

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.

Senior Girls Basketball won Division 2 Final



Onslow Team (left to right): Andrew Hudson (Manager), Emma Hardy (Year 13), Snigdha Mundra (Year 13), Celena Gotico (Year 10), Daniela Moskovitch (Year 11), Jade Bennie (Year 11), Cally Cheng-Su (Year 12) Front row: Rhiannon MacCreadie (Year 12), Aaliyah Ridout (Year 12)

Congratulations to our Senior Girls Basketball team! They won the Division 2 Final against Marsden on 24 September. It was a great game played in good spirit by both teams, and it was a nice touch for each of the Marsden players to present a medal to our players after the game. Our team has done very well over the past two years. Last year they won the Division 3 Final.

Celebration of Chinese culture with lion dance



During the last week of Term 4, our Chinese Language learners across all year levels had the opportunity to learn the lion dance. Lions play an important role in Chinese mythology. They represent joy and happiness. Lion dances are performed and accompanied by the sound of beating of drums, cymbals, and gong instruments synchronised to the lion dance's movements and actions. We were fortunate to have Winsome Lam from the Wellington Chinese community to run a Lion Dance workshop during the classes. Winsome is a

lion dance instructor and performer. He is very involved in the training of the lion dance troupe that performed at various cultural events in Wellington over the years.

Girls First XI won Premier Football Competition

For the first time since 1993, Onslow won the Girls Premier First XI Competition on 22 September. The team was ranked 7th in 2019, 3rd in 2020 and finally won the competition this year!

Twins, Nicola and Hannah Ross (Year 13), have been part of the First XI since 2017 when they were in

Year 9. They have each amassed over 80 games! They've been playing football since they were 6 years old. Their Mum is a great supporter. She manages the team and takes them to various games and practises on top of her busy job as a flight attendant.



Nicola (left) and Hannah (right) - holding their OC Plate for recognition of games played



"I myself have been waiting 21 years for this - ever since I started with Onslow College Girls football back in 2001!" – Paul Leitch, teacher and football enthusiast.

The show (Wizard of Oz) must go on!

The school production of the Wizard of Oz began rehearsals in Term 2 and was set to go on stage in week 4 of Term 3. On the night of our final dress rehearsal we went into Alert Level 4 lockdown. When we returned to Level 2, we were able to perform one show at school on 22 September to an invited audience of students and staff. More than 60 students were involved in the show, including onstage, sound, lights, tech, stage crew, costumes, makeup and orchestra. The cast and crew are to be congratulated for their hard work and professionalism throughout a very uncertain time because of the lockdowns.



Onslow team enters Adventure Race



Congratulations to our senior adventure racing team! They have qualified for the Hillary Challenge Final. During the October school holidays, the team: Louise Anscombe (Year 13), Micah Wratt (Year 12), Hazel Ford (Year 11), Tessa Thomson (Year 11), Sam Harris-Voss (Year 13), Ollie Taylor (Year 12), Ben Mitchell (Year 12) and Joshua Henshaw (Year 13), will be competing against 11 other school teams from around New Zealand. The 5-day adventure competition will take place in the North Island's Central Plateau. This is the first time a Wellington team has qualified in 7 years.

Debaters invited to international, university-level, premier tournament

Emma Hardy (Year 13), Sophie Crozier (Year 12) and Tony Huang (Year 13) were invited by the Kuching Free Debate Initiative to participate in the East Malaysian Open. This is a premier, international, university-level debating tournament held over weekend of 25 – 26 September.

It was a tough competition given that majority of the debaters were university students, some of whom were the best university speakers from Asian countries.

Emma was ranked 30th Best Novice speaker out of 130 speakers - an impressive result against mostly university debaters. Sophie was ranked 36th and Tony was ranked 51st in the open division out of 175 speakers. Congratulations to you all!

