



## Message from the Principal

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



May I begin by extending a warm welcome to all staff and students; in particular all those entering the College for the first time. We also welcome our new International Students; it is good to see that a good number have chosen our school. For your information, a complete list of staff changes for 2017 can be found elsewhere in this issue.

The number of students on site this year again, will be around 2000. We are yet to confirm actual numbers. We have had a number of new enrolments across all Year levels.

We started this year by focusing on our new Strategic Intent for 2017 that underpins 'The Otumoetai Way':

### Our Vision:

Otumoetai College, here we stand, creating resilient learners where culture, diversity, education and social responsibility are valued and all learners achieve their potential.

### Our Values:

- Strive for excellence: Kimihia tou ake maunga teitei
- Working together: Whakakotahitanga
- Respect one and all: Whakakoha tetahi ki tetahi
- Standing Strong: Tu pakarii toku ao/te ao

### Our Focus:

- Leadership: Strong adaptive leadership for all
- Learning & Achievement: Empowering all learners to reach their potential
- Hauora – Wellbeing: Grow and sustain a culture of Hauora that builds resilient global citizens
- Responsive Resourcing for Change: Responsive resourcing that prioritises learner needs

We also offer a new STARS programme to Year 9 students where throughout the year they are supported by Year 13 students. I would like to congratulate the Year 13s for being a part of the programme. The Year 13 students had a very successful STARS training camp – I was certainly impressed with their attitude.

We are again looking this year at focussing on attendance and achievement. I maintain that attainment carries a direct correlation to attendance and vice versa.

Again last year there were a number of students who gained 100% attendance rate – well done. If your student is going

to be absent, a note is required for the attendance officer or please phone in. If the absence is to be greater than three days – a letter requesting permission from the Principal for extended absence is required.

We expect all students to wear correct uniform. Parents do not ask for an exemption, do not ask if your child can wear incorrect shoes or an incorrect jersey – permission will not be granted. We have a number of uniforms here that past seniors have donated and we can let students borrow them and even supply in certain cases. We have a sense of pride and belief in who we are and this is one visual way of showing it to everyone. For your information, I was walking around the school during lunchtime on Thursday and saw only one student with part of the uniform incorrect – only one – so well done.

Senior staff and Deans have been involved with the re-enrolment of our students and subject changes which all has gone very well over the last few days. We wish to ensure that all students strive for excellence, whatever their chosen course, and those who do need the extra support receive it through the specific programmes we offer in our College. This has been a huge challenge and no more timetable changes will be permitted after Friday 17 February.

PAT testing commenced for our Year 9 and 10 students this week; this will ensure we have the quality based data which can monitor the progress of students over subsequent school years and enable a comparison with future NCEA grades. Staff are then able to determine if students are continuing to achieve to their ability and potential.

An NCEA information evening will be held on Tuesday 14 February at 7pm. The evening is specifically for the parents and students who are in Year 11 and I encourage you to attend as the more you know about the system the better. However, parents of all year levels are welcome.

The Year 9 students will commence their camps shortly at Oteora. We also have an evening planned on Thursday 23 February at 7pm for Year 9 students and their parents to attend. This is an information evening to make sure they have settled into the College well.

Students who received their NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3 endorsed with Merit or Excellence will receive a letter from me congratulating them on their efforts. Our provisional 2016 NCEA results just came through and are printed in this issue.

A reminder, the bike compound is the 'old' fenced garage area, situated down entrance 1, opposite the Tech Block. Students must 'walk' with their bike in the school grounds.

On the property scene, the refurbished "Action Centre" is near completion with a new fitness centre and climbing wall. We will shortly have an open day for all to see. In addition, we are resurfacing the netball court, erecting a covered all weather court and building new changing rooms.

The Maths Block and Learning Centre is planned to be renovated into a flexible learning area and other ideas are in the pipeline.

Some new initiatives for this year include "Contact" being issued from Term 2 onwards and only once a Term. This will be a 'summary' of the Terms events and we plan to have a 'weekly blog' reporting the 'news' as it comes to hand.

The Community of Learning (COL) involves a greater cooperation of our six contributing Primary schools, the Kura and Otumoetai Intermediate to "raise student achievement". You will continue to hear of this.

On the IT scene – in summary, we have installed an additional 130 new desktop computers throughout the school; laptops in Computer Suites; and over 100 chrome books around the school. We are also looking at a policy of BYOD (bring your own device) in 2018 – more on this later.

Again this year in Year 11 and 12 we will allocate an additional staff / ancillary staff member to each form class and this person is going to help mentor and monitor the students' academic progress. The academic mentoring was regarded by Year 12 staff last year as very helpful. I would like to congratulate my senior staff for volunteering to do this. As a school we pride ourselves on individual performance and having two staff in each form group will certainly help Year 11 and 12 students to achieve to their ability. Year 13 students will be monitored by their Form teachers.

The format for Report Evenings remains similar to that as last year i.e. two evenings for Junior and two evenings to choose from for Senior student interviews. This gives families a great opportunity and you can do all of your bookings online. There are a number of parents who have two students at different levels and this is one way of saving nights. Also if you cannot, for example, make a specific night, there will be an opportunity to attend another.

Work Day is Tuesday 7 March and the International Food Festival will be held on Friday 24 March.

Don't forget if your student is in Year 13, the requirements for University Entrance is all students must gain their Level 3 NCEA in order to get to University. They must achieve also a minimum of 14 credits at a Level 3 in three approved subjects (from the approved University list) and there is still that Numeracy and Literacy requirement. Different Universities can also impose additional entry criteria.

We continue with our sister school relationships, which means overseas experiences for our students. The idea being that we have these dated well in advance so you can plan for your students' time here at the College. For example, in September, we have a group of students travelling to China. We will also be hosting an exchange trip, with a number of students arriving from China. Students from our school hosted Montreal students last year and a group will travel this year. This has become an annual reciprocal arrangement. Similarly, later on this year we will be sending nine students to Hiroshima in Japan. On top of this there are also the Drama/ Dance trips to the USA, the Mexico trip to build a house, the cultural group to Rarotonga and a Physics trip to Europe.

Year Colours – don't forget when we have our athletics sports day, cross country, swimming etc., we will have a mufti day that each year level can wear their colour. Year 9 this year is purple, Year 10 is red, Year 11 is orange, Year 12 is green and Year 13 is blue. The chosen colour moves through the College associated to each year group of students. Relay afternoon is set for Wednesday 1 March.

