



### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,  
*Kia Ora, Tena Koutou Katoa*

Welcome to the 10th edition of Contact. This is the final edition for our senior students this year as they head off for their external exams. Senior students sat their internal exams last term and all grade reports and full subject reports have been emailed to parents. We hope the students will use these as a guide to do even better in their externals. I wish all of the seniors success and encourage them to pursue their studies over the next few weeks in the manner that we have come to expect from them.

To the Year 13s and a number of Year 12s who are leaving us, I wish you all the very best and please do not hesitate to call the school anytime and tell us of the success stories of your life.

For the junior students, there is another newsletter coming up in the second to last week of the term with more details about the special End of Year Programme.

Also in Contact is a summary of the school's latest ERO report. We are delighted. There were many positive comments about our College. ERO visits every three to four years and gives a complete breakdown of successes or otherwise of the school. I am pleased to say that while we will always continue to do better, having reached 90% pass rate in NCEA Level 2 this year, certainly put us on the right pathway to further success.

As you drive pass the school, you will see the Action Centre is still covered in white plastic covering. I am pleased to say that we are well on target to have the refit on the Action Centre completed by early February next year. Not only is the building being re-strengthened, which cost in the vicinity of \$600,000, it is being re-roofed, re-cladded and other internal work is being done. With the new glass back squash court and the new fitness centre being built, introducing a new climbing wall which is worth \$150,000, and just the general fit

out (lighting, better acoustics, and internal stairwell) I am sure this will be a great asset to our school for future years.

We are also planning other property work with what we call the "5 Year Agreement" with the Ministry of Education. This includes the re-modelling of M block, which is our Learning Centre and Learning Support area. We are also opening up some areas in our Maths block to shape into Innovative Learning Spaces. There is also re-roofing to be done. We are about to construct some more changing sheds, re-turf the netball courts and beside the Gym there is an unused court we plan to cover in as an external area – which gives our sports teams and PE classes better facilities than they currently have. Throughout the holidays there will be "touch up" work, gardening and repainting completed around the school.

Since the last Contact, I have been in the process of interviewing students who stood for the positions of 2017 Head Students. We had 26 young people who put their names forward. Ten were selected to speak at assemblies last week. Students then voted. It is my absolute pleasure to announce the Head Students for 2017. They are:

- Bethany Hay
- Gemma Tims
- Stefan Browne
- Hayden Christie

They are also joined by Nicholas Tinholt, who was recently elected as the Student Rep on the Board of Trustees.

At the end of the year we will be farewelling a number of staff. In actual fact, we have seven retiring. The collective length of their stay at Otumoetai College is over 180 years!!! The staff are Colette MacKenzie, Julie Eagle, Anna Shaw, Doreen Swetman, Larry Dixon, Alan Galletly and Stewart Henderson. Stewart has completed 47 years at the college and although he is retiring from teaching, he will continue coaching our Senior Volleyball Girls. Alan also wishes to carry on working with Hockey. Larry has also

expressed an interest in coming back to school on the odd day when we may need him for relief. I wish these people all the very best in their retirement. Our HoD Languages – Tina Marsh is leaving. Tina has been offered a teaching job in Costa Rica. We also farewell Jan and John Miles. Jan has been HoD of our Learning Support Department for many years and John our RTLB. Although not employed directly by the College, he has had a huge impact on our students. To them both, we wish them all the very best as they travel across to Napier. A number of staff are looking at applying for study leave and a number are off on maternity leave next year. Congratulations to our Young Enterprise team for winning the Regional Championships. They are now on their way to Wellington for the finals. Congratulations to our Spelling Bee teams, good luck to those competing in the Films competition, English and Maths competitions and also the Dance competitions. So, as you can see, we have had a great last few weeks as we pursue excellence in everything that we do in our school. Enrolments continue to climb. We had have to ballot again this year for Out of Zone enrolments, especially for Year 9 and Year 11. We are in the predicament that we just do not have the physical room to take any more students. While those who are in zone have an absolute right to enrol, we have to be very careful that we can cope with the number of option classes that students wish to take. Congratulations to all those who have been recognised at our recent prizewinnings. A fantastic evening was held for the Sports celebrations. There was a very streamlined Maori and Pasifika evening as well as a highly entertaining Creative Arts evening. On Thursday 3 November in the evening was the Year 13 End of Year Senior Awards and Friday 4 November was the final day for Years 11 and 12. Junior Prizewinnings will be held on the last day of term – 9 December. The pot luck dinner for the PTA is about to be held on Sunday 13 November. I would like to publicly acknowledge the tremendous amount of work that the PTA have done once again this year. You are an inspirational group of parents and I thank you so much for your support of our college. The same goes for the members of the Board of Trustees – a

huge commitment. Another commitment is in progress as we revise the 2017 onwards Strategic Plan. We have had much public consultation and the team is working hard towards the finished product. You will also find in this Contact, beginning dates for next year. Just a reminder to our young people, I expect you to come to school on time, with the appropriate uniform and with a focus on your academic studies, and to make the best of all the opportunities offered to you on your first day of school. We will be reminding you over the next few weeks of what is going to happen and what is expected of you. Our school magazine Trek is about to be on sale very shortly with pre-orders. Each form class has been given a copy of last year's Trek just to see what it is like. The cost is subsidised at \$10. If you have not ordered yet, please do so as soon as you can. Payment is also being sought for our Year 13 Leavers Dinner and from the Year 12s who will attend next year's Year 13 Senior Camp. We have a new STARS programme, very similar to Peer Support – a programme that offers support from Year 13s to Year 9s for an entire year. I remind next year's Year 13 students that if you wish to change your subjects because of your external exam results, Wednesday 25 January 2017 is the day. Year 12 students who wish to consider subject changes, due to exam results (not because they just feel like changing), will need to make an appointment with the Deans for Thursday 26 January 2017. So, there is a busy time ahead; the seniors have their external exams and the juniors have internal exams. There is a great programme being organised for them as well. I wish you all the very best as you pursue your academic excellence in the forthcoming exams and look forward to celebrating your success early next year. Take care and until next time, all the very best.

**DG Randell**  
**Principal**

**A FULL list of ALL Awards & Award Recipients is available on our website: [www.otc.school.nz](http://www.otc.school.nz) - click on '2016 Awards / Prizewinnings'**

## SPORTS AWARDS 2016

### Sports Awards

The Otumoetai College Sports Awards were held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Congratulations to all of the outstanding students who were invited to these awards. This year we had 201 students invited to these awards, with many of them achieving extremely high in more than one sport. Extra mention and congratulations to all the students that received Merit and Blues awards, especially the students that were awarded more than one for the achievements in different sports. We presented 84 Blues and Merits this year to our students, some receiving more than one, which is more than last year and just shows how much sporting talent there is within Otumoetai College. As always the night finished by recognising the Elite Sports Awards.

