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# KĀRETI KŌRERO

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## Principal's Message

### **Buildings Update**

We know the past few weeks have been challenging while we address the mould issues in some of our buildings. Thank you to everyone who adapted, relocated, cleaned and supported us to ensure we could continue to deliver education to our students.

Specialized cleaning has continued this week in some of the affected spaces, and the cleaning and relocation of all necessary resources has been completed in some spaces. Staff will continue to prioritize resources that still need to be removed, cleaned and relocated before the start of Term 3.

C Block was due to be demolished as part of our redevelopment programme, so this Block will remain closed. B Block is also due to be demolished but the plan is to remediate three of its classrooms to give us the space we need to continue to deliver lessons and provide working spaces for staff.

Remediation activities will continue over the school holidays to bring our other spaces back into use. In working with the Ministry of Education, WorkSafe NZ, and the mould specialists, we anticipate to have all necessary spaces ready to occupy when staff and students return to school for Term 3.

In the event that not all necessary spaces are released, in working with Te Pou Oranga o Te Whakatōhea we will have an alternative, suitable space for some of our students and staff to be teaching and learning offsite. Staff, students and our school whānau will be informed in the second week of the holidays of the operational plans for Term 3. Kia ngākau nui tātou.

### **Celebrating Student Success**

Given the challenges of the past few weeks, it is absolutely great for our college to be celebrating student success this week! We had four of our Maurua students represent our college at the Regional Manu Kōrero competition held yesterday at the Liberty Centre in Whakatāne.

Kupa Poihipi and Te Ratahi Flavell-Huaki competed in the Senior Reo Māori and English. Tamati Gilmer-Jensen and Te Manawa Apanui competed in the Junior Reo Māori and English. Congratulations to Tamati who came first place in the Junior Reo Māori section (Rāwhiti Ihaka) and Te Manawa Apanui who came third place in the Junior English.

Whānau, it has been over ten years since any student from Ōpōtiki College has won first place at the Regional Manu Kōrero competition. This is a huge celebration of student success for Tamati, for his whānau, for his hapū and iwi, for our kura and our community. Tamati will be competing at the National Manu Kōrero in September. A selected group will be accompanying Tamati and his whānau to Dunedin where he will be one of four students representing the Mātaatua region.

Nā tō mānawanui Tamati me tō pukumahi kua ara anō te ūpoko o tō tātou kura — Toherauariki!

Terehia Channings—Principal







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# Wānanga Week #2

Wānanga Week 2 has been in full affect this week. With all of the interruptions and uncertainties over the past few weeks, it has been awesome to be able to continue with this programme. Some groups have had to make some last minute alterations to their programmes and have done so commendably. The school community has rallied together to pull it off, providing some awesome learning experiences for our students. Programmes and activities have varied from Mana Wāhine, Butchery (including preparing and putting down a hāngī), Barista, Skateboarding, Creative Arts, Safer Communities programmes.

As with Wānanga 1, it has been great to see students learning and engaging with a wider variety of new and authentic programmes. Our students have been absolutely amazing and taking advantage of these opportunities and getting the most out of them. Students have been fully engaged and I am proud to say that the programme has been a success, once again.









































# Hāpori me ngā Hākinakina

SPORTS & COMMUNITY



## Thank You Students, Staff & Whānau

On behalf of our kura we would like to thank all of our students, staff, whānau and iwi for your patience and resilience over the last few weeks. It has been a diffcult term for everyone, but it is the Ōpōtiki way to pull together when times are tough. We would also like to thank our whānau from Ngāti Ngāhere, Ōpōtiki Primary and other organisations in our hāpori for being so accommodating, hospitable and generous to our staff and students. Students and staff worked really well together in their alternative learning spaces.

#### Ngā mihi nui!











## **REMINDER!**

Term 3 Starts Monday 17th July 8.50am.

Enjoy your well deserved holiday!

### Position Available

#### **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Full time, Permanent 40 hours per week, 52 weeks per year

We are seeking an experienced team member who has qualifications in Finance, Business Administration and HR.
Experience in Microsoft applications, finance packages and google suite is necessary.
Also skills and experience in:

- Interpersonal skills and confidentiality
- Time management and prioritizing work to meet deadlines Working collegially with staff and
- Working collegially with staff and manage staff where applicable
- Working as part of a team but also be able to work independently
  - Using initiative and problem solving

The Director of Finance will be required to work closely with the Principal.

In addition will need to work alongside the Senior Leadership Team, office staff, teachers as well as external organizations and members of the school community. Previous experience in a school environment is preferred but not essential. Remuneration is under NZEI Support Staff in School Collective or IEA.

Salary will be negotiated using the Administrative Support Staff Work Matrix Table according to experience and qualifications.

Grades 4–5 range \$29.39 – \$41.64 per hr. To apply for this position applicants must be a New Zealand citizen, resident or

already have a valid New Zealand work permit.

If you are interested in this opportunity, prepare your cover letter and CV and email it to admin@opotikicol.school.nz

Applications for this role close 5pm, Friday 14th July 2023

A position description is available on

request by email.



