



outlook

ONEHUNGA HIGH SCHOOL



Mele Afu 12Mc



Jan Claridge 13Wn and Thita Khenkhok 12Ed (Linguistics Olympiad)

Tena koutou katoa, kia orana, fakaalofa lahi atu, talofa lava, malo e lelei, nimen hao, namaste, warm greetings to you all!

Newsletters are prepared in advance of the term's end, and as I am writing, this year's ASB Polyfest has just finished; the school has been alive with beautiful music, dance and speeches all term. Our students, tutors, families and staff have worked very hard. Students performed with pride, passion and skill at ASB Polyfest, the largest Maori and Pacific Islands festival in the world.

This year, we had seven groups entered for the six stages: Maori, Cook Islands, Niue, Samoan, Tongan, and the Diversity stage on which our Chinese and Indian/Latino fusion group performed. For the first time, our senior students have been assessed in NCEA Dance standards as part of their ASB Polyfest achievement. On Tuesday 14 March, we held our Ao'aui Fiafia Day. Students, staff, families and former students enjoyed the magnificent performances of all groups, ahead of their performances at Polyfest 15-18 March. Further on in this newsletter are more details about the magnificent achievements of our students, and the Prime Minister's

comments when he spoke on the Niuean stage immediately following our final performance on Saturday ...

We offer a sincere thank you to the tutors of each group, who put in many hours of their own time developing and leading our students' performances. We also offer a huge thank you, to the families, staff and other members of our community who supported students and groups in preparing and performing; we are very grateful to you all. Congratulations to all students involved in ASB Polyfest 2017! We are very proud of you.

And more **Student Achievement**:

- Seven students have been awarded 2016 New Zealand Scholarships:

Bradley Coleman - Physics

Nicha Khenkhok - Calculus

Sabrina Manu - Dance

Suzy Musgrave - Dance

Deighly Pare - Dance

Erika Soffe - History

Filip Vachuda 13Ne - English

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from the principal

- At the end of last year, three (of a total of 42 awards) PwC Scholarship Awards were presented to Onehunga High students:

Maria Ah Lam – PwC accelerator award

Sabrina Manu – PwC scholarship award

Hannah Shepherd – PwC accelerator award

- At College Sport Auckland’s Young Sports Person of the Year awards on 26 November, finalists included **Alex Hyland** and **John Ryan** 12Do. Alex was named top female in Athletics and John was second of the two finalists in male Gymsports.

- Umayr Mahmood** 11Tg was selected as one of 100 participants nationwide for the Prime Minister’s Youth Programme, with activities throughout this term.



- Deniro Tavu’i** 13Lw received his First Foundation Scholarship at the University of Auckland on 15 February. Deniro’s partnering organisation is Toll.

- At the Central Eastern Zone Athletics Championships, **Mele Afu** 12Mc was 1st in Intermediate Girls’ Shot Put and 2nd in Intermediate Girls’ Discus. Mele qualified for the Auckland Championships,

where she finished 4th in Shot Put. **Deniro Tavu’i** 13Lw was 4th in the Senior Discus which also qualified him for the Auckland Championships.

- The University of Auckland has awarded three Onehunga High Business School Undergraduate Scholarships:

Deighly Pare 13Gr

(deferred to the second semester when Deighly will begin her tertiary studies)

Maria Ah Lam

Monica Iapoko

- Grace Leong** 13Wn has accepted a place with the Pointy Dog Dance Company

- At the Services Academy Induction Camp in Waiouru 27 February – 10 March, Onehunga High School students won the drill competition. Within our Academy, **Tim Love** 13Pr was awarded top student and **Win Ba** 13Pr was acknowledged as most improved.

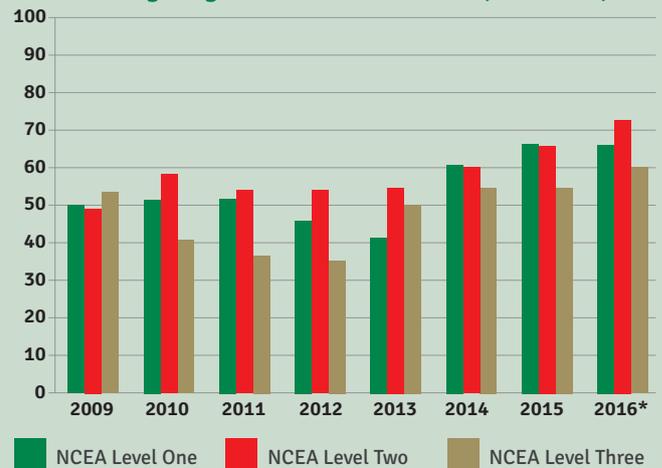
- Jan Claridge** 13Wn and **Thita Khenkhok** 12Ed scored among the highest marks in New Zealand at the NZ Linguistics Olympiad 2017, and have therefore been invited to participate in the final, which will determine the national champions.

- As you can see in the graph to the right, last year’s NCEA results are again the best that Onehunga High School students have had, with 66% of all Year 11 students, 73% of Year 12 students and 60% of Year 13 students, achieving the relevant qualification. Roll based statistics are the most valid measure of school achievement – as compared to participation based data, which is the other measure sometimes used (this takes into account only those students in the year level who entered sufficient credits to be eligible for the qualification).

