



Message from the Principal

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

Welcome to the third edition of Contact for 2017. This is our final newsletter in this current format. From Term 2 onward we will only have a weekly Blog on our web-site and every term we will send out a 2-page summary newsletter. There will no longer be any advertising.

It is great to see that parents are responding to our e-mails and going on to our Kamar portal for parents, which is, of course, only there to help. We also have the electronic register for making appointments for report evenings. Again this year, we are running these evenings together i.e. Years 9 and 10 will run until 6.30pm and will have their report evenings this term.

The Seniors will have their evenings next term and they will run until 7.00pm. More information about these nights will follow. All you will need to do is go on-line and book an appointment with the appropriate teachers. For the Junior evenings, most teachers have one full night and an hour and a half, at least, for a second night. This way we endeavour to try and make sure all parents have the opportunity to meet with the teacher concerned. Please be aware that some staff may not be available for both nights, as we also have several field trips away and the Year 10 Great Barrier Trip during these times. I strongly advise that you bring your youngster along. It is good for them to be with you, so together we can plan the best way to approach any issue that there may be. Do not forget, on the day of report evenings, school will finish at 3.05pm. This gives the teachers a short break before their appointments commence at 3.30pm and we endeavour to finish, if we can, by 6.30pm for Juniors and 7.00pm for Seniors. In preparation for the report evenings, interim reports for Years 9, 10 and 11 were e-mailed two weeks ago.

This year's Workday has been a tremendous success and to date we have collected over \$32,000. There were also students who decided to stay at school and

paint the grandstand or helped out in the Library or gardened. To all, thank you very much. Thank you to the public for your support and we look forward to spending this money on the students' needs as have been requested.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have celebrated success with the cricketers, the rowers in the North Island competition, the volleyballers (congratulations to the Senior A Girls' winning the BOP Championship for the 5th year in a row) – 7 teams going to the Nationals and Athletics at the Bay of Plenty / Waikato Champs and the schools successful swimming sports. This is to name just a few of the sports events and it is always a pleasure to see our young people in action, and then being able to congratulate them.

Last week we had 'Shave for a Cure', Summer Sports Tournament Week and an "Attitude" presentation.

Once again the International Food Festival was a tremendous success, my sincere thanks to the PTA – a very dedicated group of supportive parents. Do not forget, if you are able to come along to any of the PTA meetings, they are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We would love to see you. My sincere thanks also to Ricky Feutz, one of our Deputy Principals, who represents our staff on the PTA and to Tim Plank, our Property Manager and Margaret Waaka, who worked tirelessly with our International Students – thank you for all that you did for this event. My thanks also to the International Students and Student Exec whose assistance is also appreciated.

Another exciting event planned for next term for the Seniors is the School Ball, which is on Saturday 20 May. A reminder that the Friday prior to the Ball is always a Teacher Only Day. We do this to support the youngsters in their preparation for the Ball. When you have over 500 young people wanting to hire suits, go to the

Above 2017 Student Leaders from left: Nicholas Tinholt (BoT Rep.), Head Students: Gemma Tims, Hayden Christie, Bethany Hay and Stefan Browne

hairdressers, etc., it is basically an absentee day, so we make the best of this time and use it for Staff Professional Learning.

My thanks to Tony Gadsbey for organising the Great Barrier Trip. This is the fourth year we have been holding this trip. Thirty students left just over three weeks ago and last week the second group went over. This is yet another outdoor experience that the school offers.

Shortly, eight students will set off on our Montreal (Canada) exchange, another group studying Physics are off to Europe and the Mexico House Builders are very shortly also on their way. I trust all will have a safe and enjoyable trip.

Winter is about to be upon us and our regulations for uniforms change in Term 2. Students may wear the long black regulation pants. Once again, I would like to emphasise the words long, black and regulation. These are not jeans, tights, cargo pants or tracksuits, they are dress pants – with a crease. We will also not accept incorrect jackets or jerseys. This has been a rule for many years, so please do not write in and ask for your child to be excused and be allowed to wear the wrong jacket. The school has a regulation waterproof jacket. It is waterproof, windproof, and is actually cheaper than the previous jacket that we have had in the school. Students may, on a wet day, wear a plain black jacket to and from school and in between classes, but we ask that they are not worn at any other stage. We have a uniform and we are proud of it. All our school uniform items have a school crest, so in summary, unless it is a crested uniform, it is not permitted to be worn. I do this because I want to see pride and belief in our young people, so when they are out in the community they can be identified as one of our smart, young students. Stockists of our uniform can be found on our website.

