



## Opunake High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Opunake

*Growing good people for a rapidly changing world*

He waihangatanga o te tangata pai i roto i tenei ao hurihuri



OHS Student Enchanted Forest Ball was held on Friday 4 August. Students looked very sophisticated and glamorous in their gowns and suits, above King & Queen (Raniera Tuuta & Iritiana Hohaia) Prince & Princess, (Soviet Bishop & Willow Wright)

Principal - **Simon Fuller** B.Sc, DipTchg

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# PRINCIPALS REPORT

Ngā mihi ō te wā ki a koe me tō whānau

Greetings to you and your family

Term 3 has begun with a settled start to learning despite the terrible weather. The poor weather creates pressure on students who want to get outdoors and burn off some energy, but it also creates pressure on our community at this extremely busy time of the rural calendar. Remember to look after each other in these busy times and hopefully we see some sun soon.

Our building projects along blocks A and B are pretty much complete. The long dark corridor that runs the length of B block is now a bright vibrant space all students and staff can take pride in. The new student centre is complete and provides a space for students to charge their chrome-books, collect their printing and visit the student office.

This term we have already had a number of student successes. Our girls and boy's hockey teams finished the round robin competition in first place and head into the semi-finals Tuesday 15 August.

Congratulations to our **Opunake First XV**, winners of the Taranaki Secondary Schools Premier A 2017 Grand Final on Saturday against Hawera High, also the **Under15s** won the final of the B Grade U15 against NPBHS. The girls' and boys' basketball teams both won their OBA competitions and are building up to North Island tournament at the end of this month. It is awesome to see our sports people performing to the highest level and representing themselves and the school with pride and passion. Our Young Enterprise Team of **Katie Sinclair** and **Janis Baker** were named the top Young Enterprise Team at the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce awards on Wednesday night. Their Basket Buddy product is gaining attention across the country. These girls are learning a huge amount in terms of entrepreneurship and business planning knowledge.

**Ariana Dingle** and **Blossom Eiffe** have also had huge success at the Zeal Talent Quest with Ariana finishing 2nd.

There are many more successes which we will acknowledge over the coming weeks.

On Friday August 4th, we celebrated our annual school ball. This was a wonderful evening. The students presented themselves extremely well. The overall experience of the night was **Enchanted Forest** and it lived up to expectations. A huge thanks to the ball committee, Mr Bedford and Whaea Kerry for their hard work in organising this great event.

Over the holidays, I had the privilege of travelling to Samoa with 10 students. There will be more to follow in our next newsletter, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in making this trip a reality. The students who attended were amazing. We all had the time of our lives and continued the strong relationship we have built over the years with our brother and sister schools in Samoa. A huge thank you to Mr Griggs for coordinating the fundraising efforts, without his efforts the trip would not of been possible.

Lastly, we are hosting John Parsons on **August 23rd at 6.30pm**. John will be presenting to parents on the difficult topic of cybersafety. John is a fantastic presenter and this evening is must attend if your young person has access to social media. John will be working with all students and staff during the school day. We are aiming for each level of our school community to gain a more thorough understanding of how to keep our young people safer online.

As always if you have any questions, concerns or feedback do not hesitate to get in touch.

Noho ora mai ano

Simon Fuller

Principal

## FAREWELL WHAEA BARBARA

On Friday 30 June staff and students farewelled Whaea Barbara Fakavamoeanga. Whaea Barbara accompanied by her daughters Silika, Atalya and parents were treated to a moving iwi with outstanding performances by the Kapa Haka students. Very emotional speeches by ex-students Ashley Tito-Collins and Tazmyn Ashford-Katene about the love and mana they received from Barb while they were in her mentor group during their school years. Whaea Barb arrived at Opunake High School in 2011 coming from Coastal School in Okato, where she built binding relationships with students and staff, she will always continue to be part of our lives. Sadly in December 2015 Barbara was involved in an accident, with her faith and huge family support she has made an amazing recovery. We all wish Barbara the best for your future endeavours and there will always be aroha here at Opunake High School for you.

## JASON & LANA FROM MORE FM

Jason Gunn and Lana from More FM popped into school before the 7-aside rugby challenge at SEC Friday. Jason's advice to students are find a career in an area that you enjoy and be happy in your job choice.



The Cutest couple at the ball couple  
Dylan Moore and Jessica Roach



# MUFTI DAY FOR FOODBANK



Students organised a mufti day with a can/food donation for the Foodbank on Friday 11 August. Pictured above at Student council members: Cameron Hasler, Dylan Coleman, Chris Seyb, Logan Turner and Tristan Mclean with Aretha Lemon Foodbank manager.