Thank you, to students, families and staff, for our shared high expectations. Our partnership, especially through academic mentoring, better use of data and sheer hard work, continues to make a positive difference for students, and to student achievement.

- The graphs below show the percentage of students in 2013-2016 who achieved NCEA at each of the respective levels, with merit or excellence endorsement, and without endorsement. Again, you will note the positive trend – more students are achieving endorsed certificates at each of the levels.

Onehunga High School NCEA Results (roll based)



Level 1 Certificate Endorsement



Level 2 Certificate Endorsement



Level 3 Certificate Endorsement



Legend: No Endorsement (green), Merit (red), Excellence (tan)

School targets for 2017 are:

Roll Based Achievement:

- 75% of Year 11 cohort achieve NCEA Level 1
- 75% of Year 12 cohort achieve NCEA Level 2
- 75% of Year 13 cohort achieve NCEA Level 3

Quality Achievement:

- 20% of students who achieve NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3, will do so with Excellence

UE Achievement (Participation):

- 70% of eligible students will achieve the UE qualification

The full charter is available in the parent/student portal of our website.

superstar awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received superstar awards



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| Alex Lam Sam | 12Bc |
| Andrew McCluskie | 12Do |
| Josh D'Silva | 12Do |
| Josh Harvey | 12Do |
| Awatea Mackie | 10Gy |

Advance notification Fees for NCEA and Scholarship 2017

Year 11, 12 and 13 students are required to pay NZQA fees to have their results recorded on their Record of Achievement and to receive certificates. The fee for NCEA is \$76.70 and Scholarship is \$30 per subject. Fees are due in Week 1, Term 3.

Become a host family

Help young students have the experience of their life.

Please contact: Anita Vulling – Homestay co-ordinator: 09 636 9060 – avulling@ohs.school.nz

Congratulations

to the following past pupils on their achievements:

Auckland University of Technology

- Gilbert Manoa.....Certificate in Sport and Recreation
- Sheetal Singh.....Diploma in Applied Science
- Jenny DaiBachelor of Business
- Ellen Mackenzie.....Bachelor of Communication Studies
- Manakolahi Nemaia....Bachelor of Business
- Christine Love.....Bachelor of Health Science
- Ryan Palmer.....Bachelor of Business
- Prasheila Prasad.....Bachelor of Business
- James KerrBachelor of Arts
- Antony Vavia.....Bachelor of Science
- Shagufta DeanBachelor of Health Science
- Rachel BurtonBachelor of Design
- Farrah KusmantoroBachelor of Health Science
- Reba Pinto.....Bachelor of Visual Arts
- Jonathan TinaiCertificate in Applied Science
- Kulaea DewanCertificate in Applied Science

University of Waikato

- Kendra BillingtonBachelor of Computer Graphic Design

Staff News

- Michelle Heather, Associate Principal, and Linda Everett, Head of the Business School, are both recipients of Secondary Teachers' Study Awards for the university academic year, and will each complete a Masters in Educational Leadership.
- Jono Smith, Deputy Principal, will continue to be seconded to the role of Director of Teacher Preparation and Support at Teach First NZ in 2017.

We wish them all enjoyment and success in their various capacities, learning more about leading teaching and learning.

Board of Trustees

- We are fortunate that Onehunga High School continues to be effectively governed by a board comprising community members who are committed to supporting student achievement. Fran Mes has been re-elected as Board Chair, and Kym Amiatu and Roy Murupaenga as Deputy Chairs.

Community of Learning

- Our local cluster of schools is continuing to collaborate towards forming a Community of Learning. We are proposing that we name our Community of Learning Te Iti Kahurangi which translates as Striving for Excellence.

Our local cluster has collaborated for decades, and is known as the Maungakiekie Cluster, incorporating our seven local primary schools, our intermediate school and the two high schools:

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| Mangere Bridge School | Marcellin College |
| Onehunga High School | Onehunga Primary School |
| Oranga Primary School | Royal Oak Intermediate School |
| Royal Oak Primary | St Joseph's School |
| Te Papapa School | Waterlea Primary School |

We look forward to continuing to work effectively together, for the benefit of our local community.

School Ball

- Students have voted overwhelmingly for the school ball to be changed to the school break at the end of Term Two, rather than Term One, as preferred last year. For this reason, the school ball is confirmed to be held on Tuesday 11 July.

We encourage you to use our website <http://www.onehungahigh.school.nz/> which includes our parent/student portal in the top right corner of the front page.

You can also access the portal directly at <http://my.ohs.school.nz/>. Feedback from students, parents and members of our wider community is helpful to us, so keep this coming please; and above all, we appreciate you interacting with us, and our website in order that we are better connected with each other.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Term One break; and look forward to seeing all students at 8:45am Monday 1 May to begin Term Two.

Deidre Shea

Principal



Uniform Shop

During Term Two the school uniform shop will be open Monday and Thursday at lunchtimes 1:40pm – 2:20pm. Tuesdays 8:10 – 8:50am.

It will be closed on the last week of term.



Winter is coming

Summer is in full flight right now as the weather is beautiful, but it won't be this way forever! Once it starts to get colder in April and May, students need extra uniform items.

