

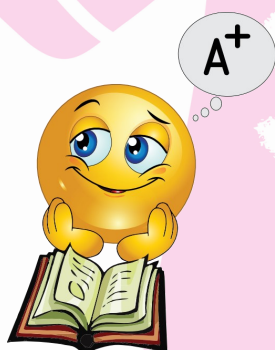


Kia Ora Koutou

Half way through the term and what a busy and positive term it has been. From **Pink Shirt Day** to the Haka for Hope, Inter-House competitions and then....

Sir John Kirwan

By now you are sure to have heard what a wonderful opportunity we were afforded with Sir John attending our school and talking with rangatahi about anxiety and mental health. He was welcomed and respected in accordance with the values we hold dear. I am extremely proud of all who were involved; Ms Ward and her team who organised this special event, students who asked fantastic questions, staff who assisted rangatahi to make the most of the opportunity and Donna Hemara and our Kaumatua who supported us to make it a culturally safe and appropriate event. Sir John was blown away by our awesome kura and has promised to return.



Study Time

A variety of teaching staff are offering study time to Year 12 and 13 students on Tuesdays between 5 and 7pm. If students want a quiet space to work this is a great option. If they want specific help it might be a good idea to check which specialist teachers will be available as they will change from week to week.

Uniform

Reminder: We have a few students wearing jandals or slides, even when they actually own sandals or school shoes. These are not permitted as they are a health and safety issue. If students need shoes please see the Dean at Whanau Time. Also, sweatshirts and hoodies must be left at home. If students are cold they may wear **black** or **navy blue** thermals underneath their polo shirts AND the polar fleece AND the navy blue jacket.



Attendance

For our rangatahi to do well at school they need to attend at least 90% of the time. As soon as attendance drops below this, it begins to negatively affect learning and achievement. Our attendance is still much lower overall than we would like. If you need help in any way with getting your child to school please let us know.



1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!

Physical address: Bledisloe Avenue, Ōtorohanga, Waikato, 3940
 Postal Address: P.O. Box 115, Ōtorohanga, Waikato, 3940
 Telephone: 07 8738029 * Fax: 07 8737414 * Email: admin@otocoll.school.nz

website: www.otocoll.school.nz



Smoking And Vaping

Smoking and vaping are not permitted on school grounds, ever. This is the law. Unfortunately, we continue to have some students vaping at school. While this seems to be a nationwide issue in secondary schools, we will continue to address this as best we can. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Here is a blog with some really good advice regarding talking with your teen about vaping.

What should parents say when their teen says "But it's not smoking" when they find out they're vaping?

<http://doingdrugs-darta.blogspot.com/2021/03/what-should-parents-say-when-their-teen.html>

**Please remember that this includes our school grounds at all times.
No vaping or smoking is permitted on the sideline at sports games,
in the carpark or on any school property.**

Community Hui

We have begun looking at our vision and learner profile to ensure we are capturing the needs and aspirations of whanau and community. Please come along to the library between 5.30 and 6.30 on Wednesday 23 June if you wish to be a part of this.

Whānau hui

Our termly whānau hui is set for Tuesday June 29, 5.30 - 6.30 in A4. This will be an opportunity for updates from the last hui and to add into the vision and learner profile discussions if you were unable to come to the 23rd June hui.



Physical address: Bledisloe Avenue, Ōtorohanga, Waikato, 3940
Postal Address: P.O. Box 115, Ōtorohanga, Waikato, 3940
Telephone: 07 8738029 * Fax: 07 8737414 * Email: admin@otocoll.school.nz

website: www.otocoll.school.nz

Coming Up

June 7	Queens Birthday weekend
June 9	Year 10 vision testing
June 15	Kahui Ako Board meeting
June 19 — 20	Kapa Haka Waananga
June 22	Inglewood High Sports Exchange
June 23	Community hui
June 24	BoT meeting
June 29	Whānau hui
July 1 — 7	Senior Practice Exams
July 3 — 4	Kapa Haka Waananga
July 9	Last day of Term 2

Pink Shirt Day



Physical address: Bledisloe Avenue, Ōtorohanga, Waikato, 3940
 Postal Address: P.O. Box 115, Ōtorohanga, Waikato, 3940
 Telephone: 07 8738029 * Fax: 07 8737414 * Email: admin@otocoll.school.nz

website: www.otocoll.school.nz