

Te Kāreti o Ōpōtiki ŌPŌTIKI COLLEGE

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KĀRETI KŌRERO

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Issue 3

Principal's Message

Easter Break

Term 1 has flown by with only 3 weeks to go until the end of the term. We have had a positive term so far with many activities happening such as our House Events, Field Trips that support education outside of the classroom and the volleyball national competition that our girls volleyball team are currently competing at. The Easter Break is from Friday 29th March and up until Tuesday, 2 April. This is a decent break after what has been a busy but productive first term. Well done everyone!

Ahumoana Whakahihiko

Next week our Year 10 Maurua students will participate in the Introductory Aquaculture Programme provided by Cawthron Institute which is called Ahumoana Whakahihiko. All Year 9 and 10 students will have a chance to take part in this programme. Year 9 Mahi Tahi are taking part in Term 2 and Year 9 Maurua students in Term 3. The remaining Year 10 students will take part in Term 4. This is an amazing opportunity for our students as they learn the core technology and systems for growing shellfish. Potentially, this could help some of our students gain knowledge as to which pathways to take in their senior years. It is a programme that will certainly support a career in marine biology. We will also have one of Cawthron's Aquaculture Scientists visiting the College next week to work alongside Mrs. Waller and Miss Gleeson with their Science, Biology and Statistics students using an experimental reticulating aquaculture system.

Property Update

The Ministry of Education has conducted its review of the redevelopment of B Block and is submitting the review for approval. These internal processes take some time, and we expect an update from the Ministry by May 2024. We continue to meet regularly with Ministry Advisors, and will provide updates as we receive them.

Remedial building works are currently underway around the College, including re-roofing projects, as well as an upgrade to the weights room in the Gym.

Student Council

Students voted for nominees to join the Student Council and members will be announced at our full school assembly on Wednesday 27th March 10.00am in the College Hall. I would also like to congratulate all other candidates whose nominations have been unsuccessful this year. It takes a lot of courage to put yourself out there into the school community. Do not let it discourage you, keep striving and get involved. There's always next year!

Reminders

Vaping is still an issue with our young people, not just at our College but throughout the whole country. A reminder that Ōpōtiki College is a Smoke Free and Vape Free environment. In addition to this, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 years to be vaping. Whānau, please remind your child or children who attend Ōpōtiki College of this legislation.

As per the previous newsletter, cell phones will not be permitted at school from Term 2 onwards. This is a regulation that has been put in place by the government and reinforced by the Ministry of Education (MOE). All schools are expected to abide by the MOE regulations and have processes in place to manage non-compliant behaviours regarding cell phones.

To end, we have received positive feedback from ERO regarding the achievement and progress in Maurua. We look forward to receiving the official report. The review and feedback in the english-medium area of our college will happen later in the year. Have a great weekend whānau!

Terehia Channings
Principal

A reminder that the following items are NOT apart of our school uniform:



Te Hinengaro te Tohu—The Mind Makes the Person



TOHE NIHORAU

CONNECTED LEARNERS

2024 Deputy Head Girl—Hinemarama Tamati—Moore



Ko Mākeo tōku maunga
Ko Waiaua tōku awa
Ko Waiaua tōku marae
Ko Ruamoko tōku whare tipuna
Ko Te Puritanga tōku whare kai
Ko Ngāti Patumoana tōku hapū
Ko Te Whakātohea tōku Iwi
Ko Mātaatua tōku Waka
Ko Hinemarama Tamati-Moore Tōku ingoa
Tēna Kautau Katoa, I am the Deputy Head Girl of Ōpōtiki College. I am from Te Whakatōhea, Te Whānau-a-Apanui and Tūhoe. I was just a shy Year 9 entering Ōpōtiki College but as I grew older my confidence grew with me. During my time at Ōpōtiki College I learned to take hold of every opportunity that came my way and strive to be the best I can. My biggest inspiration has always been my older sisters, as they were there for me every step of the way. As deputy head girl one of my leadership aspirations is to be a compassionate and positive influential leader. Empowering, my fellow students to achieve your goals and foster an inclusive learning environment. I encourage you all to take hold of every opportunity that may come your way. Tēna koutou, tēna koutou, tēna koutou katoa.

2024 Deputy Head Boy—Brody Kake

Kia ora my name is Brody Kake, this year is a privilege for me to maintain such an important leadership position within our kura as the deputy head boy of Ōpōtiki College 2024.

It is my responsibility as one of our Kura's leaders to demonstrate how our school can help you improve yourself and develop valuable skills. Our school values Respect, Responsibility and Resilience is a major foundation for me as a leader to build off and encourage fellow students to do so as well. Ōpōtiki college along side of many role models i look up to has done many great things for me over the last 4 and a bit years, they have helped me gain many lifelong values i now encourage throughout my day to day life.

It's a pleasure to work alongside many talented students and teachers this year to awahi our next generational leaders and guide them throughout schooling
Tēnā koutou e te iwi mō tēnei tūranga kua riro mai i ahau hei kaiārahi . Kia rua mano, rua tekau mā whā hei tau whakamīharo mō tātou katoa.



