

KIA ORA KI TE PAI O TE KĀRETI O ONSLOW

POSITIVES AT ONSLOW

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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, sports wise) 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.

Writing Competition Success

Elliot Faulkner's writing has been selected for Re-Draft. What is even more amazing is that the entire volume of this year's copy of Re-Draft will be named after his story—called The Report.

Below is a copy of the email that was sent to the entrants:

To All Entrants in the Re-Draft Writing Competition 2023

*The Report**

Congratulations to Elliot Faulkner, whose story has inspired the title of this year's book. Elliot is in Year 12 at Onslow College. As a surprise this year, the meaning of **The Report*** is obscure. But the stunning cover will give you a few hints, and when you read the story all will be revealed!

Year 12 Outdoor Education Community Project

As part of an assessment aimed at participating in a social action to promote a sustainable future students in Year 12 Outdoor Education have been working at Makara Peak MTB Park. In collaboration with the park ranger, students brought the trail, Big Tom's Wheelie, into line with Recreation Aotearoa's guidelines for a grade 2 trail, through widening, improving sight lines, clearing vegetation, resurfacing with aggregate and installing sumps/drains. Over a total of 8 hours the class improved the entire 170m trail, with a predicted lifespan of 5-6 years. The trail is a key connecting trail in the park network and receives a high level of traffic. Mark, the WCC ranger praised students efforts, including shout outs on the parks social media pages and in parks Community Trust share holder meeting.



Onslow College Team Wins Big Bang Adventure Race

Big Bang is an adventure race on the Kapiti Coast. Teams cover around 30-50 km in a time of between (approximately) 5-8 hours. The race includes mountain biking, hiking, a water activity, navigation, team building and some surprise (potentially grubby or wet) activities along the way. Team consisting of Max Doherty, Aidan Wheeler, Jake McLellan and Ryan Henshaw. Overall winners with an impressive lead of 32 minutes. Total time: 3hrs 35 minutes.