“On behalf of the Opunake and District Food Bank we would like to thank the Opunake High School for their very generous doation.” *Aretha Lemon*

**0800 ATTEND**

**0800288363**

**Please ring for absences**

## YEAR 9 AGRICULTURE

As part of Year 9 Agriculture study on Endangered Species, of whitebait and the Long Fin Eel were studied. Their breeding cycles, variety of species, why they are endangered, how to decrease their species decline, were aspects that were studied.

The students went eeling at Otahi Stream and landed one in the time we were there, which was smoked in class the next day. Giving the students the opportunity to taste the local cuisine. Yum. For many it was their first time eating an eel.

Zekiel pictured with the eel that he caught and gutted.



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# CAREERS

## Year 12's Work Experience Week 3-7 July

Many thanks to all the employers and businesses that had our students over the last week of Term 2. The valuable knowledge and experiences they gain for their future goals and an understanding of a workplace environment is much appreciated. The students unanimously agree this programme is really worthwhile, not only for giving them the opportunity to "taste" a particular career/job/pathway, but to also assist them in deciding which subjects they need to take next year. A couple of employer comments:

**Rockshop** - "A good lad, very polite and works independently"

**Just Tyres** - "Going really well and better than any of the part-timers we have had"

**Brooklands Zoo** - "The students was on to it and not afraid to do hard work"

**Graphix Explosion** - "He is going great and is reliable"

Referees and comments, such as these are invaluable for our students CV's, their employer reports should be included in their CV folders.

## Year 13 Updates:

Processes that should be a focus for this term:

### 2018 Tertiary Bound Students:

- Accommodation Applications,      Scholarship Applications
- Study Link      Subjects/Credits required for Course Programmes
- Exam Preparations

### Workforce Students

- CV's completed with the mentors
- Pathway targets and CV's and covering letters submitted to these targeted areas
- Level 3 credits

### Presentations this term

Aug 15	Victoria University here
Aug 16	Travel & Tourism students to PIHMS & Airport
Aug 25	Ex students talking to Year 13's
Aug 30	First Aid Course
Sept 1	Victoria University Open Day

### First Aid Course 30 August

We still have 6 places available for our students \$50pp (School subsidises \$50.00). See Mr Watt for details.

### Drivers Licence

Les Ratahi has been in at school this term instructing student on the Learners License procedures and practising the tests that are required to pass their stage. He has also been working with the students who are at the Restricted Level -giving them driving instruction and preparation for this stage of their licensing. Many thanks to Les for his service, as he offers his time at a much reduced fee.

### Geoff Watt Careers

Congratulations to ex-student **Tara Potter (right)** on graduating at Victoria University with a BCOM - Bachelor of Commerce.



# SHOWCASE

Opunake High School held its second annual Showcase at Everybody's Theatre. The event encapsulated both the variety and quality of talented students at the school, ranging from musicians to artists and dancers. The Showcase is a formal occasion where students are given the opportunity to literally 'showcase' their best talents and dress for the occasion. Although organised by teachers the show itself is all about seeing the students on stage.

The arts display in the foyer was part of the Arts and Photography Academy and the quality paintings and photos were all for sale. Patrons were given the opportunity to mingle with the artists and discuss their works with the ambience of piano music in the background from Brody Hitchcock and other pianists. Patrons then proceeded through our prefects Zeno Hess and Raniera Tuuta who managed door sales with Kade Sinclair as always chasing up jobs that need his reliable skills.

MCs Olivia Anderson and Daniel Potier kept the tempo flowing with information about the performances as well as witty jokes and one liners.

