

Kia aro ki te pai o te kāreti o Onslow

Positives at Onslow



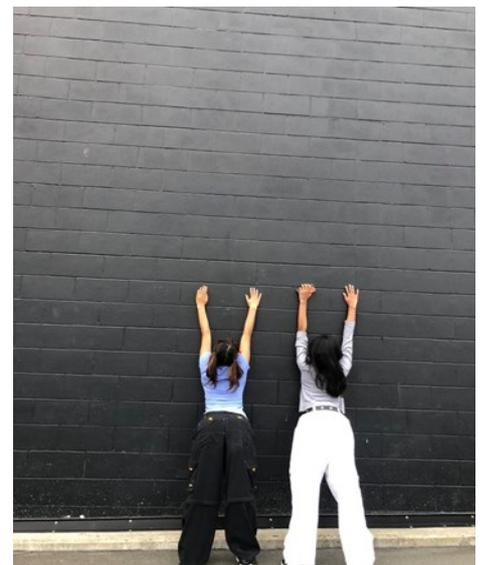
Our vision is for every ākonga (student) to come as they are to Onslow College, to grow as a whole person (academically, socially, artistically, culturally, sportswise) and to thrive in their future. This fortnightly newsletter celebrates the many kinds of successes across our school. It also highlights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

Two Shining Stars Performing in the Community: Te Ahu Taiohi

During the holidays two students from Onslow College, Brooke Wharehinga and Joan Tan were part of a performing arts extravaganza "Te Ahu Taiohi". This show was to be performed live at Te Rauparaha Arena, but sadly due to Covid, performances had to go online. As part of the experience, Brooke and Joan wrote an original song which was included in the performance.

The following description is taken from the Aotearoa NZ Festival of the Arts: *After five weeks of deep creative exploration of self, culture and identity, our rangatira taiohi (young leaders) share with you their ideas, dreams and experiences in a large-scale, electrifying performance of movement and storytelling that will leave you reflective and inspired. Through performing arts, founded in tikanga Māori, Te Ahu Taiohi uplifts the voices of the leaders of Aotearoa nō Porirua.*

Taiohi



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Spotlight on scholarship winner Benjy Smith, Y13. Written by Reece Geursen



I asked some students who know Benjy for some help in writing a bio about him. One of the first things that they said to me was "Benjy is amazing!" and I would have to agree.

Comments included:

I have known Benjy since he was in Year 9. He has always been involved in many school and co-curricular activities. But not just involved, he is always open to new learning and sharing his knowledge in very positive ways.

Throughout his time at Onslow, he has taken part in various mathematics competitions; the robotics club; the International Olympiad in Informatics (he got into the NZ team); Learn to Shoot and programming competitions. But one of the biggest impacts he has had is with the Physics Team.

Benjy is an integral part of the Physics Team at Onslow. He has been part of many successful teams and had a leading role in supporting, coaching, and organising other students and their teams. He is currently part of the NZ International Young Physicist Tournament Team that hopes to compete in Romania.

As well as fitting in working on extremely challenging physics problems in his lunch time, Benjy did Scholarship Physics, Chemistry and Calculus in Y12, gaining all three with an Outstanding grade in Physics.

Onslow has really benefitted from Benjy's contributions. His motivation, thoughtfulness, impressive knowledge and amazing ability to learn new things very quickly have impressed everyone. The worst thing that students have had to say about him is, "He has the same lunch every day and still uses gladwrap."

Sam's Success with NZ Ultimate

Congratulations to Sam Cooper, Year 13 for being named in the U20 Men's team for NZ Ultimate (frisbee) with a competition programme that could include competing at the World Junior Ultimate Championships in Wroclaw, Poland in August!

[NZ Under 20 Teams Named for 2022 - New Zealand Ultimate](#) New Zealand Ultimate is excited to announce the 2022 Junior Ultimate teams! With the uncertain Covid environment still causing many challenges, New Zealand Ultimate will continue work on the competition programme for these teams.

Junior Adventure Racers at Get2Go Finals

In January, having won our regional heat, Team Onslow (Ali Power, James Wembridge, Max Doherty, Morag McLellan, Isla McKenzie, Jake McLellan, Melina Hogg and Echelon Topp) competed in the annual Get2Go Adventure Race Finals. For the first time in history, this was held in Tongariro National Park rather than on Great Barrier Island. Get2Go was contested over five days. The tone was set on the first day with three, hour-long challenges, followed by a rather brutal 18km tyre-lugging mud run.

Where we really proved ourselves was on the expedition day. Having kayaked in the pouring rain and outdone ourselves running through the sometimes very bushy bush, we absolutely blasted through the caving section, finishing 3rd. Despite a questionable night's sleep (8 students, 1 tarp and lots of RAIN!) and an exhausting six-hour rogaine on the lower slopes of Mt Ruapehu, we got ourselves together and deservedly won the skit challenge.

Overall we finished 6th, the best result from an Onslow team ever! Everyone slept very well on the long van ride home.