School jumpers and jackets can be purchased from the uniform shop at school or from School Uniform Centre, 553 Remuera Road, Remuera or online at www.schooluniformcentre.co.nz. Our uniform rules state that only the school jumper or jacket can be worn, so please purchase one or both of these as soon as you are able.



Adult Pilates Classes at Onehunga High School

10 weeks \$99

**Mon/Fri 9.30 am – 10.30 am
and 10.35 am – 11.35 am**

Enrol online www.adultlearn.co.nz
Or phone Tiffany 6369060

Junior Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Awards at the Junior Awards Ceremony in December:

Loyalty and Courage Cup:

Keely Liggett 11Hw

Nicholas Joyce Memorial Cup:

Bradley Sutcliffe 11Hu

Junior Sportsperson of the Year:

Blake Costley 10Kr

Elma Aitken Junior Merit Cup:

Karolina Vachudova 11Lu

New Zealand Linguistics Olympiad

The New Zealand Linguistics Olympiad provides students the opportunity to take part in problem-solving challenges and developing academic abilities in analysis and logical thinking. Eleven students from our school participated in round 1 and were among almost 400 participants from across the country.

Two of our students, Jan Claridge 13Wn and Thita Khenkhok 12Ed scored among the highest marks in New Zealand, displaying exceptional problem-solving and logical analysis skills, working with data that challenges professional linguists. They have been invited to the regional final, which will be held at the University of Auckland. At the end of the regional finals, one team of competitors will be crowned the NZ Linguistics Olympiad 2017 Champions.

Red Eagle Music Scholarship

The Red Eagle Music Scholarship is awarded each year for two Onehunga High School students to attend the Geelong Summer Music Camp in Melbourne. This year the scholarship recipients were Tevita Teulilo 13Hm and Jacob Ngan-Sue 12Tg. Both students spent a week in Melbourne in January and performed in many different music ensembles including a full concert band and jazz big band. The students had the opportunity to attend workshops in performance and perform in the final concert. Both Tevita and Jacob gained a lot from the experience and impressed both the teachers and students with their musical ability.

We are indebted to Tony and Heather Falkenstein for their support through the Red Eagle Foundation.



Jacob Ngan-Sue 12Tg



Tevita Teulilo 13Hm

Physical Education and Health



Wow, Term 1 in the Physical Education and Health department has been as busy as ever. We welcomed Mr Van Stipriaan into the department. Mr Van Stipriaan is beginning his teaching journey with us at OHS and he has made a fantastic start, getting to know his students and also coaching the boys' softball team.

In our Junior Physical Education classes, students started the year refining their athletic skills and competing in Athletics day. It was brilliant to see so many students giving all the events a go and trying their best. The juniors are now participating in their first curriculum activities of the year focusing on their termly topic of winning and losing for Year 9 students and perfecting performance in Year 10.

We have also been running a class challenge to find the first junior class to be in full and correct Physical Education uniform. The OHS shorts and OHS top are compulsory for all junior students

and have been chosen to allow the students to exercise freely in comfort, while maintaining modesty. We are pleased to say 9Db are the Year 9 winners and 10Ny the Year 10 winners. Any assistance you can lend from home to ensure your child has the correct PE top and shorts for their lessons would be appreciated.

Our senior Physical Education and Health classes have been busy working on their internal assessments. Some Level 2 students have been sampling what it's like to be a teacher and will be running a 'get up and go' week in Week 11 for junior students to participate in at lunchtime. In Health our Level 3 students have begun analysing a health issue, developing their research skills through the topic of euthanasia. The effort and application to all our senior lessons has been fantastic to date, let's continue this into Term 2.

Well done.

Safety at the School Gate

Park safely outside schools

Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking rules help protect our children and keep them safe. Drivers who park illegally put our kids at risk.

This term parking officers will be on patrol outside your school to issue tickets to those who are illegally parked.

Fines for illegal parking include:

- Parked on the footpath or grass verge/ berm \$40
- Parked across or within 1m of a vehicle entrance \$40
- Parked within 6m either side of an unmarked bus stop \$40
- Parked within a marked bus stop \$60
- Parked within 0.5m of a fire hydrant with no one in the car legally capable of moving it \$60
- Parked within a designated bus lane, transit or cycle lane \$60
- Parked on a clearway \$60
- Double parked \$60
- Inconsiderate parking to other road users, including pedestrians \$60
- Parked on or within 6m of an intersection \$60
- Parked on a pedestrian crossing \$60
- Parked on a broken yellow line \$60

These parking offences are detailed in the New Zealand Road Code.

For more information visit aucklandtransport.govt.nz



English Language School

Term Two starts on 24 April (English Language School term two only), although we accept new students at any time. We offer a full range of English classes from absolute beginners through to IELTS. We offer students study options that include both part-time and full time programmes; 9.00 am to 2.30 pm. There are significant discounts for NZ residents and long lengths of study. Please phone us for enrolment information on **634 9690** or email us on learn@ohs.school.nz.

ADULT LEARNING CENTRE Adult Education

Term One classes commenced on Tuesday 21 February. The year has started well with many classes full before commencement. Please remember to enrol early to secure your place in class and take advantage of our online enrolment discount.

Please visit our website www.adultlearn.co.nz to view a full list of all our classes and an update of any new classes or promotions we offer from term to term.

Term Two classes start Tuesday May 16.

You can also contact us on comed@ohs.school or **636 9060** to enrol over the telephone or for further information.



