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Triathlon:

A picturesque day with hardly a cloud in the sky or a puff of wind welcomed our Triathletes to Lake Karapiro for the Waikato Schools Triathlon. The juniors got to make the most of the conditions before the wind picked up prior to the U16 and U19 Races. The boys and girls in both age groups ran together, which made for a frantic swim and congested transition. All our athletes competed well and congratulations to Jade Stafford for taking out 3rd in the U16 Boys and another sterling effort from Olivia Cummings to claim 1st in the U16 girls.

Surf Lifesaving:

Capping off the last of the summer weather and warm waters were the Surf Life Saving New Zealand competitions. Oceans '17 were, once again held in Mount Maunganui for U14 athletes. Zach Reeder finished 3rd in the Diamond Race and picked up a 2nd in the Grand Cameron Relay alongside teammate Caitlin Pringle, both helping Mount Maunganui take out 1st overall club. The seniors headed down for the weekend to Christchurch to compete in the TSB Club Nationals. Competing for either Mount Maunganui or Omanu, our girls helped the Bay teams to secure some good points. Mount Maunganui dominated the competition for the fifth year straight finishing 50 points ahead of second place Mairangi Bay of Auckland.

Football:

Outstanding work from Otumoetai Football girls Lisa Evans, Lilly Muspratt and Courtney Bennett. These girls have been selected to be a part of the U16 NZ Football National Talent Centre Program. This will provide them with the opportunity to play with the best from around the country and experience coaching from some of the best mentors in New Zealand.

Congratulations to Tiana Hill and Toni Power who were selected to play for a Hamilton team in the Auckland City U17 Youth Football tournament. Throughout the tournament, Tiana was regularly spoken about during games televised on Sky Television. These girls are excelling exceptionally well in their football and it's awesome to see their talent recognised out of the Bay of Plenty.

School Swimming Sports:

Our school swimming sports which were held last week saw a rise in numbers from the past few years, which was awesome. As a school with many talented swimmers, swimming sports has become a very competitive event and nothing changed this year with many split second times between first and second in all three age groups. We look forward to the next step for our students, which is swimming in the BOP champions in two weeks' time. Congratulations to Thomas Chaney and Zac Reeder who broke records, Thomas in the 25m Senior Boys Butterfly and Zac in the 50m Backstroke. The following students finished as champions in their age group:

Junior Girls – Emily Mahon

Junior Boys – Zac Reeder

Intermediate Girls – Ella Hoskin

Intermediate Boys – Corey Hirst

Senior Girls – Kate Bradley

Senior Boys – Thomas Chaney

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George Culling