (entry box at front office)

For further information call

Robert Pinkerton 576 9624 or Toni de Rijk 570 2293

Yes, I would like to help in some way - please call me

Name..... Contact No

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PAST PUPILS:

The University of Waikato is very pleased to bestow the award of 2009 Distinguished Alumni on Alyn Ware for his exceptional work and leadership in international peace education and disarmament. Mr Ware graduated from the University of Waikato in 1984 with a Bachelor of Education and a Diploma in Kindergarten Teaching, and has spend the past 25 years working in both New Zealand and internationally on peace education and disarmament issues. He is viewed as one of the most prominent and effective leaders in the campaign to rid the world of nuclear weapons. Mr Ware's opinion and knowledge is sought by many from students through to the corridors of power in the United Nations. He is currently the global coordinator for Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, the Director of Peace Foundation in Wellington, Vice-President of the International Peace Bureau; Director of Aotearoa Lawyers for Peace; and an international consultant for the International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms. He is also the New Zealand coordinator for the World March for Peace and Nonviolence. Among the awards already bestowed on Mr Ware are the UN International Year for Peace Award in 1986, the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Award (Aotearoa-New Zealand) in 1986, and the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability Award (USA) in 1997. He has chosen to live on a small income, instead channelling money back into resource materials and the training of young people, and shows humility, courage, determination and perceptive leadership in his roles.

HEALTH & WELLNESS



Bryce P. Hamer & Associates

Dip. PHYSIO. M.N.Z.S.P. Dip. Manipulative Therapy.

**OTUMOETAI COLLEGE
BAY PHYSIOTHERAPY CENTRE CLINIC**
Phone: 07 577 9798
Email: enquiries@bayphysiotherapy.co.nz

Bay Physiotherapy Centre runs a clinic at the College in the Wellness Centre. It is a chance for students and staff to access Physiotherapy expertise with ease and improve recovery outcomes.

WHEN TO COME:

Pain or injuries to your muscles, joints or spine
Unable to perform your chosen activities
Suffer headaches
For pre-season screening to enhance performance and prevent injury

Your physiotherapist Will:

- Effectively diagnose and treat your injury.
- Provide hands on treatment, exercises & education
- Improve your posture or sporting technique
- Provide strapping
- Set up a personalised gym programme

BAY PHYSIOTHERAPY CENTRE WILL:

- Assist with injury prevention.
- Provide a professional, accessible service
- Liaise with your sports coaches, medical personnel to ensure cohesion of care.

Sports personnel: Contact us to provide educational seminars for pre-season screening, strapping and more.

WHAT TO DO

Contact Bay Physiotherapy Centre on 5779798, advise you are from Otumoetai College, for an onsite appointment or Contact the Wellness Centre.
Further treatment will be booked by your Physiotherapist.

Fill your ACC form out with us

Currently NO CHARGE for ACC approved Physiotherapy treatment at the College Clinic

Message from the HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRE

There is a need to update student records re any medical conditions, medications and special issues of any relevance eg: allergies, epi-pens, diabetes, epilepsy, etc. For emergency safety measures to be carried out successfully we need to know current conditions. A note from home or phone call etc would be much appreciated, as would information on any changes to contact details. Any concerns regarding your child's health, please feel free to contact us at

*Otumoetai College Health & Wellness Centre
P. 576 2316 ext 808 - Tricia & Marie*

Uniform

We are very pleased with how students are wearing their uniforms. Below are reminders for parents/caregivers and students about some optional items and uniform regulations (as printed in our Prospectus).

Optional Items

- A plain black or white singlet/t-shirt under tops, visible only at neckline (not coloured)
- Regulation Otumoetai College polar fleece jersey or vest.
- Regulation Otumoetai College jacket or blazer or Elite Jacket (by invitation) or Elite Performance jacket.
- Plain white or black cap (no beanies)
- Scarf – Black Watch tartan, Bottle green or Black

Jewellery, the only accepted items are:

- A wrist watch
- One small plain stud or sleeper in each ear
- One necklet, a small plain chain or leather thong, with or without one small attachment
- No facial jewellery.

