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Hockey

On Friday 18th August, the 1XI girls competed in the annual Bethlehem hockey festival. The girls won their first two games 3-1 v John Paul & 2-1 v Gisborne, before facing a strong Bethlehem team. The home side went ahead through two early goals before Bella Wharry scored from a penalty corner. Bethlehem restored their 2 goal advantage before we scored the goal of the game, a slick passing movement involving Courtney Lun and Ruby Evans before Claire Abbott cleverly found Sophie Kennedy who finished well. Our girls poured on the pressure but weren't able to get a 3rd goal. It was awesome to see the girls step up to the plate in the shoot-out play off. The girls took on John Paul College in the 5 player penalty shoot-out, winning 3-2 and going on to take on Bethlehem in the shoot-out final. In what was seen to be some absolutely outstanding individual skills the score was locked at 3-3 taking them into sudden death. The Otumoetai girls showed how focused they can be when they are in a tough situation and took out the shoot-out competition.

Football:

The Otumoetai College Girls 1st XI have managed to win the WBOP Senior Girls Division 1 league against a very spirited Trident High School team. It was a tense and very competitive game played on Saturday against Trident in Whakatane in wet weather. Trident has always been our nemesis in the league, always topping us in the league table. After Otumoetai won the first game against Trident 5:0 earlier in the season Trident really stepped up to this game, keen on redemption. But great teamwork resulted in a half time score of 3:1 to Otumoetai with Trident scoring once more in the second half to keep the players and spectators alike on their toes. Consistent play by our defenders line kept the opposition in check with Lilly Musgrave scoring 2 goals and Bella Cartman adding the last. Both teams will be playing in the NZ Secondary Schools Lotto Premiere Football Tournament in Taupo.