The school ball for Year 12 and 13 students will be on Saturday 20 May, with a Teacher Only Day on the Friday.

A special thanks to Debbie and the PTA for organising an excellent second hand uniform sale. To all helpers – thank you so much.

All students were issued with a special newsletter on the Friday of week 1 – just something for you to put on the fridge. It gives you all the dates and events, especially what is happening in Term 1 and parts of Term 2. However, please bear in mind that these dates are subject to change. Please refer to the calendar on our website for the most up to date information on dates and events.

There is a lot of information in this Contact about lunch passes, uniform sales, the PTA, meeting times etc.

All in all, a lot of information which will be updated regularly on our school website [www.otc.school.nz](http://www.otc.school.nz) and daily notices.

I look forward to another successful year – until our next newsletter.

**DG Randell**  
**Principal**

## STAFF 2017

### Welcome Back

Marie Battermann  
Kim Beaton  
Mary-Ann Braddock  
Tracey Bruce  
Kay Farthing  
Keith Macown

### New Staff Teaching

Cheryl Christie	ESOL & English (PT)
Eleanor Clark	English (PT)
Natasha Curd	Social Sciences
Peter Hardman	Mathematics (PT)
Charlotte Hazlitt	Soft Materials
Rhys James	Special Needs Unit
Tony Lawrence	Business Studies / Digital Technology (PT)
Sam Loudon	Business Studies / Digital Technology (PT)
Paula Purser	Supported Learning
Stephanie Townsend	Art
Craig Walker	Assist. HOD Bus. Studies / Dig. Technology
Leo Wilson	HOD Languages (foreign)

### New Staff Support

Debbie Blair	TA Maori Support
Kate Vaalu	PHO Nurse
Karyn Winters	STARS

### Teaching Staff on Leave

Sonya Burggraaf	All year
Maree Cotter	All year
Anna Exelby	All year
David Henderson	All year
David Herring	Mid Term 1 - Term 2
Madeleine Lambert	All year
Charles Leota	Term 3 2017 - Term 3 2018
Lauren May	4 weeks
Anna Nelson	All year
Debbie Rahurahu	All year
Rebekah Roberts (Scrimshaw)	Term 1
Charrissa Taylor	All year
Megan Williams	All year

### Support Staff on Leave

Sabrina Nakamura	Term 2 2017 - Term 2 2018
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### Resignation

Andrea Crawford

Please visit our website for further information at  
[www.otc.school.nz](http://www.otc.school.nz)

## Introducing 2017 Head Students



Stefan Browne



Hayden Christie



Bethany Hay



Gemma Tims



Nicholas Tinholt (BOT Rep)

### Year Level Contacts

<i>Year Level</i>	<i>Deans</i>	<i>SLT</i>	<i>Assembly Day</i>	<i>Colour</i>	<i>Head Student</i>
9	Mrs Burmester & Mr Brown	Mr Feutz	Monday	Purple	Hayden Christie
10	Mrs Whyte & Mr Buxton	Mr Farthing	Tuesday	Red	Stefan Browne
11	Ms Stephen & Mr Williams	Mrs Brown	Friday	Orange	Gemma Tims
12	Mrs Thomas-Chisholm & Mr Mika	Ms Woodward	Thursday	Green	Bethany Hay
13	Mrs Mawer & Mr Rapley	Mr Randell	Wednesday	Blue	Nicholas Tinholt

### Hot of the Press News - Provisional 2016 NCEA Results

National Target: Literacy Level 2 = 96% (85% in 2015) and in Numeracy = 96% (84% in 2015)

#### Year 11 (Students gaining Level 1)

**81% Pass Rate** (84% in 2015)

Most similar Decile schools: 83%

#### NCEA Endorsement of Merit or Excellence

**47%** (46% in 2015)

National Average (equivalent Decile): 42%

#### Year 12 (Students gaining Level 2)

**87% Pass Rate** (89% in 2015)

National Average: 87%

#### Māori Achievement Level 1

**72% Pass Rate** (64% in 2015)

National Average: 73%

#### Year 13 (Students gaining Level 3)

**84% Pass Rate** (78% in 2015)

National Average: 79%

#### Māori Achievement Level 2

**75% Pass Rate** (65% in 2015)

National Average: 80%

#### Year 13 gaining University Entrance

**67% Pass Rate** (62% in 2015)

National Average: 56%

#### Māori Achievement Level 3

**78% Pass Rate** (71% in 2015)

National Average: 70%

### Gaining your driver's licence now part of NCEA

Like last year when students gain their driver's licence they can use it to gain two Level 1 credits and six Level 2 credits. Please see below:

- Obtain a Learner's Class 1 driver licence, NZQF Level 1 (2 credits).
- Obtain a Restricted Class 1 driver licence NZQF Level 2 (4 credits).
- Obtain a Full Class 1 driver licence, NCEA or NZQF Level 2 (2 credits).

For students who choose to register these credits to be used towards NCEA Level 1, this would comprise two (2.5%) out of the 80 required credits. For NCEA Level 2, the driver licensing credits could comprise a maximum of six (10%) out of the required 60 credits.

Once an Otumoetai College student has passed a level on their Graduated Driver Licensing System, they can choose to show their licence (learner, restricted or full) to Carol Wade who will authenticate it and report the credits on behalf of the Transport Agency to NZQA. The credits will then be part of the student's NZQA Record of Achievement. The college will not chase students to gain these credits - the responsibility will rest solely with the student to take the documentation to Mrs Carol Wade.



## 2017 INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

The Otumoetai College PTA has started planning for the 2017 International Food Festival, to be held on Friday 24 March at the College.

If you have first-hand knowledge of a particular cuisine or culture that you would like to share with you local community, the PTA will gladly support you in representing your heritage at the International Food Festival.

We supply all the ingredients and any equipment that you need, as well as any helpers or help that you may require - please do not hesitate to contact Debbie Blair: [blair.family@xtra.co.nz](mailto:blair.family@xtra.co.nz) or 027 245 4939 with any questions.

## ATTENTION ALL YEAR 9 PARENTS / CAREGIVERS - YEAR 9 OPEN NIGHT

**Thursday 23 February 7pm - PAC**

We would like to invite all Year 9 parents and caregivers to an information evening. Spend time with your child's Form Teacher and Year 13 Stars Support Mentors.

