

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.

Year 13 Leavers' farewelled with music and poem!



Our Year 13 students celebrated their last day at school on Tuesday 16 November with a final assembly in the hall. Unfortunately, due to Alert level 2 restrictions, only Year 13 students and teachers were allowed to attend in person. The event was live streamed on You Tube. You can watch it by following this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvMkzvXWf5w>

Our Year 13 Dean, Tessa Hope farewelled the Year 13 leavers with a lovely poem!

So here we are,
class twenty twenty-one.
You've said your goodbyes,
you've started your fun.

Two hundred and eighty
days since we got started.
Year thirteen was here,
your year was uncharted.

You've come through a lot
and how the time flies,
With lockdowns and vaccines
and COVID close by.

Not to mention the strain,
the stress and the harm,
caused by a rogue student
pulling alarms.

I can't speak for all
the five years you've been here.
But what I can do
is help you prepare.

The great big wide world
is waiting for you.
Your athletics, your art,
your science breakthrough.

Perhaps you will write,
or maybe you'll travel.
So long as our Delta plan
doesn't unravel.

Whatever your plans,
whatever your path,
do it with pride,
don't forget how to laugh.

But here I am,
to read you a speech
and I'm sorry to say
that life's not quite a beach.

You will make mistakes,
you'll fail and fall.
Some people will leave you,
slowing life to a crawl.

Some times will be dark,
when you can't find the light.
So plant your feet firm
and hold onto hope tight.

You may be thinking,
"Ms Hope that's so dark".
And sometimes life is.
The key is your spark.

Remember the things
that keep your heart full.
And it's totally fine
if that never was school.

No matter how much you change,
however much you may grow,
you will have the support
of your Onslow whānau.

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30th November

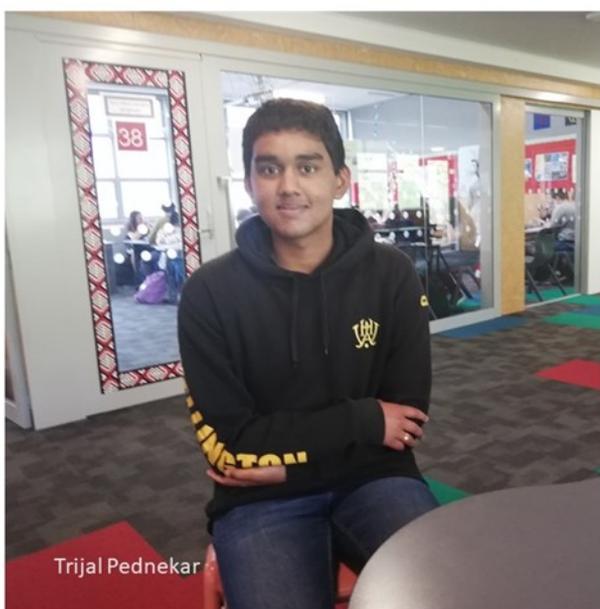
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Top marks at multiple mathematics competitions

In August, our students took part in the **Australia Mathematics Competition** and achieved some amazing results. It's an engaging 30-problem competition that demonstrates the importance and relevance of mathematics in students' everyday lives.

Congratulations to Michael Ling (Year 10) who received High Distinction (Top 3%) and those who received Distinction awards (Top 20% at each Year level): Connor Allison (Year 10), Cole Baker (Year 10), Ted Henderson (Year 9), John Hyatt (Year 10), Nishka Parekh (Year 10), Trijal Pednekar (Year 10), Blake Porteous (Year 9), Alison Power (Year 10), Benjy Smith (Year 12), Gaurav Tandoan (Year 9) and Charlie Wragg (Year 10).

Many of our students received Distinction awards in the **Otago Junior Mathematics competition** in April. It was conducted in two parts with students being able to do part 2 by invitation only. This competition requires good mathematical and reading skills.



Congratulations to Jakob Butler (Year 10), Felix Fu (Year 9), Avista Goswami (Year 10), Ted Henderson (Year 9), John Hyatt (Year 10), Michael Ling (Year 10), Nishka Parekh (Year 10), Trijal Pednekar (Year 10), Toby Shannon (Year 9) and Molly Zaslow (Year 10).

In March, eight students attempted **Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition**. This a multiple-choice and short answer problem-solving competition based around logic and computer programming designed to encourage student curiosity and promote multiple modes of thinking.

Congratulations to Blake Porteous (Year 9) who received High Distinction (Top 1%) with a perfect score and Lara Haslam (Year 10) who received High Distinction (Top 2% at each Year level).

"I've enjoyed Mathematics since I was in Year 5 and spend average ½ hour on it everyday. I like It when I can see how it is applied in everyday life. I am lucky that I have my parents to help me at home and my mum was a Maths lecturer." - Trijal Pednekar (Year 10) who received Distinction in the Otago Junior Mathematics competition and Australia Mathematics Competition

Student teams won second debating championship in a year!

Congratulations to our Year 10 students: Jakob Butler, Ryan Oo, Max Doherty and Josh Harford for winning the Junior Certification Regional Championship against Wellington College. This debating grade is designed for those new to debating. Josh Harford was named the Best Speaker. That's two cups for Onslow's Debating Team this year out of 5 grades! They were coached by Year 12 students: Jamie Willmer and Meadow Bush. Both winning teams were coached/managed by students.

"Our team successfully negated the moot - that we should ban the TV broadcasting of high school sport. This is our third Junior Cert title in 4 years ." - Warren Henderson, Deputy Principal and Debating Governor



Left to right: Ryan Oo, Josh Harford, Jakob Butler

Student placed second in Tennis Championship



Congratulations to Leo Evans (Year 10) who was placed second in the Junior College Sport Wellington Tennis Championships on 17 November. It was held at the Renouf Centre in Wellington. Leo has also recently completed an Assistant Coaching course!



Creative Excellence awarded to a student in the Yoobee programme



Abby Holdaway (Year 12) attended Yoobee College's 3D Animation Holiday programme in July and received the Creative Excellence Award. These awards are given in recognition of the top performing students from the holiday programmes and who Yoobee believe have tremendous potential for the creative industry.

Well done Abby!

English Learning Area students' work in magazine

The latest edition of The Obvious Choice has been published by the school's English Learning Area. It features written and visual work by students from Years 9 to 13, all created in English classes this year. This year's magazine is a dazzling array of work across all sorts of genres – fantasy, thriller, sci-fi, historical, and personal narrative. There are thoughtful letters to Jacinda Ardern and the British Museum; scathing critical responses to The Bachelor, Us, Birds of Prey and The Dark Knight; and careful deconstructions of childhood classics Thomas the Tank Engine, Beauty and the Beast and Shrek. The cover image is by Henry Ludlow. Copies of the magazine are available in the library and school office.

"Thank you to all the contributors for your effort and creativity" – Bronwyn Polaschek, English Teacher