### Elite Award Winners for 2016

- **Junior Sports Girl:** *Olivia Cummings*
- **Junior Sports Boy:** *Beau Joss*
- **Bob Addison Cup** (For Excellence in a Single Sport - Female): *Tiana Hill*
- **Crowther Cup** (For Excellence in a Single Sport - Male): *Ollie Reed*
- **Senior Sports Girl:** *Clara Lafont*
- **Senior Sports Boy:** *Adam Tyson*



Back Row: Ollie Reed, Adam Tyson, Clara Lafont and Tiana Hill

Front Row: Beau Joss & Olivia Cummings

## SPORTS NEWS

**Rugby:** Congratulations to all of our Rugby boys that have made representative teams in 2016. In the Western Bay of Plenty u14 team we had seven boys named in the squad: James Austin, Haritao Chesley, Dion Greenfield, Jordan Harrington, Te Hiringa Hunt, Te Taumata Jack-Kino and Mitchell Wragg. In the Western Bay of Plenty u15 team we had two boys named:

Beau Joss (also made the final team for Bay of Plenty u15s) and Ashley Smith. Samuel Grant made it in the Bay of Plenty u16 team.

**Rugby Sevens:** The Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Rugby Sevens tournament was held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October over at the Rotorua International Stadium. This year we had two u14 Boys teams competing. The A team were in the Premier Grade and played amazing throughout the day only losing one pool play game to Rotorua Boys High School. The boys went on to play in the final, again against Rotorua Boys High School. In an extremely tight match the boys fought right to the end but went down 14 – 10. The B Boys played in the development grade and finished off playing for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. This year for the first time in a long time we managed to get an u15 girls team together. As most of the team had never played before we entered the girls into the u15 development grade. The girls played Te Puke High School, John Paul College and Tauranga Girls College B. Through the pool play the girls were outstanding winning by 30 points against Te Puke and John Paul College. In a game against Tauranga Girls, which the girls were extremely nervous about, our young girls' fitness and natural ability shone. Winning the game to go into the finals on top, to play Tauranga Girls again. The girls won the game by 20 points with an excellent individual try by Makaylah Rae-Potene to finish the game. Jamie Naballin who captained the team was an absolute standout. We are extremely proud of these girls as all, but two, of them came into the sport a month ago having no clue about the game.

**Wrestling:** A few months ago Payton Sisson represented New Zealand in the Oceania Wrestling Tournament, in Hamilton. In his group he received a Bronze Medal. Congratulations - well done!

### Coaches Needed!!

If you have thought about coaching at Otumoetai College in 2017 let us know as we will be looking for coaches for the following codes for both senior and junior teams: Rugby, Netball, Girls Hockey, Boys Hockey, Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball. Please email [sport@otc.school.nz](mailto:sport@otc.school.nz) or phone (07) 576 1390 if you are interested in coaching any of the above codes.



# MAORI AND PASIFIKA AWARDS 2016

## JUNIOR AWARDS

First in Te Reo Māori Year 9	<i>Jaime Anderson</i>
First in Te Reo Māori Year 10	<i>Whakarato Clark</i>

## JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TAONGA

These two awards, Teina Wahine and Teina Tane are our supreme awards acknowledging leadership, commitment and outstanding endeavour in the Junior school. These emerging leaders exemplify Māori experiencing success as Māori.

Teina Wahine	<i>Siobhan O'Neill</i>
Teina Tane	<i>Jaylon Paki</i>

## SENIOR AWARDS

First in Te Reo Māori Year 11	<i>Julia (Taimania) Roberts</i>
First in Te Reo Māori Year 12	<i>Hannah Blair</i>
First in Te Reo Māori Year 13	<i>Te Kawari Fidow</i>

## SUPREME AWARDS

Awahi Award	<i>Maja Scott</i>
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Maja is a friendly, social girl who strives to be helpful to both staff and her peers. She demonstrates both empathy and support of her peers in all areas of school life and has this year been a peer support leader in the Special Needs Unit.

Top Female All-round Student	<i>Jana Ashton</i>
Top Male All-round Student	<i>Wisdom Toki</i>

Awarded for all-round academic, sporting and cultural achievement and contribution to the school community.

Matahauariki Taonga	<i>Cody (Horiana) Roberts</i>
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Awarded for full involvement and contribution to school life, outstanding academic record, leadership qualities and excellent role model.

Tikanga Māori Taonga – Tūtara Wānanga	<i>Te Kawari Fidow</i>
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Awarded for outstanding contribution, leadership, high achievement and commitment to Tikanga Māori and Te Reo Māori.

Ngāi Tamarāwaho Taonga	<i>Marama Moka</i>
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Awarded for all-round excellence and leadership and contribution to school, the wider community & local iwi.



From left: Jaylon Paki & Siobhan O'Neill



Maja Scott



Back Row: Te Kawari Fidow, Cody (Horiana) Roberts & Wisdom Toki  
Front Row: Jana Ashton & Marama Moka

# CREATIVE ARTS AWARDS 2016



<b>Bernina Technical Sewing Award</b> Excellence in Sewing	<i>Anna Tingey</i>
<b>Bidvest Hospitality Award</b> Commitment to Special Event Catering in Level 3 Hospitality	<i>Kiana Angel</i>
<b>Chris Check Memorial Cup</b> Perseverance and Achievement in a Musical Instrument	<i>Hannah Temara</i>
<b>DMS Progrowers Award</b> Extra Curricular Commitment to the Visual Arts	<i>Brylee Courtney</i>
<b>Eric Isles Trophy</b> Public Speaking	<i>Stevie Courtney</i>
<b>Helen Greg Memorial Trophy</b> Excellence in Creative Writing	<i>Lacie Glen Vile</i>
<b>Herring Trophy</b> First in Performing Arts	<i>Logan Burrell</i>
<b>Jack Moyle Trophy</b> Outstanding Contribution to Percussion	<i>Danielle Saundry</i>
<b>Lee Trophy</b> Contribution to extra-curricular Drama throughout College life <i>Donated by the Lee Family</i>	<i>Tessa Guest</i>

<b>Mary Roberts</b> Instrumental Music	<i>Damien Potts</i>
<b>Media Trophy</b> Commitment to producing quality media during her senior years	<i>Lauren Stephenson</i>
<b>Nona Cooke Trophy - Joint Award</b> Outstanding Excellence in Creative Arts	<i>Lea Deschamps</i> <i>Lydia Paine</i>
<b>Sparks Trophy - Joint Award</b> Service & Achievement in Music	<i>Tessa Guest</i> <i>Erina McNeilly</i>