Our large instrumental group opened the performance with Blossom Eiffe and Dan Marks (Itinerant guitar tutor) singing Pink Floyd's Another Brick in the Wall. This group showcased the range of instruments and variety of musicians at the school from Richard Hewett and Sean Philips on saxophone, Larry (Itinerant brass, strings and piano tutor) on piano, Taesyn Baldwin and Michael Lilly on Bass, Sam McNeil on Lead guitar to Sebastian Pla on drums. Between the musical items the Dance Academies Hip hop dancers "35 Below" included Sarah Haden with a solo performance, Shyla Tocino and Roimata Hape a duo and a larger group performance to a mash-up of Nobody's Better, Manolo and Yonce, provided energetic and vibrant musical events. A classical violin piece by India Sturzaker added yet more variety to the night, performing Gavotte by Bach. India plays this very demanding instrument with precision and feel, playing at a level developed after years of practise. Michael Lilly and Sam McNeil gave us the other end of the spectrum with a heavy metal piece; 'Shepherd of Fire' Sam played lead guitar with perfection and Michael Lilly makes the drums come to life and is a protégé drummer, both these musicians have a big future. Jacob Symons captivated the crowd with his solo guitar performance of a Cold Play number followed by his lively second solo piece, Ho Hey by the Lumineers. Jacob is an established musician who can be seen performing solo, or as part of a duo with Ariana Dingle at weddings and other gigs around Taranaki. Jacob and Ariana played two duets together including Dirty Paws, the combination of their vocals, Jacob's rhythm guitar, Ariana's keyboard skills and Michael on the drums sets the stage for a quality performance. Ariana Dingle's solo rendition of When we were young and Whitney Houston demonstrated both her piano skills and huge vocal range and an "angelic voice." Michael, Sam, Jacob and Ariana will again be performing at the opening of the Arts Awards later this year. Jacob, Ariana and India are our tutors at the Opunake Music School which runs lessons including guitar, piano, violin and vocals on a Thursday evening for children and adults. Our year nine students both in the dance section and on piano and vocals demonstrated again a very high level of talent. Madeline Symes played Creep by Radiohead and Sykonea Bishop enchanted the audience with her vocal and piano piece followed by the smiles and moves of the young dancers demonstrated their enjoyment of the art of dance. Polly-Anne Aramoana recited a short heart felt piece of her own creation following her lovely singing of Talking to the Moon accompanied by Rob on the keyboard. Hannah Portman playing The Power of Love and Stevie -Jai Kelly both Year 12 students performed with vocals and key-



Sam McNeil

board two beautiful pieces as part of their NCEA level 2 assessment, like many of our senior students performing Ave Maria performed by Stevie-Jai was again a challenging piece.

Nganeko Luke returned from the Manu Korero speech finalists in Wanganui gaining a second equal in the junior Maori section. Nganeko is always entertaining to watch, carefully preparing himself with that gorgeous smile before he started.

Brody Hitchcock (headboy) who played the Pink Panther theme accompanied by our itinerant music teacher Rob Wells on saxophone and Mr Alistair Cooke with the Pink Panther himself adding a bit of humour to this formal occasion. Speaking of humour, Michael McCarthy provided two skits again this year, the highlight being Wonder Pants. Three words to describe Michael would have to be cool, calm and collected. We look forward to what he has for us next year.

The Showcase concluded with another large vocal group which introduced a number of new students as well as our established singers back onto the stage, with the well known song Hallelujah. For many this was the first time singing as a soprano, alto or tenor/bass in a choir group and the students including our dancers sang beautifully. Our aim for this group is to sing as an A Capella group and compete in The Big Sing in 2018.

A presentation was given to Mrs Andrea Dingle for her vision of Showcase and coordinating this event along side Mr James Davidson, (dance) Mr Andy Bedford, (art and sound ) Mr Alistair Cooke (drama and vocals) and Mrs Dawn Collis (vocals), Rob Wells, Larry and Dan Marks (music tutors). A special thank you to Mr Bedford for setting up the sound system for the night and TSH for their sponsorship of the quality sound equipment and to Everybodys Theatre for the use of this amazing building.

Thank you for all the support for this sold out event from our community.

*Mrs Andrea Dingle*



Photos Top: Blossom Eiffe,  
Above: India Sturzaker



## **BASKET BUDDY**

Wow what a night!! To put it short... We nailed it! We were so honoured to be representing our school and our business at the Taranaki Dragons Den Final. We were lucky enough to win \$250 to go towards the development and patenting of our product!! Every business did so well and we are very honoured to be part of the Young Enterprise Scheme!

We were awarded the Top Young Enterprise Team at the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase on 9 August!!

A massive thank you to EVERYONE who has supported us along our business journey!

*Katie Sinclair and Janis Baker*



## OPEN DAY

Students and parents from contributing schools were treated to many exciting visual displays at our Open Days. Year 8 students discovered the variety of areas in the school and were treated to a yummy burger for lunch. Mr Fuller will be going to the schools in August to complete the enrolments for 2018.

## SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Soup for the Soul was a project about sharing the aroha in our school.

On the 5th of July Mrs Watson and I made pumpkin and potato soup for the students. We gave the soup out freely for the students who wanted it at first break. The students appreciated being given the soup on a cold winter day. The soup offered nutrients that they may not get in a daily lunch. Roughly 60 students took up the offer and many staff members also. The feedback we received from the project was great and everyone loved it. There were even people coming back for seconds! Thank you to all those that helped me share the aroha in our school and live the DREAM!