TOHE RAUARIKI

CONFIDENT CITIZENS



Kia Hiwa Rā

Opotiki College was lucky enough, last year to be selected as one of only 4 secondary schools in the wider Bay of Plenty area, to be a part of the Active As Initiative being rolled out by Sport New Zealand. The philosophy behind the Active As Initiative is to increase the physical activity levels of rangatahi here at school. We had to make submissions to Sport NZ and with the continued help and support from Makau Phipps, Stevee Tai, Shaynee Tai, Mr Danny Porte & myself we were able to secure approval for our Active As Initiative. We have named our initiative Kia Hiwa Rā (KHR), which you may have seen on your student's timetables – the KHR rotation classes (for juniors) are just one of the many programmes to come out of the Kia Hiwa Rā initiative. We will also be running many other programmes throughout the year, targeting those students who may not be regularly participating in physical activities. We aim to provide a wide range of activities to cater to a wide range of students. These programmes will be running before school, during morning and lunch breaks and after school. This Sport NZ initiative comes with a very large sum of funding for the school, over a three-year period. This funding for the first year will largely go towards a complete overhaul of the current weights room, converting it into a fully kitted out multi-purpose movement room. Funding will also go towards bringing in experts to run classes for our students as well. We will also be subsidising the school House shirts for every Year 9 and 10 students. So, for those that have already bought one, for \$30, their school account will be credited with \$20. For all junior students yet to purchase a House shirt, these will now only cost \$10 (for the 1st shirt only).

I would like to introduce the Kia Hiwa Rā team, here at school, who will be responsible for the running of the programmes at the ground level:

- Mrs. Micaela McKenzie (KHR Co-ordinator)
- Whaea Kayla Cronin (KHR Co-ordinator)
- Whaea Sophia Takamore (KHR Facilitator)
- Whaea Tee Cooper (KHR Facilitator)

Record Breaking

Alex Wilton—Year 13 student has made history during his final year at College having broken all 11 swimming records to date. He broke 8 swimming records this year and having broken 3 in last year will walk away with all 11 Senior Boys Swimming records being broken even breaking one of his own records from 2023.

Outstanding dedication and determination!

*Photo credit:
Opotiki News*



Previous Record	New Record
One length Freestyle held by Ricky Mitai 2006 18.80 sec	Alex Wilton 2024 17.47sec
One length Butterfly held by Lincoln Connor 21.61sec	Alex Wilton 2024 20.41sec
One length Breast Stroke held by Te Amoamo Wilbore in 2009 25.76sec	Alex Wilton 2024 23.96sec
2 Length Freestyle held by Lincoln Connor 2009 42.36sec	Alex Wilton 2024 38.41sec
2 Length Breast Stroke held by Te Amoamo Wilbore 2009 1.00.50	Alex Wilton 2024 52.67sec
2 Length Butterfly held by Lincoln Connor in 2009 51.95sec	Alex Wilton 2024 45.83sec
200m Freestyle Alex Wilton 2023 2.28.68	Alex Wilton 2024 2.19.35





HĀPORI ME NGĀ HĀKINAKINA

SPORTS & COMMUNITY



Championship Athletics Results

Junior Girls:

- 1st— Shannon Ngawhika
- 2nd— Phoenix Kurei
- 3rd—Tahlia Tai

Int Girls:

- 1st—Taliah Munro
- 2nd—Mia McWatters
- 3rd—Deon Edwardson
- 4th—Samantha Kurei

Senior Girls:

- 1st—Whiripare Rahi-Beale
- 2nd—Te Ataahua Kingi
- 3rd—Lasjanne Cogle
- 4th—Lyqua Mani

Junior Boys:

- 1st—Takimoana Hei
- 2nd—Kymani Cogle
- 3rd—Kairo Patterson
- 4th—Zaeden Koopu

Int Boys:

- 1st—Kaya Cogle
- 2nd—Nelson Hustler
- 3rd—Javiah Raukawa
- 4th equal—Ricco Winder
- 4th Equal—Adam Tukarangatai—Service

Senior Boys:

- 1st—Brody Kake
- 2nd—Turirangi Flavell—Huaki
- 3rd—Alex Wilton
- 4th— Makaiya Koopu

Important Dates

- **Ahumoana Whakahihiko—Maurua Year 9**
Monday 25th—Thursday 28th March
- **Year 11 Science Aquaculture Systems**
Tuesday 26th March
- **Level 2 & 3 Biology Aquaculture Systems**
Wednesday 27th March
- **Level 2 Statistics Aquaculture Systems**
Thursday 28th March
- **Good Friday (no school)**
Friday 29th March
- **Easter Monday & Tuesday (no school)**
→ Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd April
- **Last Day Term 1**
Friday 12th April
- **Term 2 Starts**
Monday 29th April

School Board Elections – Parent Representative Voting

How to return your voting paper:

Please vote at the Main Office – voting forms are available from Reception. Once voted, please place your completed paper in the ballot box.

You must deliver it before 4pm on 23 April 2024. Voting closes on 23 April 2024 at 4pm.

Voting papers may not be emailed as attachments.

Ngā mihi
Danielle Williams



REMEMBER TO
FIELD UP YOUR BANK ACCOUNT
The Incredible Years® Parents and Children Series

- A group of similar minded parents/caregivers, whānau & educators
- Sadly, no childcare facilities available
- Bring a pen, smile & commitment to attend

9.30-11.30am (morning tea provided)
excluding school holidays & public holidays
Where? WISH Building, Moody Place, Opotiki

A FREE COURSE

10 week programme every Friday

Start: Friday May 10th 2024

End: Friday 2nd August 2024



The Incredible Years Parenting/Wellness Programme

FACILITATED BY TERRY TOLHOPE (REGISTERED SOCIAL WORKER) & LEAH HOWE (WHĀNAU SUPPORT WORKER)

IN CONJUNCTION WITH TE POU ORANGA O WHAKATŌHEĀ

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