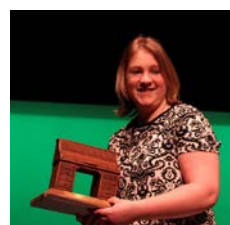
Anna Tingey



Kiana Angel



Brylee Courtney



Lacie Glen Vile



Logan Burrell



Danielle Saundry



Lauren Stephenson



Lydia Paine & Lea Deschamps



Tessa Guest & Erina McNeilly

# ACADEMIC AWARDS 2016 - YEAR 13

## DUX 2016

Certificate of Achievement for 3rd= in Level 3 English  
 Certificate of Excellence for 1st= in Level 3 Classical Studies  
 Certificate of Excellence for 1st= in Level 3 Dance  
 Certificate of Excellence for 1st in Level 3 Media Studies  
 - Award donated by Photolife  
 Chromebook Lenovo ANZ Prize  
 The Kathleen Kirkby Scholarship for 1st Aggregate in Year 13

**DUX 2016**
**Lauren Stephenson**

## PROXIME ACCESSIT to DUX 2016

### a joint Award

Certificate of Achievement for 3rd= in Level 3 English  
 Cert. of Excellence for 1st= in Level 3 Statistics & Probability  
 - Award donated by AD Murray  
 Certificate of Excellence for 1st in Level 3 Accounting  
 - Award donated by Tauranga/Mount Maunganui Chartered Accountants  
 Rosemary Anne Scouler Memorial Award for 2nd= Aggregate in Year 13

**PROXIME ACCESSIT 2016**
**a joint award**
**Robyn Hyland**

## PROXIME ACCESSIT to DUX 2016

### a joint Award

Cert. of Achievement for 3rd in Level 3 Classical Studies  
 Cert. of Excellence for 1st= in Level 3 Statistics & Probability  
 - Award donated by AD Murray  
 Certificate of Excellence for 1st in Level 3 Economics  
 - Collett Cup  
 Certificate of Excellence for 1st in Level 3 Physics  
 Rosemary Anne Scouler Memorial Award for 2nd= Aggregate in Year 13

**PROXIME ACCESSIT 2016**
**a joint award**
**Luke Tisch**


From left to right: DUX 2016 Lauren Stephenson  
 Joint PROXIME ACCESSIT to DUX 2016 Luke Tisch & Robyn Hyland

## SPECIAL CUPS & AWARDS

<b>MĀTAURANGA AWARD</b> For Diligence and Perseverance in Academics	<i>Daniel Everard</i>
<b>TAURANGA POLICE CUP</b> For Service to the School Community Donated by Tauranga Police	<i>Logan Davy</i>
<b>JOHN MARK CUP</b> For Unselfish Service	<i>Logan Burrell</i>
<b>SUE POTTER CUP</b> For Service to the School	<i>Charlotte Thompson</i>
<b>ELDER SALVER AWARD</b> For Outstanding Diligence & Achievement	<i>Jana Ashton Sophie Gordon</i>
<b>O'BRIEN CUP</b> For Outstanding Diligence & Achievement	<i>Timothy Guy Damien Potts</i>
<b>PRINCIPAL'S CUP</b> For Contribution to School Life	<i>Carson Luke</i>
<b>PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS</b> For Contribution to School Life	<i>Hunter-Laura Dennis Tessa Guest Kahumoerangi Te Kani</i>
<b>PANARETOS CUP</b> For all-round Academic Excellence and Excellence in Sport, Music and Art or Drama Donated by the Harray Family	<i>Steen Hemmingsen</i>
<b>HAROLD WEBBER CUP</b> Effective Leadership & Contribution to the wider aspects of school life	<i>Marnie Hunter</i>
<b>STUDENT LEADERS' AWARD</b> <i>McKenna Armstrong, Adam Harrington, Marnie Hunter, Damien Potts &amp; Carson Luke (Student BoT Rep.)</i>	

## SCHOLARSHIPS

<b>ALWYN R THOMSON SCHOLARSHIP</b> To study Law and Science at Waikato University	<i>Clara Lafont</i>
<b>FUJI XEROX DANCE SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<i>Hunter-Laura Dennis</i>
<b>FUJI XEROX VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<i>Brylee Courtney</i>
<b>RALPH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP</b> For Tertiary Study of Dance	<i>Katherine Davey</i>
<b>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP TROPHY</b>	<i>Millicent Hubbard</i>
<b>MARY ROBERTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<i>Logan Burrell</i>
<b>IAN BURTENSHAW MEMORIAL TROPHY &amp; AWARD</b> To study Environmental Planning at Waikato University Donated by the Burtenshaw Family	<i>Isabella Sandoy</i>
<b>IXOM SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<i>Arianna Iaccarino</i>
<b>KANE SEDCOLE MEMORIAL AWARDS</b> For academic achievement Donated by the Sedcole Family	<i>Georgia Hacker Robyn Hyland Kezia Somerville-Petch Charlotte Thompson</i>
<b>BAY OF PLENTY TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS</b> For Tertiary Education in the Fields of Science and Technology	<i>Hannah Glover Darren Jooste</i>
<b>OWENS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP</b> For all-round achievement Donated by the Owens family	<i>Adam Harrington</i>
<b>DONALD &amp; MINOLA GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS</b> For all-round academic performance & contribution to college life	<i>Kira van Os Anna Tingey Luke Tisch</i>
<b>TAURANGA CITIZENS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	<i>Stephen Crisp Isabella Sandoy</i>



## YEAR 11 AWARDS

### SPECIAL AWARDS

<b>Rotary Cup</b> Public Speaking	<i>Nicole Cameron</i>
<b>Sarah McLean Memorial Cup</b> This trophy is for the student with an equal balance of sporting prowess and academic effort. It is to celebrate a hard working student who strives to have a balance of sporting and academic success.	<i>Ruby Evans</i>

### TOP AWARDS

1st= in Level 1 Drama <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Anna Domett</i>
1st= in Level 1 Art Visual 1st in Level 1 Science Advanced Learner <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>George Robinson</i>
3rd in Level 1 Media Studies 3rd in Level 2 Advanced Mathematics 1st= in Level 1 Art Visual <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Kristen Ong</i>
2nd= in Level 1 English 2nd= in Level 1 Geography 2nd in Level 1 Health & Physical Education <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Simranjit Bains</i>
2nd= in Level 1 English 1st= in Level 1 History 1st= in Level 1 Sport Science <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>James Beard</i>
3rd in Level 1 Science Advanced Learner 2nd= in Level 1 Design & Visual Communicat. 2nd= in Level 1 English 2nd in Level 2 Advanced Mathematics <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Danielle Reyes</i>
2nd= in Level 1 English 1st= in Level 1 History 1st= in Level 1 Media Studies 1st in Level 1 Geography <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Shannara Hill</i>
2nd= in Level 1 English 1st= in Level 1 Drama 1st= in Level 1 History 1st in Level 1 Spanish <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Chelsea Sole</i>
2nd= in Level 1 Geography 1st= in Level 1 Media Studies 1st in Level 1 English 1st in Level 2 Advanced Mathematics <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Nicole Cameron</i>
2nd in Level 1 Business 1st= in Level 1 Digital Science 1st= in Level 1 Mathematics 1st in Level 1 Accounting 1st in Level 1 Economics <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Benjamin Kennerley</i>

