

# Te Kāreti o Ōpōtiki ŌPŌTIKI COLLEGE

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## KĀRETI KŌRERO

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## Issue 13

**Welcome back to Term 4!**

### **Nau mai!**

*It's great to see the return of our students for the final term of the year and with warmer weather to enjoy. Nau mai, hoki mai e te whānau o Te Kāreti o Ōpōtiki!*

*This is a crucial time for our Senior students to continue making the most of their learning in classes before they depart for study leave. Focus for the next four weeks for seniors is on external exam preparation and internal assessment completion.*

### **Acknowledgement of service**

*I would like to acknowledge the years of outstanding service in teaching and leadership of Vickee Aitken to Ōpōtiki College. Ms Aitken has been a committed member of staff for 17 years and so it was sad to see her depart at the end of Term 3. We wish Ms Aitken all the very best in her pursuit of other career opportunities. Nei rā te mihi maioha ki a koe Vickee.*

### **Property**

*Livingstones has been contracted by the Ministry of Education to carry out the capital works on the rebuild for our college. This work is due to start next month. Portable classrooms have been arranged and preparations to start the transition into those spaces has already begun. Whānau will be informed of any major movements regarding the rebuild.*

### **ERO Visit**

*On the 25th & 26th October, Nikki Pooley and Esther Allen from the Education Review Office will be visiting our college to begin the review process. If whānau are available at 9.30am on Wednesday 25th October, please join us for the mihi whakatau which will be held in Kura Ki Uta. ERO are always happy to speak with whānau and listen to your aspirations and experiences so far.*

*I hope all enjoy the long weekend. Noho haumaruru mai!*

*Terehia Channings  
Principal*

## Important Dates

→ **Labour Day  
(no school)**  
Monday 23rd October

→ **ERO Visit  
(education review office)**  
Wednesday 25th &  
Thursday 26th October

→ **L2 OED Mountain  
Biking Assessment  
(Rototua)**  
Thursday 26th October

→ **Year 9 & 10  
Halloween Disco**  
Friday 27th October

→ **Senior Prizegiving**  
Friday 3rd November

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

→ **Year 8 Orientation Day**  
Wednesday 15th  
November

**Connected Learner,  
Confident Citizen Points**

**TAITOA** 484

**MAURUA-KI-TUA** 408

**MANATŪ** 336



# TOHE NIHORAU

## CONNECTED LEARNERS

### Haere Rā

Ms Vickee Aitken finished teaching at the College at the end of Term 3. Vickee started here 17 years ago in her first teaching role after having graduated from Canterbury University. Vickee has a double degree in Mathematics and Physical Education and has held many roles during her time at the College.

Firstly she has been an excellent teacher of Mathematics and Statistics and for many years taught all our Senior Statistics classes. She has also taught Dance, been a Year 11 Dean, SENCO, Head of Mathematics and most recently The Director of Junior Curriculum. Vickee has been passionate about supporting those who have needed extra support and was an outstanding Learning Advisor and long time supporter of Mansfield House. Vickee has also contributed by supporting many extra curricular activities particularly camps. Her forward thinking at the College has led to her being involved with many projects.

Most recently this year's Mahi Tahi where she taught solely in the Year 9 classes. These students were lucky to have a teacher of her experience and ability working with them. Vickee is a life long learner and is now working on completing her Masters Degree as well as undertaking consultancy work. Vickee is a well known for her love of animals and has purchased her own house and land, making Ōpōtiki her home, where she has an eclectic range of animals and is now taking some time to develop her property further.

We wish her well in the next journey and thank her for the many years of loyal service she has given to Ōpōtiki College. Kia kaha, kia manawanui e hoa.

Ngā mihi

Robyn Abraham-Harris  
Deputy Principal—Wellbeing

### Scholarship Recipient

Year 13 student Emma-Rose Black has recently received the Rod McPherson Memorial Rural Scholarship. Emma-Rose comes from a farming background and will be attending Massey University next year to pursue a Bachelor of Agribusiness. Emma-Rose has been a top student in the whole time she has attended Ōpōtiki College and her NCEA results have been outstanding.

A well deserved scholarship for a hard working student who is dedicated to excellence.

Congratulations Emma-Rose!





# TOHE RAUARIKI

## CONFIDENT CITIZENS



2023 Ball—A Night on Cloud 9



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







# HĀPORI ME NGĀ HĀKINAKINA

## SPORTS & COMMUNITY



### Cross Country

On the last day of term 3 we ran our Cross Country and Spirit Day events. It was awesome to see students participating and dressed up in their House colours ! Our cross country results are as follows:

#### Junior Girls:

- 1st—Katie Pyrah
- 2nd—Ohorere Teinakirahi
- 3rd—Shaynee Tai
- 4th—Stevee Tai

#### Senior Girls:

- 1st—Lasjanne Cogle
- 2nd—Whiripare Rahi-Beale
- 3rd— Fern Van Enckevort

#### Junior Boys:

- 1st—Omarumaomoa Poihipi
- 2nd—Kaya Cogle
- 3rd—Neo Longerich
- 4th—Te Rama Gerrard-Watene

#### Senior Boys:

- 1st—Alex Wilton
- 2nd—Reon Hope
- 3rd—Pani Warren
- 4th—Zak Herrick

Overall Cross Country House points:

- 1st—Maurua Ki Tua (3053 points)
- 2nd—Taitoa (1739 points)
- 3rd—Manatū (888 points)

### Sporting Success

Alex Wilton has recently completed the Long Course Duathlon at the Motu Challenge which consisted of 65km mountain bike, 18km run followed by a 90km road bike. His time was 8hours 18mins 20sec. Alex was the only competitor from Ōpōtiki. Alex will be attending a Triathlon camp this weekend and his 1st Triathlon for the season will be on November 19th. Good luck Alex !



### Summer Sport

Summer sport has well and truly begun with Volleyball on Mondays and Touch on Thursdays. Ngā mihi nui to our coaches for their time and expertise AND to the many students who are putting in the effort to make it to trainings and giving their best efforts to their chosen sport. We look forward to regular updates and photos! Good luck to all of our teams!

