

# Te Kāreti o Ōpōtiki ŌPŌTIKI COLLEGE

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## KĀRETI KŌRERO

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### Principal's Message

Nau mai, haere mai e ngā ākonga hou. Nau mai, hoki mai e ngā ākonga katoa me ngā kaimahi o Te Kāreti o Ōpōtiki!

We have had a positive start to the year and it's so nice to return to school to see the new portacom classrooms in the village ready to accommodate our students. In addition to this is the great transformation of the DC into our new administration area, staffroom and SLT office spaces. While it can be a challenging task to adapt to new spaces and places, we know that at the end of it all, our students will get to enjoy a much safer, healthier and accommodating learning environment. We acknowledge the hard work of Sam Dunn, the Site Manager of Livingstone Building Company and his workers. Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou.

### College Wide Property Update

The consents have been given for the demolition of C Block and the commencement of the rebuild of B Block. Great news for our kura!

This phase of the rebuild will happen in two stages. Livingstone have been contracted to carry out this work. The day of commencement for this is Monday, 26 February 2024. There will be further changes to the College site, which will also include some noise disruption, delivery of machinery a few days before the work is started and some restricted access. Restricted access is necessary for the protection of both staff, students, whānau and visitors to the college. These restrictions are outlined below:

#### – Access

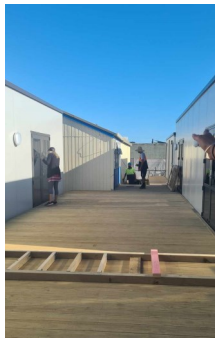
Gate 1 and the carpark will be closed off to everyone except for the demolition crew. Gate 2, nearest Maurua, will remain open so that staff and students can access the Student Support Centre, the hall and other classrooms as normal. Hoarding will be erected at the end of the car park, so the demolition site stays secure. The Main Office gate on Bridge Street will be the main entry to the College. Exciting times ahead!

#### – Year 9 Students

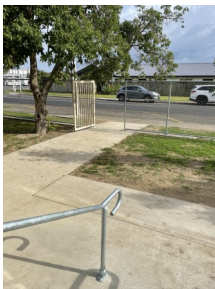
Most of our Year 9 students are adapting well to their new schooling environment. Staff are doing as much as they can to help with their transition into our college. Kaihāpai (mentors) will be tracking their progress closely and in time will share the information with parents & whānau. Please remind your tamaiti that all students must respect the school's expectations and rules around cellphone use. To end, I wish to commend our new students on the immaculate way in which they wear their uniform. Well done!

We wish all of our staff and students who are performing in the Mātaatua Kapa Haka Regionals the very best of luck

Terehia Channings—Tumuaki



"The Village"



Bridge Street entrance



Entrance to main reception/admin block



Main reception

## Issue 1 Welcoming New Staff



My name is Michelle Satchell, I come from Te Whānau a Apanui and Ngāti Tūwharetoa. I have been in the Education sector for over 25 years.

I have a passion for our tamariki to achieve and achieve with Excellence. I have experience in both Wharekura and Mainstream education. I am humbled, grateful and thankful to have

been chosen to be part of the education journey and delivery here at Ōpōtiki College.



Kia Ora, My name is Tia Pohatu. I am the new Curriculum Leader of Arts, my previous school was Naenae College where I taught in the Social Sciences, Art and Tech department. I hope to inspire more young people to engage in the arts, especially our Māori and Pasifika arts. I look forward to engaging with the wider College community.



Kia ora, I'm Tanya Anderson (Mrs. Anderson) and have just joined the Maths department here at Ōpōtiki College. I was previously at Edgcumbe College, working many roles at this kura. Aside from a short time where I lived in Whakatāne I have lived in Edgcumbe since I was in year 8, (form 2 in my day) and attended Edgcumbe Primary and College. One of my biggest and proudest achievements as an adult was getting my blue belt at



Taekwondo in my 40's. My current hobby is creating amigurumi, crochet toys. Coming to Ōpōtiki College has been a big change which I welcome. All the staff and students have been warm and welcoming.



# TOHE NIHORAU

## CONNECTED LEARNERS

### Ringa Raupā

Over the holidays we had a lot of movement down at the site as the 6 houses that were built over the last 2 years moved to Bridge Street. Making way for the four houses we are building this year 2x 2Bedrooms and 2x 4Bedrooms.

