

Paine caps great year with NZ selection

SCHOOL SPORT

Otumoetai College

Cross-country

Congratulations to Deborah Paine who has had an excellent year with her cross-country running. Deborah has been selected as a non-travelling reserve for the New Zealand Secondary Schools cross-country team, following the nationals, where she ran outstandingly. Deborah recently became the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools champion in her age

group, beating one of the girls in the national team travelling to Australia. Well done to all the students who competed at the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Championships, where Otumoetai achieved some great results.

Wrestling Congratulations to Kale Sycamore, who competed at the Secondary Schools Wrestling Championships and won gold. Well done Kale, this is an awesome achievement for yourself and the school.

Sailing Zak Merton is on his way home from the 420 Open World Sailing Championships. Competing in a fleet of 111 boats, Zak and his partner finished 11th overall. The conditions were not ideal for them but they competed extremely well and can hold their heads high. They won one race and gained several other

top-10 finishes but after a slow start and the final race being cancelled, their chances of making the podium disappeared. They were, however, presented with an engraved tankard for making the top 18 teams. Coming 11th in the world is an amazing result, congratulations Zak.

Hockey On Wednesday night, the 2nd XI played the Tauranga Boys' Colts. This was a close, hard-fought game and the boys played well, coming out on top with a 3-2 win. This team has improved incredibly, with great skills and team work over the season, and are playing some awesome hockey against top teams, having many close games and winning. Keep up the great work, boys. The scorers in the win over Tauranga Boys were Brad, Garren and Cameron.



NATIONAL HONOURS: Deborah Paine in action.