## NCEA ASSESSMENT INFORMATION EVENING

**Tuesday 14 February 7pm - PAC**

We would like to invite all Years 11 - 13 parents and caregivers to our NCEA Assessment Information Evening.

## 2016 YEAR 9 & 10 AWARDS

The 2016 Year 9 and 10 Awards took place after the last Contact newsletter was issued. You can access the Awards Recipients lists via the following link: <http://www.otc.school.nz/school-information/our-students/awards-prizegivings>.

## 2017 CONTACT NEWSLETTERS

We will only send out newsletters in the current format during Term 1 this year. After that we will only have a weekly Blog on our website and in the middle of Terms 2, 3 and 4 we will send out a 2-page summary. There will no longer be any advertising.

## STARS PROGRAMME

Stars is in full swing at Otumoetai College! On the 26th of January, Karyn (STARS coordinator) and nearly 200 Year 13s spent the entire day at Totara Springs Christian Camp mastering the programme. Adventure Works came down from Auckland to help teach our future Peer Mentors Adventure Based Learning activities that will take place during Year 9 Camps at Oteora. It was exceedingly hot, but our Peer Mentors had a great time and took the STARS PM Pledge.

As coordinator I joined the Year Form Teachers from Otumoetai in Oteora on the following Friday the 27th. The Year 9 Form teachers are excited to experience Adventure Camp with STARS. Their feedback was amazingly supportive. They are excited to have a well-researched and resourced Peer Support programme in their school.

Three, out of 21, STARS lessons have already taken place. It is great to see different year groups coming together to help each other out. The Year Nines have stated they enjoyed STARS, appreciated the help finding their classes and saying 'hello' in the hallway to our Peer Mentors.

Stars Adventure Camps start on February 20th and we will have 4 Year 9 Form Classes a week! We are going to have a great time solidifying mentor relationships while learning to work as a team. Year 9s have already started to seek advice and help from their mentors. As coordinator I look forward to watching the relationships grow and deepen.

Karyn Winters

STARS Coordinator



## 2017 COLLEGE TIMETABLE

Construction of a secondary school timetable is a very complex process.

It starts in August the previous year when Year 10 -> 12 students have a choice (provided that they meet 'entry' criteria) of the subjects they will study the following year. From the senior student selection, a 'best fit' Years 11 – 13 line structure is created. It is inevitable that some student choices will not fit across either 5 or 6 lines. Six lines for Year 11 and five lines for Years 12 and 13.

There are also a number of other real constraints in establishing a line structure for Years 11 – 13:

- Fitting the junior school structure to the senior structure
- The availability of specialist rooms
- The grouping of like ability students
- A 'range' of subjects on every line for all students
- Class size

In 2017 all of this had to happen so that 2,025 students fit into the teaching programmes of 108 full time staff and 22 part-time staff, all of whom teach a set number of hours as prescribed by their Employment Agreements.

When taking into consideration all of the one term and half year options in Years 9 and 10 and grouping for differing abilities the College offers a total of 234 different specific courses; i.e. we run 14 different Maths courses in the senior school. All of these courses have to fit into 86 rooms. Through good management the College itself has funded six additional rooms over the allocation coded by the government. However, rooming remains a challenge; for example, you can only teach Science in a science laboratory.

Construction of the timetable takes many hours, because the base structure is not computer driven but rather a task sorted using human logic on pen and paper. Once agreed, by the timetable team, it all has to be entered into the College software – KAMAR – before the sorting can begin to minimise student clashes for their desired programmes.

The situation is also compounded when senior students return who may have not achieved or exceeded their expectations and want to change subjects. It is therefore not surprising that in the week before the College begins senior students are called in for a meeting with the Deans.

When some students do not arrive, this necessitates a very full first two days as staff deal with the associated issues. Last weekend the timetable team spent two full days sorting the remaining issues and balancing class numbers across the lines. It is very pleasing to note that as of Tuesday 7 February all students (and staff) have a working timetable, appropriately roomed and that class sizes are all well within reason.

We will have another good year!

## ANTI HARASSMENT AND BULLYING POLICY

### Harassment

Defined as unwanted conduct which is usually linked to the way a person is e.g. race, sex, sexual orientation, disability, opinions, etc. There is normally a physical component to the harassment e.g. touch, intrusion into personal space, damage to possessions, etc. and the victim is normally aware of the harassment as soon as it takes place.

Sexual Harassment can also include making a request for sexual intercourse, or some other form of sexual contact or sexual activity with them where it contains an implied or overt promise of preferential treatment or an implied or overt threat of detrimental treatment.

### Bullying

Bullying is a repetitive attack which causes distress not only at the time of the incident but also by the threat of future attacks. It is characterised by an imbalance of power and can be defined by the negative impact on the person/s being targeted. It can be verbal, physical, social or emotional. It can be done in person by manipulating others to take part, electronic means such as e-mail, text messages or social media.

## LITERACY AT OTUMOETAI COLLEGE IN 2017

Literacy remains a key focus. At all levels the College staff will be working to grow the capacity of students' ability to read and write. It is without question that the greater the capacity of all students the easier the life will be. The College will continue working with Ian Hunter who will assist staff with the structuring of question techniques and with students mastering his approach to "Write that Essay".

In Year 9 the three Literacy classes will each engage with a 'different' approach which will be evaluated towards the end of the year to establish a way forward in 2018. The three trial programmes are:

1. **Fast ForWord:** this online programme accelerates an individual's ability to deal with increasingly complex information by strengthening learning pathways in the brain. As a result of commitment to this 'brain training', students are able to process information faster, pay closer attention to their studies, and remember more of what they are taught. Fast ForWord not only improves reading and language skills, but also the cognitive skills of memory, attention, processing, and sequencing that are key to learning. Each student is assigned to an appropriate and adaptive learning pathway, with teachers being able to respond to student's strengths and weaknesses.
2. **AVAILL:** this short term visual programme is primarily designed to engage reluctant and underachieving readers. Standing for Audio Visual Achievement in Literacy, Language and Learning, this course is not a replacement for traditional literacy programmes, but instead, interweaves explicit literacy activities into a programme alongside engagement with subtitled films, leading to students encountering extracts from novels to entice reading. Given the impact of technology on student's lives, AVAILL harnesses visual stimuli to boost engagement levels, and comprehension / vocabulary skills.
3. **Craft of the Writer Course:** from the creators of Write that Essay Online, this blended programme provides traditional lessons, complemented with interactive online materials to engage students in writing, and help them develop practical, effective written skills. Lesson content includes: analysing unfamiliar text, forming opinions, writing in different styles, producing effective paragraphs, and utilising effective evidence, within a positive, writing-focused learning environment.

