

ONSLow COLLEGE BULLETIN TERM ONE, 11 FEBRUARY 2020

Kia ora koutou katoa

It is a real pleasure to welcome everyone to the start of the 2020 academic year at Onslow College. Last Tuesday we had our Pōwhiri for new staff and students and it was a wonderful opportunity to start the year positively. On Wednesday we welcomed back the rest of the years and full timetabled classes started on Friday.

As we start the year it is important that we celebrate our successes and for each of us these will be quite different. I am very proud of our academic results and the way in which Onslow students engaged with their NCEA examinations.

On 1 February the Board of Trustees and the Senior leadership team met to discuss our strategic goals and values. We based our conversations on the feedback we received about the 'Onslow Way' last year. We will be sharing information around these things for consultation shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the students that took part in the NCEA examinations in 2019. The strong academic tradition of Onslow College was evident with all levels performing at significant levels above the national average.

Onslow College Results

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	UE
2019	79.2%	83.3%	70.7%	61.6%

Endorsement Results

	Merit Endorsement	Excellence Endorsement	Total Endorsements
Level 1	51.8%	21.5%	71.3%
Level 2	40.5%	19%	59.5%
Level 3	34%	21%	55%

I would also like to congratulate the students who attained the 28 Scholarships and 5 Outstanding Scholarships. These are wonderful results.

Sort Key (Class)	Last Name	First Name	Subject	Scholarship Outcome
FAN	Redgrave	Asylvia	SCHL - English	Scholarship
FAN	Redgrave	Asylvia	SCHL - Biology	Scholarship
HUV	Gromme	Eric	SCHL - Statistics	Outstanding Scholarship
WEL	Sherris	Henry	SCHL - Art History	Scholarship
NDE	Mendonca	Carlos	SCHL - English	Scholarship
NDE	Mendonca	Carlos	SCHL - Chemistry	Scholarship
NDE	Mendonca	Carlos	SCHL - Physics	Outstanding Scholarship
NDE	Mendonca	Carlos	SCHL - Earth and Space Science	Scholarship
NDE	Mendonca	Carlos	SCHL - Statistics	Scholarship
WMA	Barr	Jackson	SCHL - Statistics	Scholarship
NDE	Pena	Trixie	SCHL - Statistics	Scholarship
NDE	Pena	Trixie	SCHL - Economics	Scholarship
USH	Chu	Jack	SCHL - Economics	Scholarship
USH	Alsop	Lachlan	SCHL - Physics	Scholarship
LKA	Hunt	Ela	SCHL - Biology	Outstanding Scholarship
LKA	Hunt	Ela	SCHL - Statistics	Scholarship
PJA	Hyslop	Sarah	SCHL - History	Scholarship
HUV	Cui	Yan	SCHL - Chemistry	Scholarship
HUV	Cui	Yan	SCHL - Statistics	Scholarship
USH	Connell	Anthony	SCHL - Physics	Scholarship
MPH	Tong	Ming Shane	SCHL - Statistics	Scholarship
MPH	Tong	Ming Shane	SCHL - Technology	Scholarship
LKA	Brown	Emma	SCHL - English	Outstanding Scholarship

LKA	Brown	Emma	SCHL - History	Scholarship
SJA	Grant	Aidan	SCHL - Classical Studies	Scholarship
SJA	Su	Brandon	SCHL - Statistics	Scholarship
NDE	Winsley	Michael	SCHL - Chemistry	Scholarship
NDE	Winsley	Michael	SCHL - Economics	Scholarship
WMA	Coleman	Emma	SCHL - English	Scholarship
WMA	Coleman	Emma	SCHL - Media Studies	Scholarship
SJA	Harward Jones	Daniel	SCHL - English	Scholarship
SJA	Harward Jones	Daniel	SCHL - Geography	Scholarship
USH	Tanuma	James	SCHL - Japanese	Outstanding Scholarship

Property Update

In December we were delighted to get the news we would be receiving \$25 million dollars to build 27 new classrooms. The building you will have seen going on over the Christmas break if you drove past the College are temporary rooms to help us cope with the roll growth while we plan for the new build.