POLYFEST 2017

Not many schools can boast that they were represented on every stage. OHS had Kapa Haka, Chinese, Cook Island, Indian/Latin Fusion, Niuean, Samoan and Tongan groups performing, every one of which had worked extremely hard in the past 6 weeks to perfect the polished, energetic and moving performances that they gave. The enthusiasm of the students as they worked together to learn their dances, songs and speeches and celebrate not only their own culture but the cultures of others was inspiring. Emily Kapaga 13Wn who won the Best Overall Female Leader on the Niuean stage, performed with her two brothers, Maxie Tasmania 9Dg and Caleb Tasmania 12Vi in the 60 strong Niuean group, was excited because "It is expressing who I am, my culture, my identity. I got to do this with my family and to meet new friends."

While all of the groups performed exceptionally well, we would like to congratulate the Tongan group and in particular their student leaders, Maliana Siulangapo 13Ab and Lani Iloahefaiva 13Pr and the Teacher in Charge Mrs Lute Langi for their 3rd place in the Sokee.

The Cook Island group got the cup for the Most Improved group. Congratulations to them and to their Student Leaders Gabrielle Leala 13Ab, Ryan Metuariki 13Hm, Kalolaine Fe'ao 13Gr and the Teacher in Charge, Ms Bridget Dolan.

The Niuean Group were simply outstanding. The Prime Minister himself, Rt Hon Bill English congratulated them and said that Onehunga High School "was the best school in Auckland". This group won an unprecedented 7 trophies; Kamataaga 2nd, Tame 1st, Koli Moe Logofoou 1st, Meke 1st, Costume 1st, Fakaaliaga 3rd. Congratulations to all of the 60 students in the Niuean Group and in particular to the Student Leaders, Emily Kapaga 13Wn and Elijah Teu 13Pj and to the Teacher in Charge Mr Ramend Kumar and to Miss Heidi Weightman for all the wonderful work she did with the costumes. The group would also like to sincerely acknowledge and thank former students Roja Kauie and John Viliko for all the time and effort they put into training the students.

All those students who took part in the event can be justifiably proud of their achievements. There are too many people who deserve recognition to name them all, we would however also like to thank the Student Leaders of the Samoan Group, Deniro Tavu'i 13Lw and Caroline Fui'fatu Faatamala 13Hm and Teachers in Charge Mr Junior Faata and Mr Tim Noyce.

Congratulations to the Student Leaders of the Kapa Haka group Te Mana Tiakiwai 11Whanau and Zaara Wetere 12Whanau and to the Teacher in Charge Mr Charles Looker.

Finally congratulations to the Leader of the Chinese group and to the Teacher in Charge Miss Sarah Wang, to Shristi Singh 12Vi Student Leader of the Indian/Latin fusion group and Teacher in Charge Mrs Dorothy Fernandez.

What a heartwarming celebration of the wonderful diversity that is Onehunga High School, Polyfest is.



Chinese

Ni hao! Chinese is a great, fun language to learn and is very useful in everyday life. In Year 9 Chinese we are not only learning how to speak Mandarin, but we are also learning about traditions and festivals celebrated in Chinese culture.

Our class enjoys playing kahoot, Quizlet and making Google slide shows. The students in Chinese are very friendly, helpful and are involved in learning.

I really enjoy Chinese and I think it's an amazing language to learn.

Paige Campbell 9Db



Careers News

Experience Days

There are many opportunities coming up for our students.

KATTI (Maori students) and PILOT (Pacific Island Leaders of Tomorrow). These workshops with tertiary providers are about finding out how to make a smooth transition from school to life after school. Students are able to mix and mingle with other schools and make contacts with support people from tertiary outside school.

As the year progresses, there will be a number of additional opportunities for students to visit various places such as Unitec, MIT, University of Auckland and many more to explore areas of interest to them. If your child would like to participate in any of these events, they will need to visit the Careers resource centre and register. There is normally a limit to the number of students who can participate in any given event so registering early is vital.

Already there are also several proactive students going out to explore opportunities in various industries such as Dentistry, Photography, TV production, Architecture etc. This is a great way for a student to see if the industry is what they thought it would be and see if it is something they would like to pursue in the future.

Holiday programmes are also a great way for students to "try before they buy". As well as gaining valuable work experience, students are developing community mindedness and putting skills they have been developing into practice in real situations. To this end, many students from the Health Science Academy are already registering for the Induction Introductory Day held at the Auckland Hospital on the last Thursday of the forthcoming holidays.

Looking to do some voluntary work? See Careers to register your interest.



First Aid Course

Mr Coughlan and Sgt Graeme Farnham facilitated (many thanks) over 60 students from Gateway and Services gaining their Level 2 First Aid Certificates. This was a full on day for each group of 20 and extremely successful for everyone involved.



Learner Driver Licence

There are over 50 keen students participating in the Learner Licence Programme this term. They will sit the Licence during the last week of term at school.

Licence to Work Programme

This is the second year of our participation in the Licence to Work Programme which is designed to help young people develop the "soft skills" needed for the workplace. Employers have endorsed this programme as they see a need for young people to learn what the expectations are in the workplace.

This year Gateway and Level 3 Services are taking part and we look forward to seeing them flourish. In total there are approximately 90 students participating.