*Danielle Bridson*

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations **Keifer Ericsson** and **Thomas Elliot** on making the Taranaki U15 Hockey Representative team. Their tournament is in the South Island during the School Holidays between Terms 3 & 4.

Congratulations to **Iritana Hohaia** who has been selected to play in the Taranaki Rugby Woman's team at the Chiefs region trial on 5 October in Hamilton. From these trials a National Un18 sevens team will be named.

Congratulations to **Jono Butler** and **Tanie Jones** have been selected in the U18 Taranaki Rugby Rep Team. Along with **Mana Tamakaha** and **Sharna Tito-Green** who have been selected in the U15 Womens Taranaki Rugby Rep Team. Well done.

Congratulations to ex-student **Jenna Bellve** who made it to the Miss Universe NZ finals, unfortunately she was unplaced but a remarkable accomplishment and experience for her, well done.



**HOME & SCHOOL**  
**5 September 2017 @ 11.30am**  
**in the staff room.**



# OHS 1ST XV RUGBY

The 1stXV has gone through the competition round unbeaten and qualified top. They had an outstanding year playing some quality rugby. The team had a convincing semi-final win against Waitara High School 36- 24 in front of a large home crowd putting them in the finals against Hawera at Yarrows Stadium. A huge defensive effort led to a resounding 20-5 win. Opunake High School 20 (**L Berquist, B Shelford, M Nuku tries; Berquist pen, con**) Hawera High School 5 (I Hippolite try) They thoroughly deserved their win playing with a huge amount of pride. They now have made the top 16 co-ed schools in New Zealand. The team get the chance to host the top co-ed school from Waikato on Saturday the 26th of August in the Chiefs Cup competition, likely to be at 1pm. This will be a massive game and your support would be greatly appreciated. A huge thank you must go out to **Michael Jones** and **Mark Davis** for their time and commitment in coaching the team and **Simon Reid** as Manager. Also to Coastal Rugby, Eltham Vet Services and the Opunake Dairy for their continued support in helping out the 1st XV.



## U15 RUGBY

The U15 team has had an up and down season. They have had a great end to the season with big wins over Hawera and FDMC. This got them into the B grade U15 final against NPBHS U15B. The 2 teams met earlier in the year on Coastal Club Day at Rahotu with NPBHS securing a close victory. However, our boys turned this around with an outstanding 24-21 victory in the final. Behind the entire game until the last few minutes, the boys showed real character in the come from behind win. This shows the bright future of rugby at the school. A big thank you to Justin Feek and Ross Clark for stepping in and coaching this team. We wouldn't have been able to run a team without them. Also a big thank you to Sharon Quinnell who as Manager has done all the hard work in behind the scenes.

## GIRLS RUGBY

The team done us proud finishing 3rd in the competition. They now push on to the 7s competition next term. A big thank you must go out to Russell Hohaia and Sharon Nuku for the time and effort they have put into this team. It is great to see a team this year especially when we didn't have one last year.



## TSSSA 7S

We have managed to secure the hosting of the Taranaki Secondary School 7s. This event will be held at Rahotu Rugby Club on Sunday the 29th of October. It will be a massive day with a large number of teams expected. We are hoping to have teams in the boys and girls U19 grade and also the boys U15 grade. It would be great to have as much support as possible for the teams. We have also secured a Secondary Schools 7s tournament to be held at the Opunake Events centre on Sunday the 1st of October. We are hoping to have 3 teams in this tournament and are looking to carry on the success we have had already this year.

## SPONSORS

A huge thank you must go out to Coastal Rugby, Eltham Vet Services and Opunake Dairy for their support. The rugby program would not be able to run without their continued support.



# ZEAL TALENT QUEST

'Zeal "recently held their Taranaki Talent Quest competition. With student and young adults mainly from senior levels competing for just 3 overall placings. With over \$1000 in prize money competition was tough and the standard exceptionally high. After a long morning of auditions both Ariana Dingle and Blossom Eiffe were invited back for the 'FINALS' concert. The competition in the solo section was particularly competitive. Ariana Dingle a year 10 student came second in the solo section with an outstanding performance

of Skyfall, again demonstrating a huge vocal range and powerful voice missing out narrowly to a very established senior musician and third overall. Blossom was not placed but again recognized for her unique vocal technique playing one of her own compositions winning one of three Recognition Spot Prizes. Both girls were a credit to themselves and the school and again Opunake High School held its own against a very talented musical field.

Above: Ariana a with her cheque and Blossom her spot prize.

# CHEESE BALLS

Rueben Kuriger and Jayden Clark are cooking the yummy cheese balls in their hospitality academy.