We continue to enforce punctuality in our school – arriving to class on time, stay in class and focussing on our academic studies. This underlines the whole ethos of the “Otumoetai Way” with our revised values:

- Strive for excellence
- Working together
- Respect one and all
- Standing strong

Last week we farewelled, until the end of Term 3, Da-

vid Herring who is on Study Leave to Argentina and we farewell the Kirkbys (Alan and Sue) who between them have been associated with the College for over 40 years. We wish them both all the very best in their retirement in Raglan.

Reminders for Term 2, we have a Teacher Only Day on Friday 19 May, two Senior Report evenings and Exam Week commencing Monday 19 June.

In the holidays, take time out, enjoy spending time with your family and we look forward to catching up with you all early next term.

And finally, seventeen years ago I was delighted and very honoured to be appointed Principal of Otumoetai College. Now, after thirty years as a Principal and after much debate and deep thought, it is time to consider moving on to retirement.

Therefore with a deep heart and an element of reluctance, I tendered my resignation from the position of Principal of Otumoetai College to the Board of Trustees, as at the end of the 2017 academic year. Otumoetai College has been a school that has been one of challenge, of opportunities and above all, one of success. I have enjoyed my time here immensely. I have thrived on the friendship and openness of our students and above all I have enjoyed very strong collegial support of the staff, parents and the Board.

On a personal note, I would like to thank each and every member of the Board for your never ending support of my role as Principal. To you all, I am sure Otumoetai College is in great hands. I will always have very fond memories of this school and will look back on it as a time of personal growth and of achievement. I will, I know miss the staff immensely, they are a fantastic group of dedicated professionals. I will miss our young people – they are full of life, and have a great future ahead of them and I will miss “The Otumoetai Way”.

To you all, thank you for being such an important part of my life.

Until next time,

DG Randell
Principal

BOT SPECIAL NOTICE

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I wish to inform you that with great reluctance we have accepted the resignation of our Principal, Dave Randell, as from the end of this year 2017.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, community, staff and students we cannot thank Dave enough for his dedication and commitment to our school over the past 17 years. Thirty years as a successful Principal is an amazing achievement.

The Board has drafted a time line for Dave's replacement, which will include advertising, accepting applications and referees reports during term two, with interviews and an appointment to be made early in term 3. The successful applicant will commence duties at the beginning of 2018.

Dave, we wish you all the very best in your retirement. No doubt there will be many occasions to formally thank you.

Take care and all the very best. Enjoy retirement.

Regards

Russ Browne
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Otumoetai College

THANK YOU TECT

We would like to express our gratitude once again this year to TECT for their continued generous support of the College. For several years now TECT have awarded us a very generous annual grant from their Community Development Fund.

This year we were delighted to receive an \$80,000 contribution towards the purchase of additional student desktop PCs and Chromebooks which get heavily used in our classrooms to enhance teaching and learning programmes. Thank you TECT. Your funding continues to make a difference here!!



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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).

MAYORAL RECEPTION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

On the 13th of March, another student, Haowen (Sherry) Wang, and I were lucky to get chosen to represent Otu-moetai College at a meeting with the Mayor. The meeting was in the Tauranga Council Chambers at 10am. It was a big honour for me to represent our school at that meeting. The meeting was for international students from all of the schools in Tauranga. The Mayor told us that last year in 2016, there were about 700 international students in Tauranga.

I have really enjoyed being in New Zealand and experienced a lot. I went to the Hot Water Beach in Coromandel and also visited Hobbiton. Nearly every weekend I went out on the water diving, snorkeling and surfing with my New Zealand friends. For me to be at the beach enjoying the water and sand is really amazing, because I come from a little village which is surrounded by forest. Most of the experiences I have had here, I had thanks to my really good friends whom I will definitely miss when I return home.

Written by Niklas Henzel (German student)



WATCHING THE RUGBY GAME CHIEFS VS BLUES

Written by Koki Hashine, a Japanese student who has only been in New Zealand for 6 weeks.

On March the 3rd, I went to the rugby stadium in Hamilton with my teachers, class mates and friends from the International Department. For the first time in my life I could watch rugby at a rugby stadium. We took a bus and went to the Waikato stadium. The stadium was so big and beautiful. There was a Haka before the game started. I was excited just by seeing the stadium.