As parents if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the College's Learning Centre.

## INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Congratulations to the International Students who sat NZQA Externals in 2016.

At the end of 2016 thirty International Students in Levels 1, 2 and 3 sat their NZQA external exams. The International Department would like to commend them for their efforts. Four Level 3 students did particularly well; Pintian (Tian) Cui, Tzu-Yin (Zing) Kao, Finja Koehn and Tong (Phoebe) Zhang received not only subject endorsements, but also had their Level 3 certificates endorsed, two with Excellence and two with Merit. These were very well deserved results for students who gave their all. In total from Level 1 to Level 3 there were 25 individual subject endorsements, 19 Merits and 6 Excellences.

The International Department is very proud of the achievements of all the students who sat these exams.

Welcome to the New International Students!

On Wednesday 1st February our new International Students had an orientation day both in and out of College. It started with the official Powhiri welcoming them to College. They had a tour around the College and then went out for the day with Learning Journeys. They spent time downtown and then visited the Mount. After conquering the climb up Mauao they ate their lunch at the top taking in the beautiful views. Before returning to College they had a swim at the Hot Pools. It was a busy day out giving the new students time to meet one another and to have a look about our beautiful area.





## IMPORTANT REMINDERS / INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS & PARENTS

### Bikes

The bike enclosure is located down the drive of Gate 1 by the Technology Block. We believe this is a safer part of the school for cyclists and more secure in terms of a new compound. Pupils must exercise care in crossing the road to the entrance and they have to dismount to negotiate passing students. 'Bikes must be "walked" in the school grounds; i.e. no riding.

### Cell Phones / Electronic Equipment

Cell phones and electronic equipment (e.g. iPods, gaming devices) must be switched off during times of formal instruction (e.g. class time, assemblies). **However** cellphones may be used in class only when they are required to be used (under Teacher instruction) for **curriculum delivery**. Personal texts/calls are prohibited during class time. Failure to comply will result in the device being confiscated. Confiscated cell phones/equipment will be securely locked away and will only be available from the Principal after school on a Friday. Those 'items' confiscated on a Thursday afternoon or Friday will be held until the following Friday. Two or more confiscations – either parents to collect or the item is held until the end of term.

If students choose to bring cellphones/electronic equipment to college they do so on the understanding that the security of the phone and electronic equipment is the student's responsibility.

### Course Outlines

2017 Course Outlines / Statements will be available on our Website on the Subject Selection page by the end of Term 1.

### Lateness

Parents are reminded their students should be in the grounds by 8:40am and in Period 1 Class by 8:45am in the mornings. Parents running late is not an acceptable excuse for pupil lateness. Staff will be on duty at 8:30am checking all students who enter after this time. 'Work Parties' will be issued for lateness.

### Lunch Passes

In order to minimise the movement of students out of the school grounds we do not issue lunch passes unless it is absolutely essential a student goes home for lunch. Students requesting a lunch pass must bring a letter, signed by a parent, stating the reason why a lunch pass is needed. This letter is to be handed to Mrs Woodward, Deputy Principal i.e. NO student except Year 13 on Mon/Wed/Fri lunch should be out of school at lunchtime (they must present their ID). This exception is not until week 5.

### Dropping off Students

Parents are asked to note the following points regarding traffic movements.

The bay right outside the school is marked as a drop-off zone. The buses use the far (southern) end and parents dropping students are asked to stop as far along as possible to let others in behind. **Please do not drop off students in the main school car parking areas e.g. outside Admin area – DO NOT enter the car park area – especially after school.** Parents dropping off or picking up students are asked to enter the College via Gate 2 (Main Entrance) and proceed along the driveway to the car park area in front of the Art/Tech. Block. Then exit via Gate 1. **Gate 1 entry is restricted to staff and trades vehicles.**

### Parking

Students are NOT to park in the carpark area designated for members of the public using the Otumoetai Tennis Courts, swimming pool or play centre. Respect this area i.e. appropriate behaviour from all is expected.

### Return of School Property

If you still have, for example, a sports uniform, sports gear, text book, library book, departmental resources that belongs to the school please return this to the office as soon as possible. Accounts are about to be sent out and students will not be issued with new 2017 text books until the 2016 books are returned.

### Road Crossing

Road Safety is of major concern. We have provided some off-road parking, provided space for drop-off of students and provided a bike stand area, but we are still dependent on everyone behaving sensibly on the roads around the school.

*- Please keep your speed down - Follow the signs - Obey the rules - Keep a sharp lookout*

### Second-Hand Uniform Shop

Uniform Sales - each Wednesday 1:45-2:30 pm (lunchtime) at the Uniform Shop in the Admin Building. This is during Term Time only or by Special Appointment. If you have a second-hand uniform that you no longer require our Uniform Shop is happy to sell on-behalf for a small fee. Proceeds from the sale of your second-hand uniform can be made to offset student accounts or be banked to your nominated bank account. If you wish to make use of this service, you will need to tag each garment with your name and contact phone number. You will also need to supply a 'list' of all garments you are selling, with your contact details and bank account number.

### School Athletics

Our school Athletics this year will be held on Tuesday 21st February at the Tauranga Domain for participants only. All other students attend school as normal. An inter-form relay will be held Period 5 on Wednesday 1st March (2:00-3:15pm) for all students (students to use their year colour). Parents are welcome to attend.

### College Swimming Sports

The College Swimming Sports will be held this year in March (date to be confirmed), in the Otumoetai pool. Parents can attend.

### Work Day Tuesday 7th March

Students either 'work for the day' and make a financial contribution to the College or attend school (more details to follow). This year students will be raising funds to support various projects: Dress uniforms (i.e. Blazers) for travel, support new STAR programme (Year 9s mentored by Year 13s) and subsidising a new covered all weather outdoor Sports / PE area. These ideas came from the students so we need all to support this venture.

### Year 9 Camps

During Term 1 all Year 9 Form Classes will be involved in the College's Outdoor Education programme. The camps will occur at Oteora, the College's Outdoor Education facility at Whakamarama. Each class will be away for one night, departing the College at approx. 9am and returning at 3pm the following day. The camps will begin on Monday 20th February. Information pertaining to your son's/daughter's camp will be issued in the near future.