Our students and tutors have been full steam ahead since they started 3 weeks ago. We have two houses with their subfloor completed and passed inspection, frames are being stood this week, ready for trusses to arrive next week. Due to this diligent and well-organised mahi we have been able to get house three underway as well.

This has all been possible because of the great cohort of 12 students this year, who have shown up ready to learn and get stuck in. We currently running 100% attendance rate to start the year, as students are engaged and loving what they are doing. These young men are going to make amazing apprentices at the end of the year in whichever trade they choose.

John (Woody) Gilmour  
Director of Senior Curriculum, Curriculum Adviser of Technology and DVC, Project Manager – Ringa Raupā (Building Academy)



Me Māhaki, Me Ngākau Titikaha, Me Tohetoa || Respect, Responsibility, Resilience



# TOHE RAUARIKI

## CONFIDENT CITIZENS



### *Aquaculture with Cawthron*

From the 11th to 14th of December 2023 staff from Cawthron were working with a group of 14 year 10 students from Ōpōtiki College. The organization for the field work started long before they arrived with lots of emails and Google Docs, phone calls and even a flight from Nelson to meet with the College staff. Craig Prichard was the lead person from Cawthron who did an amazing job organizing the activities and trips for the students. Marcella Gleeson, Director of Junior Curriculum at the College was overseeing all the copious amounts of paperwork needed for off-site visits. Hamish McKenzie from the Outdoor Education Department (OED) and Alison Waller from the Science Department (SCI) were the teachers in charge during the activities.

The year 10 students were selected from the L1OED and L1SCI lists for 2024. Most of the students who opted to go on the activities will be doing Science in 2024 where the focus will be on the Primary Industries sector. The push in education is to emphasize localised curriculum and you cannot get any more local than what we did this week. The links between science and careers was evident. All the presentations were aimed at getting the students to think about their studies and how they could apply to real life situations. The presenters did a great job pitching the material so that the students found it interesting and understandable.

The students participated in a huge range of activities such as learning to snorkel, gaining knowledge about the whakapapa of the atua and how that links to the taiao, piloting an underwater ROV and drone, oil spills and how to clean up, waka ama, seeing the construction of the new sea walls at the river mouth on the Coast Guard vessel, visiting the Whakaōhea Mussel Factory and learning about the life cycle of a mussel, exploring the rocky shore of Ōpape, visiting Tio Ōhiwa where they learned about the history of the farm, how to shuck oysters & had a beautiful hākari and so much more!

The four days will have made a memorable impression on our students –thank you Cawthron for the time and money you have invested in them to give them such amazing opportunities. Ōpōtiki College is looking forward to future projects with Cawthron to help our students and staff with their learning and exploring possible career pathways.





# HĀPORI ME NGĀ HĀKINAKINA

## SPORTS & COMMUNITY



### Volleyball Fundraiser

The Senior Girls Volleyball Team will be competing in Bay of Plenty Champs over the next 3 weekends. Come and support them in their car wash this Sunday, 25th February, to help fundraise for Senior Volleyball Nationals which will be held in Palmerston North. The car wash will be in the staff car park 10 am – 2pm \$10 per car. The girls will also be running a cafe with coffee and baked goods available! Eftpos and cash will be available on the day.



### Kura Kai

The Kura Kai freezer is now fully stocked with beautiful frozen meals. Students can enquire and collect these from the Whare Hauora if their whānau are in need of some kai.

All enquiries and requests are fully confidential.

To contact the Whare Hauora call 07 315 7022 ext.244

### Important Dates

→ **House Athletics Day**  
Friday 1st March

→ **Level 2 & 3 Forklift Course**  
Friday 8th March

→ **Championship Swimming**  
Tuesday 12th March

→ **Level 3 Statistics Trip**  
Tuesday 12th March

→ **Level 2 Statistics Trip**  
Thursday 14th March

→ **Good Friday**  
(no school)  
Friday 29th March

→ **Easter Monday**  
(no school)  
Monday 1st April

→ **Last Day Term 1**  
Friday 12th April

### School Board of Trustees—Parent Election

Nominations are open for the election of 7 parent representatives to the school board. All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. These are available on the College website, Skool Loop or Facebook, and hard copies are available from the College Office.

Use the form to nominate yourself or someone in your community.

You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations.

Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **Tuesday 19 March 2024**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at 4pm on **23 April 2024**.

Ngā mihi

Danielle Williams  
Returning Officer