Uniform Regulations

- Uniform is to be worn to, at and from school and at all school functions and trips unless otherwise directed.
- Boys must be clean-shaven.
- Makeup, nail polish and unnatural coloured hair-dye are not permitted.
- Sandal backs up at all times – NO 'Slave/Gladiator' sandals ie: ones with straps around leg above ankle are NOT acceptable.
- Long Trousers for Terms 2 & 3 ONLY (Except Y13 – all year)

**Available only from OC uniform retailers
Active Outdoor, Sabela and Postie Plus**

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

Bikes

The bike enclosure is by the Action Centre. Pupils must exercise care in crossing the road to the entrance and they have to dismount to negotiate the gates.

Reminder To Students & Parents

Cell Phones / Electronic Equipment

Cell phones and electronic equipment not required for curriculum delivery (eg. iPods, gaming devices) must be switched off during times of formal instruction – eg. class time, assemblies. Cell phones/equipment that are not switched off will be confiscated.

Confiscated cell phones/equipment will be securely locked away and will only be available from the Principal after school on a Friday. Those 'items' confiscated on a Thursday afternoon or Friday will be held until the following Friday. Two or more confiscations – either parents to collect or the item is held until the end of term.

If students choose to bring cellphones/electronic equipment to college they do so on the understanding that the security of the phone and electronic equipment is the student's responsibility.

Lateness

Parents are reminded their students should be in the grounds by 8.25am and in Form Class (or Year Level Assembly) by 8.30am in the mornings. Parents running late is not an acceptable excuse for pupil lateness. Staff will be on duty at 8.30 am checking all students who enter after this time. Detentions will be issued for lateness. (Except Tuesday – school starts 8.50 am)

Lunch Passes

In order to minimise the movement of students out of the school grounds we shall not be issuing lunch passes unless it is absolutely essential a student to go home for lunch. Students requesting a lunch pass must bring a letter, signed by a parent, stating the reason why a lunch pass is needed. This letter is to be handed to Mrs Woodward, Deputy Principal ie: NO student except Year13 on Mon/Wed/Fri lunch should be out of school at lunchtime.

Parking

Parents are asked to note the following points regarding traffic movements.

Dropping off Students

The bay right outside the school is marked as a drop-off zone. The buses use the far (southern) end and parents dropping students are asked to stop as far along as possible to let others in behind. Please do not drop off students in the school car parking areas – DO NOT enter the car park area – especially after school – we have had some "near misses".

There is no drop-off zone on the far side of the road – just regular parking – and from 8.15 am it is recommended that parents go around the block to drop students off on the school side in the proper drop-off zone.

Students are not permitted to park their cars in the school grounds. The parking area is only for staff and visitors.

The parking area for motorbikes and scooters is on the school side between the main gate and the shops so that

vehicles coming out of the main gate have visibility. This is marked with signs.

Attention All Students:

Students are NOT to park in the carpark area designated for members of the public using the Otumoetai Tennis Courts, swimming pool or playcentre. Respect this area ie: appropriate behaviour from all is expected.

Return of School Property

If you still have, for example, a sports uniform, sports gear, text book, library book that belongs to the school please return this to the office as soon as possible. Accounts are about to be sent out and students will not be issued with new 2010 text books until the 2009 books are returned.

Road Crossing

Road Safety is still of major concern. We have provided some off-road parking, provided space for drop-off of students and provide a bike stand area, but we are still dependent on everyone behaving sensibly on the roads around the school.

- Please keep your speed down
- Follow the signs
- Obey the rules
- Keep a sharp lookout

Second-Hand Shop

Wanted: Junior kilts for sale or donations. Odd socks looking for a partner will be paired for a happy future !

Any second-hand uniform to be sold

Uniform Sales - Each Wednesday 1.45 - 2.30 pm (lunchtime) at the Uniform Shop in the Admin Building. This is during Term Time only or by Special Appointment.

College Swimming Sports

The College Swimming Sports will be held this year on 17 March in the Otumoetai pool. Entries will be taken by either Form Teachers or PE teachers.

Reminder

Work Day 2010 Wednesday 5th May

[Term 2 Week 3]

Students either 'work for the day' and make a financial contribution to the College or attend school (more details to follow). This year students will be raising funds to assist with the extensions of the bus shelter and other initiatives suggested by the students – so we need our students to support this on the day.