### Update Your Details

In 2017 we will continue to increase our use of email and text messages to parents in order to follow up on students' unexplained absences and distribution of the school newsletter, Contact. If your contact details have changed recently please contact the School Office on 07 576-2316 so that we can update our records or email to [dbadmin@otc.school.nz](mailto:dbadmin@otc.school.nz).

### School Photos

Class photos will be taken on Thursday 16th February. They will be able to be purchased from school at a cost to be confirmed. ID photos will be taken on Wednesday 15th February. These are given to the students to enable them to take out library books. They also enable students to get discount on buses, at the movies and at some retailers. If students lose their ID cards they will need to pay \$10 for a replacement.

### Uniform

We are very pleased with how students are wearing their uniforms. We remind parents/caregivers and students about some optional items and uniform regulations. Before buying uniform check out our regulations i.e. plain black shoes. Please download our Uniform Code from our website which can be found at [www.otc.school.nz](http://www.otc.school.nz)





# 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).

Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre has provided farm training for young people for almost 100 years. From its initial base in Masterton, the organisation now has nine regional hubs from Northland to Southland. We now train about 1500 youth and adult learners each year.

In the Tauranga area, we are looking for farmers who will welcome a group of our trainees to their farms for a few hours practical skills training each week. The students, enrolled in year 12 at local schools, are doing agriculture programmes two days a week. Each group has up to 10 students and 1 tutor. We will focus on core skills of animal handling, fencing, farm safety and water supply.

If you are keen to help these students gain a positive learning experience in the rural sector or if you know of someone who would be interested in being a great rural role model, please contact one of us and we will arrange a visit to discuss the options.

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## Need help with Maths, Physics, Chemistry and/or Science?

Tutoring is available from Alex Whimster,  
who is a registered (STC) teacher,  
at \$35 per hour (excluding transport).

Enquiries welcome  
Telephone 5765039  
or 0274086480  
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## AA DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE OFFER: \$160.00

Includes AA booklet, 4 x 2 hr classroom sessions + 1 hr in car coaching session in your car (+ \$15 in tutor's car)

### \*\*Restricted Drivers ONLY\*\*

Course Dates + Times: 3.30 - 5.30pm Venue: OTC room K10

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Contact Jon Jenner for further info  
and booking



[jmj28feb@gmail.com](mailto:jmj28feb@gmail.com)  
0272 067633

## WORK DAY - TUESDAY 7TH MARCH

WORK DAY is Otumoetai College's key fundraiser. Work Day is one way students can contribute to the school and the wider community.

Past Work Day money has provided shade cloth, drinking fountains on the field, sports equipment and uniforms, the outdoor stage and sound system, books for the Library, the grandstand, outdoor tables, landscaping, chairs and umbrellas, sound and lighting in the PAC, contributed to the purchase of a new van.

**All students are expected to participate. Students either contribute to Work Day or attend school.** Modified classes will run at school for students who do not wish to participate in Work Day, but the Form Teachers need to be informed of this in the weeks preceding Work Day so the appropriate planning can take place. If a student chooses to come to school they are to wear school uniform. If students are sick parents must notify the school following the usual procedure.

Students are able to work prior to the scheduled day i.e. weekend or after school work e.g. babysitting. They can donate their earnings, in which case they do not need to come to school on Work Day.

As a guideline we encourage students to aim to contribute at least \$20 for juniors and \$25-\$30 for seniors. As a guideline, Work Day for students consists of at least 3 hours work. If the work is longer, then we would expect the pay to be proportionately more. Work arranged by students and their family are not to include anything that endangers the students safety. **Under OSH guidelines they are not to be employed in any of the following activities:** spraying, handling hazardous substances, working at height, construction work, excavation work or operating machinery.

No student should be able to say – "I could not get a job".

In the past we have helped about 100 students find work. Members of the public phone in with job requests, which are screened to ensure student safety, then placed up on a Jobs Board. If a student is struggling to find work they need to watch the notices for details of the "Jobs Board". **The Jobs Board operates each interval and lunchtime at least a week before the event.** Once a job is selected off the board the student and their family are responsible for contacting the member of the community directly to discuss the parameters around the work. For example: the type of work, the equipment needed or provided for safety, the hours worked, the rate of pay and the transport arrangements. The students are issued with a procedure sheet of what questions to ask the employer when they make contact. If they are not happy with the job, they are to bring the employer details back to the office and inform the office of their concern. This will be followed up by the office and the job may be removed from the Job Board.

We do not expect parents to pay the school so their children can have a day off. As well as being a service to the community Work Day is a school fundraiser **NOT an additional charge placed on parents.** The responsibility to participate rests fully with the students who are part of this community. We do not accept students saying their parents cannot afford to pay!

**Where possible, students who are absent or sick on Work Day are encouraged to find a job later and contribute in the weeks following Work Day. This includes any Year 9 students at camp or any students away for sport. This is not demanded though.**

International and Exchange students are exempt. They are expected to contribute to the International Food Festival.

There are prizes for:

- The first three form classes, with all student payments made.
- The two form classes (one must be junior) with highest average payment.

### Guidelines for Members of the Community Employing Students

- Work Day is Otumoetai College's key fund raiser and one way students can contribute to the school and wider community.
- As a guideline we ask students to work for at least 3 hours and we encourage students to contribute to the school at least \$20-\$25 for juniors and \$25-\$30 for seniors. If you are employing students for longer than 3 hours then the expectation is they will be paid proportionately more.
- **Work students are not to be involved in include:**
  - Spraying
  - Handling hazardous substances
  - Work at a height
  - Construction work
  - Excavation work
  - Operation of machinery
- It is advisable to supervise or be present when students are employed by you to ensure their safety and that they are clear with your requests. Please be specific in terms of clothing and footwear requirements so as to meet OSH standards.
- Students may work at a time convenient to you and the student (outside of school hours) if that is more suitable for you e.g. babysitting in the evening, or a weekend job.
- Please ring or email the school office by 27 February if you have work for students on Work Day.



