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NZSS Cross Country:

Over the weekend the Annual New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country was held in Rotorua at the Agrodome. This year we had seven students travel to compete in the event on Saturday 18th June. Olivia Cummings and Antonia Ballantyne competed in the Year nine girls race which had 94 athletes running. Olivia finished with an outstanding 3rd place and Antonia as well finished 21st. Grace Blissett and Kerry Frost ran in the Junior girls, Kerry finishing 67th and Grace 89th out of 107 athletes. In the Junior Boys Jade Stafford ran incredibly well in an extremely fast and competitive race, he finished 39th out of 170 athletes. In the junior Boys race Liam Miller and Blake Miller also ran well finishing 178th and 188th out of 217 athletes. We are extremely proud of all these students for their outstanding achievements in Cross Country this year.

We were also lucky enough to have two year nine girls, Olivia Cummings and Antonia Ballantyne, compete in the first ever New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Relay event. The girls were selected into the Waikato/BOP regional team after the Waikato Cross Country two weeks ago. The relay consists of five runners who each one run a 2km loop of the track, the Waikato/BOP Year nine team finished 2nd taking home a silver medal.

Underwater Hockey:

The Otumoetai Junior Girls Underwater Hockey team has just returned from a successful Tournament. The team competed at the Northern Zone Secondary Schools championship in Auckland last week in their bid to make the National Tournament. Going into the tournament as underdogs and not expecting to make the top four, giving them a place at the nationals, the girls had nothing to lose. Playing against some extremely tough, talented opposition we are extremely proud of the girls to finish 4th overall. The girls now have to prepare for the National tournament which is in Wellington in September. Adriana Lipinski was the Captain of the team and was named MPV after an outstanding tournament.

Hockey:

Last week's semi-final game against Aquinas was always going to be a tough one, given the 4-4 draw when the teams had met during pool play. Again, both teams played well but Otumoetai definitely had the edge in the first half and led 3-0 at half time (with converted PCs by Jack Dey and a great team goal finished off by Tama Tu Mikaere-MacLeod). However, it was a game of two halves, with Otumoetai starting the second half very flat, allowing an early goal to Aquinas. Otumoetai woke up after that and despite Aquinas scoring again with 7 minutes to go, Otumoetai held on for the win, thanks to excellent defensive work by Steen Hemmingsen in goal, and team work from the other defenders. Looking forward now to a final against Bethlehem College!