### Congratulations

to our elected Student Leaders for 2017

From left: Nicholas Tinholt (BoT Rep.), Bethany Hay, Hayden Christie, Gemma Tims & Stefan Browne

## YEAR 12 AWARDS

### SPECIAL AWARDS

<b>Inter College Senior Debating Cup</b> 2016 Otumoetai College	<i>Chloe Almey</i> <i>Carys Robson</i> <i>Ashleigh Young</i>
<b>Special Needs Cultural Award Trophy</b> For great effort in all areas of school life	<i>Sarah Hoonhout</i>
<b>Stacy Raymond Cup</b> For Academic Achievement	<i>Sarah Hyne</i>

### TOP AWARDS

<b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Hayden Christie</i>
1st in Level 2 Electronics <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Angus Fairbairn</i>
3rd in Level 2 Physics 1st= in Level 2 Spanish Mark Williams Senior Linguist Cup <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Liana McSweeney</i>
2nd in Level 2 Fashion & Design 1st= in Level 3 Statistics and Probability <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Emily Looker</i>
1st= in Level 2 Dance 1st= in Level 2 Drama 1st= in Level 2 Statistics <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Sophie Barker</i>
3rd= in Level 2 Chemistry 2nd= in Level 2 Mathematics 1st in Level 2 Accounting Award donated by CETA 1st in Level 2 Technology: Food Award donated by Tauranga Federation of Women's Institutes <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Gemma Tims</i>
1st in Level 2 Classical Studies 1st in Level 2 Economics 1st in Level 2 History 1st= in Level 3 Statistics and Probability <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Carys Robson</i>
1st in Level 2 Chemistry 1st in Level 2 Geography 1st in Level 2 Physics 1st in Level 3 Calculus <b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Sarah Hyne</i>



## 2016 SENIOR ART EXHIBITION

Our senior Art students submitted Art works from subjects including Design, Painting and Photography to display in the Art foyer. The works were hand picked by Art staff and were Merit grade or higher to showcase the amazing talent Otumoetai Art students have to offer. The evening was very successful and fully student driven. Parents and friends were

invited to celebrate the effort and hard work of the students. We held a raffle which was won by Hannah Filer and a people's choice award that went to Year 13 student Daniel Everard for his beautiful train track drawings. We were also kindly sponsored by Brookfield New World, who provided all of the food and beverages for our guests. The event was organized by

the Visual Arts student committee; Sarah Parkinson, Scarlett Steel and Brylee Courtney.



## DANCE

We have some extremely talented dancers who in October went down to Palmerston North to compete in the National Young Performer of the Year (PACANZ). To get this opportunity they were selected after achieving top in their Dance genre at regional competitions and being nominated by the adjudicator.

Congratulations to the following:

- Katherine Davey, Laura Harnett, Emily Looker and Alexandra Gilbert-De Rios representing 'The Dance House' with their contemporary troupe entry
- Haley Pickett - Classical Ballet Soloist representing 'Dance Education Centre'
- Carrie Atkinson - Classical Ballet Soloist representing 'Dance Education Centre'
- John Tetley-Jones - Tap Soloist representing 'Dance Avenue'

They should all be very proud of their achievements.



## CAREERS COACH VISIT

Otumoetai College had the pleasure of hosting the Mike Pero Careers Coach for two days at the end of October. The bus is a fully converted vehicle with 26 different kiosks which hold a video screen, headphones and contain a myriad of careers information for students to view. The information is the latest industry and training information and allows students to view different videos in their nominated areas of interest.



More than 500 students visited the bus through the Year 9 and Year 10 Social Studies classes; feedback from the students was excellent and the Careers Coach proved to be a very good talking point for the students and teachers. If you would like further information on the Careers Coach, this link is an excellent resource <https://vimeo.com/134259004>





## SPELLING BEE

Bethany Lake (Year 9) and Holly Lander (Year 10) succeeded in the Regional Final of Spelling Bee in early August. The competition was then made into a TVOne show called Spellbound. Bethany appeared in Spellbound on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October and Holly on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Well done girls - what a great effort!

Please see below for Holly's article describing this amazing experience.

"I just think it's such a cool thing for students to be recognised for being really smart. If you look at stories about kids that age in the media, so many of them are about sport or perhaps something they've done artistically, but to actually celebrate a child who is good at English and can spell really, I think is cool." - Toni Street.

On the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> of August I was in Auckland with Bethany Lake to compete in the New Zealand Spelling Bee, along with 34 other Year 9s and 10s from all around New Zealand. This year, however, was different from previous years. The Spelling Bee was being recorded for a TV show which would be hosted by Toni Street. Prior to leaving, we had to sign confidentiality waivers, take photos of the clothes we were planning on wearing, and record videos answering some questions about us.

The first day was all getting to know each other and doing a couple of practice runs on stage before the banquet. We were all ushered into the dressing room as the crew bustled about. That evening, we heard from multiple guest speakers, all of whom had a love for words.

We had to be on the bus heading to the studio by 7:30 the next morning. No one would have guessed prior to arriving that we would be in for a 15-hour day. The atmosphere during the actual filming was a lot more relaxed than it was during the practice runs. It helped that all of us were backstage for a good four hours, with the second host, Ronnie Taulafo from 'What Now.' We exchanged stories and played games, so when it actually came to the spelling it was pretty calm. Anyone who wasn't spelling or in the group that was up next was in the audience, along with the parents.

All in all, the experience was great. I met a lot of interesting people and had plenty of fun.

## INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

The International Student Department would like to wish all of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students who are sitting the NZQA external exams all the best for these exams.



We would also like to wish the Year 13 students, pictured above, farewell and success in their final exams. These students have all been with us for some time, some of them since 2013! Several are returning to their home countries and have been accepted by various universities. They leave with our best wishes for their futures.

## GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD

Congratulations! Sarah Hyne (Year 12) has been selected to represent New Zealand (one of four team members) as part of next year's International Geography Olympiad Team to compete in Belgrade, Serbia, in August. A fantastic achievement for Sarah and our school.

