



Onehunga High School

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NAU MAI HAERE MAI

Tēnā koutou, ki te whānau o Onehunga High School

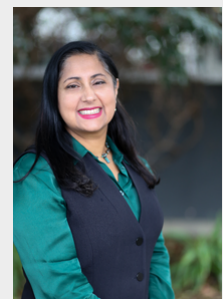
The school has enjoyed significant success inside and outside the classroom. Outside the classroom, Lisa Hellyer's impressive performance in the U18 Women's 800m Final at the National Track Championships in Wellington saw her take out silver and her sister, Sarah came in 4th. An number of OHS sports teams participated successfully in the Auckland Championships and North Island Champs. Today our Kapa Haka group participated at Polyfest, their hard work and dedication paid off with a breathtaking performance.

The Excellence Assembly honoured and celebrated academic success of our senior students. Passing NCEA with Excellence or Merit Endorsement is a significant achievement. Participation and striving to be your best inside and outside the classroom requires hard work, dedication and living by our values of loyalty and courage.

It is great to see our students enjoying school and succeeding.

Have a great weekend

Shameen Hayat
PRINCIPAL



UPCOMING KEY DATES

- 22 March:** OHS Road Race
- 29 March:** Good Friday - School closed
- 1 & 2 April:** Easter - School closed
- 9 April:** Massey Exchange
- 12 April:** End of Term 1
- 29 April:** Start of Term 2
- 31 May:** Teacher Only Day



Excellence Assembly Honours Academic Success

The whole school attended the Excellence Assembly to celebrate the 2023 NCEA academic achievements of the senior school. The assembly was opened by Amber Keisha Kuluia Hampton-Toko-Mikahere with a Karakia, followed by a Mihimihi, led by Kara Belk and a Waiata Tautoko performed by the OHS Kapa Haka students.

Principal Shameen Hayat spoke of her gratitude and pride for the staff and students who worked hard to ensure the success of so many. It is important to recognise the hard work, focus and dedication of those students whose diligence and determination have ensured their academic success.

Congratulations to all those students honoured and special congratulations to Cameron Ross, Nu'ufou Telea and Hazel Thrush for their outstanding results.



Congratulations OHS Kapa Haka

Today, at Polyfest, Te Rito, our OHS kapa haka rōpū, wowed the crowd with an outstanding performance. There were 7 items in total; each item a proud display of mana Māori.

Preparation for the competition focused on perfecting movements with hours spent in the dance studio and in the school hall; each member of the rōpū focused on micro movements and synchronisation.



Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari e toa takitini - our success is not the work of one, but the work of many. A big thank you to our tutors, Santana Maxwell and Blair Nathan who tutored our rōpū, and we cannot forget our whānau who came in and organised the kai and cooked nutritious meals to sustain us.

DRAMA STUDENTS THEATRE TRIP

On Tuesday 19th March, 44 students from levels 1, 2, and 3 Drama attended the play *O le Pepelo, le Gaoi, ma le Pala'ai* by Natano Keni and Sarita So at the ASB Waterfront Theatre. This was an Auckland Theatre Company production, and we were lucky enough to receive this as a fully funded opportunity. The show explored the perspective of Pacific island peoples moving to NZ and the impact this has on themselves, their family and culture.

Synopsis: *O le Pepelo* is a darkly comic theatre play set in Sāmoa's not-so-distant past about the fa'a sāmoa. Using both Gagana Sāmoa and English, *O le Pepelo, le Gaoi, ma le Pala'ai* | The Liar, the Thief, and the Coward is a tale of a proud Ali'i who suddenly falls gravely ill and refuses to name a successor, so his daughter and son become rivals for the title.

One of the highlights was seeing our own Onehunga High School alumni Ana Corbett play the chief's daughter in the show. We had the opportunity at the end of the performance to have a Q&A session with the actors as well as meet up with Ana for some photos!

Students have the option to study this play for their external exam this year.