**OTUMOETAI COLLEGE**



# **WORKDAY 2017**

**TUESDAY 7 MARCH**



Strong, willing students are available to do odd jobs:

- ◆ gardening
- ◆ car-cleaning
- ◆ painting
- ◆ lawn mowing,
- ◆ window-cleaning
- ◆ ... and more



Please telephone:

**576 2316**

Or Email: [workday@otc.school.nz](mailto:workday@otc.school.nz)  
by 27 February

Funds raised will be used for:

*"Our new covered outdoor sports area, dress uniforms and the STARS mentoring programme."*

## SPORTS NEWS

### HOW SPORT HAPPENS AT OTUMOETAI COLLEGE

**VISION:** To create a successful sporting environment at Otumoetai College which encourages student participation, achievement and enjoyment.

#### KEY FOCUS:

**PARTICIPATION:** To maximise student participation in sporting activities.

**EXCELLENCE:** Support and recognise excellence in sporting activities

**COACH DEVELOPMENT:** Assist Coaches to deliver the best possible coaching programmes

#### STAFF

Paul Braddock (Director of Sport and Facility Manager), Abbie Johnston (Sports Administrator), Chris Matheson (Administrator) and Debbie McBride (Uniform Coordinator). We are all based in the Sports Office upstairs in the Action Centre and have a very good local knowledge and network base among our community. We are passionate about getting students active and in meaningful activity, whether it be as an individual or in a team.

Sport can be a vital part of life for students at Otumoetai College. We rely heavily on the contribution of parents and community volunteers to make it happen and are proud of our volunteer model. Having passionate talented people as leaders of our student sport activity ensures all the right values are passed onto our students. We are always keen to hear from anyone who wishes to help out in sport. It is our role to assist and support our sporting volunteers so they can focus on the teams to make the best out of our students and sport as they can. This may only be a small time commitment but may make the difference in sports being offered to students.

We have an open door policy and enjoy contact with students and parents. We encourage students to come and see us and keep in touch with what we have to offer. Our office is open every school day and we are easily contactable.

Regular newspaper articles keep our community reminded of the activity achieved by our students. We are very reliant on participants, coaches and managers getting information back to the Sports Office for this to happen. Please always feel free to contact us at any time for any news.

Fundraising opportunities are coordinated by Chris

Matheson through the Sports Office. These can assist with the associated costs of sports and sporting trips/events.

#### Sports Office

**Location:** Upstairs in the action centre

**Phone:** 576 1390

**E-mail:** [sport@otc.school.nz](mailto:sport@otc.school.nz)

#### PARENTS

In this day and age of less teacher involvement in extracurricular activity we NEED YOU. Love the game, want to pass on your skills but are concerned about the time load. It is our role to make it easier for you. We will help you to focus on coaching without all the paperwork and off the field or court dramas. Give us a call and make a difference to our Sports teams and activity.

Contact Paul or Abbie for a chat 576 1390 or [pbraddock@otc.school.nz](mailto:pbraddock@otc.school.nz), [ajohnston@otc.school.nz](mailto:ajohnston@otc.school.nz)

#### TRANSITION SUMMER/WINTER SPORTS

Otumoetai College supports the heritage of summer sport priority to Terms 1 & 4 and Winter Sport priority to Terms 3 & 4. While activity between this transition gets blurred it is agreed that ALL COACHES and ADMINISTRATORS are urged to communicate, at all appropriate times, with all those involved so that conflict within the different sporting codes can be avoided for our athletes. The Sports Office staff will be individually managing the athletes' transition between seasons. The different term times for this year will mean that winter activity will commence early in Term One and likewise summer activity will commence in Term Three. If any parents need any advice or require clarification of any coaching programmes, please contact Paul Braddock or Abbie Johnston in the Sports Office.

**ATHLETIC SPORTS:** Tuesday 21st February 2017

**SWIMMING SPORTS:** March 2017 (date tbc)

#### PASSIONATE ABOUT COACHING - WE WANT YOU!

Give us a call 07 576 1390 or e-mail [sport@otc.school.nz](mailto:sport@otc.school.nz)

**Get yourself involved now – Come and ask for more information on any sports you may be interested in.**



## SPORTS NEWS

### COLLEGE ROWING OPEN DAY

#### **EVER WANTED TO JUST HAVE A GO- NOW IS YOUR CHANCE**

After a fantastic club rowing season and a beautiful weekend at Karapiro last weekend its back to school and into the school rowing season.

To start of the year Otumoetai College Rowing Parents Committee would like to invite all **college students** to come and have a go at rowing, no pressure or commitment required just come and try it out.

**WHEN: Sunday 12th February 2017 10am-12noon**

**WHERE: BOP Coast Rowing Club, Wairoa Road, Bethlehem (at the end of the road turn left towards the river by the shelter belt)**

**BRING: Water bottle and suitable clothing e.g. if it's hot shorts, t-shirt and hat, if it's cold a thermal top**

Are you the next Mahe Drysdale, Hamish Bond, Eric Murray, Georgina or Caroline Evers-Swindell? Come and have a row and see!

Any questions please contact Carolyn via email [crawfordsmith@xtra.co.nz](mailto:crawfordsmith@xtra.co.nz) or phone 021919474



Getting on the water at Wairoa River



OATS students having a go at the Rowing Performance Centre 2017



Lake Karapiro Start Line  
Cambridge Town Cup 2017



Bronze winners  
Maadi 2015

### OTUMOETAI COLLEGE RUGBY COACHES WANTED

Rugby coaching opportunity



Under 14s (ages 12-13yrs) 2 Coaches required

2<sup>nd</sup> XV (ages 15 – 18 yrs) 2 Coaches required

1<sup>st</sup> XV (ages 15 – 18 yrs) 2 Coaches required

All positions are volunteer coaching. There is no remuneration or financial assistance.

Coaching positions start during Term 1 of 2017. Dates to be advised.

We are seeking experienced and motivated local rugby coaches for 2017.

If you would like to coach Rugby at Otumoetai College in 2017 please contact

Paul Braddock on 0295762317 or 075765675

Email [pbraddock@otc.school.nz](mailto:pbraddock@otc.school.nz)

or

Jamie Davis on 027 229 1562

Email [jdavis@otc.school.nz](mailto:jdavis@otc.school.nz)



All coaches will be well supported.

The College has good systems in place to deal with administration and student management. We are well resourced and have access to a wide range of training equipment.



