

Te Kāreti o Ōpōtiki ŌPŌTIKI COLLEGE

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KĀRETI KŌRERO

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Welcome to the first day of summer!

It has been another busy couple of weeks here at the college with the property development project well underway. We have had movers in B & C Block collecting resources and equipment that will continue to be used in the future. All items removed from B & C Block will be thoroughly cleaned before they are used again. The renovations happening in the Discovery Centre (DC) have progressed. We are looking forward to seeing it transformed into our new Administration Block for the start of 2024. We have also had some of our temporary classrooms placed onsite which is exciting to see!

Junior Reports have been issued today to the students to take home so please make sure that you obtain your child's report from him/her. Uncollected reports will be posted to Caregivers on Monday.

Next Thursday, 7th December we will be celebrating our Junior School with House Merit Assemblies in the morning followed by the House shared breakfast. Junior Prizegiving will take place in the afternoon with a specific time to be confirmed.

Week 9, Monday 11th December to Thursday 14th December, will be our Junior Wānanga Week. Staff have loads of fun activities for Junior students to get involved in such as fishing, sports competitions, skating, cooking, harakeke weaving, mosaic making, swimming, an introductory aquaculture course and many more activities. This will be a positive and fun way to finish the school year.

Whānau, please be reminded that when you come to the College to see a staff member or a student you are required to report to the school office in the first instance. The same process is followed by our visitors to our kura. Other than staff and students, no one else is permitted to enter any area of the school unless invited or prior arrangements have been made. If you have an arranged meeting with a staff member and/or student, the office staff will make contact to advise of your arrival. If you haven't made an appointment to meet with a particular staff member and/or students then the office staff must follow a process to confirm the availability of that staff member or student. If you wish to see a student & sign them out you must be a listed caregiver or emergency contact. Please don't be offended if we need to call for permission as we are only following our health & safety procedures.

Please follow this link to access School Docs where all our current school policies can be found: schooldocs.co.nz
You can access these documents by using the log in:

Username: **opotikicol**

Password: **OC2022**

There are policies that need to be reviewed or updated. A review cycle to carry out this task will be implemented in the new year.

To end, I would like to thank our fantastic staff for all the wonderful opportunities they have presented to our students during another challenging year. Also, a huge thank you to our Ōpōtiki College whānau for trusting in our kura to provide the best education service possible for our rangatahi.

Have a happy Christmas everyone and a safe new year.

We look forward to 2024 with the view that it will be a positive and vibrant year!

Terehia Channings—Principal
Principal





TOHE NIHORAU

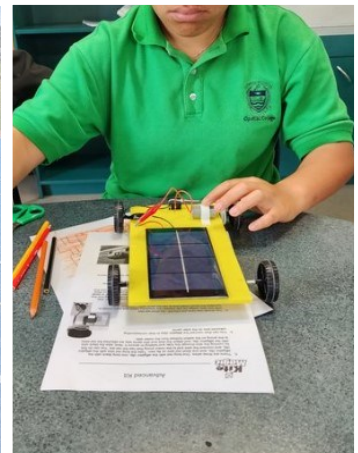
CONNECTED LEARNERS

Senior Prizegiving—Award Recipients

The Partnership Through Collaboration Trust's work involves reaching out to taura across the country, to excite them about finding their place in the scientific and technological world. The Trust invited 10 Tihi to their workshop that got them building and racing solar powered cars. The taura were fully engaged and needed little guidance on building their cars. Once their cars were decorated with identifiable names, a competition to find the fastest took place. Even though the day was overcast, the cars reached high speeds.

The morning was enjoyed by everyone and the Trust is keen to return in 2024 with more workshops.

Whaea Caroline
Science Department



Leadership Wānanga

The Leadership Wānanga for our 2024 appointed leaders and potential leaders will be held at our college from Wednesday, 31st January through to Friday, 2nd February. Our college has engaged with an organization called Growth Culture who will be providing leadership training for our students next year. Mrs Micaela McKenzie is the Teacher in Charge (TIC) for this training.

Our Student Leadership Team for 2024 is Te Ataahua Kingi (Head Girl), Oliver Herrick (Head Boy), Hinemarama Tamati-Moore (Deputy Head Girl) and Brody Kake (Deputy Head Boy). They will be in attendance at the Leadership Wānanga.