Elaine P. Snowden Astronomy School

We are pleased to announce that **Jake Shearer**, a Year 13 student, has been selected to participate in an exclusive programme at Canterbury University. Jake was one of twenty successful candidates selected from over 200 applicants from across the nation.

The fully funded programme is specifically designed for students who have a keen interest in pursuing further studies in Astronomy or Physics at the university level. Participants have the opportunity to travel to UC's Mt John Observatory in Tekapo.

This achievement speaks volumes about Jake's dedication and passion for Science, and we are incredibly proud of his accomplishment. We believe that this experience will not only enrich his academic journey but also inspire him to pursue his aspirations in the field of Astronomy or Physics. Please join us in congratulating Jake on this remarkable achievement. We look forward to witnessing the valuable experiences and insights he gains from this programme.

Sports

We have had a spectacular past few weeks of sport, with the Auckland Championships and North Island Championships. Please see the final page for all sports results, well done to all students that participated, and coaches and managers

Athletics - NZ Track & Field Championships

- Lisa & Sarah Hellyer represented Auckland in the 800m U18 division. This was their first time competing in this division. Lisa finished 2nd (2.10.04) while Sarah was 4th (2.13.19). They compete next at the Auckland School Champs on 27 March

Orienteering - Central Sprint Championships

- Xavier White finished as the top Y9 Boy in the Central Championships, with William Ford-Evans in 18th spot. With his top placing, Xavier has qualified for the Auckland Championships on 7 April.

Cricket - Boys Division2 T20

- OHS 131 lost to One Tree Hill College 132/1.

Fixtures

Cricket - Boys Division2 T20

- OHS vs Mt Roskill Grammar 3rd XI (23/3/24)

We will be holding musters for the following sports next week:

- Hockey
- Rugby League



Adult Education Classes

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

Email: comed@ohs.school.nz

We were really pleased with the success of our first Candle-making workshop. We will be offering other candle-making classes this year so make sure you keep an eye on our website.

We are always looking for good ideas for workshops, so if you or someone you know could offer a 2 to 4 hour class on a Saturday then please get in touch.

UPCOMING KEY DATES

6 May: Beginning of Term 2 classes



Fantastic results Summer Tournament

Cricket - Girls Div 2 T20

OHS took out 3rd place after too big wins today in Pakuranga.

OHS 150/4 beat Diocesan School 92 by 5 wickets

OHS 100/2 beat Mt Roskill Grammar 99 by 7 wickets

Softball - Boys

We had an awesome result. The team has finished 4th overall in the North Island Championships

Finished 4th in their pool

OHS 8 - 5 One Tree Hill College

OHS 12 - 4 Hato Paora

OHS 7 - 14 St Bernard's

OHS 3 - 14 Pukekohe High School

OHS 4 - 8 Napier Boys

OHS 9 - 5 Cullinane College

Volleyball - Premier Girls

Final: OHS 2 - 1 Otumoetai College B

Premier Girls finished 7th in National Championships Division 3

Volleyball - Premier Boys

Play-off: OHS 2 - 0 Te Paepae o Aotea School

Premier Boys finished 13th in National Championships Division 4

Volleyball - Senior A Girls

Senior A Girls finished with four wins in a row to finish 17th at the North Island SS Cup.

OHS 2 - 0 Albany Senior

OHS 2 - 1 Whangarei Girls High School

Futsal - Junior Boys

Junior Boys finished 4th North Island Regional Championships

OHS 33 - 1 Mt Maunganui College

Play-off: OHS 3 - 7 Tauranga Boys

Futsal - Senior Boys

Senior Boys finished 5th North Island Regional Championships

OHS 2 - 3 Tauranga Boys

Play-off: OHS 4 - 1 Spotswood College

Futsal - Senior Girls

Senior Girls finished 2nd North Island Regional Championships

OHS 3 - 0 Rotorua Girls High

Play-off: OHS 2 - 4 Taradale High