## Ingredients Of Cheese Balls

1 cup cheese-grated, 2 eggs, 1/4 cup maida  
 1 tsp salt, 1/4 tsp chilli powder, 1/2 tsp BP  
 Oil for frying

Mix all the ingredients except the oil, and beat to a fluffy batter. Rest in a cool place about 15 minutes. Heat the oil and deep fry spoonfuls of the batter to a golden color, first at high then medium.



# SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thanks to our local Police who provided a Sausage Sizzle on Tuesday 4 July. Local Senior Constable Kylie Brophy chief cook, handing Naleeah Gillum a sausage.



## HANGI



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- 2nd of September 2017
- \$10!
- Pick up from Opunake High School hall at 6pm.
- Proceeds go to OHS Surf Academy Australian tour.



Contact school office or Murray Weir  
067618723 for tickets

# CALENDAR TERM THREE 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	14 August	15 August	16 August	17 August	18 August	19 August
14-19 August	Vertical Horizons Yr12 Yr 11 Career Expo	Vertical Horizons Yr12 Learners Licence Victoria Uni Visit 12:15pm	First Aid Course Yr13	TSSSA Gymnastics IWI 12:30pm		
	21 August	22 August	23 August	24 August	25 August	26 August
21-26 August	Learners Licence	Learners Licence TSSSA Crossfit	Cyber Safety Presentation	Tough Guy & Gal Academy	Tough Guy & Gal	
	28 August	29 August	30 August	31 August	1 September	2 September
28 August - 2 Sept	Learners Licence Hapu BOT Meeting	Learners Licence Mentoring	First Aid Course Yr 13 & Staff	TSSSA Indoor Rowing IWI 12:30pm	NZ School of Travel & Tourism Te Kahui Whetu	Hangi Surfing Academy
	4 September	5 September	6 September	7 September	8 September	9 September
Winter Tournament Week						
	Learners Licence	Learners Licence Home & School Meeting 11.30am		Academy		



Fees for students at NCEA Level 1, 2 & 3 who are completing NZQA internal or external assessments is again set at \$76.70. These fees must be paid each year so that students results will appear on their Record of Achievement and so they can get their NCEA certificate. These can be paid to the school office. NCEA fees are due 25 August 2017. However if you have a Community Services Card or meet the financial criteria for a Community Services Card, this can be reduced to \$20.00 per student. Please contact the school office now to arrange payment.

## CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION

23 AUGUST @ 6:30PM  
Opunake High School Hall



*Are you concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone? Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ but there are easy practical steps to help prevent it. OHS invites you to a presentation on the issues and dangers associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet.*

## MAIZE SUPPORTERS

Thank you to the following supporters of Opunake High School for your continued support with the maize growing scheme.

- Goodin Contracting - Mark Goodin
- Davy, Gopperth & Langlands Contractors - Marc Gopperth
- Finer Spraying Services - Jim Finer
- NZ Farmsource - Carol Dodunski
- Ravensdown - John McFadgen
- Pioneer Seeds - David McDonald
- Balance Agri-Nutrients - Karn Dhaliwai

# OPUNAKE HIGH SCHOOL'S 1ST XV WINNERS OF THE TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS PREMIER A RUGBY TITLE



Congratulations to the team and management on the dedication and commitment to take out this title. Team standing left: Jakob Whakatutu, Sione Tuitupou, Morpheus Nuku, Benjamin Shelford, Zeno Hess, Taine Morgan, Shaan Wineera, Tane Jones, Rihari Ratahi, Tanek Tapike, Jack Hooper, Brody Symes, Harley Loveridge-Seymour, Kade Sinclair, Jono Butler, Kenan Sionetama, Luke Berquist, Raniera Tuuta, Mr Reid (Manager) absent Michael Jones and Mark Davis coaches. Front: Joshua Young, Ben Ederveen, Jordan Clement, DJ Kahukaka, Daniel Woodfield, Herne Minhinnick



## UN15 WINNERS OF THE B GRADE FINAL

What a game! And celebrating their win Opunake High School u15. There is great talent coming through this grade. Congratulations.

Standing: Justin Feek(Coach), Jared Forsyth, Caleb Feek, Liam Phillips, Daryl Wilson, Tyran Jones, Torrence Pepere, Judah Pepere, Kodee Beaumont, Rakei Ratahi, Jordan Wyllie, Hayden Bryaant, Brock McCort, Naneko Luke, Scott Quinnell, Ross Clark (Coach)

Front: Lucas Feek, Corbyn Sutcliffe, Luke Hohaia, Toni Tuitupou, Chaeden Ngaia, Tawhia Tito, Matt Clark, absent: Bailey Voice

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