Part of the additional requirements are

for each student to do 80 hours of work placement and 20 hours of community service. Students are expected to do the community work in their own time either after school, in the weekends or in the holidays. This is very demanding but extremely rewarding for the students and helps them build confidence in themselves and their abilities.

At the end of the programme they will receive a certificate to include in their CV portfolios to show future employers what they have done.



The 2017 Enterprise Youth CEO Conference

On 8th March, six of our YES CEOs attended the 2017 Enterprise Youth CEO Conference, which was held in the CBD.

The Conference was where CEOs came and spoke to budding YES CEOs (approx. 100 students). CEOs told the assembled students their story, how they got where they are and offered suggestions on how to be a great CEO.

It was an amazing line up of speakers: Brett O'Riley – CEO ATEED, Adriana Christie – CEO The Pallet Kingdom, Sam Jones – CEO Little Yellow Bird, Rob Fyfe – CEO Icebreaker / Former Air New Zealand Chief, Terry Shubkin – CEO Young Enterprise Trust, Sandy Geyer – CEO ENQ Practice, Councillor Richard Hills – Youngest Auckland Council Member, James Coddington – CEO Joy Business Academy, and the Northern Mystics Head Coach, Helene Wilson.

Students said they found the YES CEO Conference extremely beneficial. The experience of hearing successful business people tell their story, what they did wrong, what they did right and what they had learnt across their journey was potentially life changing. The students were able to ask questions and hear what the speakers thought about business related matters.

"I saw that each CEO was a different individual and ran their companies differently, yet all of them were successful. This goes to show that uniqueness and diversity are important in business success. You just need to be determined, professional and have a plan for success. I now have a clearer idea of how I want to run my own business and I am determined to lead it to success."

Young Enterprise Scheme

Level 3 Business students this year are taking part in the Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme (YES).

Students work in groups to come up with a business idea, form a company and see their idea become a reality. The companies that OHS students register will be among approximately 800 from across the country.

Students recently attended an introduction day at AUT North Shore Campus, where they began to think about possible business opportunities that they could develop. They met with students from all over Auckland and a highlight for many were the meetings they had with the business leaders who gave up their time to act as mentors in the programme. Students found that the advice and experience of these experts was both invaluable and challenging.

This experience of entrepreneurship that the scheme develops can be life changing for some students. One YES Alumni, Jamie Beaton did YES in 2011. He has since founded Crimson Consulting and raised 41 million dollars from New York investors. This means Jamie, a 21 year old Aucklander, is now on the Rich List!

We look forward to watching the progress of our students' companies and can't wait to see what they can produce. All of the students who take part have the potential to learn an enormous amount about business and how it really works. You never know, one of the companies may even make a considerable profit. We wish each team every success especially as they enter the 'Dragon's Den'!

Services Academy

It has been a great start to the year with students straight into the job of shaping up for the new academic year. This year we have over 220 students in the Academy with students over four year levels (10-13). The Senior Academy recently attended the Northern Region Services Academies Induction Camp at Waiouru Military Camp. The students enjoyed twelve days of Basic Squad Drill, Physical Training, Group Dynamics, Fieldcraft and Adventure Based Learning. The students are to be commended for the commitment shown in preparation for and participation during the camp.

The students successfully retained the Drill Trophy through their exceptional performance during the Drill competition. Special mention goes to Win Ba 13Pr and Timothy Love 13Pr who received awards for Most Improved and Top Student respectively.

Kia kaha



Induction 2017



New Challenge for the Building School

2017 is a new ball game for the building school. We are building a bigger and better house that will be sold on the open market. The new house will be 114m² (approx.) 3 bedroom with ensuite and it will be clad in timber weatherboards. Watch the progress during the year as you drive up and down Pleasant Street.

We are very thankful to our business and support partners with the project.

- Fletcher Construction Company
- Hitachi New Zealand
- Paslode Nail guns
- Pryda Timber connectors

