

Te Kāreti o Ōpōtiki ŌPŌTIKI COLLEGE

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KĀRETI KŌRERO

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It has been a very busy couple of weeks here at our college. On Wednesday we welcomed our 2024 Year 9 students with a Pōhiri for their Orientation Day. Students were then organised into their new Houses and did class rotations throughout the day to get a taste of all different subjects. It was awesome to see and meet these enthusiastic students and we look forward to getting to know them better in 2024!

While we held the Year 8 Orientation Day, the Year 9 & 10 students participated in an alternative programme – “Pay it Forward, Service to Others Day”. This is something that takes place every year. Students are expected to ask whānau/friends/community members if they can do some chores for them for a koha, no matter how big or small. This year all koha raised will be going to our Local Food Bank which is a very worthy cause given our current cost of living crisis. Ka pai tāina mā!

Whakaatu Whanaunga Trust will be running their Annual Hāpori Food Bank Drive on Wednesday 22nd November between 5pm & 7pm. Listen out for the sirens on your street and if you are in a position to give, non-perishables and frozen goods are gratefully accepted.

This week our staff have been packing resources ready to move from the DC so that the renovations can start in that area. Resources are now being removed from B and C Block and the DC has been closed off for renovations. Early in 2024, the DC will be transformed into the new Main Office/Admin area while we wait patiently for the completion of our new buildings. Our Contractors have been working diligently for the past two weeks.

NCEA exams have been running smoothly and Junior students and staff have been very respectful of students sitting their external exams. The last exam for our senior students is Monday 27th November and then they will officially be on holiday which I'm sure they will be looking forward to.

Hope you all enjoy the warm weather when we have it. Noho ora mai e te whānau!

Terehia Channings
Principal



Important Dates

- **Board of Trustees Meeting**
Monday 20th November
- **Junior Merit Assembly (in the morning)**
Thursday 7th December
- **Junior Prizegiving (in the afternoon)**
Thursday 7th December
- **Junior Wānanga Week**
Monday 11th—
Thursday 14th December
- **Last Day for Juniors 2023**
Thursday 14th December
- **Teachers Only Day & Last Day for 2023**
Friday 15th December

Connected Learner, Confident Citizen Points

MAURUA-KI-TUA	646
TAITOA	621
MANATŪ	336



TOHE NIHORAU

CONNECTED LEARNERS

Senior Prizegiving—Award Recipients

On Friday 3rd November we farewelled our Senior students for the year. We had a very celebratory and special evening with many haka tautoko. We thank all of our local businesses and sponsors for being able to make this possible for our rangatahi. Your commitment to the students of Ōpōtiki College is always greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Robyn Abraham-Harris for all of your hard work in bringing such a special event together once again. Our Special Prize recipients are listed below.

Te Kaihaka Tāne: Te Ratahi Flavell-Huaki

Te Pou Herenga Tāne: Tamati Jensen-Gilmer

All Round Sportsman: Alex Wilton

Lions Club Achievement Shield: Charles Adams

Speech Cup: Te Ratahi Flavell-Huaki

Rotary Cup: Te Ratahi Flavell-Huaki

Deputy Head Boy Prize: Zak Herrick

Manu Kōrero: Tamati Jensen-Gilmer

Head Girl Prize: Tiare Kerr

Head Boy Prize: Atutahi Porter

Proxime to Dux: Troy Wharepapa

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Te Kaihaka Wahine: Ayesha-Lee Richmond-Walker

Te Pou Herenga Wahine: Tiare Kerr

All Round Sportswoman: Troy Wharepapa

Me Tohetoa Resilience Award: Hali Warren

Principal's Prize for Citizenship: Oceania-Blue Joblin-Ross

Award for All Round Effort & Achievement from a Young Māori Man: Atutahi Porter

Deputy Head Girl Prize: Troy Wharepapa

Connected Learner Confident Citizen Prize: Zak Herrick

Tohu Kairangi Excellence Taonga: Te Ratahi Flavell-Huaki

Award for All Round Effort & Achievement

from a Young Māori Woman: Troy Wharepapa

DUX 2023 —Emma-Rose Black



TOHE RAUARIKI

CONFIDENT CITIZENS



Pay it Forward–Service to Others Day

Thank you to all Year 9 & 10 students who participated in our Pay it Forward–Service to Others Day on Wednesday while we had our Year 8 students at the College for their Orientation Day. We have had such great feedback from whānau and members of the community. Please remind students to have their koha in to the office ASAP. This year all koha will be given to our local food bank.



ANNUAL HĀPORI FOOD BANK DRIVE 2023

WEDNESDAY 22ND OF NOVEMBER
5PM TO 7PM



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