We also invite the following students to attend: Psats Clay, Jayla Pene, Te Rau Hanley-Kupai, Leila Costa, Rebekah Tolhopf, Lasjanne Cogle, Turirangi Flavell-Huaki, Ranginui Hawkins, Porsha Tarita, Alex Wilton, Vaydem Charles, Mia McWatters, Nikki Heart, Leila Amai, Ella Castles, Zonia Morunga, Kupa Poihipi and Puawai Taukiri-Nepe.

Important information regarding the Leadership Wānanga will be emailed to the above named students. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs McKenzie by email: micaelao@opotikicol.school.nz



TOHE RAUARIKI

CONFIDENT CITIZENS



Tohetoa—The Longest Day

The Tohetoa program ran again this year, pushing participants both physically and mentally. It was defined this year by fostering teamwork and discovering limits. Despite facing difficulties with the buildings, we are incredibly proud of the participants who managed to push through those challenges and deliver another successful year.

Tohetoa was developed from the armed forces program, designed to push adolescents to their mental and physical boundaries. It involves waking up early in the morning and meeting up in the gym at 6:20 a.m. The exercise has a duration of one hour, varying from day to day and ranging anywhere from a workout in the gym to beach runs, hill sprints, swimming in the pool, or taking out two 80kg logs around town.

The term generally concludes with a single day dedicated to the activities done over the term. It is designed to be as gruelling on the participants as possible. This day, known as The Longest Day, has activities and locations changed every term. The longest day begins at 5:15am in the gym, where our group meets up and does stretches to get our muscles ready for the day. Then we load ourselves into the school van for a trip to Whakatāne for our first activity, which is carrying the two 80kg logs from Whakatāne to Ōhope Park, a distance of 9 km. Afterward, we went to Kutarere for a run in the mud. We ran 1km in thick mud before partnering up for competitions in the mud. We cleaned ourselves up before going to Ōhiwa for a run from Onekawa Pā site to Bryans Beach. We continued running until we reached the Pipi Beds, where we found a partner and raced to the end of our next run. This run was a total of 7 km. We finished the day with a 600m van push, pushing two vans up Hospital Hill. Altogether, we ran 17.6 km.

I would like to express my gratitude to our instructors, Kahi Abraham, Jamie Emery, and Jesse Carmichael, who were up early every morning bringing the vans out to pick us up and taking us for our lesson, and without whom Toheroa would not have been able to run. I would also like to thank Marcus, who was there in the early morning doing the pickups and organizing breakfast. We would also like to thank Clare our breakfast māmā who came in to provide a delicious breakfast with Milo for us to finish up our lesson.

ZAK HERRICK 21C





HĀPORI ME NGĀ HĀKINAKINA

SPORTS & COMMUNITY



New Disco Date

A new date for the Disco that was set to take place on Halloween has now been confirmed. All tickets purchased previously by students will still be valid. The new date for the disco will now be Thursday 14th December from 6pm—9pm there will now be no specific theme but students may dress in costumes if they wish. Staff will have a list of caregivers' names, address and contact numbers incase of an emergency. All students attending are expected to follow the code of conduct:

Respect the rights of each other to have fun, be comfortable and feel safe. No vaping, smoking, fighting, drinking or being under the influence of alcohol. If students break one of these rules they will be asked to leave and whānau will be contacted. If wearing a costume make sure it is not likely to offend or promote discrimination of any sort. If you are unsure ask a staff member.

Important Dates

- **Junior Merit Assembly (in the morning)**
Thursday 7th December
- **House Shared Breakfast**
Thursday 7th December
- **Junior Prizegiving (in the afternoon)**
Thursday 7th December
- **Maurua Prizegiving**
Friday 8th December
5pm—College Hall
- **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

BREAKING NEWS



THEME CHANGE CHANGES NOW IN :

AFTER THE HALLOWEEN THEME WAS THROWN OUT THE WINDOW NOW THAT WE'RE IN THE FESTIVE SEASON, IT WAS IMMEDIATELY CHANGED TO A FORMAL.

FEEL FREE TO DRESS UP OR DRESS DOWN!

BRING YOUR TICKETS BECAUSE WE'RE HAVING A PRIZE DRAW WITH THOSE WHO HAVE THEIR TICKET.

BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND SNACKS PROVIDED!

DISCO BEING MOVED TO THE 14TH OF DECEMBER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE, AND OUR APOLOGIES ABOUT THE SUDDEN CHANGE OF THEME, SINCE THE FESTIVE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS IS NOW UPON US, IT WAS BASICALLY A NEED TO CHANGE IT FROM A COSTUME DISCO TO A WHATEVER DISCO AT THIS POINT.



Connected Learner,
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