- Textile Products
- Grove Mitre 10
- Access Solutions
- Brierly Plumbing

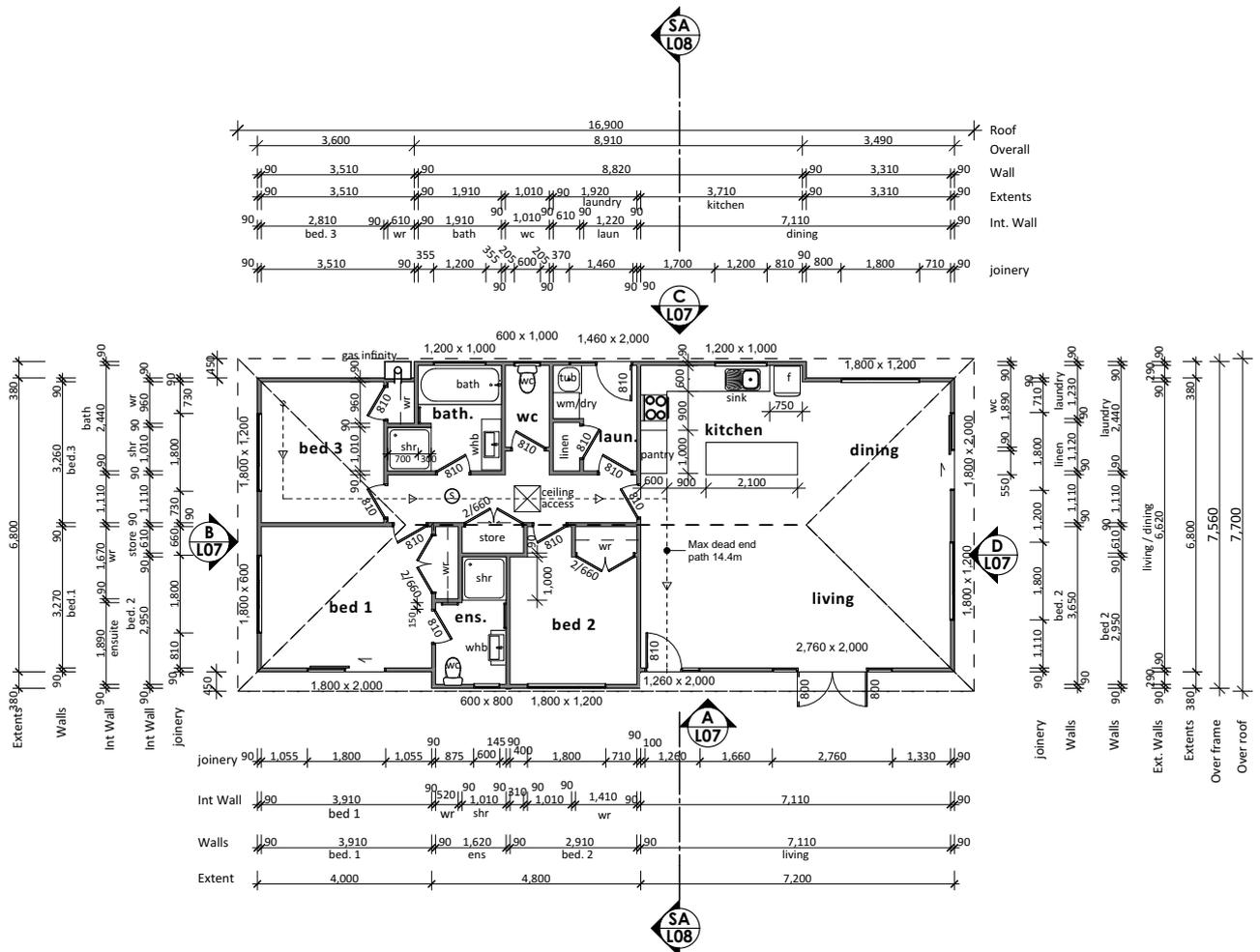
To accommodate a larger house the students have been busy improving the building site. You will see new retaining walls and a new concrete crossing. Local resident and past Onehunga High parent Mr Les Hayden was on hand to guide the students through the process of excavating and setting up the site for the concrete pour. Mr Hayden's years of knowledge made the job an easy and achievable experience for the students.

We would also like to thank IH Wedding and Sons for the donation of crushed concrete from their Mount Gabriel supply. This is a great environmentally friendly product for spreading across the work site.

Cassidy Construction one of Auckland's top building companies has offered to help our students with the possibility of Gateway work experience opportunities. They are also assisting all Building School students with financing their Site Safe qualification. The site safe qualification is becoming almost compulsory on construction sites.



Building and Construction School



(over frame)

114.2 m² floor area -
130.1 m² roof area -

Key:

- Smoke Alarm
- Fire escape
- dead end path
- timber framed walls

Fire Safety -NZBC/C1

NZBC C1:
Risk Group: SH
Dead end path: 14.5m
Fire safety system: Type 1 smoke alarm



Elevation Key

0 1 2 3 4 5m



Floor Dimension Plan

Scale @ A3 - 1:100

DRAMA



Much Ado about Shakespeare

With the Pop-up Globe Theatre a mere stone's throw away in Ellerslie, a keen group of Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 English and Drama students headed out in the pouring rain to experience incredible live theatre in the form of William Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing". This brilliant performance turned Shakespeare's notoriously tricky language into a visual delight as the comedy involving two sets of lovers and those trying to keep them apart/get them together had the audience in tears of laughter. Many of our intrepid students braved the standing-room-only part of the theatre as "Groundlings" (thankfully the rain stopped for most of the play), and some were even brought into direct contact with the actors during various scenes. Everyone agreed Shakespeare's plays had never felt so easy to understand and enjoy, and we all had an amazing time.

Five OHS students receive scholarships as part of the National Youth Theatre Company

Terms 1 and 2 will be exciting for Year 13 Drama students Thomas Campbell 13Hm and Rosie Hayden 13Gr, and Year 11 Drama students Nathan Chitty 11Hz, Diane Amanoni 11Hu and Caitlin Read 11Ta. The five students are all recipients of NYTC scholarships which give them the opportunity to hone their musical theatre skills during a four-month programme and weekend camp, put on by the National Youth Theatre. Along with students from three other Auckland schools, the OHS crew attend rehearsals at weekends and will be auditioning for lead and chorus roles in the Company's production of the musical "Oliver", to be performed at the Aotea Centre in June. We wish our young thespians well!