## OTUMOETAI COLLEGE ROWING "HAVE A GO" DAY

**WHEN**  
**SUNDAY**  
**12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
**2017 at 10.30am -**  
**12.30pm**

**WHERE**  
**Bay Coast Rowing**  
**Club, Wairoa River**

369 Wairoa Rd (end of Wairoa Road, turn left towards river down gravel road)

**Come and have a go and see if**  
**rowing is the sport for you**  
**Parents Welcome**

For more info: "Rowing at Otumoetai" Facebook page

**WHO:**  
**YEARS**  
**9-12**

### **WHY YOU SHOULD ROW**

- Fun & Challenging
- Great team
- Excellent Fitness training
- Great Competitions - test yourself against the country's best at great facilities
- Learn great life skills e.g. time management, discipline and goal setting

**BRING YOUR  
MATES AND  
COME FOR A  
ROW!!!!**

## Tennis Coaching with Rod

**Otumoetai College Courts**  
**Starts Wed 15th Feb 5/6pm**  
**and Sun 19th Feb 10/11am**

**For beginners and**  
**intermediate players**

**For details see:**  
**[www.tenniscoach.net.nz](http://www.tenniscoach.net.nz)**  
**or Ph: 027 636 5300**  
**[rod@tenniscoach.net.nz](mailto:rod@tenniscoach.net.nz)**

## PTA NEWS

I'd like to welcome everyone to the exciting 2017 PTA year. We have another eventful year ahead of us. Two highlights this year are the Annual International Food Festival on Friday 24th March from 5:30pm - 8:00pm and Quiz Night (held bi-annually) on Friday 25th August.

We are saying goodbye to some wonderful parent volunteers this year whose children have finished their school days at Otumoetai College and are now going on to further their careers. Special thanks to Julia Palmer-Hofland - now a member of the BOT. We wish both the students and their parents all the very best for the future.

There is no way around this..... we need your support and help to make these events succeed. Please mark your calendars and diaries and if you are able to help please fill in the form at the bottom of the flyer and send it in to the main office.

The first PTA meeting is on Wednesday 15th February at 7:30pm in the Staffroom. All parents are welcome; this is a great opportunity to hear all the happenings at your school and to support our College in a very friendly environment. Catherine Browne, Chairperson, Otumoetai College PTA.

### **What We Do 'Embracing the Spirit of our Community'**

Time to meet the Principal, Senior Management team members and other parents of College students in a friendly and open environment.

### **Meeting Dates**

Meet on the third Wednesday of month (not during school holidays) at 7.30pm in the College Staffroom. Sub-committees of various activities meet at times given at meeting.

### **Meeting**

Business is conducted in a semi-formal format with a report on activities, Principal's report on what's happening in the school and sub-committee report i.e. Bookarama (held biannually), Food Festival, Quiz Night etc. Throughout the year details of such activities are given out and at a later date these activities reviewed (see Calendar).

### **Uniform Sale**

Members assist in the February sales. All help is appreciated.

### **AGM**

To be held on Wednesday 15th March at 7pm followed by a general meeting at 7:30pm – Election of Officers i.e. Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and committee on a voluntary basis (no pressure – your presence is what counts – everything that you do is valued).

### **International Food Festival**

On Friday 24th March this year, the PTA in conjunction with the College run an International Food Festival evening. This is a fun event for the whole community held in the grounds of the College (main courtyard).

Approx. 20 different types of meals are served representing up to 15 different countries. The International Exchange students to the College and overseas fee-paying students contribute to this function. The organising committee consists of a coordinator and a sub-committee of the PTA members.

The committee approaches business for funding and donations, liaises with the school's International Department; obtains volunteers for cooking and organisation and all the required equipment for the night. All entertainment on the night is provided by the

talented students of the school. The evening attracts approx. 3000 visitors and the PTA earns approx. \$4000 for the school.

### **Pot Luck Dinner**

Usually a mid-year and end of year dinner (with spouses) at 'someone's home'. The first one is scheduled for Sunday 28th May at 6pm.

### **Quiz Night**

This will be held on Friday 25th August. This is a fun evening. We will need assistance in gaining 'prizes', setting out tables and general help.

### **Combined Meeting**

On Wednesday 17th May at 7:30pm Board members, Executive, Senior Management and PTA gather at the May meeting where over dessert topics relevant to today's youth are discussed.

### **Report Evenings / Supper**

There are 5 report evenings during the year. The PTA roster on parents who serve a cup of tea to the teachers attending the report evening (approx. 5 – 5.30pm).

Also, serve a cup of tea etc. to:

- Year 9 Parent Evening
- Year 8 Orientation Evening
- Creative Arts Awards Evening
- Senior Prize Giving Evening (one hour of help is given).

### **Staff Scholarship Fund**

The PTA donates \$2,000 annually to the College to support selected teachers with additional Professional Development. The Chair of the PTA is on the selection panel.

### **Principal's Endowment Fund**

The PTA donates \$1,000 to this fund that the Principal uses at his discretion to help 'students in genuine financial difficulty'.

*Come along to our PTA meetings, we would love to see you.*



## YEAR 10 WIDER HORIZONS 2016 - CREATIVE COOKING

At the end of last year during the Year 10 Wider Horizons week the Creative Cooking group created these beautiful Gingerbread Houses.



With the school year starting, Rotary offers the prospect for eligible 16 and 17 1/2 year olds to experience a year overseas as a Rotary Exchange Student with their exchange year commencing in January 2018. Limited spaces are available for the exchange year January 2018 to January 2019.

**District Selection Day for Rotary Youth Exchange is 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

**Applications closing day is the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.**

An application form and additional information about Youth Exchange may be obtained from

<http://www.rotary9930.org/Page/youth-rye>.

The students' exchange uniforms are provided through the generosity of a generous grant from the

**Vic Davis Memorial Trust.**

Information seminars will be held in **Tauranga on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

If you have any queries, wish to attend one of our information seminars or require any assistance, then please use the contact details below, or contact any member of the Rotary Youth Exchange committee.

**Jerry Cowper**

District Chairman

[cbas@actrix.co.nz](mailto:cbas@actrix.co.nz)

07 576 9150



## Bay Physiotherapy

@ Otumoetai College



Your Physio is  
Deb Glen Vile

Available at the school for your  
convenience

See the Wellness Centre for appointment  
request forms or phone 5779798

Twisted ankle? Out of plaster? Pulled muscle?  
Sore shoulder? Injured Back?

