



Onehunga High School

NEWS



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NAU MAI HAERE MAI

Tēnā koutou, ki te whānau o Onehunga High School.

What a pleasure it was to be able to meet the whānau of our 2024 Prefect team and to present these fine young leaders with their prefect's badges. The support of whānau is both important and very much appreciated.

The successes of our current and former students are always cause for celebration and much pride. Entrepreneur and alumna Renee Lee is extraordinarily successful in the world of business and is a superb role model for our students. Alumnus Sam Tuifua who has just been signed by the Dallas Jakals, a professional rugby team in the USA, is an example to our students of what can be achieved with focus and determination.

Last week Kaitiaki teachers shared academic progress data with senior students (Y11-13). Every three weeks, senior students will bring home a hard copy of their NCEA progress. This should lead to an important learning conversation with whānau. This information can also be found on Kamar. We are supporting all learners to develop healthy learning habits early in the year to ensure successful outcomes.

Have a great weekend.

Shameen Hayat
PRINCIPAL



KEY DATES - TERM 1

- 11 March:** Kaitiaki class/ID photos
- 15 March:** Swimming Sports
- 18-22 March:** Summer Tournament Week
- 22 March:** OHS Road Race
- 29 March:** Good Friday - School closed
- 1 & 2 April:** Easter - School closed
- 8-12th April:** Battle of the Bands
- 9 April:** Massey Exchange
- 12 April:** End of Term

Prefect & Whānau Evening

It was an honour and a delight to host the Prefect team and their whānau last week to celebrate their success. Being selected for this very important leadership role is a considerable achievement and honour. The prefects were presented with their badges and Maya Edmunds (Head Girl 2020) offered insights into what our team may expect.

The prefects concluded the evening by singing the school song. The enthusiasm, respect and humility demonstrated by the prefects, left us in no doubt that these young leaders will be excellent role models and ambassadors for our school.

Athletics Day

The OHS athletics day event was held at Mt Smart stadium last week. All junior students and 150 senior students competed in a range of disciplines. The day was highly successful with awesome levels of participation from students. Leadership and service was also demonstrated by our senior student leaders who helped run the different stations.

Well done to those students who did their very best on the day, being involved and committed, especially those athletes who qualified for the Central Zone competition held this week.

Central, East, West Zone Championships:

We had a team of 19 athletes attend the Zone Championships on Tuesday 4th March. We have three athletes that have qualified for the Auckland Championships to be held on Tuesday 26th March.

- Lisa Hellyer - Inter 800m (1st Central)
- Sarah Hellyer - Inter 800m (2nd Central)
- Denayla Tavui - Senior Shotput (2nd Central), Senior Discus (4th Central)
- Daiana Radrole - Senior Shot put (12th combined overall)

Goat Island Marine Reserve Trip

This week, excited Level 2 Biology students left the classroom and headed 100 kilometres north of Auckland to the University of Auckland, Leigh Marine Lab and Goat Island Marine reserve, New Zealand's oldest marine reserve.

The lab undertakes important research to support the flourishing aquaculture industries in New Zealand. In addition, they research climate change and its effect on marine environments.

Being able to snorkel at Goat Island among swarming schools of fish, including Snapper, Blue Maomao, Red Moki among others and to see the Eagle Ray glide past was utterly amazing for students.

This is experiential learning at its best, both equipping students with the knowledge they need for NCEA assessments and inspiring them to appreciate and look after our enviable marine ecosystems.



Adult Education Classes

<https://www.adultlearn.co.nz>

Email: comed@ohs.school.nz

Our Term 1 classes are well under way and students are loving the opportunity to learn new things. Don't miss out on the chance to join our resident artist, Marina, to learn how to paint with alcohol ink in our upcoming Saturday workshop.

