

## **ONslow COLLEGE BULLETIN TERM ONE, 18 FEBRUARY 2020**

Kia ora koutou katoa

A huge thank you to our PTA and everyone involved in the Year 9 Dinner that was held Wednesday 12 February. It was a huge success with well over 800 people in attendance. Our Ako Teachers thoroughly enjoyed meeting the whānau of their students.

Year 9 Camp heads off tomorrow and we are all hoping that the weather is kind. I am sure there will be many great stories to share when the students return on Friday at 3:30 pm.

A huge congratulations to Sophie Crozier for winning the JustTalk NZ Student Justice Speech Competition in 2019.

This week's bulletin can be found on our website <https://www.onslow.school.nz/community/bulletin>

Ngā mihi

Sheena Millar  
Principal

### **Board of Trustees**

The Board is excited that the Tender process for Architects to assist us with our master planning is underway. We look forward to consulting with the community as the project develops.

The Board met on 1 February to begin work on Strategic Planning for 2021 and beyond. In the next few months there will be opportunities for the wider community to participate in conversations about our vision, values and goals.

### **Property Update**

The roofing project continues and is on track to finish in May. We are still waiting for our 4 new Prefabs to arrive. The latest date provided is 10 March 2020.

### **KARAKIA**

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 CAMP - 19 - 21 FEBRUARY**

Please note students will return Friday 21 February 3:30 pm. Please do not drive up the driveway as this causes delays with the buses.

### **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](mailto:absences@onslow.school.nz) or calling the Office. Thank you for your understanding.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **ONslow COLLEGE RUGBY AGM**

Wednesday 26th February  
Gym Classroom  
6pm

### **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**

19-21 February – Year 9 Camp  
25 February – PUM (Classes finish at 1:35pm)