As we arrived at the stadium, the teachers painted our faces. The colours were black, yellow, and red which are the colours of the Chiefs, the team we support. The game was held for 80 minutes. Then I saw Michael Leitch. He is Japanese. He played in Japan. Now he plays for the Chiefs. I was glad to see him.

We and the other spectators were very excited to see the players playing. We had a great time. I also made new friends through watching rugby, i.e. friends from Germany, China, Korea, Brazil and so on. I have come to like Rugby, the Chiefs, and NZ even more. I would love to go again.



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL 2017

Many different countries were represented, please see below photos of the Brazilian, Chilean, Chinese, German, Indian, Japanese, Korean and Thai groups.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Pintian Cui, an ex International Student from China.

Pintian Cui who attended Otumoetai College from July 2013 to the end of 2016 and who passed Level 2 (2015) and Level 3 (2016) with Excellence, has been accepted into McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Pintian will be studying for a Bachelor of Science specialising in Nutritional and Food Sciences.

McGill is one of the top three Canadian Universities and the International Department would like to congratulate Pintian on her success.



REPORT EVENING APPOINTMENTS BOOKING ON-LINE

Appointments to see teachers at report evenings are again made online or through the school office. **More information about how to do this has been sent home with junior students and has also been e-mailed out to those families who have provided us with their current e-mail address. Information for the Seniors will follow soon.**

The information contains details of the date and time of the report evening, the website address for booking your appointments and a special event code. You need to know this to access our school's booking sheets. The notice also includes a list of the student's subjects and teachers this year. Advice: Please make sure that your 5-minute meetings are at least 10 minutes apart; i.e. 4pm, 4:10pm, etc.

Those of you without internet access are able to make your appointments through the school office. If you have an e-mail address, please make sure that our records are up-to-date. (If you are receiving a regular copy of our school newsletter electronically then they are.)

To add or update an e-mail address in our records, please contact the school database administrator (by phone – 07 5762316 ex 755 or by e-mail to dbadmin@otc.school.nz).

There will be **two** sessions for Year 9 & Year 10 students on Thursday 6 April and Monday 10 April (Term 1).

All staff will be available for one full session and part of the other - dependent on the number of junior classes they teach.

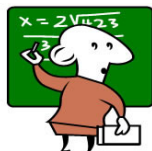
There will be **two** sessions for years 11, 12 & 13 students on Tuesday 2 May and Wednesday 10 May (Term 2).

All staff will be available for one full session and part of the other - dependent on the number of senior classes they teach.

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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TRIUMPH IN MOTORSPORT

Jordan Grant placed first in the junior category of the 2017 Motorsport NZ Club Sport Championships in March. Congratulations! You can read the entire article in Sunlive by using the following link: <http://www.sun-live.co.nz/news/150346-auranga-student-triumphs-motorsport.html>

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Thursday 8th June



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WHAT WAS THAT SMELL?

You may have noticed an unusual smell wafting into the Science Department a few weeks ago. That smell came from a tropical Stinkhorn fungus called the Starfish Fungus (or *Aseroe rubra*) growing in the Gulley.

At maturity the Starfish has five to ten radiating arms, each divided into two slender "tentacles." The slimy, black spore mass that occurs in the centre has a rancid odour resembling that of rotting meat.

The fungi stinks for a reason, flies and other insects are attracted to the smell of rotting flesh or faeces. Visiting insects find this slime delectable and trample in it as they feast, then spread the fungus spores enabling the Starfish's life-cycle to continue elsewhere.



SCIENCE VIDEO CONFERENCES MARCH 2017

Waikato University and NIWA talks to L2 Science students at Otumoetai College

Students on the Level 2 Earth and Space Science and Biology courses have been especially fortunate to have experienced talks from two renowned scientists in their fields this past week. In the ESSC course, our students are working towards an Internal Assessment by investigating how organisms live in the extreme environment of deep sea trenches. Their task was to choose an organism that lives in a deep sea trench and research the special adaptations it has to survive the extreme conditions. After studying plate tectonics and the formation of volcanoes, we moved on to looking at how and why the Kermadec Trench is considered an extreme place to live and some of the fascinating creatures that live there.

On Wednesday 22nd March, Professor Chris Battershill, who leads the Coastal Science at the Waikato University, came to the class and gave a fascinating talk on how animals survive in an environment of very little light, huge pressures, not much prey and extremely cold temperatures. His vast knowledge on this topic and his ability to answer questions posed, was appreciated by all. It was interesting to learn how discoveries made in such an 'alien' environment have been used in medicines and other applications.