## TUTORIAL TIMETABLE

To enable students to have quality revision time, each department within the school has prepared a 'study timetable' when students can return to school, knowing several staff will be available to assist them. We have done this, as the ad hoc way of just calling into school does not always work, as the teacher concerned could be teaching a Junior class.

The timetable is available on our website. The Library is also open during the day from 8.30am – 4.30pm, senior students may use this facility for study.

I wish all our students all the very best and if we can assist in any way, please ask.

**DG Randell**  
Principal



## WET BELLS WET DAYS

When the weather is such that it is inappropriate for the students to be allowed on the field then lunch will be shortened to 30 minutes. This means times will be adjusted so that:

**Period 5 will begin at 2:05pm**

**School will finish at 3:05pm**

**A 'wet lunch' decision is made just prior to lunchtime. A message is voiced onto the main school phone number indicating this at around 1:28pm. This 'wet bells' message precedes our standard welcome message.**

Please remember: No 'wet bells' message on the school phone means no wet day and school will finish at the normal time.

On 'early finish' days bus students who have to wait an extra 20 minutes to catch their bus, have the option to wait in a classroom or the PAC (whichever is available on the day).

## MEDIA STUDIES

In total, five Year 12 Media Studies films plus the Year 10 Media Group film made it to the qualifying round of the NZ Regional International Youth Silent Film Festival.

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October all BOP qualifying films were screened at Baycourt. The Awards Finals were screened on Saturday night 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

On Saturday afternoon the non-BOP qualifiers were screened. Micah Winiata (Otumoe-tai College Year 13 student in 2015) had his film screened then and he was also one of the top 10 finalists.

Congratulations everyone - what a great effort!

## KIND GESTURE

Gemma Tims (Year 12) won the 2017 Young Baker of the Year competition and was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to contribute towards the fees for a Baking and Patisserie Apprenticeship. In a hotly contested second place, with only a difference of 2 marks overall, was Madeline Johnson (Year 13).

As Gemma is returning to school in 2018 to complete her final year, and then plans to attend University the following year, she really wanted to see the prize go to a worthy recipient who would benefit from it. After thoughtful consideration Gemma approached Mrs May (HoD Food Technology) to see whether she was able to gift the scholarship to a very worthy recipient - Madeline Johnson. Madeline is a dedicated and talented aspiring baker who is already in discussions with the Master Baker judge from the competition regarding entry into the industry as an apprentice next year.

This was an extremely generous offer from Gemma and we wish both students all the very best for a bright and successful future!

## 2016 ICAS ENGLISH

Congratulations to the following students for their good results in the 2016 ICAS English competition.

### ***Year 9 Certificates for Participation:***

Caitlin Abbott, Sarah Dixon, Rachel Domett, Abby Ozanne and Kailan Rumbold

### ***Year 9 Certificates with Credit:***

Alexia Elvin and Elaraine Oakes

### ***Year 9 Certificates with Merit:***

Charlotte Cameron, Amy Miedema, Caitlin Oliver, Joshua Peacocke, Nicola Van Zandwijk and Jade Wardrope

### ***Year 9 Certificates with Distinction:***

James Barnett, Holly Bogers, Bethany Lake, Alexandra Reyes and Sharna Steer

### ***Year 10 Certificates for Participation:***

Annabel Averill and Caitlin Flood

### ***Year 10 Certificates with Merit:***

Adriana Lipinski and Natalia Steens

### ***Year 10 Certificates with Distinction:***

John Austin, Holly Lander and Zoe Macintyre

### ***Year 10 Certificate with High Distinction:***

Alice Cerdeira

## WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH BUSINESS

Business Management Students are off to compete Nationally in the Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme.

Elevated Enterprise, founder of MySoap were recently awarded “Supreme Regional Award Winners” in the Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme and will be off to represent the region in the National Competition in December.

This programme involves the students setting up a company, producing an innovative product and taking the product to market through extensive business planning. Nationally the Young Enterprise Scheme has over 120 schools, 600+ companies and 2700 students.

This year Otumoetai College had three Young Enterprise teams that were competing locally against eighteen other Young Enterprise companies from Tauranga Girls, Aquinas College, Mount Maunganui College, Papamoa College and Katikati College.

Recently, at the Regional Awards Dinner, the Chamber of Commerce who coordinates the scheme announced that the winning team was Elevated Enterprise from Otumoetai College.

Elevated Enterprise produced a product called “MySoap” – a bar of soap with a small collectible toy hidden inside aimed to encourage young children to wash their hands. The unique selling point of the collectible toy along with a fact sheet of the sea life creatures in the product range added to the innovation of the product. Elevated Enterprise also won the Operations Award and Finance Award.

Company directors are James Arrowsmith, Sophie Best, Pimchanuke Chammoung, Ella Copeland, Jasmin Eagar, Millicent Hubbard and Cade van Hamond.

Elevated Enterprise will go on to represent the Bay of Plenty at the National Awards in Wellington on the 6<sup>th</sup> December. The Lion Foundation sponsor, two directors and their teacher, Nyssa Poffley, will travel to Wellington to compete and attend the National Awards Dinner.



## STUDENT OVERSEAS TRAVEL 2017

For next year the following trips are planned:

- Visiting Nagisa High School in Hiroshima (Japan) at the end of Term 2 (Mr Hansen)
- Visiting Nanchang High School and University in China at the end of Term 3 (Mrs Ward)
- Drama and Performing Arts trip to the USA (Ms Rowe, Mrs Harnett and Mrs Thomas-Chisholm)
- House Building in Mexico (Ms Cox)
- Kapa Haka Group is travelling to Rarotonga (Mr Ketu)
- Visiting College Sainté Anne in Montreal (Canada) (Ms Leslie)
- Physics Europe Tour (Mrs Harrop)

When other opportunities arise students will be notified.



# OTUMOETAI COMMUNITY OF LEARNING (COL)



## Otumoetai Community of Learning Schools launch a new era of Collaboration

Over 300 teachers and support staff came together at Otumoetai College to begin a journey of collaboration unlike anything that has come before.

This was the launch of the new Otumoetai Community of Learning, a cluster of schools that have come together under the Government's Investing in Educational Success initiative.

The schools in our Community of Learning (CoL) are: Otumoetai College, Te Wharekura o Mauao, Otumoetai Intermediate School, Otumoetai School, Pillans Point School, Matua School, Bellevue School, Brookfield School and Bethlehem School.

Our schools have committed to raising student achievement by working together to enable every student in our community to succeed at each level as they pass through our schools from early childhood to year 13 and beyond.

For parents this means that regardless of the school their child attends, the Otumoetai Community of Learning schools will collectively work together to facilitate their child's success as a learner in our cluster of schools. Rather than each school concentrating on their own students in isolation, we are now collaborating at all levels to optimize the learning for each of the 5641 students in our schools.