I want to make sure that our school community is kept up to date with both the big and the small projects our school property upgrade. As the principal, I want to ensure that the students and staff have warm, dry and healthy places to learn and work. The first step to achieving this has been reroofing the Technology block, the Music block and soon the rec centre. This is the work you can see going on as you drive past.

You will see that on "Table Mountain" we have been replacing and renovating classrooms. We now have a number of more modern classrooms, with 4 more to be delivered in March, that will ensure our students and staff can learn and work in places that have proper heating, insulation and roofing. We have been very well supported in this project by our Maycroft Construction and Paula van Raalte.

Both the re-roofing and work on Table Mountain are eventually going to be overtaken by a large scale master planning process which will look at the future design of the school so that the \$25 million is spent in a way that ensures that the school is ready for another 50 years of operation. The Master Planning process is to begin once a lead is contracted, (the contracting will occur in a couple of weeks), and will require student, community and staff input. It will bring together lots of experts such as architects, traffic engineers, planners etc.

Added to this, if you have been into school you will also notice that we have begun painting over the Christmas break. And I know that the students are looking forward to us upgrading the toilet block next to the link foyer. We are about to issue a tender for this upgrade.

Finally, we are also working through an upgrade of the front of the school. This will include tidying of the trees, upgrading and painting the block wall and generally modernising the entrance to the school.

My intention is to update you regularly on progress with our Onslow College Property Upgrade. I have also set up a dedicated part of our website for you to refer to - [Property Update - CLICK HERE](#).

This is an exciting time for the College.

I would like to thank all of the Staff, Students and Whānau who have contributed to a positive start to 2020 and I look forward to working with all of you.

This week's bulletin can be found on our website Bulletin - Term One

Ngā mihi

Sheena Millar
Principal

WELCOME ABOARD

Please join me in welcoming the following staff to our Onslow community

Name	Position
Lisa McKelvey	English Teacher
Rosee Paton	English Teacher
Rosanna Williams	English Teacher
Smitha Randhir	Science Teacher
Ashley Renaud	Science Teacher
Gerard Whaanga	Mathematics Teacher
Josh Hema	Te Ara a Maui
Tatiana Voropaeva	Digital Technology Teacher
Naykita Shelford-Hinds	Physical Education & Health Teacher
Anna Edlin	Spanish Teacher

Carolyln Patchell	Sports Administrator
Ben Powell	Teaching Assistant
Morne Cloete	Teaching Assistant
Marina Graham	Attendance Officer
Sophia Shinn	Mathematics Teacher

Welcome back to:

Debbie Moore	Science Teacher
Reece Geursen	Science Teacher
Mary Moncur	Learning Support Administrator

KARAKIA

Tēna koutou "Karakia i te ata" will started on Monday 10th February at 8:45 am in room 56. Karakia i te ata will take place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:45 to 9 am. All students are warmly invited to attend. This is a time to support students to prepare themselves for the school day.

YEAR 9 TEA - WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY, 6PM

Reminder that year 9 tea is on Wednesday 12 February. Year 9 students and their whānau are warmly welcome to attend. Students need to take their whānau members to their Ako room at 6pm to meet their Ako teacher. Please remember to [RSVP \(CLICK HERE\)](#)

9DRA Rm 30
9HJO Rm Ara (In the library)
9LDI Rm 33
9LKA Rm T1
9PRO Rm MED
9PJA Rm 3
9RAS Rm 28
9SJA Rm 27
9TRO Rm 9
9USH Rm 39
9VTA Rm 8
9WGE Rm 37

At 6.30pm we will all head to the Hall for a light dinner and speeches.

2020 PHOTOGRAPHS

Ako Class Photos are composite photographs made up of the ID Photos taken this week Thursday 13 February and Friday 14 February. Orders will be taken in May and will be offered **as prints only**.