Year 9 Camps

During Term 1 all Year 9 Form Classes will be involved in the College's Outdoor Education programme. The camps will occur at Oteora, the College's Outdoor Education facility at Whakamarama. Each class will be away for one night, departing the College at approx. 9.00 am and returning at 3.00pm the following day. The camps will begin on Tuesday 06 February. Information pertaining to your son's/daughter's camp will be issued in the near future.



Otumoetai College

Canteen Menu



Main Menu

Wraps	\$3.50
BLT	\$3.50
Bacon & Egg Baps	\$3.50
Chicken & Bacon Baps	\$3.50
BLAT	\$3.50
Rolls Large	\$3.50
Rolls Small	\$3.00
Sandwiches	\$3.00
Pita Breads	\$3.50
Croissants	\$3.50
Macaroni Cheese	\$3.50
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$3.50
Chicken Salad	\$3.50
Potato Salad	\$3.50
Fresh Fruit Cups	\$2.00

Hot Food

Garlic Bread	\$0.50
Pizza	\$2.00
Noodles	\$2.50
American Hot Dogs	\$2.50
Calzones	\$3.00
Pats Pantry Pies	\$3.50
Jesters Feta Rolls	\$3.00
Jesters Sausage Rolls	\$3.00
Jesters Pies	\$4.00

Ice Blocks & Ice Creams

Juicies	\$1.00
Moosies	\$1.50
Icy Twist	\$1.20
Moo	\$1.50
Paddle Pop Rainbow, Chocolate	\$1.50
Cyclone	\$2.00
Calippo Lemon	\$2.00
Splice Berry Delight Mango Passion	\$2.50
Fruju's Orange, Pineapple	\$2.50
Fruju Tube	\$2.50
Choc Bar	\$2.00
Jelly Tip	\$2.00
Goody Goody Gum Drop	\$2.00
Popsicle Slushy	\$2.50
Big Thumb	\$1.00
Magnum	\$3.00
Cornetto	\$3.00
Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.00
Fruzo Slushy Large	\$2.50
Fruzo Slushy Small	\$1.50

Drinks

Mizone Hypotonic	\$3.50
Mizone Water	\$3.00
H2go Water (750ml)	\$2.00
H2go Flavour water	\$2.50
H2go Sparkling Water	\$2.50
H2go Water (300ml)	\$1.00
Just Juice Bubbles	\$3.00
Fresh Up	\$2.50
Primo (600ml)	\$2.80
Primo (350ml)	\$1.80
Zing 1ltr	\$3.50
Zing 400ml	\$2.00
Primo Extremo	\$2.00

Sweets & Crisps

Biscuits (Home Baking)	\$2.00
Muffins	\$2.00
Cakes	\$2.00
Licorice Logs	\$1.20
CC's	\$2.00

Prices subject to change

Need help with Maths, Physics, Chemistry and/or Science?

Tutoring is available from Alex Whimster,
who is a registered (STC) teacher,
at \$32 per hour (excluding transport).

Enquiries welcome
Telephone 5765039
or 027 4086480
atwhim@xtra.co.nz



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Invitation to a free family event

Celebrating World Wetlands Day 2010

Love your wetland

**Sunday February 14th
10:30am**

Indulge in a new kayak trail
10.30am free kayaking*
11.30am guided nature walk
12.30pm sausage sizzle
2.00pm finish

Where?

Kaituna Wetland
Pah Road, off SH2, east of Te Puke

*Bring your own kayak and lifejackets, or enjoy the free kayaks available on the day.

Bring sunscreen and a hat. A small amount of food and drink will be provided but **bring your own lunch, drinks and snacks please.**

Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Contact

phuggins@doc.govt.nz for further details
or call 07 571 2723

WHAT'S ON

Thurs	11 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD1 Y9 PAT's • 13BIOL/13SCIE Fieldtrip Goat Island Tiritiri • Auditioned Choir 3:30-5pm PAC • 7:30pm NCEA Assessment Info Evening PAC
Fri	12 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD1 Y9 PAT's • PAT's Y10
Sat	13 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZSS Beach Volleyball, Waikanae Beach, Gisborne
Sun	14 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZSS Beach Volleyball, Waikanae Beach, Gisborne
Mon	15 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID Photos • PATs Y9
Tues	16 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Exec 8am • Head students meet DVR 8:45am • Class Photos • Y9 Camps Start
Wed	17 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30-9:10am Extended Form Time - Peer Support Session 5
Thurs	18 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD1 Y10 PAT's • Auditioned Choir 3:30-5pm PAC • YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING 7:30PM
Fri	19 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD1 Y10 PAT's • Waikato UNI K8 lunchtime • Athletic Sports • BOP Senior Tennis Champs - Otumoetai Tennis Courts
Sat	20 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOP Senior Volleyball - Sub region
Sun	21 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOP Triathlon Champs
Mon	22 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD1 Y10 PATs • Auckland UNI Liaison L/T K8 • BOP Golf Pennants
Tues	23 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Exec Sub Committees • Athletics Finals PDs 3,4,5
Wed	24 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30-9:10am Extended Form Time for Peer Support Session 6 • Driving towards Future Road Safety. ALL Senior Students shared between PD1&2 / PDs3,4,5 - all Learner Licence Holders
Thurs	25 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr9 & 13 Picnic Lunch • No Y9 Camps • Auditioned Choir 3:30-5pm PAC
Fri	26 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12OE Risk Management - SHB,TPM • <i>Athletics Day Finals Pds 3,4,5 Backup Day</i>
Sat	27 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOP Senior Volleyball
Sun	28 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOP Senior Volleyball
Mon	01 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12HOSP 2 periods - Armitage - <i>Breakfast depending on timetable</i> • No Y9 Camps • BOP Golf Pennants • Japanese Sayonara Party 6pm PAC
Tues	02 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9ScAL Learning Focus Day • Student Exec • No Y9 Camps
Wed	03 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12HOSP 2 periods - Armitage • Yrs 12/13 Polytech - Introduction to Pattern Making Day One • Young Leaders Forum • Horticulture / ICEline Day • Y9 Camps Resume • BOP Athletics TGA Domain

Thurs	04 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30-9:10am Extended Form Time • 11ScALP Bus Fieldtrip • Auditioned Choir 3:30-5pm PAC
Fri	05 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/13 TESM Product Analysis Lunch & 1 period • Y11 (3) Art Field trip (Elms) • 12OE Kayak Camp • 13SPSC Iron Man Camp • BOP Senior Volleyball TGA • BOP Water Polo Champs Rotorua
Sat	06 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y12 Outdoor Ed Kayak Camp • YES Day • BOP Water Polo Champs Rotorua
Sun	07 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12GEO Trip Tongariro • Y12 Outdoor Ed Kayak Camp • Y13 Sport Science Iron Man • BOP Water Polo Champs Rotorua
Mon	08 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12GEO Trip Tongariro • 11PHED Whangamata Surf Camp • Special Assembly 3pm re: Alyn Ware • BOP Golf Pennants
Tues	09 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Support Training • 12GEO Trip Tongariro • Y11 Art Field Trip to Elms • Student Exec • 11PHED Whangamata Surf Camp
Wed	10 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yrs 12/13 Polytech introduction to Pattern Making Day Two • 11PHED Whangamata Surf Camp • Edgecumbe Pony Club One Day Event at Te-Teko
Thurs	11 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11SCALP Bush Fieldtrip • Y13 students to Auckland for Leadership Day • 11PHED - Whangamata Surf Camp • Auditioned Choir 3:30-5pm PAC
Fri	12 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11SCALP Bush Fieldtrip • 12/13 TESM Poly all day • 11PHED Whangamata Surf Camp • BOP Sen/Jun Softball Championships TGA Carlton Reserve • NISS Rowing, Cambridge
Sat	13 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waikato Athletics Hamilton • BOP Senior Volleyball Finals • NISS Rowing, Cambridge
Sun	14 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOP Senior Volleyball Finals • NISS Rowing, Cambridge • BOP Senior Touch Champs (Qualifying) Rotorua

TRIENNIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS 2010

Mrs Erin Armstrong is the College Returning Officer – details to follow

Call for nominations by 15 March 2010
 Nominations close Noon 23 April
 Voting Paper distributed by 28 April
 Voting Day 7 May 2010
 Count votes 13 May 2010
Board takes Office 14 May 2010