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KĀRETI KŌRERO

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Principal's Message

Last week our iwi hosted ngā whakataetae kapa haka ā ngā kura tuarua o Mataatua at Ohui Domain. The standard of performances were very high and our very own rōpu Kura Ki Uta placed 4th overall which means they qualified for 2024 Nationals which will be held in Nelson.

In what has been a trying time for the College tutor Raha Mitai summed it up when he praised our rangitahi's resilience, staying focused and making us all proud. The College acknowledges the invaluable support of our tutors Heemi Hill, Te Rina Ransfield, Raha Mitai and Megan Tai for the hours of mahi and aroha they have given to our rangatahi. We also acknowledge the tautoko of our hardworking Fundraising Komiti and our whole haka whānau in this journey. Kura ki Uta has held a very special part of my heart since my own children were performing and once again you brought tears to me eyes. Bring on Nelson 2024!

Whaea Terehia is currently taking some sick leave to recover from surgery and I am currently Acting Principal supported by the Senior Leadership Team. We wish her well with her recovery. It's a busy time leading up to the end of the term and we continue to stand resilient despite all that challenges us. Tohe nihorau, Tohe rauariki. Our young people can be proud of their achievements in sport, haka and academically.

Ngā mihi nui
Robyn Abraham-Harris
Acting Principal



Important Dates

- Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday 21st August
- Check & Connect Hui (no school for students)
Wednesday 23rd August
10.30am—7.00pm
- Open Evening
Thursday 31st August
4.00—5.00pm
- Senior Subject Selection
Thursday 31st August
5.30pm—6.30
- Tikanga Week
Monday 4th—Friday 8th
September
- Senior Prelim Exams
Monday 4th—Friday 8th
September
- Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
Monday 11th—Sunday 17th
September
- Senior Outdoor Education
Snow Trip
Week 9 (days tbc)
- Cross Country & Spirit Day
Week 10 (days tbc)
- Last Day Term 3
Thursday 21st September
- Delamere Cup
Friday 22nd September

Connected Learner, Confident Citizen Points

TAITOA	388
MAURUA-KI-TUA	367
MANATŪ	264



TOHE NIHORAU

CONNECTED LEARNERS

Outdoor Education

The Level 1 Outdoor Education class had a great day out at Rocktopia in Mount Maunganui. They worked together to learn how to climb safely, demonstrating great teamwork skills.



Check & Connect

Wednesday 23rd August, 10:30 am – 7:00 pm

This term we will be running Kaiako-whānau hui for all Year 9 – 13 students and whānau. Term Three is a great time to “check-in and connect” with subject and Kaihāpai (whānau) teachers.

You will be able to address any issues or concerns arising from the reports that have gone out. Students, whānau and teachers will be able to discuss progress to date and make plans to achieve academic goals, for the remainder of the year.

Interviews will start at 10:30am through to 7:00pm, with each interview lasting 10 minutes.

Interviews will be held in the Discovery Centre for Manatū and Maurua Ki Tua staff, and in A-Block for Taitoa staff.

Appointments can be made online, making it very quick and easy for you.

Go to the following [website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/hdwh](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/hdwh) and enter the code **krdwh**, from there you will be able to select teachers and time slots to suit.

You can also scan the QR code (go to the camera on your phone and hover in front of QR code. It will then pop up with a yellow link. If you tap the link it will take you straight to the website.



TOHE RAUARIKI

CONFIDENT CITIZENS



Golf

The College is so proud of Makau Phipps who played in the South Pacific Golf Champs and in his first International Tournament in New Caledonia. Makau made it into the top 10 and placed 8th overall. He proudly represented his kura in College colours.



Junior Volleyball Championship Tournament Pānui

Get ready to spike and serve! We are very excited to announce an excellent opportunity for all of you aspiring Volleyball stars out there. The Junior Volleyball Championship Tournament is back in action, and this year it's all taking place over in Tauranga! This is a three-weekend tournament that will start in late October and End in mid-November. The purpose of this Pānui is to encourage all Junior boys who would like to participate in this year's Volleyball team. Participating in the Tauranga Junior Volleyball Championship Tournament is about more than just the game; it's about making new friends, refining your abilities, and feeling the excitement of competition. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, this event has something for everyone. So come down to Ōpōtiki College gym and try out to be on the Junior Boy's Volleyball team for 2023.

Trialing Days:

Wednesday 23rd August – (3–5 pm)

Friday 25th August – (3–5 pm)

Location:

Ōpōtiki College School Gym

Age groups:

13yrs–15yrs (Years 9 and 10)

There will be two trials, One on Wednesday and the other on Friday. Bring appropriate gear that will include: Water bottles, a change of clothes, footwear/running shoes), knee pads (optional), and lastly, a great attitude. To be on the team, I will be looking for commitment, attendance, communication, and a positive attitude. I am looking forward to training every Wednesday after school hours. If there are any issues, please let me know. See you on the court!

Warm regards, Coach Troy Wharepapa.





HĀPORI ME NGĀ HĀKINAKINA

SPORTS & COMMUNITY



Sports Update

We are now heading into the end of Winter sports, most teams have already had finals. Congratulations to our netball girls they played a very tight scoring game on Saturday against Matata unfortunately they weren't able to come away with the win finishing runners up in the C Grade. Well done girls.

Basketball

Both girls teams played finals last Thursday after some of them took the stage for Kura ki Uta. Junior Girls played off for 1st and 2nd against TKK Kohine finishing runners up. Senior Girls played off for 3rd and 4th against Whakatāne High School finishing 3rd.

Rugby

We are still waiting on confirmation. Overall despite the challenges we are very proud of all of our teams and would once again like to thank all of our coaches and managers for their time and commitment this season.



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