"I found Prof. Chris Battershill's talk was very useful to understand more about the conditions of deep sea trenches and why it is considered an extreme environment. For example, the huge numbers of bacteria on the seabed that are deadly to most organisms." (Jesse King)

The following Thursday, March 30th, we conducted a Skype conference with Dr. Ashley Rowden from NIWA. The Biology class joined us, as they are studying adaptations of

living things. He talked about the adaptations of the snail fish and the 'supergiant' amphipods which he had samples of to show to the class. The talk was facilitated by two large television screens and excellent speakers which enabled all of the students and teachers to see the specimens clearly. At this point, our students were finding it difficult to find out how their organisms have adapted to withstand the huge pressures at depths of 6000m. He was able to answer their questions with clarity and he also provided some really useful resources via e-mail.

It was really interesting to speak with two passionate scientists about what they do and the experiences they have had. Our students have benefited from both talks in numerous ways and it has opened their eyes to the possibilities of a career in science. (Ceri Blears-Woodcock)

"I found the talk really intriguing and I learnt that the Barreleye fish produces bioluminescence which is going to help me to (hopefully) achieve a higher grade than I had anticipated". (James Courtney)



YEAR 12 PHYSICS TRIP TO ROTORUA

Level 2 Physics went to Rotorua and got the opportunity to explore Physics in the setting of Agroventures and the Luge. One of our aims was to figure out how fast the Swoop was going at the bottom of a 40m drop, and see if they could reach speeds of 131 km/hr. We also looked at friction and the effect of this in our calculations. We were lucky enough to have an engineer speak to us at the Luge and discuss different aspects of physics in the design and maintenance of the Luge. We all had a fun day and it was great to be able to experience and discuss physics while being dropped 40m in the air or zooming down the hill on the Luges.



YEAR 13 PHYSICS TRIP TO ROTORUA

Year 13 Physics students went to Rotorua, we met with the designers of the OGO (and the Zorb) and saw where they were made. We investigated and calculated physics quantities and discussed the effect rolling and friction has on velocities. We also went to the Luge and looked at some concepts that most of us find difficult to comprehend. It was another fantastic day out where we got to put into practice the physics that we are learning about in class.



WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH BUSINESS

Young Enterprise Students

The Young Enterprise Scheme has started again this year with over 120 students from six Western Bay of Plenty high schools partaking in this entrepreneurial challenge. Otumoetai College's Year 12 and Year 13 Business Management students are a few of the students who participated in "Eday", an event where students get together, build a team and start developing a real-life business idea.



This scheme allows students the opportunity to develop an innovative idea into a business. Fourteen mentors from the local business community committed their time to the various groups, both in the build up and on the day, at the event. The Business Studies year begins with Eday and is followed by a Dragon Den's pitch then Trade Fair, culminating in the students' own Regional Awards at the end of the year.



For more information on the Young Enterprise scheme see: www.enzt.org.nz

Market Day

On Thursday the 23rd March, the Year 11 Business Management classes ran their Market Day business venture. Students formed groups, planned and problem solved to complete a business plan for NCEA credits. Through this planning they were required to produce a consumable product to promote, then sell at market day. This experience offers a realistic hands on experience that always proves to be a valuable learning curve for all involved.

Congratulations to all business groups and a special thanks to New World for their sponsorship. Also a special thanks, to all the parents, supporters and customers for making this a successful event.



YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY TRIP - TONGARIRO NAT. PARK



Fifty Year 12 Geography Students spent three days in March conducting field studies in the Tongariro National Park.

Students listed the highlights as climbing to the Ruapehu Crater Lake, chairlift rides, snow

slides, a soak in the Tokaanu Hot Pools, time spent at Tawhai Falls and home made apple crumble for dessert.

This trip provided an opportunity for students to experience and explore a unique environment that few students ever have the chance to access and contributed significantly to their preparation for an external examination which focuses on this area.



DANCE

Otumoetai College dancers get PACANZ National's Nomination

On Saturday 11th March five Year 11 dancers were successful in gaining a nomination to compete at the National Young Performer of the Year troupe competition. This is a very prestigious competition and has been the stepping stone for many successful performers in their careers.

This is the first year that the competition has accepted entries from secondary and tertiary institutions as well as dance schools, and Otumoetai College is the first secondary school to receive a nomination so far.

Congratulations to Alexandra (Alexi) Gilbert-De Rios, Kyra Howell, Kate Millar, Camryn Stent and Alexandra Vanstone. You were absolutely breath-taking on stage.