It will involve schools sharing expertise, teachers working with other teachers in their own school and teachers from other schools in the community, to continuously improve the teaching and learning in every class room in our community. It is a shift away from thinking only about me and my class, me and my school to a wider perspective of: "these are our children collectively and what can we do together to enable each student to succeed."

The Otumoetai Community of Learning has appointed Henk Popping from Otumoetai Intermediate School as the Lead Principal for the Community and is in the process of appointing teachers who will work with their colleagues within their own schools and across the community of schools. *(Article continues on next page.)*

## OTUMOETAI COMMUNITY OF LEARNING (COL)

Our Community of Learning has set curriculum achievement challenges for all students in Literacy, as this has been identified as our weakest area when we look at how all our students are doing overall. This will start with lifting oral language acquisition for students just starting school to effective writing from years three to thirteen either in English or Maori Medium depending on the school in our community. Reading is closely aligned to these and will also be a focus at each level.

In addition to this curriculum area, we are focusing on effective teaching in all class rooms, student well-being and supporting students with additional needs.

More information about Communities of Learning can be found at:

<http://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/news-stories/communities-of-learning/>

We have developed a vision poster for our Community of Learning and would like to acknowledge Stu McDonald and Heywood Kuka from Te Wharekura o Mauao for their inspirational vision statement and logo which will be at the front of all our efforts on behalf of every family in our community.

This is an exciting opportunity for our collective schools to really make a difference for every child in our community through the power of collaboration and lifting expertise in each of our schools.

## ARMISTICE DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE SPEECH

On Sunday morning Bolivia Newton was speaking at the Armistice Day Memorial Service at St John's Anglican Church in Bureta. She had been asked to present the main address in front of a congregation of some 150 congregants, which included war veterans, cadets from the various armed forces, The Honourable Simon Bridges MP and The Mayor Greg Brownless.

This fine, young Year 12 student presented one of the bravest, articulate and most challenging speeches I have ever heard delivered by a young person of her age - and I have worked

with young people for over forty years (Edgar Weston, Bolivia's teacher). The congregation was enthralled, many visibly moved to tears and challenged by what Bolivia had to say. Indeed, at the end of the service Bolivia was literally swamped by the congregants to congratulate her and share experiences with her. Astonishing!!

Bolivia was also awarded the St John's Otumoetai College Trophy for Public Speaking.



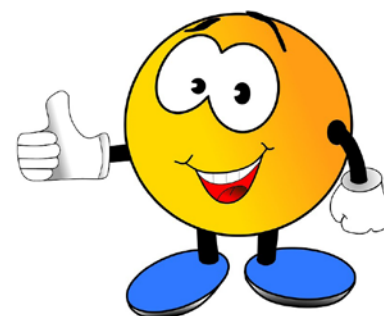
From left: Edgar Weston, Bolivia Newton and Phillip Newton

## AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students who performed in the competition with Distinction.

Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
Frances Smith	96%	Alice Cerdeira	93%	Eunkyeong Kim	86%
Holly Bogers	92%	Yeongyeong Kim	91%	Melanie Quan	84%
Joel Kennedy	90%	Caitlin Flood	88%		
Jaeheon Lee	90%	Jerome Morris	88%		
Michael Dawson	88%	Songheon Lee	87%		
Alexandra Reyes	85%	Ruairidh Sutherland	86%		
Amy Miedema	84%	Aria Smart	84%		
Raven Peachey	84%				
Bethany Lake	82%				
Casper Van-veen	82%				

**John Austin (Year 10) gained 1075 points and this means he achieved with High Distinction and gained the 'Best in School Award'.**



## ERO REPORT SUMMARY

The full report can be looked at on our website.

### **Education Review Report Otumoetai College**

The purpose of ERO's reviews is to give parents and the wider school community assurance about the quality of education that schools provide and their children receive. An ERO school report answers the question "How effectively is this school's curriculum promoting student learning - engagement, progress and achievement?"

### **Findings**

#### **What are the important features of this school that have an impact on student learning?**

Since the 2013 ERO review, the principal and the chairperson of the board of trustees have remained the same. The principal provides strong leadership underpinned by caring relationships with students, staff and parents. He continues to be supported by capable pastoral, curriculum and administrative leaders. The school has responded to the areas for review and development in the 2013 ERO report. Leaders have introduced initiatives to strengthen culturally responsive relationships, established a closer relationship with local iwi, and focused on raising achievement for learners at risk of underachievement.

Students benefit from access to generous facilities that cater for all learning areas, including the Whare Wananga, Okohanga, and a recently refurbished technology block.

Since 2013, student achievement and engagement levels have improved, and the use of strategic goals and targets, and self-review processes, have been strengthened. Teachers are engaging in a MoE funded professional learning and development initiative, Kia Eke Panuku, to build their knowledge and skills in culturally responsive and relational practices.

### **Learning**

#### **How well does this school use achievement information to make positive changes to learners' engagement, progress and achievement?**

The school gathers and uses a wide range of information about student engagement, wellbeing and achievement to inform decisions about programmes, initiatives, resourcing and goal setting.

School data shows that students in Years 9 and 10 are achieving at similar levels to their peers in the national group.

Students enjoy considerable success, regionally, nationally and internationally, in a wide range of subjects, events, and activities. Overall trends and patterns since 2013 in NCEA show improving student achievement in relation to national goals and other similar schools, including for Māori. Results in 2015 indicated that the school has achieved the government target of 85% of students leaving school with Level 2 NCEA.

### **Curriculum**

#### **How effectively does this school's curriculum promote and support student learning?**

The school's curriculum effectively promotes and supports student learning. Curriculum design, guidelines, expectations and pathways are increasingly responsive to the aspirations of students, parents and whānau.

Teachers are knowledgeable, experienced and committed to the learning and progress of students. They have high expectations for learning and behaviour, and carefully explain the purpose of the learning. In each curriculum area, students engage in meaningful, real-life learning contexts, including the increasing use of Māori themes and perspectives. A range of digital technologies effectively enhances learning opportunities for students at all levels. Positive classroom environments reflect school values, cultural contexts and student learning.

Students with diverse learning needs are very well catered for by dedicated and specialist teachers.

Students benefit from a well-organised, inclusive and caring school culture.

In addition, students are very well supported by effective health, counselling and vocational advice and guidance services.

The school has a coherent and strategic approach to building the professional capability of teachers and there is a well-established teaching as inquiry process.

### **Conclusion**

Otumoetai College is a large, well-established secondary school providing comprehensive educational opportunities for students from a wide variety of backgrounds. The school has a positive and welcoming school culture in which teachers encourage students to participate and succeed at all levels. The school has strong links with the community including local iwi. ERO is likely to carry out the next review in three years.