UPCOMING KEY DATES

20 March: Barista Course starts 6:50pm

23 March: Alcohol Ink Workshop 9am

6 May: Beginning of Term 2 classes

Careers Information

Year 13s this week attended workshops on the future world of work. Given the prediction that 65% of today's students will work in jobs that haven't been invented yet, students considered some of the changes being brought about by an aging population, automation, globalization and now AI. Students learnt about industries predicting job growth, and considered how they can prepare well for success in a rapidly changing world.

Upcoming workshops

'Opportunities in Trades' and 'University 101' (more information to come)

Sport 2024

We welcomed our new Director of Sports, Scott Collins, to the school this week. Scott brings a wealth of knowledge in sports development which will help our sports grow in the future.

Sport Results and Fixtures

Cricket: Senior B T20: OHS Senior Win by 3 wickets vs Macleans

Volleyball

The Auckland Volleyball Competition concluded last night:

Senior Boys

2-1 Win vs Massey, WBD vs MAGS B

Senior Girls

2-1 Win vs Avondale, 2-0 Win vs AGS

Boys B

2-0 Loss vs St Paul's Blue, 2-0 Loss vs St Paul's Maroon

Girls A

2-0 Win vs St Cuthberts Green, 2-0 Win vs Onehunga B

Girls B

2-1 Win vs St Cuthberts Green, 2-0 Loss vs Onehunga A

Upcoming events:

- Cricket Senior B T20 vs St Peter's 3rd XI (Sat 9th), Onehunga High School
- Volleyball Senior Championships (Wed 13th - Fri 15th) - Premier Boys, Premier Girls, Bruce Pulman
- Softball Senior Tournament (Fri 15th) - Senior Boys, Rosedale Park



OHS Board of Trustees

When we consulted with the Onehunga High School community for the writing of the recent Strategic Plan, the community told us that they wanted to hear more from the Board of Trustees. Therefore, in this Newsletter we are profiling all Board members and each school term the Board will provide a short report on their work toward the OHS strategic goals.

Presiding Member – George Woodward

In May 2019, I was elected as a parent representative to the OHS Board and have been the Presiding Member (Chairperson) since October 2022. I have three children, two of which attend Onehunga High School and one who is currently at university. For work, I have many years of experience in law, finance and business. Previously, I have been on the Onehunga Primary School Board and Royal Oak Intermediate Board for six years each and also coached football and futsal teams at OHS. It is a privilege to represent the parents of the Onehunga High School community and to be able to play a part in such an important facet of our children's lives.



Principal - Shameen Hayat

Kia ora koutou, this is my second year of Principalship at OHS. Previously, I held a leadership role at Mount Albert Grammar, for nearly a decade, and before that I worked at Selwyn College and St Peters' College. I was born and raised in the UK, London and moved to New Zealand in 1997. In 1998, I came to Onehunga High School as a student teacher and knew then that it was a very special community. I have three children, 17, 15 and 10 and I'm married to Dave, who is also a teacher! It is a privilege leading Onehunga High School and I'm looking forward to what the future brings.



Staff Representative – Steve Frear

I began teaching over 4 decades ago, initially at Intermediate level. A very different landscape I must say. As fate would have it, my move into the NZ Fire Service at the end of the 80's ended prematurely, so I found myself returning to education. 25 years and 3 sons ago, Onehunga became home. This community has really appealed to me. Add 20 years at OHS and what more could one ask for. I have worked in the Learning Support space for all of my time here, coupled with a heavy involvement with coaching and administering Rugby. Apparently, you can introduce an old dog to some new tricks, so as a consequence I find myself as the staff representative on the school board. I am looking forward to this new perspective and hope I can be of some use.



Parent Representative – Maxine Inu

Kakaalofa Lahi Atu. My name is Maxx Inu. I am Samoan/Niuean born and raised in South Auckland. I come from the villages of Lufilufi, Fasito'o Tai (Samoa) and Lakepa (Niue Island). I am privileged and honoured to be a parent representative on the current Board of Trustees for Onehunga High School. I am a teacher, team leader and Pasifika lead at Maangere Bridge School. I am a strong supporter of our OHS Niuean group, my family have been tutors for many years. I love everything Pasifika and proud to be part of a community that uplifts all cultures. I bring a diverse range of experiences and perspectives to the table – as a teacher, parent, and community advocate. I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of our collective efforts and the positive changes we've installed in our community. I look forward to meeting more of our community and celebrating our students here at Onehunga High School. Fakaauae Lahi.