This year soloists also have the opportunity to compete in the Jazz category. Congratulations to Laura Harnett (The Dance House) and Alexandra Vanstone (Susanne Hangar Dance) who have received their nominations to compete already. Good luck to those of you still working to gain your nomination.

Alexandra Vanstone was also the Champion of Champions (overall top dancer of the competition). Congratulations!



DANCE SHOWCASE 2017

Wednesday 12th April

PAC at 7pm



\$5 Adult \$2 Student

Come and support our Year 11, 12 and 13 Dance students, watch them perform their compositions, and be entertained.

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools

The Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Athletics Championships were held on Tuesday 7th March at the Tauranga Domain. We had 58 students competing at the event and they were all amazing to watch throughout the day. Congratulations to Olivia Cummings who will now hold the Intermediate Girls 3000m record in a time of 10.24.34.

Junior Girls:

Abigail Griffiths – 1st in 100m & in 200m
 Alexa Paintin – 1st in 400m & in 800m
 Jessica Davie – 2nd in Javelin, 3rd in Discus & 3rd in Javelin
 Leah Rattray – 1st in Hurdles
 Caitlin Byrne – 2nd in Javelin
 Our 4 x 100m Relay Team got 2nd

Intermediate Girls:

Makaylah Rae-Potene – 2nd in 100m & 3rd in 200m
 Olivia Cummings – 1st in 3000m
 Antonia Ballantyne – 3rd in 1500m
 Lilly Muspratt – 3rd in Long Jump & 3rd in Hurdles
 Elaraine Oakes – 1st in Hurdles

Senior Girls:

Memphis Lun – 3rd in Triple Jump
 Olivia Christophers – 3rd in Javelin
 Our 4 x 100m Relay Team (incl. 3 Intermediate Girls) got 1st

Junior Boys:

Denis Magezi – 1st in Long Jump & in Hurdles
 Cory Stafford – 1st in 3000m

Intermediate Boys:

Jade Stafford – 3rd in 800m & 2nd in 1500m
 Timothy Richmond – 3rd in Shot Put

Senior Boys:

Jacob Grant – 1st in 200m & 3rd in 100m
 Trey Stewart – 2nd in 400m
 Our 4 x 100m Relay team (incl. 2 Intermediate Boys) got 2nd

Athletics Waikato / Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Champs

This year we had 19 students place in the top three of their events at the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Athletics, which made them eligible to compete at the Waikato / BOP Secondary Schools Champs. Due to other sports commitments, as Waikato / BOP Champs are over a weekend, we only had six students who were able to participate. Our athletes competing in Athletics finished with some outstanding results this season.

Junior Girls:

Jessica Davie – 2nd in Discus
 Alexa Paintin – 3rd in 800m
 Abigail Griffiths – 3rd in 200m and 2nd in 100m

Junior Boys:

Denis Magezi – 1st in Long Jump & 2nd in 80m Hurdles

Senior Boys:

Jacob Grant – 3rd in 100m & 2nd in 200m

Rowing Maadi Cup Regatta

Girls under 17 single sculls:

Kara Crawford-Smith placed 5th in the B Final

Girls under 18 single sculls:

Kara Crawford-Smith placed 6th in the B Final

Boys under 18 single sculls:

Callum Mowat placed 7th in the B Final
 Samuel Allen placed 4th in the D Final

Girls under 17 coxed quad:

Annabel Averill, Rosemary Bremner, Alice Abery, Emma Cornhill / Charlotte McQuade-Wight and Coxswain Fergus Bremner placed 7th in the C Final

Boys under 17 single sculls:

Brierly Dudding placed 6th in the D Final

Under 15 coxed quad sculls:

Grace Harris, Emma Averill, Rhianna Loughnan, Annabel Averill and Coxswain Fergus Bremner placed 2nd in the D Final

Girls under 16 double sculls:

Annabel Averill, Emma Cornhill placed 5th in the E Final

Triathlon Waikato Secondary Schools

The Waikato Secondary Schools Triathlon was held on Wednesday 15th March at Lake Karapiro. It was a stunning day with flat glistering waters for our six students to compete.

U16 Girls:

Olivia Cummings – 1st

U16 Boys:

Jade Stafford – 3rd

Triathlon New Zealand Secondary Schools

The National Secondary Schools Triathlon was held in Wanganui over Summer Tournament Week. We had five students travel down to compete at the Nationals, Olivia Cummings, Grace Blissett, Blake and Liam Miller and Jade Stafford. They did very well.

