

Te Kāreti o Ōpōtiki ŌPŌTIKI COLLEGE

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KĀRETI KŌRERO

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 3!

New Staff

On Monday, 17th July and 24th July we welcomed our new staff to Ōpōtiki College. Shaileni Narayan has moved to Ōpōtiki from Fiji and joins our Social Sciences department. Karen Austria has moved from the Philippines and is the new Music teacher. Mel Gloyn returns to our kura and is currently the Acting Curriculum Leader of Visual Arts. Tia Pohatu is our newly appointed Curriculum Leader of Visual Arts and we will welcome her in Term, 1, 2024. Nau mai, haere mai e ngā waka kawe pūkenga!

In addition to our new teaching staff, we also welcome Steve Lindsey to our college. Mr Lindsey brings expertise and knowledge regarding property and will be working closely with me and our Board of Trustees for a period of time to support the progress on the school buildings and property.

Back On Site

Staff and students are pleased to be back on school site and to have access again to teaching, learning and work spaces that were closed previously while remedial work took place. Our staff have worked hard to prepare for classes this term and to make the necessary adjustments to the change of learning spaces. Our students are becoming accustomed to these changes and seem to have adapted well.

Property

Remedial work continues in the gymnasium and around our college with contractors onsite to attend to maintenance tasks and roofing repairs. Works to look for any leaks has started as an exploratory exercise. We will be in a position soon to give the school community more details around the buildings and the development of the capital works which is due to start towards the end of the year.

Kura Ki Uta

We are now less than one week away from the Mātaatua Secondary Schools Kapa Haka competition which will be held on Thursday, 10th August and hosted here in Ōpōtiki. Kura Ki Uta are scheduled to perform at 2pm. There will be changes made to the timetable that day so school will finish at 1.30pm (the timetable can be found in the back of this newsletter) which will allow time for staff and students to go and watch Kura Ki Uta perform. On behalf of our school community, I would like to wish Kura Ki Uta and the Tutors all the very best for the regionals.

"Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me he maunga teitei"

Terehia Channings
Principal

Haere Rā

Former pupils will no doubt have heard that former Ōpōtiki College teacher Manawa (Buff) Waipara passed away last month. Buff was the Head of Social Studies in the early 2000's, and a staunch supporter of Rutherford House. His wife Diana was also on the staff and two of their son's, Zak and Tama, attended Ōpōtiki College. Interestingly he was never actually farewelled from school because he went on study leave to do full immersion Te Reo Māori Language Learning and while he was on leave lost his voice during a surgery. He was not able to return to teach. Buff was always interested in the potential of young people and continued to contribute to education in ministry consulting roles for many years. Buff was a very talented artist. Buff was also a very successful and dedicated swim coach and represented New Zealand as a referee at the Commonwealth Games in Sydney. A man of many talents, he contributed a lot to our students and community. Our love and thoughts are with Diana and family especially at this time. Moe mae rā.





TOHE NIHORAU

CONNECTED LEARNERS

Year 9 Mahitahi

The Mahitahi Year 9 group hosted Grant Kendal and Vicky Tihema from the Ōpōtiki District Council Harbour Development team on Thursday morning. The presentation about the river mouth engineering project was very interesting. The size and scale of the project was incredible. Mr Kendall put everything into perspective so the students could picture the project. There is an amazing 400 000 m³ of sand (16 stories high) stockpiled at the beach waiting to go in to block the old river path next week. If you haven't been for a drive to Waioatahe beach you should, just to see the man made mountain of sand on the horizon.



Outdoor Education—Tongariro Crossing

This term our Senior Outdoor Education class completed their tramping assessment by completing the Tongariro Crossing track. Not only was this a school assessment in which they gain credits, but a lifelong memory, personal achievement and once in a life-time opportunity for some. It was a difficult tramp but students done well and maintained resilience and dedication to complete.



TOHE RAUARIKI

CONFIDENT CITIZENS



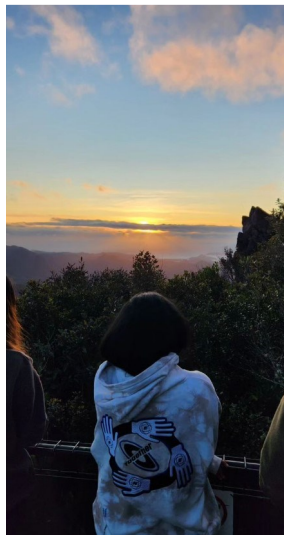
Boat Building & Welding

Shaylin Awatere-Kohunui is a Year 12 student who has been attending the Ahei Marine Pre Apprenticeship Course at Extreme Boats in Whakatāne. Taura will gain experience in alloy welding and boat building through hands-on learning and will gain 40 marine sector-related NZQA credits from Level 1 & 2.



Outdoor Education—The Pinnacles (Corromandel)

Senior Outdoor Education class had a fantastic time tramping the Pinnacles in the Coromandel. The group did it as part of their assessment, in which they had to give themselves goals and strategies for the tramp. Their preparation and self motivation was impressive. It was a challenging climb up to the hut across boulders and stone steps. Breathtaking views and sunrise.



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





HĀPORI ME NGĀ HĀKINAKINA

SPORTS & COMMUNITY



Basketball Stars

A huge congratulations to Brody Kake, Stevee and Shaynee Tai who were selected to play in the 3v3 Mataatua Basketball Regionals held in Rotorua over the holidays. This was a great opportunity for these players as they got to play alongside other team mates within the Mataatua region, Brody's Team and the Twins' team both placed second overall. Well done koutou.

Brody Kake has also made headlines this week as an avid player for our kura. Brody hopes to help bring in some new players through to give it a go. His coach says " he is an exciting player with an exceptional understanding of the game. He scores baskets with finesse and style".

(photo from the Ōpōtiki News)



Timetable for Thursday 10th August

WHĀNAU TIME	8.50am—9.00am
BLOCK 1	9.00am—9.55am
BLOCK 2	9.55am—10.50am
BREAK	10.50am—11.10am
BLOCK 3	11.10am—12.10pm
BLOCK 4	12.10pm—1.10pm

Supervision will be available in the DC for bus students