Parent Representative – Ma'ata Lavulo

I am a wife and mother to one child, who is a current student here at Onehunga High School. I am a past pupil of Onehunga High School and my family have lived in Onehunga since the early 1970s. I am a government employee and manage a team of 7 who maintain records as required under legislation for the whole of New Zealand. We achieve our standards and requirements by being supported by a reliable electronic system. I enjoy different genre of music but especially drawn to Motown, jazz, blues, and R&B. I love good food and enjoy good books on a lazy afternoon. I am excited and thrilled to be part of the Onehunga High School Board for the second year and look forward to an amazing year ahead.



Community Representative – Roy Murupaenga

Kia ora koutou, it is a privilege to be part of the OHS board. I have been on the OHS board for several years. My children have all attended OHS and I chose OHS for the specific pathways they provided to all students, notably Building and Construction. I am a Team Leader with the Department of Internal Affairs providing services and support to all New Zealanders. I am passionate about our school providing opportunities for our students, allowing them to grow, connect, and build their confidence to be successful at Onehunga High School and as they transition into their chosen pathways. I look forward to supporting our staff and the community.



Student Representative – Cameron Ross

I have been at Onehunga since Year 9. I have tried to be as involved as possible during my time here. I have been part of many extracurricular clubs and activities, including school bands, theatresports, Model United Nations and football teams. This year I am happy to also serve as the one of the head prefects for the school. Every year since year 9, I have been a part of a school council, and thought I would take the step up from that and represent the students on the board. I look forward to a year working with the board and making sure everything runs smoothly for students.



Parent Representative – Catherine Ross

My oldest son is in year 13 at Onehunga High School this year. I also have a daughter in year 11 at Epsom Girls Grammar School and a son at Royal Oak Intermediate who will be joining OHS next year. I now live with my husband and family in Mangere Bridge, but I moved to the UK when I was 17 to go to university and ended up staying, living and working mostly in Scotland for 20 years, where I met my husband and had the kids. I am currently the Library Manager at Mt Roskill Grammar School, and my passion is literacy development and reading engagement in secondary school students. I am very excited about our new Strategic Direction and supporting Shameen and the staff to ensure Onehunga High School helps every student achieve their full potential...and gets a proper library space!



Parent Representative – Lani Tafiti

I am from Mangere, South Auckland and am proud to be of Samoan heritage. I served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Philippines, Cagayan de Oro mission in 2000. My husband and I have 5 beautiful children - 3 sons and 2 daughters. Our two older our sons previously attended OHS, and we currently have two children attending OHS this year with our youngest daughter currently at Royal Oak Intermediate. Our children keep us busy, but I wouldn't have it any other way. I love spending time with my family, they mean the world to me. I have previously been involved in helping with the school sports teams and I am happy to be serving on the OHS Board of Trustees to help our staff and students. I look forward to serving the Onehunga High School community.



Parent Representative – Uani Talagi

My name is Uani Talagi, I've been on the Board since March 2022. My oldest daughter N'kara Tiumalu is year 12 at OHS this year and our family moved into the Onehunga community at the end of 2020 and now that we have settled, I want to be more involved in our community. A bit about myself, I have been involved with several Body Corporate Committees and have been Chairperson for the last few years. I am actively involved with high level Basketball playing this year in the NZNBL and have a background in high level sports (Rugby, League, Tag, Basketball). I started volunteering at the Onehunga YMCA in early 2021 as a referee for the basketball programmes they have and am looking to get more involved with my community as we see Onehunga as our long-term future.

