

# Te Kāreti o Ōpōtiki ŌPŌTIKI COLLEGE

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## KĀRETI KŌRERO

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## Issue 12

### Important Dates

#### Mauri Ora!

Although we are now coming to the end of Term 3, it's been great to be back at school these last two weeks after recovering from my surgery. A huge thank you to the Senior Leadership Team and to our wonderful staff who have continued to support and nurture the learning of our students. Nei rā te mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa!

Congratulations to our Mahi Tahi students and staff for the great results achieved from the recent PAT tests. We are thrilled to celebrate this success and look forward to further achievements.

Our National Manu Kōrero team arrived in Dunedin on Monday, 19th September. We have every confidence in our speaker, Tamati Gilmer-Jensen, representing Mātaatua region in the Rawhiti Ihaka Junior Reo Māori section. All our thoughts and best wishes are with him when he stands to deliver his speech this week. Mauri tau Tamati!

We are reaching out to our school community once again to assist us with suitable accommodation for one of our new staff who have come to us from overseas. If you have any contacts or know of any housing available for a family of four, please make direct contact with the school office or email the Principal.

Our College will be open for new enrolments for next year in Weeks 1 & 2 of Term 4. Visits to our local schools for new enrolments will be arranged during those weeks. Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Kāreti o Ōpōtiki!

The Ōpōtiki College School Ball for 2023 will be held on Friday 6th October with doors opening at 6pm. We are looking forward to seeing our Senior students and their invited guests in all their glamour, their glory and no doubt, dressed to impress!

Whānau, please remember that whatever mode of transport is organised or whatever kind of grand entry our students attending the School B II are going to make, SAFETY is a priority. Approval will not be given for any kind of transportation that is going to put students or anyone else on school site at risk. Please respect the stance of our College.

Have a safe and happy holiday break everyone!

Terehia Channings  
Principal

→ **Last Day Term 3**  
Thursday 21st September

→ **Delamere Cup**  
Friday 22nd September

→ **Year 11 Wānanga**  
First week Holidays  
(26th—28th September)

→ **2023 College Ball**  
Friday 6th October

→ **Term 4 Starts**  
Monday 9th October

→ **Senior Prizegiving**  
Friday 3rd November

→ **NCEA Exams Start**  
Monday 6th November

→ **NCEA Exams Finish**  
Thursday 30th November

### Connected Learner, Confident Citizen Points

TAITOA 484

MAURUA-KI-TUA 408

MANATŪ 336



# TOHE NIHORAU

## CONNECTED LEARNERS

### Student Project

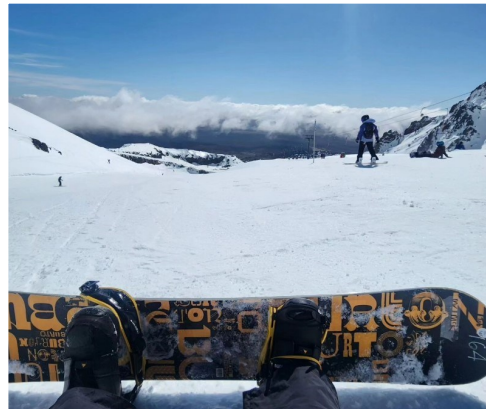
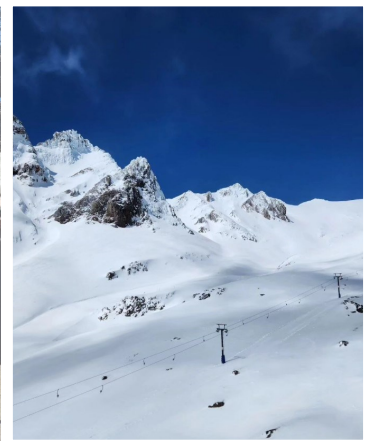
The students who participated in the Construction Programme during our last Wānanga Week constructed 5 outdoor picnic tables to a high standard. Two of these were installed at the Ringa Raupā site and the remaining three were installed around the school for student use. Mahi tika ana!



### Outdoor Education Snow Trip

Last week Year 13 Outdoor Education class put their skills to the test with our annual Snow Trip. Students had an amazing opportunity with daily lessons and access to Mt Ruapehu. We were lucky enough to stay in Boomerang Ski Lodge located on the Mountain itself. I'm sure this excursion will remain a highlight for these students and hopefully the start of a passion for the future.

H.Mckenzie



# TOHE RAUARIKI

## CONFIDENT CITIZENS



### *Newly Appointed Board of Trustees Student Rep*

I'm truly honoured and enthusiastic to accept the role of Student Representative on the Board of Trustees, an opportunity I embrace wholeheartedly. Serving as a bridge between students and the Board carries immense responsibility and I'm committed to advocating for student needs, fostering open communications, and enhancing our academic experience.

This chance fills me with motivation and I can't wait to collaborate with everyone to strengthen our school community. Your trust in me is deeply appreciated and I'm eager to make our collective journey even more vibrant. Thank you for this opportunity!

Vaydem-Charles Pirihi-Codlin



### *Customer Service Course*

Last week, Year 11 students took part in the Customer Services Course. Students worked over two days to gain NCEA credits. They got to play dress up to act out scenarios of unhappy customers complaining about the service they had received. There were even old fashioned pretend landline phones to practice being at a call center taking bookings and enquiries.





# HĀPORI ME NGĀ HĀKINAKINA

## SPORTS & COMMUNITY



# YEAR 9 & 10 HALLOWEEN DISCO

OCTOBER

FRIDAY 27

6.30PM -  
9.00PM

College Hall

Tickets are \$5 - Purchased from the Whare Hauora  
Start planning your Halloween costume over  
the holidays and be in to win a prize on the night.  
Tickets will be on sale the first week of term.