Reflecting on our Past

Jason Myers

OHS Student 1996 – 2000, Head Boy 2000

From OHS Jason went on to study for a BA in Geography and Philosophy at the University of Auckland. Jason stayed on and completed a PhD in Geography in which he studied the social and cultural aspects of HIV in New Zealand. Jason then moved to London for two years where he worked as a Research Associate at the University College London while travelling Europe.

Jason returned home in 2010 and started at the New Zealand AIDS Foundation as Policy Officer. Over the following four years he held a number of roles including Managing the International Development Programme working with sexual health and rights organisations in the Pacific. During this time he was able to tell New Zealand's story at a United Nations High Level Meeting on HIV and The Law in Bangkok. He says we have a world leading human rights legislation record and the story has so much to offer those in countries where people are not so lucky.

In 2014 Jason left the New Zealand AIDS Foundation and went to Oxfam New Zealand as their Advocacy and Campaigns Director and was part of the Oxfam New Zealand Executive Leadership team which involved playing a leading role in the development and monitoring of all aspects of organisational strategy and operations.

When the Executive Director position at the New Zealand AIDS Foundation became vacant Jason applied and has been in that role since mid 2016.



Photo compliments of Express Magazine



International Department

The international team has welcomed a large number of students this term with many of them here for only one term. Once programmes were finalised students settled into school routines and homestay placements. Overall the standard of student and opportunity that this experience provides has been exemplary.

We also welcomed back a short study tour from Dinghai in China and a new group from Qianwei. These students visited early in February and enjoyed the warmer weather and excitement of school as students returned from their summer breaks. As usual their school experience was

fascinating and very different for them. Our school and students are so welcoming that buddy students and class placements are easy and assist in making the students feel at home quickly.

Thanks to those of you who were able to assist us in providing homestay families. This part of the experience is vital in ensuring that their experience is a positive one. If you would like to host students going forward we would love to hear from you and you can contact Anita at: avulling@ohs.school.nz.

Our International Department:

MS LINDA MELROSE

Director of International Students

MRS PI-SHUANG CHEN

Dean of International Students

MRS ANITA VULLING

Homestay Co-ordinator

MRS TIFFANY TSAI

Administrator

Our contact email is:

international@ohs.school.nz



Photos compliments of Michael French 12Tg and Ave Sinton 12Sc

Science

Level 2 Biology

It was a 7:30am start. We headed up north on our way to the Goat Island Marine Reserve at Leigh. It was a long 2 hour drive that turned into an almost 3 hour drive. When we got there we split into our two classes and our group changed into the scuba gear. Once in our scuba gear we got briefed on what we would see in the reserve and how to use the snorkelling equipment. They told us about the many different kind of sea creatures and fishes we would see. We then headed down to the clear, blue water and in pairs, got in the water and started snorkelling. The water was 22 degrees and it was a perfect day for it. As we swam around we saw fishes swimming below us, above us and around us. Snapper, lots of leatherjackets, parore

and kelp surrounded us as we swam towards the island. Our 40 minutes had passed and we got out of the water. We headed back up, took our gear off and took in everything we had just seen. After we got dressed and had something to eat we went to the University of Auckland marine biology lab. There was a lady there who taught us a lot about the history of the Goat Island Reserve and the ecology of it, as well as all the organisms that live within it. It was very interesting and helpful for the report we had to write. We then looked around the lab and took photos of the amazing scenery surrounding us. We then headed back to Auckland!

Ave Sinton 12Sc



sports round up

Welcome back to Sport in 2017. I would firstly like to welcome all our Year 9 students and parents to Onehunga High School, hope you are settling in well and are ready to represent the school in a variety of sport.

Term One has been a tough term of Sport as we have had to balance the term with Polyfest but we continue to push sport as much as we can through the summer to increase our participation. Thanks to all the seniors who did manage to get involved in sport this term. It has been a good summer and we have had some great results.

Swimming sports this year was cancelled due to weather (ironic!) but we were still able to send a group of swimmers to the Central Zones with some fantastic results.

Athletics day was fantastic with so many students taking part and enjoying themselves. We have so many talented athletes, it's great to see them on show and really getting behind each other and creating a great environment for students to perform.

The rest of the term we have our Senior Tag teams heading out to the Southern Zone hoping to finish in the top two to qualify for Auckland Champs. We also have our school cross country at the start of Term 2.

It's great to see our Volleyball and Softball programmes developing well with numbers increasing each year.

Good luck to our summer sporting codes that are finishing off the season strongly and our Premier Volleyball Girls lead by Mr Griffiths heading to Nationals.

Looking ahead to the winter season I wish all teams the best of luck with preparations and to a successful winter season.

Chad Coombes
Director of Sport



Up Coming Sports Dates:

Rugby 1st XV Play-Off Game
– vs. Liston 29th April 12pm

Basketball Boys and Girls
Qualifying Tournament for Premier division

Cross Country – Week 1 - Friday 5th May

Sports Assistance

– Coaching & Managing

Onehunga High School is always interested in parents and caregivers helping out with sport in all sorts of capacities. If you are interested in coaching or managing a sports team at OHS please get in contact with Chad Coombes on **027 246 2448** or ccoombes@ohs.school.nz

OHS Athletics Sports

Athletics Sports 2017 was a great day in the sun, we had all Year 9 and 10 students involved this year along with over 400 senior students. Students enjoyed a great day moving around all the events. The yearly 100m finals was in front of the whole school and it didn't disappoint with some of the fastest runners we have had. A big thank you to the prefects, sports council and all OHS staff for making the day a great occasion.

