

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.

Exceptional effort and teamwork in the Hillary Challenge



The MacPac Hillary Challenge describes itself as “the toughest adventure race in New Zealand secondary school students”. It is held in Tongariro National Park each year. 12 teams take on five days of gruelling multi-sport activities, including a 2-day, overnight and unsupported race across the volcanoes of the central plateau.

In the October school holidays, the Onslow College team: Louise Anscombe (Y13), Micah Wratt (Y12), Hazel Ford (Y11), Tessa Thomson (Y11), Sam Harris-Voss (Y13), Ollie Taylor (Y12), Ben Mitchell (Y12) and Joshua Henshaw (Y13), took up the challenge. They put in an exceptional effort to finish 7th amongst very experienced competitors, with a notable 3rd in the 2-day challenges and 6th on the multisport day. They had a very cold night on the mountain during the rogaine (a form of orienteering) but supported each other in adverse weather conditions. Their teamwork was a big strength throughout the week and the team represented our college to the highest level. This result couldn't have happened without the targeted training from coach Nicola Mitchell and ongoing support from all the teams' parents. Ollie Taylor received the Rising Star award (out of 96 other participants) for his teamwork and captaincy on the expedition. Ollie is now planning to do a straight-line traverse of the North Island in the summer holidays.

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Physics team wins trans-Tasman tournament

Junior Young Physicists' Tournament

Congratulations to our Year 11 Physics students, Ash Buick, Sammy Hart, Tait Keller, Seb Pratt and Cameron Pryde who took home the title of Junior Young Physicists' Tournament (JYPT) Champions for 2021! They competed in this online event between 30 September and 1 October across three time zones and against schools from Sydney, Brisbane and Perth. It was an exciting opportunity for the enthusiastic Science students in the Asia Pacific Region to participate in Physics Fights and collaborate with fellow stu-

dent scientists. The competition was the culmination of weeks of work by the team - on experiments and presentations for five physics problems.

Alumni in Youth Parliament

Every three years, about 140 young New Zealanders experience Parliament as Youth MPs and Youth Press Gallery members. Dan Harward-Jones, who attended Onslow from 2015 to 2019 had this experience when he was a Year 13 student. Dan helped launch the "Make It 16" campaign to lower the voting age to 16. He is currently studying International Relations and Economics at Victoria University of Wellington. His time in Youth Parliament contributed to his decision to choose this course.

"Seeing how parliament engaged with people and how our (youth) voices weren't being heard, gave me a real interest in how things are done overseas, so it certainly has had an impact on me." - Dan



Source: Independent Herald, Thursday 30 September

Sporting successes

Congratulations to our 1st XI coach André Cantin-Buckley and our 1st XI players Henry, Mateja, Ashnarvy, Jarrod, Sam, Jacob, and Luke for winning the 2021 Under 19 National Tournament with North Wellington Football Club!

Photo:

Back Left to Right: Jarrod Roberts (Y13), Mateja Brasic (Y13), Henry Sinclair (Y13), Luke Chowdhury (Y13), Ashnarvy Mustapha (Y12)

Front Left to right: Sam Fernyhough (Y12), Jacob Butel (Y12)

Also from the Netball Wellington Centre, congratulations to Mila Copic (Y11) and Kate Hemsley (Y12) who have achieved their introductory badge for netball umpiring!

