

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.

48 Hour Film Competition Semi-Finalists

A big shout out to:

Pepi Oliver Bell

Waimarie Carter

Louise Gromme and

Alex Sawyer

They are through to the Wellington Finals and get to see their awesome little film Pie Face on the big screen and the Embassy, later this month.

Success in Squash

Congratulations to Shay Gannon for winning the Wellington Squash Championships. Also Melina Hogg won the Junior Girls Novice Division and Alex Fingleton won the Plate Final in the Open Boys. Picture below are Shaw & Melina.



Orienteering Adventures in Australia

Jake McLellan Yr10 is in the NZ Orienteering Secondary School Team. The team is going to Australia to compete in the Southern Cross Secondary School Competition from 23 September—3 October. We wish him all the very best.

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2022 Get 2 Go Junior Adventure Racing Regionals

The following is an article from one of the competitors Melina Hogg.

16th of August 2022, Junior Adventure Racing Team went to the Get 2 Go Regional Competition. Our premier team included 4 girl and 4 boy junior adventure racers, 5 year 10's and 3 year 9's. All the activities were based in Wellington. Our first event was kayaking in the lagoon. In our rotation we had 4 other teams, so it was a lot busier than last year. The task was simple, to complete as many laps around the lagoon as possible in the 40 minutes we were given. But the twist was this, different styles of kayaking gave you different amounts of points. If you were just sitting down paddling in the kayak by yourself, you got one point for completing a lap. If you managed to fit two people in the kayak and paddled around the lagoon, you got 2 points. If you got around the course without using a paddle, and just your hands, that got you 3 points. And lastly if you stood up on the kayak the entire way around the lagoon, you got 4 points. We were lucky to have other teams next to us so we could see what they were doing and if it was working. Most of the time we just went around paddling normally, just getting 1 point each lap we completed. A few times we got 2 points by putting two people in the kayak, and once someone stood up and almost got the whole way around, but then fell in and only got one point for the round. We thought we could have done better but were still very proud of how we did.

Next, we sprinted to Fergs to get dry and fully changed before rock climbing. The climbing challenge was getting as many climbs up the wall as possible. The number of points you got for each climb depended on the difficulty of it, but the points ranged from 1-4 for each climb. If you belated incorrectly, let the climber down too fast, ran on the climbing mats or did not stick to the climbing order, points were deducted from your team. We got 40 points in 40 minutes which was 8 points better than the team that came second. We did incredibly well, and our teamwork got us through it.

Then we were off to Island Bay where the mountain biking was held. It was a pump track that we had to ride the wrong way up! We had 40 minutes to complete as many laps as we could with 2 bikes. The course wasn't too muddy, but it was a lot longer and trickier than last years one. Once the 40 minutes was up, we felt pretty good about ourselves and thought that we had done well. We asked to see the results and we had managed to get 40 laps. That was an amazing score and the team that came second in the biking only got 32! We were proud of ourselves and were pumped for the last activity, rogaining around Newtown.

We had 10 minutes of planning time before starting the rogain. We broke into 4 groups of 2 to maximize the number of points we could get. The rogain had a variety of different controls that differed in difficulty. Some of them were just on the pathway while others were off track in the bush. If your team cleared the entire map, you got an extra 200 points. So that was what we were aiming for. We organised what pairs would go to different parts of the map so we would be able to get as many points as possible. Once the time started, we were off. Even though our legs were sore from the long tiring day we had already had, we pushed ourselves to our limits and fought our hardest so we could be confident that we would make it to nationals. And it was worth it. Once we had all got back, we figured out that we had cleared the whole map, meaning we got the extra points. We were so happy and proud of ourselves, and we couldn't wait for the results to come out.

The next day we were informed that we had won the regional competition and were going to nationals. We had already come so far together as a team, and we are so excited to continue this journey together. We knew it would be a tough 4 months of training but were going to try our very hardest at nationals, have so much fun and represent Onslow College.



Gold CREST award winners

Year 13 students Anuha Som and Jude Anderson from Onslow College, Wellington were presented with their Gold CREST awards recently for their independent research projects.



To read the full article click [here](#).

Onslow Alumni Making Headlines

Recently 2 Ex Onslow students have been making news much wider than just our Panui!!

Dave Ferguson who left Onslow late 90's is at the forefront of global robotics technology. He was recently back in Wellington to accept an award.

The following 2 links show what he's been up to and how he has made the news.

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/dave-ferguson-the-kiwi-behind-14-billion-driverless-delivery-vehicle-startup-nuro/BRENE6D26KWHBFFAWTLPALWRI/>

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/seven-sharp/clips/driving-with-dave-ferguson>

If you watched the rugby last week, singing the National Anthem at the Bledisloe Cup was ex student Matu Ngaropo who also attended Onslow College in the late 90's.

Another recent screen appearance for Matu has been in the feature film Whina, portraying famous politician Apirana Nagata. To see a full profile of what Matu has achieved in his acting career click [here](#).