Thursday Year 9/10/12 photos taken
Friday Year 11/13 photos taken

The ID photograph files will be used for our ID cards and will be made available to you to purchase (**as electronic downloads and or printed copies**).

Sports Photos will remain as traditional group photographs (taken on 6th August) and offered online for electronic downloads and or printed copies.

YEAR 9 CAMP - 19 - 21 FEBRUARY

Further information will follow tomorrow via email to all Year 9 parents

PUM

We have been informed by the PPTA that the PPTA members will be having a paid union meeting (PUM) on Tuesday 25 February. This will mean that the school will not be able to run classes from after Spell 4 1:35pm. There will be supervision available until 3:10pm in the Library for any students for whom alternative arrangements cannot be made. Please let the School know 5 days prior if your child/ren require this supervision by emailing absences@onslow.school.nz or calling the Office. Thank you for your understanding.

CELL PHONES AT ONSLOW COLLEGE

Thank you for the way you support the school in our efforts to work with students to manage their cell phone use.

All Learning Areas at Onslow College will be following the approach that students from Year 9-11 must have their phones off and in their bags during class time. The use of cell phones as a learning device is at the discretion of the teacher. Year 12 and 13 students are asked to follow their teachers' instructions regarding cell phone use.

Any student who can not comply with this approach will be asked to give the cell phone to the teacher. Parents will be informed if cell phone use has become an issue in a student's classes. If this behaviour continues we will ask that the student does not bring a cell phone to school.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

For the first time ever, you can choose from 3 NEW digital Memberships. The new Entertainment Memberships start anytime and are valid for 12 months from activation. Packed with thousands of substantial savings to delight and inspire your supporters, an Entertainment Membership is their pass to exclusive offers and quality experiences, activities and benefits. Please see our website for more information.

EARLY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM - Text Messages

Once timetables resume, we use an early notification system to advise parents and caregivers of absences during a school day. If your student is marked absent, text messages are sent to the main caregiver(s). The system is designed to send one text per day in the first spell showing an absence. You can reply to the text with information and this may incur a charge from your provider. You can also email absences@onslow.school.nz or call the Office on 478 8189. If you receive a text you can view the absence for that spell and any others for the day on the Parent Portal.

Details of known absences, eg, sickness, must still be advised to the Office by phone call or email as early as possible in the morning - please do not wait for a text, as we wish to reserve this system for unknown absences. This is a good time to let us know if you have recently changed your mobile phone number or other details by emailing info@onslow.school.nz

PARENT PORTAL

The Parent Portal (<https://spider.onslownet.school.nz/>) is the access point for school reports (current and historical), Timetables, Absence data, School Calendar, as well as being the booking tool for Parent-Teacher Conferences. It is essential that families have access. Students have their own user identity, so there is no need to share your username and password with them. If you have not received an invitation and/or do not have access to the Parent Portal please email WebPortal@onslow.school.nz with your name and the name(s) of your child at Onslow. This also applies to homestay parents.

SUN SAFETY

As we always do, and particularly with this unusually warm summer we are having, we would like to encourage all students to be sun smart with hats and sunscreen especially when spending extended times outdoors. Also we have a number of water fountains which have bottle filling taps around the campus and we encourage students to keep their water intake up.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

We ask that parents dropping off and picking up students in the bottom carpark to be mindful of not blocking the driveway and other vehicles from coming in and out of the School especially between 8.30am to 9.15am and 2.45pm to 3.30pm. This is a heavy traffic time with students and the schools buses using the shared driveway.

BUSES

Metlink have started running school buses. Timetables are available on the [Metlink](#) website. A reminder that buses start departing from 3:15pm, so students need to go directly to their bus at the end of each school day. Further information can be found on our website - [Bus Information](#)

UPCOMING DATES

12 February – Year 9 Tea (6pm start)

14/15 February – Photographs

19-21 February – Year 9 Camp

25 February – PUM (Classes finish at 1:35pm)