

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.

Winter Tournament Week

27th August—2nd September has seen a number of Onslow students at a variety of locations playing sport. A lot of mahi is required before such events and during them by not only students but staff and the wider Onslow whanau.

Here's an overview of how our teams placed:

Girls Hockey	1st Place Nishka Parekh MVP
Indoor Bowls	1st NZ Singles Jordan Keene 2nd NZ Pair Jordan Keene & Logan Heppell
Boys Football	2nd Place
Girls Football	4th Place
Netball B Grade	4th Place
Equestrian	4th overall—Jessica Todd
Badminton B Grade	4th Place
Boys Hockey	7th Place
Under 85s Rugby	7th Place
Junior Basketball	14th Place

Onslow Student's Success Making the News

Great to see Jordan's success being celebrated in the local newspaper—Independent Herald.

Jordan earns national title

Onslow College indoor bowler Jordan Keene achieved his dream of winning the New Zealand Junior Singles last weekend.

Jordan has attended this event for nine consecutive years, and had reached the semifinals on three occasions.

He was determined to finish his junior years on a high, not just for himself but for his supporters, and what an amazing feeling to pull it off.

Jordan defeated Auckland's Nikita Blair in the final who was also runner up in 2019.

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Onslow Students showing the Spirit of Sport

A selection of photos from the week.



Football Final

Our Junior A Football Boys competed in the Junior Premier Final on Saturday 27th August and although they didn't come away with the win, we are so proud of all that they have achieved this season (the future is bright)! Our Onslow Green boys also competed in their Youth Division final and with a 1-1 draw at the end of the match, they went down only on penalties (a tough way to finish any game)!



U19 Football Success—Theo Ettema

Congratulations to Theo Ettema (Year 13) who has been selected to represent Aotearoa/ New Zealand at the Oceania Football Confederation U-19 Championship this September (8th – 25th NZT) in Tahiti. The tournament represents the qualifying pathway to the FIFA U-20 World Cup Indonesia 2023 for the top two sides.

Theo has played for Wellington Olympic in the Central League since 2019 with the team winning the League last season and are currently top of the table this season. The team will be also playing in the National League against the other top nine New Zealand teams starting in early October.

Theo's original club was the Onslow Junior Football Club with the famous Tuis.

Amazing mahi by Theo shows what can be achieved. The Onslow whanau is very proud.

The following are some action shots of Theo provided from Photomac.



Callan Shanks in Germany

The Onslow International Team not only deal with students coming to the College, the team is also involved with students on exchanges to other countries via the AFS Exchange programme. Year 13 Onslow student Callan Shanks is currently on an AFS Exchange in Germany. The following is a recent letter from Callan sharing his thoughts and experiences.

Having now been in Germany for 6 months, I have to say that deciding to do this exchange was one of the best decisions of my life. I've met so many new people and learnt so many new things that I would've never known had I just stayed in NZ for my final year of school. As I write this, it's holidays for my area of Germany, I'm currently in Spain with another exchange student friend from Brazil and my host father. Having never left New Zealand before my exchange, the feeling of traveling internationally, even the short distance from Germany to Spain is still incredibly new and exciting to me and I'm loving to see yet another new country as part of my exchange.

Just one week ago I was having my halftime camp which is the second official AFS exchange student camp I've been to. We had many more students this time than last time during my late orientation camp and it was great to see so many familiar faces along with meeting some new people! I'm sure I'll be seeing them all again throughout the rest of my exchange, and I look forward to the next camp we have all together.

After 6 months my German is substantially better than the last time I wrote an update to the trust, I'm able to have basic conversations with strangers and with my host father I now speak in exclusively German. One of my favourite things I've gained through learning German is the ability for connection through language with people who aren't able to speak English. The best example of this is when I was recently in Stuttgart and decided to visit a afghan refugee I had met within the first month I was in Germany. The first time I met him (Through his theatre group) he was brand new to Germany and thus didn't speak any German, and he also wasn't able to understand much English. But this recent time I met him we were able to perfectly communicate with German, and it felt incredible to be able to talk with someone who the last time I met I wasn't able to.

Back home my family and friends have been incredibly supportive, and I've even inspired my younger sister to start learning German as she also plans to do an exchange there in a couple of years! I hope she'll have as great a time as I have been having and it'll be great to have a language to speak to each other other than English.

I'm incredibly thankful to AFS for providing me and many other students for this incredibly life changing opportunity, and I can't believe that I'm already halfway through!

Ngā mihi,

Callan