Your School Physiotherapist can help you

Your first appointment is free No referral necessary

☎ 5779798

www.bayphysiotherapy.co.nz

Email: enquiries@bayphysiotherapy.co.nz



Scan with Finda App

## Free on-site Dental Care

The Mobile Dental Unit is open at the College in Term 1 and Term 4.

If you have students who are under 18 and are not attending a local Dentist you can enrol them for free yearly dental care. Please ask your student to call at the Dental Unit or the Health & Wellness Centre for an Enrolment form or you can phone or text for a form to be posted out to you.

Year 9 New Enrolments will be seen as soon as possible.

If students require treatment for relief of pain and are enrolled with our service, they will be prioritised.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to phone or text the Dental Team. We are here to help you. Our phone number is **027 807 2038**.

Let's work together to ensure our Adolescents have excellent oral health as they move into Adulthood.



## Wellness Centre

The Wellness Centre is a purpose built area with four beds and offices staffed by two Nurses. Students need to come to the Wellness Centre with Staff's permission. We will then contact Parents/Caregivers if the Student is unwell and needs to go home. This is preferable to Students texting Parents/Caregivers as the Nurses will still need to make contact with the Parent/Caregivers before the Student will be signed out of school.

Marie is the School Nurse and Tricia is the Student Health Nurse specialising in Adolescent Health. Please feel free to contact either of us with any concerns at anytime.

### ATTENTION

It is important that the Wellness Centre has an updated list of any illness/allergies and medications pertaining to Students that we need to be aware of. Please contact Marie or Tricia at the Wellness Centre ASAP with this information. Thanks.

## 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 part time and one full 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.

## TEENTOOLS



### 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.



**Are you bored with making your lunch?**  
**Come and enjoy the AWESOME tasty**  
**food that we make at the canteen!**  
***A delight to your taste buds!!***



## **Otumoetai College Canteen Menu 2017**

### **Cabinet Food**

Fruit cups	\$2.00
Home baking	\$2.00
Slices	\$2.50
Chicken Teriyaki on Rice	\$2.50
Rolls	\$3.00
Sandwiches	\$3.00
Wraps	\$3.50
Croissants	\$3.50
Sushi	\$4.00

### **Hot Food**

Hot Chocolate	\$1.00
Garlic bread	\$1.00
Sausage Rolls	\$2.50
Pies	\$2.50
Noodles	\$2.50
Hotdogs	\$2.50
Double Happys	\$3.00
Mac and Cheese	\$3.50
Pasta Bolognese	\$3.50
Spinach and Feta Rolls	\$3.50
Butter Chicken and Rice	\$4.00

### **Lunch Specials**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Chicken nuggets</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wedges</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Chicken nuggets</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Wedges</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Chicken Burgers</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>

### **Drinks**

Golden circle	\$2.00
Fast Starts	\$2.00
H2go	\$2.50
Aloe	\$3.20
Small Primo 350ml	\$3.00
Large Primo 600ml	\$4.00
Gatorade	\$4.00
Fresh up	\$4.00

### **Snacks**

Liquorice Logs	\$1.20
Corn chips	\$1.50
Pop Corn	\$1.50
Doritos	\$2.00

### **Ice Blocks & Ice Creams**

Juicies	\$1.00
Moosies	\$1.50
Icy twist	\$1.50
Paddle pops	\$2.00
Cyclones	\$2.20
Popsicle Slushy	\$3.00
Choc Bar	\$3.00
Magnum	\$4.00

Prices and menu subject to change.



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e.office@otc.school.nz

## 2017 Important Dates

14 Feb	NCEA Assessment Information Evening - 7pm - PAC
15 Feb	ID Photos
16 Feb	Class Photos
20 Feb	3000m Run - 11:30am - School Field
20 Feb	Year 9 Camps start
21 Feb	Athletics Day - Tauranga Domain
22 Feb	Athletics Back-up Day - Tauranga Domain
23 Feb	Year 9 Parents Evening - 7pm - PAC
24 Feb	Special Olympics - Swimming
24 Feb	Robotics Teams Nationals
1 March	Schoolwide Relay Athletics - 2 to 3:15pm - School Field
7 March	Work Day

## 2017 Term Dates

Term 1	Tuesday 31 January - Thursday 13 April
Term 2	Monday 1 May - Friday 7 July
Term 3	Monday 24 July - Friday 29 September
Term 4	Monday 16 October - Friday 8 December

## 2017 Teacher Only Days

Friday 19 May, Friday 18 August  
Monday 11 December, Tuesday 12 December

## 2017 Other Holidays

Friday 14 April	Good Friday
Monday 5 June	Queens Birthday
Friday 8 September	Mid Term Break
Monday 23 October	Labour Day

*Please note: the above dates are subject to change*

### 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.  
Please ring 5762316 ext 760

### REPORT AFTERNOONS / EVENINGS 3:30-6:30PM School closes 3:05pm

**Juniors Years 9 & 10**  
Thursday 6 April and  
Monday 10 April

**Seniors Years 11, 12 & 13**  
Tuesday 2 May and  
Wednesday 10 May  
**Senior Grade Report Afternoon (3:30-6PM)**  
Wednesday 26 July Term 3 Week 1

We welcome all students and parents to attend the 'report back' evenings in the Performing Arts Centre / A Block (entrance via the courtyard of the Administration building). We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

### REPORT (E-MAILED HOME) ISSUE DATES:

#### JUNIORS: Years 9 and 10

Thursday 23 March (Interim) Term 1 Week 8  
Friday 16 June Term 2 Week 7  
Thursday 7 September Term 3 Week 7  
Thursday 7 December Term 4 Week 8

#### SENIORS: Years 11, 12 & 13

Thursday 23 March (Interim) Year 11 only  
Tuesday 4 July (Interim) Term 2 Week 10  
Friday 29 September Term 3 Week 10  
Friday 27 October Term 4 Week 2

### 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

### EXAMINATION DATES:

#### JUNIORS: Years 9 and 10

TERM 4 WEEK 6  
Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 November  
NB: Wednesday 22 November = Catchup day for students who missed Mon/Tues exams.  
All other students to stay home on this day.

#### SENIORS: Years 11, 12 & 13

TERM 2 WEEK 8 (Internal)  
TERM 3 WEEK 9 (Internal)  
**TERM 4 THUR. 9 NOV. - FRI. 1 DEC.**  
**NCEA / SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

*Above events dates / times are subject to change*

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