

31/10/2017

The School held its annual Sports Awards on Wednesday Night. While everyone was recognized for individual achievements, the hotly contested, top spot awards were exciting as usual. Olivia Cummings won the Junior Sports girl for her excellence in Athletics, Cross Country, Triathlon, Swimming and Duathlon. Mitchell Wragg carried out the Junior Sports Boy after a stellar year where he represented New Zealand in BMX, played representative rugby and hockey while still managing to fit in Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. The Single Sport Excellence was a joint award in the girl's category. Tiana Hill & Toni Power excelled in Football where both are members of the WaiBop National woman's team. To further this Toni plays in the NZ U17 team and Tiana plays in the U20 NZ Talent Squad. Joel Wisniewski won the boy's single sport award for his achievements in Rugby. Joel played a significant part in the First XV where he earned the call up to the Bay of Plenty U18 squad. Through his hard working attitude and maturity he managed to earn the captain role. The top awards of Senior Sports person went to Abbey Grainger and Hayden Christie. Abbey won the Senior Girl for her excellent work in Netball, Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. A highlight for Abbey was playing with the NZ Development team in Beach Volleyball where she travelled to the United States to compete. Hayden Christie who managed to balance the responsibility of head boy with his sport won the Senior Boys. He captained the Senior A Volleyball team as well as taking a leading role in the First XV where he picked up MVP.

The first of the Junior Volleyball tournaments kicked off over the weekend with Otumoetai pulling through some great results. The Junior Girls A had a stellar weekend with wins against Trident, Mt Maunganui, Te Puke and Bethlehem. The Junior B did well and pushed Western Heights to a 3 set thriller. The year 9 girls had a strong first tournament playing together and managed to push Bethlehem A to a 3 setter along with Trident B, both games falling short by just 2 points. The Junior Boys A started their campaign with wins over Whakatane and Taupo. Western Heights showed them what they needed to work on. The Year 9 A got a nice introduction to Bay Volleyball going down in hard games against Tauranga Boys, Whakatane and Heights. They did manage to come together to get a win over Taupo.