

Kia aro ki te pai o te kāreti o Onslow

Positives at Onslow



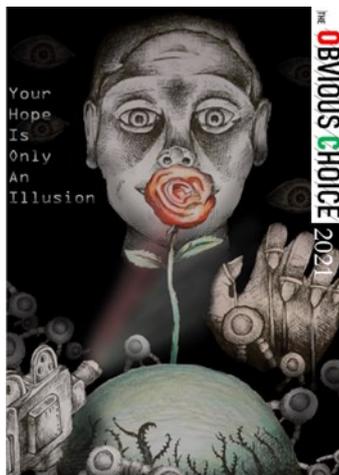
Our vision is for every ākonga (student) to come as they are to Onslow College, to grow as a whole person (academically, socially, artistically, culturally, sportswise) and to thrive in their future. This fortnightly newsletter celebrates the many kinds of successes across our school. It also highlights how our values - whānau, whakapapa, whenua, diversity and community are present inside and outside our school every day.

Dress up day to raise funds for a charity



On the last Wednesday of Term 4 – that’s 15 December – our Year 9PBR students are organising a dress up day to raise money for the charity HUHA (Helping you Help Animals). The theme is Christmas. The festivities are all-inclusive. Year 9 and 10 students, and staff are invited to join in! There are prizes up for grabs for the best dressed: Best Staff Member, Best Year 9 Student, Best Year 10 Student, and Best Class (as a whole). 9PBR students will be looking for homemade and eco-friendly costumes.

“The day is for a good cause. Please come along and join in to have fun, be festive, and with a gold coin donation, raise some money for HUHA” – Bronwyn Polaschek, 9PBR teacher organising this event.



The Obvious Choice magazine now available online

This magazine is published by our English Learning Area. It features written and visual work by students from Year 9 to 13 created in English classes this year.

If you’d like to add The Obvious Choice to your stack of summer reading, it’s now available on our website <https://www.onslow.school.nz/community>

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International student awarded scholarship to attend School of Art Institute in Chicago



Congratulations to Qiong YIN (Year 13) who has been awarded a merit scholarship to attend the School of Art Institute in Chicago next year majoring in Illustration. Her application was accepted based on her outstanding portfolio, academic achievements, and strong personal motivation. During her final year at Onslow, Qiong studied Art-Photography, Art-Painting, Fashion and Design, English and Calculus.

“Qiong came from China as a Year 9 student in 2017. She is an independent young woman with a strong determination to succeed in life. We will miss her greatly!” – Kerry Finnigan, Director of International Students

“Chicago School of Art are in for a treat with Chloe joining them. Her formidable creative and intellectual talent and work ethic makes exciting things possible. With her creativity spanning a breadth of fields we are likely to see her emerge influencing anything from fine art to fashion or film.” – Belinda De Mayo, Senior Leader (Art)

New gardening venture underway



This year, our Learning Support Teacher John Robinson and a group of Year 12 students have been working on building a vegetable garden at school as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. There will also be a chicken coop! They hope to complete this project early next year and look forward to producing fresh vegetables and eggs!

Victory for junior physicists at science tournament



left to right: Tommy Thomson, Tait Keller, Benjy Smith, Louise Anscombe, Melissa Goodman (front), Isabelle Faulkner (back), Alison Power (front), Trijal Pednekar, Josh Fabling, Reece Geursen (teacher)

On Saturday 4 December, one of Onslow's science teams competed in the Wellington Junior Science Tournament at Wellington College. This is a competition for Year 9 and 10 students who are interested in Science Concepts, setting up and making experiments, arguing ideas and working as a team. Our team consisted of Melissa Goodman (Year 9), Josh Fabling (Year 9), Trijal Pednekar (Year 10), and Alison Power (Year 10). They were supported by Blake Porteous (Year 9) and Thomas Pearson (Year 9). They were coached by Benjy Smith (Year 12), Tommy Thomson (Year 13) and the rest of our Physics team.

The team did a great job at presenting and opposing, and they were in second place going into the last round. Melissa expertly opposed the Physics problem 'Trampoline' (investigating bouncing a small ball off a rubber membrane) and came away with a good score. Trijal did an amazing job at presenting 'Osmosis' and impressed the jurors. This was enough for our team to win over the other six competing schools.

Thanks to our Science teachers Mr Anastasi, Mr Geursen and Mr Szydlowski for helping the team out. Well done, Onslow!