## ROWING

### The Rowing Season has started

The Otumoetai rowing recruitment drive started with a beautiful Sunday afternoon with 32 potential rowers turning up to have a go. Over the following few weeks the weather was not kind and the new rowers showed their dedication by turning up and rowing in cold and windy conditions.

The first regatta was at the Blue Lakes in Rotorua on the 15<sup>th</sup> October with a total of 210 rowers present. This is a 1000m course and a great one to start on. Otumoetai College rowers rowed under the BOP Coast Colours with team members from Bethlehem College. There were some great results for a first regatta with a number of placings in the top three, see [www.rowit.co.nz](http://www.rowit.co.nz) for all results. The next regatta is the Karapiro Spring Regatta on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and everyone is training hard.



To kick start the fundraising for MAADI cup at Lake Karapiro in 2017, on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> October we had a great fundraiser night with guest speakers World Cup rugby referees Nigel Owens and Craig Joubert. A big Thank you to all those who supported this evening.

BLUE LAKE REGATTA – See “Rowing at Otumoetai” Facebook page for more photos.



# 2016 NCEA EXAMINATION TIMETABLE



2016 Examination Timetable						
	Day	Date/Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Day 1	Wed 9 Nov	9.30am				Drama
		2.00pm				
Day 2	Thurs 10 Nov	9.30am	English	Spanish		English
		2.00pm		Earth and Space Science	Biology	
Canterbury Anniversary Day Weekend						
Day 3	Mon 14 Nov	9.30am	Science	Classical Studies	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	History
		2.00pm	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Making Music	Chemistry
Day 4	Tues 15 Nov	9.30am	Economics	Physics	Latin	Economics
		2.00pm	Physics	Economics	Physics	French
Day 5	Wed 16 Nov	9.30am	Geography	Dance	Geography	Japanese
		2.00pm	Dance	Geography	Dance	Physics
Day 6	Thurs 17 Nov	9.30am	Mathematics		Spanish	Statistics
		2.00pm		English		Biology
Day 7	Fri 18 Nov	9.30am		Biology	History	Spanish
		2.00pm	History		Accounting	Music
Weekend						
Day 8	Mon 21 Nov	9.30am	Home Economics	Chemistry	Home Economics	Geography
		2.00pm	Chemistry	Home Economics	Chemistry	Te Reo Maori
Day 9	Tues 22 Nov	9.30am	Accounting	Art History	Classical Studies	Chinese
		2.00pm	Te Reo Māori	Accounting	English	
Day 10	Wed 23 Nov	9.30am	Biology	History	Art History / Calculus	Agricultural and Horticultural Science
		2.00pm	Chinese / German	Latin	Music Studies	Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira
Day 11	Thurs 24 Nov	9.30am		Mathematics		Art History
		2.00pm	Spanish		Statistics	
Day 12	Fri 25 Nov	9.30am	Business Studies	Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira	Business Studies	Calculus
		2.00pm	Music	Business Studies	Economics	Earth and Space Science
Weekend						
Day 13	Mon 28 Nov	9.30am	Health	French	Health	Latin
		2.00pm	French	Health	French	
Day 14	Tues 29 Nov	9.30am	Latin	Media Studies	Chinese / German	Classical Studies
		2.00pm	Media Studies	Chinese / German	Media Studies	
Day 15	Wed 30 Nov	9.30am	Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira	Social Studies	Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira	Accounting
		2.00pm	Social Studies	Music	Earth and Space Science	German
Day 16	Thurs 1 Dec	9.30am	Japanese	Te Reo Maori	Japanese	Media Studies
		2.00pm	Classical Studies	Japanese	Te Reo Maori	
Day 17	Fri 2 Dec	9.30am	Drama	Education for Sustainability	Drama	
		2.00pm	Art History	Drama	Social Studies	
Weekend						

## SENIOR EXAM TUTORIALS TIMETABLE 2016

The Senior Exam Tutorials Timetable 2016 is available on our College's website on the Homepage. Please make use of the tutorials and do not hesitate to ask questions, as we would love to support you in your studies and exam preparations.

# TREK SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2016

*Published on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016*

*Our School introduced by students*

- *Information on Creative Arts*
- *Class Photos*
- *Information on Departments*
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Email: [enquiries@bayphysiotherapy.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@bayphysiotherapy.co.nz)



### Year 9 Health Assessment

The School Health Nurse Tricia Tyrrell will be providing youth friendly services that will give the students the opportunity to access a Registered Nurse.

As part of an agreement between the Ministry of Health and the Western Bay of Plenty Public Health office these Health assessments are offered to randomly selected Year 9 Students.

These assessments include development checks, hearing, vision, weight and height, blood pressure, home situation, education, eating, activities, drugs and smoking, sexuality, moods, and safety discussions.

The goals of our Nursing service for all students is to support early detection, referral and treatment of students problems related to vision, hearing, behaviour and development, and other health and disability conditions, to support learning, school performance and positive youth development.

Please contact Tricia the Nurse on ph 5762316 ext 808 if you have any concerns.

### Guidance Department Otumoetai College

As part of the Student Support Services at Otumoetai College we have two full time and one part time fully qualified counsellors.

The counsellors are available to meet with students and their families to assist with any concerns they may have.

If you wish to use this service please do not hesitate to contact: Alison Crawford Acting HOD by phoning (07) 5762316 ext 729 or email [alccrawford@otc.school.nz](mailto:alccrawford@otc.school.nz) to organise an appointment.

### Teen Tools

'teentools' is an online resource for Parents wanting advice, contacts and ideas.

Our teens are faced with many opportunities and issues where the choices they make can make a lasting impression on their lives. Parents with an understanding of the issues our teens face will be better equipped to provide support and help when needed.

Visit [www.teentools.co.nz](http://www.teentools.co.nz) to find out more.

### How to support your Child at exam time

The best way to support your child during the stress of revision and exams is to make home life as calm as possible. Arguments are counter productive and will only add unnecessary stress and distract from revision. It helps if other members of the household are aware that your child may be under pressure and that allowances should be made for this.

Make sure there are plenty of healthy snacks in the fridge and try to provide good, nutritious food at regular intervals. Encourage your child to join family meals, even if it's a busy revision day - it's important to have a change of scene and get away from the books and computer for a while. Also encourage your child to do regular exercise. A brisk walk around the block can help clear the mind before the next revision session.

It's important to get a good night's sleep before an exam, so discourage your child from staying up late to cram. And make sure he or she eats a good breakfast on the morning of the exam.

### Dental Care

The Mobile Dental Unit is on site. For queries or appointments please phone 027 807 2038. Thank you.