| 100M | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Year 9 Girls | Akesa Teulilo 9Db | Meipera Beaumont 9Cr | Anevili Toeoana 9Dj |
| Year 9 Boys | Luther Rogers 9Ns | Campbell Briggs-Canavan 9Db | Nathan Taufahema 10Ns |
| Year 10 Girls | Laura Mackness 10Kr | Morticia Levi 10Gt | Charlotte Tui 10Gy |
| Year 10 Boys | Benny Lam Sam 10Ny | Sione Tu'ifua 10Ny | Peter Tunupopo 10Dm |
| Year 11 Boys | Maka Latu 11Sn | Joshua Leef 11Lu | Paula Kalauta 11Hu |
| Year 12 Boys | MJ Meti 12Sc | Toni Teulilo 12Wm | Jude Brown 12Do |
| Year 11/12/13 Girls | Eileen Katoa 12Mc | Shalom Aleni 11Sn | Hannah Ofanoa 12Wm |
| Year 13 Boys | Michael Lemafa 13By | Omega Poe 13Gr | Jacob Munoz 13Wn |
| Year 13 Girls | Joanna Fanene 13Je | Hayley Carter 13Je | Mafi Fakalata 13Kr |

Athletics Central Eastern Zone

Morticia Levi 10Gt: 5th High Jump
Intermediate 8th Long Jump
7th Discus

Mele Afu 12Mc: 1st Shot Put
Intermediate 2nd Discus

Kiri Lea'aetoa 13Cw 4th Senior Shot Put

Etoni Afu 9Cp 8th Junior Discus

Patrick Moimoi 9Cr 9th Junior Discus

Ulysses Semisi 12Bc 8th Senior Shot Put

Deniro Tavu'I 13Lw 4th Senior Discus



Mele Afu 12Mc

Central Eastern Swimming Zones

Marco Smeets 11Ta

4th Intermediate Boys 50m Breaststroke | 4th Intermediate Boys 50m Freestyle

Samantha Johnstone 12Tg

5th Senior Girls Breaststroke | 7th Senior Girls Butterfly

ART

Faces stared at you from every angle and swayed gently as you moved through them in what was a very evocative display of Self Portraits in Wire by students from 9Db, 9Cr and Year 10 Art.

When HOD of Art, Ms Sarah Fels was asked if students from OHS could contribute to the Onehunga Creative Arts Day held in the Onehunga Town Centre, she asked the students to create self portraits in wire. They were encouraged to think of the wire like a pencil and use it to draw their face in a continuous line. Sarah explained "While making something of this nature, artists encounter unique problems and difficulties. As such, art making becomes a lesson in drawing and creative problem solving; developing awareness of and skills in perseverance and determination".

The wire portraits were hung from the ceiling against a white backdrop in an otherwise empty room in Onehunga Mall. The resulting installation was quite startling. Perhaps the best

accolade was the evident delight on the faces of children who visited the exhibition, who were observed carefully choosing their favourites and racing between portraits as they discovered new ones that piqued their interest.

Congratulations to students involved and Art Department staff, Sarah Fels, Ashleigh Wilding, Anthony Clark for making their display an unequivocal success.



▼ Year 10 2016



term **two** [CALENDAR 2017 1 MAY – 7 JULY]

WEEK ONE

- 1 May
- 2 May L3 English to Othello Pop-up Globe
L2PED Orienteering Cornwall Park
- 3 May
- 4 May
- 5 May **Rotation:** 5,1,2,3,4

WEEK TWO

- 8 May OHS Scholarship Assembly
– Period 5
- 9 May L3PHY Rainbows End
- 10 May
- 11 May L3 English to Othello Pop-up Globe
- 12 May **Rotation:** 1,2,3,4,5

WEEK THREE

- 15 May
- 16 May
- 17 May
- 18 May L2PHY Motat
- 19 May **Rotation:** 2,3,4,5,1

WEEK FOUR

- 22 May
- 23 May L1,2,3MUS to APO Auckland Town Hall

- 24 May
- 25 May
- 26 May Auckland Regional Hospitality
Championships
Rotation: 3,4,5,1,2,

WEEK FIVE

- 29 May
- 30 May 3 Way Conversations (no classes)
- 31 May 3 Way Conversations (no classes)
- 1 June
- 2 June **Rotation:** 4,5,1,2,3

WEEK SIX

- 5 June Queen's Birthday
Services Academy Bushcraft Course
(all week)
- 6 June
- 7 June
- 8 June
- 9 June **Rotation:** 5,1,2,3,4

WEEK SEVEN

- 12 June
- 13 June
- 14 June

- 15 June
- 16 June **Rotation:** 1,2,3,4,5

WEEK EIGHT

- 19 June
- 20 June
- 21 June
- 22 June Health Science Fono
- 23 June **Rotation:** 2,3,4,5,1

WEEK NINE

- 26 June
- 27 June
- 28 June
- 29 June MIT competition including
City and Guilds Teams
- 30 June **Rotation:** 3,4,5,1,2

WEEK TEN

- 3 July
- 4 July Careers Expo
- 5 July
- 6 July
- 7 July **Rotation:** 4,5,1,2,3
- 11 July School Ball