U16 Girls:

Olivia Cummings – 1st in Triathlon & 1st in Aquathlon

Our Tag Team Jade Stafford, Grace Blissett and Olivia Cummings also came 1st.

Volleyball Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Championships

The Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Senior Volleyball Champs Finals were played on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th March at ASB Arena. We had six girls' teams and three boys' teams competing in the competition. Results are as follows:

Girls:

Senior A – 1st
 Senior B – 6th
 Senior C – 9th
 Senior D – 27th
 Senior E – 20th
 Senior F (Junior A) – 22nd

Boys:

Senior A – 3rd
 Senior B – 10th
 Senior C – 15th

Volleyball National Secondary Schools Championships

The Massy University National Secondary Schools Volleyball Champs were again held in Palmerston North from Monday 27th March – Friday 31st March at the Manawatu Arena. We again took seven teams to compete throughout the week and all teams competed extremely well. Our B girls stood out at the tournament, as they ended up playing the A girls for 7th / 8th in Division One.

Girls:

Senior A – 7th in Division 1
 Senior B – 8th in Division 1
 Senior C – 15th in Division 2
 Senior D – 5th in Division 6

Boys:

Senior A – 10th in Division 1
 Senior B – 6th in Division 3
 Senior C – 9th in Division 4

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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.

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.



Attention all Parents/Caregivers

It is important that the Wellness Centre has an updated list of any illnesses/allergies and medications pertaining to students that we need to be aware of.

Please contact the Nurses Marie or Tricia at the Wellness Centre ASAP with this information. Thanks.

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 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 to find out more.

SCHOOL ASTHMA



CHECKLIST

Use this checklist of preventative measures to help reduce the risk of asthma-related sickness at school.



GET VACCINATED ☐



- Get a flu vaccination every year, as there may be new strains.
- The flu vaccine is free for people with respiratory conditions.



MEDICATION ☐

- Make sure inhalers aren't empty or out of date.
- Take medication as prescribed and use a spacer if your inhaler allows it.
- Ensure children always carry medication in their school backpack.
- Check technique with a doctor or nurse.



ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLAN ☐

- Have an up-to-date asthma management plan.
- A plan helps identify what to do when well, unwell or need help in an emergency.



TALK TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER ☐

- Make sure your child will tell a teacher if feeling unwell.
- Give School Nurse copy of asthma management plan.
- Make sure school has your emergency contact details.



KNOW YOUR TRIGGERS ☐

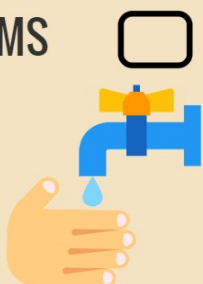
Triggers can be:

- Stress and/or anxiety
- Change of environment
- Allergens in classrooms
- Mould spores
- Dust
- Cleaning products.



REDUCE EXPOSURE TO GERMS ☐

- Wash hands with soap.
- Provide hand sanitizer.
- Teach kids 'germ etiquette'.



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2017 Important Dates

6 April	3:30 - 6:30pm Junior Report Evening 1 - PAC & A Block
10 April	3:30 - 6:30pm Junior Report Evening 2 - PAC & A Block
12 April	Periods 3 & 4: Internal Calculus Double Period Assessments
12 April	7pm Senior Dance Showcase - PAC
12 April	Poutama Noho
13 April	Periods 3 & 4: Internal Calculus Double Period Assessments
14 April - 31 April	Good Friday & School Holidays
2 May	Year 10 Project K Assembly - PAC
2 May	3:30 - 7pm Senior Report Evening 1 - PAC & A Block
4 May	Year 10 Project K Student Surveys - PAC
10 May	3:30 - 7pm Senior Report Evening 2 - PAC & A Block

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

JUNIOR SEMESTER DATES:

Year 9 Options

Block 2 starts 1 May
Block 3 starts 24 July
Block 4 starts 25 September

Year 10 Options

Block 2 starts 24 July

REPORT AFTERNOONS / EVENINGS 3:30-6:30 / 7PM 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

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
Thursday 15 June Term 2 Week 7
Thursday 31 August Term 3 Week 6
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
Tuesday 8 August Term 3 Week 3
Friday 29 September Term 3 Week 10
Wednesday 1 November Term 4 Week 3

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

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

**** Please Note ****

Above events dates / times are subject to change

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