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**BRIEF BACKGROUND**

Youth Search and Rescue Tauranga Trust, is an independent non-profit Charitable Trust and Incorporated Society in which youth between the ages of 14 - 18 receive training over a period of three years.

YSAR Tauranga has been operating for 8 years. Our core objective is to train young people between the ages of 14 and 18 to become active community volunteers in the emergency management and search and rescue sector. The programme is aimed specifically at Western Bay of Plenty students and is the only one of its kind in New Zealand.

Students commit to the 3-year programme. Students put in 600 hours of their own time each year and at the end of the 3-year programme graduate with an impressive number of qualifications including Land Search and Rescue certificates, Coastguard Day Skippers License, Land Mobile Radio communications license, Outdoor First Aid certificate and the National Certificate in Civil Defence Emergency Management.

**THANK YOU!**

With your very generous sponsorship we could purchase jackets and shorts for our Rugby teams.



**BLOOD DROP AWARD**

This year, Otumoetai College has been awarded the Blood Drop Award.

This trophy is not given to the school who collects the most units of blood, but to the school that has shown heart, determination and has gone out of their way to make their school's blood drive a successful one.

This year it was decided to award Otumoetai College the Blood Drop Award in recognition of the hard work that went into organising NZ Blood Service Tauranga to do the collect in the first place, and the

drive from the students involved to get as many people to donate as possible.

NZ Blood Service Tauranga would also like to add in a special thanks to the Health Committee who helped them out during the day making sure everyone who was donating knew where to go and helped out with refreshments.

The trophy is ours to display until the end of Term 3 2017.

Thank you again for helping NZ Blood Service Tauranga help all those in need.





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## 2016 Important Dates

<b>18 &amp; 19 Nov</b>	Years 9 & 10 'Volleyballers' Exams
<b>21 Nov</b>	Junior Tournament / Tauranga Foodbank Appeal Week
<b>21 &amp; 22 Nov</b>	Changed Timetable: Form Time, Periods 1 & 2, Interval, Period 3, Lunch and Periods 4 & 5
<b>21-23 Nov</b>	<b>Junior Exams Monday 21st + Tuesday 22nd</b> Wednesday 23rd is Junior Catch-up Exam Day - for students who have missed exams Monday or Tuesday - all other students to remain at home
<b>24 Nov</b>	Junior Mufti Day
<b>30 Nov</b>	Year 9 AL PE Excursion
<b>1 December</b>	Introduction Year 12 STAR
<b>1 December</b>	Leavers Dinner 6:30pm
<b>2 December</b>	Year 10 Normal Classes Year 9 Athletics Day School Magazine Trek available
<b>6-8 Dec</b>	Year 9 / 10 Special Programme
<b>9 Dec</b>	<b>Junior Prizegiving Year 9 10am Year 10 11:30am</b> <b>Juniors' Year 9 and 10 Reports Issued</b>

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' OFFICE REQUIRES HOMESTAY FAMILIES

To host short term and long term students  
Preferably families who can relate to teenagers & are willing to care for the student as part of their family. Good remuneration.  
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### SCHOOL DATABASE

Don't forget to update your student details with our School Database Manager - for changes to contact details etc.

If you have not already done so - you can have your email details added to the student database to receive our newsletter electronically.

To update details please phone on 576-2316  
Ext 755  
or email  
dbadmin@otc.school.nz

## 2017 Important Dates

<b>18 Jan</b>	<b>SCHOOL OFFICE OPENS</b>
<b>24 Jan</b>	10:30am - 3:30pm Year 12 Mentor Training (Group 1)
<b>25 Jan</b>	10:30am - 3:30pm Year 12 Mentor Training (Group 2) All NEW enrolments to G4 All Year 13 Students to be available if called in re. subject courses (Library) BIG JANUARY PTA UNIFORM SALE PAC 4:00pm - 6:30pm
<b>26 Jan</b>	9:00am Year 13 Leadership Camp (including STAR's training departs for Totara Springs) 1:30pm - 4pm Year 12 Subject changes (by appointment) G3
<b>27 Jan</b>	Year 13 Leadership Camp returns 3pm
<b>30 Jan</b>	<b>Auckland Anniversary Holiday</b>
<b>31 Jan</b>	TEACHER ONLY DAY 12noon-2pm PTA Uniform extra sale PAC
<b>1 Feb</b>	<b>Y9 + Y13 Start today / IFFS Orientation Day</b> 8:45am Year 13 to PAC 8:45am Year 9 Meet Action Centre Carpark 9:00am Year 9 / 13 / IFFS / new staff Powhiri 9:45am Year 9 to PAC 9:45am Year 13 Assembly / IFFS away 10:35am Year 9 to Form Room 11:00am Interval 11:25am Y9 to PAC - Info re. Itin. Music 11:25am Year 13 Form Class 12noon Year 9 Meet Year 13 - STAR Session1 (non STAR Year 13 report to Gym) 12noon Head Student Photo 12:45pm Lunch 1:30pm Year 9 and Year 13 Form Class 2pm STAR Session 2 2:45pm Form Classes 3:05pm School Closes for day 3:15 - 5pm Year 13 Final Subject changes
<b>2 Feb</b>	<b>Full school in attendance</b> Year 9 Form Class Year 10 PAC (Assembly) - check noticeboard outside G6 for Form Class Year 11 Form Class - check noticeboard outside Library for Form Class then assembly 9:45am Y12 Form Class - check noticeboard in Canteen Quad for Form Class then assembly 10:25am Y13 Form Class 10am Student Executive nominations close 10-10:45am STAR Session 3 11am - 11:25am Interval 11:25am onwards 5 shortened periods (P1 11:25am-noon, P2 12:05pm-12:40pm, P3 12:45pm - 1:20pm, Lunch 1:20pm - 1:55pm, P4 2:00pm - 2:30pm, P5 2:35pm - 3:05pm) 3:05pm School Closes for the day 3:15 - 5pm Year 11 & 12 Subject Changes
<b>3 Feb</b>	<b>Full school in attendance</b> <b>8:45 - 9:05am Form Class, 9:10 - 10:05am Period 1, 10:10 - 11:00am Period 2 (then classes as timetabled)</b>
<b>6 Feb</b>	<b>Waitangi Day</b>
<b>7 Feb</b>	Special Needs students begin Assembly for all Bus Students in PAC during Period 2
<b>8 Feb</b>	Voting for Student Executive Period 2: PATs Years 9 & 10 Reading Comprehension
<b>9 Feb</b>	Period 2: PATs Years 9 & 10 Mathematics

**\*\* Please Note \*\***

**Above events dates / times are subject to change**

**'Let Learning Enlighten Life' He akonga te oranga**